

DeKalb History Center

David Manley Collection

Introduction: This collection was donated by David Manley and contains farming documents and personal papers that belonged to his grandfather, Imalah Manley. Also included are the military records for Trentham A. Allen. The time covered is about 1916 to 1948.

Provenance: Donated by David Manley, 1986. ACC #1985.24, 1986.37, 1986.45, 1986.52, 1986.22, 1986.34, 1989.12, 1989.43

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Size: 10 folders

Description: David Manley's grandfather ran a store and farm in Decatur on Sycamore Drive, and invented a plow, patented in 1916. The information about Trentham A. Allen is all military related; Allen was Manley's neighbor. The I.A. Manley registers are very fragile and cannot be extensively handled. There is a copy of the plow's patent, including the original envelope it arrived in from the U.S. Patent Office, and a photograph of Manley with the plow he invented. There is also a charcoal drawing of David Manley's great great grandparents.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: Manley, Imlah A.

Subject/Added entries: Allen, Trentham A.
Decatur (Ga.)
DeKalb County (Ga.)
Patent offices--United States.
Farm equipment--United States--History.

Folder List

Folder	Contents	ACC #	Date(s)
1	Account book Bound but torn, 14" long account book from store where Rev. I.A. Manley (a GA farmer) traded. Manley later lived on Sycamore Drive. Account book is a history of agriculture, especially cotton. It covers history of 5 U.S. Presidents - Woodrow Wilson to Franklin D. Roosevelt 1918-1932	1986.37	1918-1932
2	Army papers Trentham Allen, Manley's neighbor	1986.52	1943-1945
3	Confederate money		1860s
4	Correspondence		1925-1959
5	John Wesley Manley documents		1945
6	Miroir des Modes Drawing	1986.22	1948
7	Patent	1986.45	1916
8	Patent office envelope, original		1916
9	Photograph of Imlah Manley with plow		
10	Removed from collection, bank billfold, charcoal drawing		

Museum storage:

Brown leather wallet belonging to I.A. Manley 1945