

DeKalb History Center

Stella Lanier Collection

Scope and content: Stella Lanier was a former president of the Decatur Business and Professional Women's Club and past president of the Pilot Club of Decatur. She was active in gardening and was nominated for "Ten Leading Ladies of Atlanta" (1976 & 1977). She was a part-time florist. This collection contains papers mostly from the 1940s. Among them, World War II rations book housed in a red cardboard carrier called "Victory Book", an Avondale Estates Directory, 2 glass Budwine bottles, and a couple of letters and pictures. Also included are G. L. Lanier's wage order book and Inspector's Daily Work Report book. Additionally, there is an essay written by Lanier in the eighth grade and a little golden gavel given to her by the Junior Auxilliary American Legion in 1940.

Provenance: Donated by Stella Lanier in 1985. ACC# 1983.187

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Description of specific item; the Stella Lanier Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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Size: One document box.

Biographical Sketch of Stella Lanier: Lanier was born in Lilburn in Gwinnett County. Her first day as a substitute teacher in DeKalb County as a 17 year old was at \$2.50 a day. She also worked as a secretary and as a bookkeeper at Emory Hospital. In 1947 she opened Lanier Florist with her husband, G. Larry Lanier, which operated until 1973, when Mr. Lanier died. She was active in the Atlanta Florist Club, Avondale Estates Garden Club, the Decatur Women's Club, the American Academy of Florists and a charter member of DeKalb Clean and Beautiful. Lanier's husband was elected city manager of Avondale Estates and they were active in the North Clarendon Baptist Church.

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

Main entries: Lanier, Stella

Subject/Added entries: Lanier, G. Larry
 Florists—Georgia
 Garden clubs
 Emory University--Atlanta
 Smith, Randolph
 Avondale Estates (GA)
 North Clarendon Baptist church
 Pilot Club

Box	Folder Contents	Dates	
1	1	Avondale Estates resident Directory	1948
	2	Ballot stub, city of Avondale Estates	1965
	3	Correspondence	
	4	Essay written by Lanier in 8 th grade	
	5	Newspaper clippings	1942-1983
	6	Ordinance Regulating Municipal Elections And Voting	
	7	<i>The Paradise Room</i> menu	1943
	8	Personal history written by Lanier	March 1982
	9	Photographs, 1 8x10, 2 3x5	
	10	WWII Ration books	

Notebook – Inspector’s Daily Work Report sheets, tracking mileage for Mr. Lanier’s work related travel. Includes a Georgia map in the back.

Notebook – Department of Labor information.

Two clear glass Budwine bottles, one with red metal cap and a gold painted gavel removed from collection to be housed in museum storage.

***Quarantined due to mold: Book *Modernized Methods in the Art & Practice of Lettering for commercial Purposes* by Willima Hugh Gordon, published 1918.