

DeKalb History Center

Charles Murphey Candler

Scope and content: The Charles Murphey Candler papers are a collection of primarily handwritten notes on DeKalb County history. One of the files talks about it being the 200th anniversary of Georgia, so perhaps 1976 is the date of creation, and prepared for the Georgia Bicentennial Commission. There are files on various citizens, schools, businesses and churches. There are also files on the Georgia Power Railway and the Yuma Indian Reservation in Arizona. Due to the date, they could not have been written by Charles Murphey Candler.

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Biographical Sketch of Charles Murphey Candler (1858-1935): Candler was born in DeKalb County and was the grandson of Congressman Charles Murphey and the son of Congressman Milton A. Candler. He married Mary Scott, daughter of George W. Scott, the founder of Agnes Scott College in 1882. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Georgia in 1877 and studied law under his father and began practicing law in 1879. He was editor of the DeKalb New Era, and member of the Georgia House of Representative and the senate and member and chairman of the Georgia Public Service Commission.

Description: The Charles Murphey Candler papers cover a variety of subjects and people. Some of the documents have Louise Trotti's name or "LT" on them and most of the documents reference a particular newspaper edition or book. "Judge Candler" is also written on some of the documents, as if they were copied by him or for him. These are handwritten texts copied from other texts. However, the information contained in the collection is wide ranging, including DeKalb County citizens, organizations, and churches. The Murphy Candler papers are composed mostly of essays and writings on the early history of DeKalb County and the city of Decatur. Subjects of the writings include public schools, churches, the city council, and the history of some of the residents of DeKalb County, such as Attorney General George M. Napier, Major W.J. Houston, and Rev. Donald Fraser. These documents cover a period from the mid-1800's through the 1950s.

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

Main entry: Candler, Charles Murphey (1858-1935)

Subject/Added entries: DeKalb County (Ga.)
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