

DeKalb History Center

Dunwoody Preservation Trust (DPT)

Scope and Content: The Collection contains documents, photos, news articles, post office records, school records, oral histories, receipts, and other items related to Dunwoody, businesses, schools, churches, and historic places in Dunwoody.

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Organizational History of the Dunwoody Preservation Trust:

From their website: *“In 1994, Joyce Amacher and Lynne Byrd, two longtime Dunwoody residents, awoke one morning to find that two 1880 railroad section houses had been demolished during the night. Of the three buildings that once housed the workers who laid the tracks for Old Buck, also called The Dinky, the little train that connected the farms of 19th-Century Dunwoody to the world beyond, only one remained. With developers closing in on a more significant property, the 1906 Cheek-Spruill House, the two concerned women, both experienced historic preservationists, founded the Dunwoody Preservation Trust, a 501(c)(3), with seed money from the Dunwoody Homeowners Association, the de facto Dunwoody government at the time.”*

Description: There are boxes and boxes of photographs, documents related to historic preservation, correspondence, book notes from The Story of Dunwoody, documents from Dunwoody school, newspaper articles, and much more.

Per Original Order protocol, folder titles are taken from original Finding Aid, folder labeling, or from photo envelopes. Original Finding Aid, with some edits. Original boxes and box numbers were kept. Some of the photos came from the Dunwoody Crier and are marked as such.

Keywords: tornado 1998, Atlanta 1996 Olympics, Lemonade Days, Cheek-Spruill, Donaldson-Bannister (DB), Story of Dunwoody (book), Dunwoody Crier, Dunwoody School, Chesnut, Roswell railroad

Box 1 - General History

Contents - Folders

- Purchase History DB Farm
- Letters to save Spruill House
- Noah Bird and Bill Amacher Pictures
- DB Farm Article
- Dunwoody Fine Arts Association (DFAA)
- Civic/Service Organizations - Dunwoody Town Hall
- Professional Writings of Lynn Byrd
- Interview with Kathy Hanna (Hanna,Kathy)
- DPT Officers
- Tom McGuck DPT
- DB Farm and Kenstone House Articles
- Early Dunwoody Pictures and Info
- Olympic Torch/Games
- Chesnut, David and Linda

Box 2 - Community History and Historic Buildings

Contents - Folders

- Old Homes of Dunwoody
- Lemonade Days Pictures/Article; Light Up Dunwoody Pictures
- Lemonade Days 5k run and fun walk
- Cheek Spruill photos
- Local Churches
- Dunwoody United Methodist Church photos
- Dunwoody Women's Club
- Dunwoody Nature Center

Box 3 - Dunwoody Fine Arts

Contents - Folders

- Dunwoody Fine Arts Miscellaneous
- Dunwoody Stage Door Players
- Dunwoody Fine Arts
- History Spruill Center Bev. Wingate. - CD ROM

Box 4 - Dunwoody Garden Club

Contents - Folders

- Dunwoody Garden Club Articles by Joyce Amacher
- Dunwoody Garden Club Records
- Dunwoody Garden Club Tree Planting Award
- Dunwoody Garden Club Miscellaneous

- Joyce Amacher Dunwoody Garden Club
- Dunwoody Nature Center
- Dunwoody Garden Club Callanwolde Conservatory
- Dunwoody Garden Club Planting Blueprints
- Dunwoody Garden Club Beautification Project 1993 – 1994
- Garden Club Newspapers
- Ashford Dunwoody/Mt. Vernon Road Landscaping/Dunwoody Garden Club

Box 5 - Dunwoody School

Contents - Folders

- Photo album, 1976-1977- moved to oversized
- Photo album, Bicentennial- moved to oversized
- Funeral of Louis G
- Accreditation certificates, 1975-1976, 1978
- Class photos
- Dunwoody High School photograph, High Q
- Class photos, 1973-1974
- DeKalb Tech
- Loose photos
- Principal's Annual Reports, moved to oversized
- History of Dunwoody school
- Dunwoody school reports
- Dunwoody school records, 1940s
- Dunwoody school records, 1950-1960
- History of Dunwoody school (restricted)
- Dunwoody graduation programs
- Dunwoody Eagle publication, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1960
- Dunwoody school brochures and news articles

Box 6 - Oral Histories

Contents - Folders

- Horace DeLong
- Mary Henderson; Bud Henderson
- Herman and Lillie Kate Glaze
- Jack Elrod
- Jimmy Burdeh; Christine Maddox
- Jacqueline Estes Elliott
- Eidson, Jean
- Bill Robinson
- Odessa Power Wilson

- Marty Burdett/Irene Burdett Maddox
- Mrs. Anna Heard
- Bits and Pieces of my Life 1933 to Present Richard Adams(2)
- People Interviewed for the Story of Dunwoody – Volunteers
- Jim Perkins Hightower Trail Cassette Tape

Box 7 - Cheek Spruill Farmhouse

Contents - Folders

- Cheek/Church/Spruill
- Cheek/Spruill/Joberry
- Spruill/Reeves
- Save the Spruill House Fundraiser Materials
- Preservation Office Visits Cheek Spruill Site
- Tree Guardian Savings letter and Dunwoody Crier, 2000
- Newspaper Clippings, Save the Farmhouse
- Cheek Spruill
- Cheek Spruill Town Hall History
- Alterations to Cheek Spruill Farmhouse
- Major Dunwoody Monument
- Joyce Amacher and Lynn Byrd Joined at the Hip
- Cheek Spruill House Pictures Post 1st Renovation
- Cheek Spruill Pictures
- HOR Letter concerning Historical Grant – Cheek Spruill House
- Cheek Spruill House/Dunwoody Town Hall photos
- Spruill House Center Exhibition

Box 8 - Post Office- moved to oversized

Contents

- Post Office Money Order Book
- Cash Book for Post Office

Box 9 - Post Office

Contents

- Post Office Cash Book
- Post Office Post Master
- Cash Book Domestic Money Order Book

Box 10 - New Hope Cemetery

Contents - Folders

- New Hope Cemetery Grantor W.J. Houston to Grantees.
- New Hope Cemetery Land Lots 366 + 376 Grantor Jewell D.B Uryell Grantees
Joseph H. Roybal Katherine Roybal.

- New Hope January 4, 1938 W.C. Hyder Grantor
- New Hope Cemetery Land Lots 366 + 376 Dwight Kirby to D.C. Hyder November 6, 1933.
- Easement W
- Warrant & Deed from Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Ch to Dwight Kirby. Filled in Record Oct 14, 1932 Book 372 Folio 579 B. F. Burgess Clerk
- August 10, 1931 Warrant & Deed Book 171 Folio 337 New Hope Cemetery November 27, 1923
- November 24, 1923 Warranty Deed Book 171 Folio 337 New Hope Cemetery B.F. Burgess Clerk
- W.J> Houston to W.A. Weldon + Others December 6, 1884 New Hope Cemetery
- December 6, 1884 Georgia + Warren Duke, MD to New Hope Trustees.
- June 24, 1981 New Hope Cemetery Survey Registered Hand Surveyor Charles E. Ruppe.
- August 17th, 1983 New Hope Cleanup
- New Hope Cemetery Records

Box 11 - Dunwoody Houses/Historic Property ID

Contents - Folders

- Swancy/Eidson/Cassidy Stephen Martin Cemetery Lamb
- 1547 Mt. Vernon (Across from Dunwoody Methodist)
- 1997 Mt. Vernon
- 2005 Mt. Vernon (Lynne Byrd)
- 2303 Mt. Vernon Rd/2385 Mt. Vernon Rd Carpenter, Anderson
- 7650 Mt. Vernon Rd
- 7800 Mt. Vernon
- Calvary Baptist Church Chamblee Dunwoody Rd
- Railroad Section House
- Obediah's Plantation, 8150 Roberts Drive, Built in 1865
- 1540 Spalding Drive Log-Chink Kenstone, Geffeken-Biggs House
- Dunwoody Messenger
- 3550 Spalding Dr. "Bish Family"
- 1480 Spalding-Old Barn
- 996 Spalding Dunwoody, Ga
- 3676 LeBoncoevr Mrs. Alan Paulk House by Green/student of FLW
- 368 Spalding Dr. Log Cabin
- 1000 Spalding Drive Yellow Farmhouse
- 1590 Spalding Drive 1920's Summer Home
- New Hope Cemetery Chamblee Dunwoody
- Ebenezer Baptist Church & Cemetery
- 5308 Roberts Rd. White Frame Farmhouse

- Roberts Northridge
- 5602 Roberts Belongs to Amachers
- 7995 Roberts Rural Landscape
- Ike Roberts House
- 1241 Pitts Rod
- 1249 Pitts Rd
- Burrls on house Dunwoody Club
- 1280 Pitts Rd
- 1280 Pitts Rd 1st Stop for RR. Called the Powers Stop
- Brandon Hall (Morris Brandon)
- Geffcken Boggs House Katherine Geffcken
- Wardlaw (Dr. Paris)
- Warnock Cottage (1913)/Ware Home (1876)
- Dunwoody Past Surveys

Box 12 – Slides, renovation of town hall or farmhouse

Box 13 - Post Office Records- moved to box 9

Contents - Folders

- Post Office Records

Box 14 - Dunwoody Tornado 1998

Contents - Folders

- 1998 Tornado Tree project, 2001
- Replant Dunwoody Forest Photos
- Dunwoody Tour Homes
- 1998 Tornado Aftermath Newspapers
- WSBTV 2 Video Series, the Dunwoody Tornado
- Assorted pictures
- 1998 Tornado
- Post-Tornado Pot-Luck Photos
- Nate's-Stained House Before and After

Box 15 - Assorted Photos, 2 boxes

Contents - Folders

- Assorted Photos
- Pictures Assorted 1990s-2000s
- 1991 4th of July Parade (Three Folders)
- Variety of Dated Envelopes with photos inside
- Peachtree Middle School Limo Rides
- Book Brigade Photos

Box 16 - Dunwoody History, General**Contents - Folders**

- Brook Run Park
- Dunwoody Library
- Historic Homes/Places
- Donaldson-Bannister House + Cemetery
- Dunwoody History
- Tour Guide of Dunwoody
- Pictures/Tip-In
- Chapter 15 Originals of Reminiscences and Genealogies Part 1
- Story of Dunwoody Intro to Chp 5
- Story of Dunwoody Drafts
- Dunwoody Cityhood
- Greater Fulton County Map
- Dunwoody Methodist Sunday School
- Dunwoody Historic Preservation Committee and Jim Perkins
- Zaban Trailers
- Jefferson Green Edison

Box 17 - Cheek Spruill Farmhouse Cont.**Contents - Folders**

- Cheek Spruill House Pictures
 - Winter Storm '98
 - Cheek/Spruill Tea Party
- Marriage of Guy Shawn and Thelma Spruill
- Spruill/Church Lot Purchase
- Cheek Spruill House Architecture Survey and Letters
- Save the Heart of Dunwoody
- Cheek-Spruill House Auction and Dunwoody Salutes America
- Dunwoody Village Farmhouse
- Spruill Wagon Restoration
 - Fox Fire 2 book (Wagon Wheels references)

Box 18 - Dunwoody History, General, photos Cont., 2 boxes**Contents - Folders**

- Dunwoody MusicFest
- Perimeter Center 1998
- Austin Elementary Stoplight Traffic Protest
- Ground Breaking Ceremony
- Morgan Falls Park Development Plan and Photos
- DeKalb fire, "Support our Fire--d Chief"

- Plane Crash Landing, GA 400, 11-4-98
- Dunwoody High School Graduation, 1997
- Donaldson Family Bible
- Donaldson - Bannister Farm Ghost stories
- SHARE Atlanta
- Brooke Run Concept Proposal and Photos
- Dunwoody Rotary Club
- Anti-Semitic graffiti vandalism on Atlanta Jewish Community Center
- Dunwoody Fall Fest
- Dunwoody 4th of July Parade 2000, 1998, 1996, 1991
- Assorted photos

Box 19 - Assorted Photos Cont., 2 boxes- These boxes contained photos in photo envelopes, some with labels, others without. Label titles were transferred to folders; those envelopes without labels were given "assorted photos" as a title

Contents – Folders

- Fireworks
- The Branches fire
- Dunwoody High School football
- Porn house
- Assorted photos
- W Nancy Creek, new sidewalk
- Busing Tea Room restaurant
- Dunwoody School speed humps
- Pius seniors football team
- Polish lifeguards
- May 2, 2001
- Dunwoody MARTA
- Lighting up trees, Christmas 2000
- Dunwoody Village
- DHS Charter Planning Council
- Nancy's Hallmark
- Fixing pothole
- Chesnut Elementary voting
- Bonnie Gordon dance
- Chesnut Charter School, November 2000
- Central Perimeter community improvement
- Russia adoption
- Harry's in a Hurry
- Zoo trip + Soccer game (negatives)
- Big Trees forest preserve

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Girls volleyball
- Kids petting zoo
- Dunwoody Village barber
- Marist v Tucker football
- Vernon Jones, Jan 26, 1998; Feb 25, 1998
- Vernon Jones school visit, December 13, 2000
- Casa Feliz
- Abernathy Arts Center
- Assorted photos
- 4th of July parade, 1991
- Assorted photos
- 4th of July parade, 2003
- Spruill House businesses
- Assorted photos
- Giants little league
- Assorted photos
- DeKalb County school bus
- Dunwoody school
- Assorted photos
- Art Fest, November 1999
- Assorted photos, park
- Assorted photos
- Assorted photos

- PDK Airport director Lee Rimmel speaks at Dunwoody North
- Woman exercising
- Mark Brass standing on Wildcat Creek bridge north
- Assorted photos
- Dunwoody High School v Marist football
- Marist baseball
- Music education protest, May 2, 2001
- Sunshine Car Wash, Dunwoody Village
- Murphey Candler Little League opening, 2002
- Harris Teeter changing to Publix, Chamblee-Dunwoody
- Bruno's Grocery
- PSI Net & Construction
- Opening of Nordstrom's, Perimeter Mall
- Lagniappe & Dunwoody Tavern
- University of Florida college signing
- John B Gordon, August 21, 2000; October 22, 2000

- Assorted photos
- Dunwoody High School basketball
- Austin Elementary speeches
- Chamblee High School wrestling
- Dunwoody High School wrestling
- Assorted photos
- Assorted photos
- Assorted photos
- Assorted photos
- North DeKalb Cultural Center
- Tilly Mill intersection & Dartford car crash
- Leadership DeKalb visits Spruill House, January 23, 1997
- Cheek-Spruill house renovation

Box 20 - Dunwoody History General 3**Contents - Folders**

- Dunwoody Deeds 1869
- Report on Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church
- Map of DeKalb County, Dunwoody, and others
- Population and war records, DeKalb County
- Village Mill History
- Northside history
- Savings Stamps book

Box 21 - Community History and Historic Buildings**Contents - Folders**

- Dunwoody United Methodist Church – photos
- Dunwoody United Methodist Church (renovations, floor plan, etc.)
- DeKalb County History
- Historic Properties for sale
- Save the Farmhouse Campaign
- Lemonade Days
- Maps of DeKalb, Dunwoody, and others
- 1991 Dunwoody July 4th Parade
- Dinner Party Pictures 1970-1980s
- Library, Spruill Arts Center, and others
- DeKalb Cultural Arts Center
- Dunwoody Shopping Center/Protests 1976-77
- Historic Homes Report and Assorted Photos

Box 22 – Donaldson Bannister Farmhouse**Contents – Folders**

- Preservation of Donaldson-Bannister Farmhouse

- DB Farmhouse National Register of Historic Places
- DB Farmhouse Pictures

Box 23 – Dunwoody Preservation Trust History**Contents – Folders**

- DPT Articles of Incorporation
- Dunwoody Homeowner Association/DPT
- Early DPT Documents and Correspondence Pt. 1
- Early DPT Documents and Correspondence Pt. 2
- DPT Assorted Documents
- Danny's slide show, Donaldson house, disk
- Cemetery book from Phillip, disk
- Danny Ross DB farm slideshow, disk
- Parade pics, 2002, disk
- DPT/DHA files, disk
- DPT presentation, disk
- Lynne's history talks, PPT & Scripts, disk
- Historic Dunwoody pictures, disk
- Brook Run Park Theater (Facility Report), Complete Plans and Review of Damage, disk
- DHA Past Presidents, Party at Farmhouse, disk
- Farmhouse holiday event, December 8, 2011, disk
- Mac Davis interview, disk
- Dunwoody Springs well project, disk
- Story of Dunwoody II, pics I, disk
- The Isaac Roberts house, disk
- Ebenezer church audio interviews- Lynne Byrd, Elder Cagle of church, June 17, 2003, disk
- Event at farmhouse, disk
- DBF, farmhouse, day shots, disk
- unidentified disk
- Dunwoody art, disk
- History pics, disk
- Dunwoody history pics, disk
- Story of Dunwoody II, pics II, disk
- Dunwoody II text files, May 9, 2002, disk
- Story of Dunwoody text, 1/2, disk
- Book files (Noah's), May 22, 2002, disk
- Story of Dunwoody PT II, February 17, 2002, disk
- Story of Dunwoody II (text only), March 22, 2002, disk
- Story of Dunwoody text, 2/2, disk

- DPT letterhead & logos, disk
- farmhouse holiday event, December 8, 2011, disk is damaged
- assorted photos on foam board

Box 24 – Cheek- Spruill Farmhouse #3

Contents – Folders

- Heritage 2000 Grant Cheek-Spruill House 1999-2000
- Cheek Spruill House National Register and other documents

Box 25 – Isaac Roberts House & Roswell Railroad

Contents – Folders

- Issacs Roberts House Report Part 1
- Isaac Roberts House Report Part 2
- Issacs Roberts House Photos
- History of the Roswell Railroad: Michael Hitt and Chuck Brown
- Railroad – Dunwoody Section House

Box 26 – Dunwoody Preservation Trust Assorted Documents

Contents – Folders

- Board
- Dunwoody History program
- Dunwoody Homes tour
- magazines
- Native Americans
- Newspaper articles
- photos
- Volunteers

Box 27 – Dunwoody Preservation Trust Assorted Documents 2

Contents – Folders

- Assorted documents
- Assorted documents
- Assorted documents

Box 28 – Cemetery Records

Contents – Folders

- Cemetery Records

Box 29 – Post Office Records- moved to oversized box

Contents – Miscellaneous

- Post Office Log Books

Box 30 – Dunwoody History General 4

Contents – Folders

- Roswell Railroad Land Evaluation
- Assorted Pictures
- Assorted copies of The Dunwoody Crier

Box 31 – Assorted Apparel

Contents – Miscellaneous

- Save the Farmhouse Sweatshirt
- Save the Farmhouse T-Shirt
- Lemonade Days T-Shirt
- Lemonade Days Hand Towel

Box 32 – DB Farm Tornado Restoration Documents

Contents – Folders

- Restricted

Box 33- Miscellaneous, loose

- WJ Donaldson house, “Chesnut house”, 4831 Chamblee- Dunwoody
- Woodall cemetery
- Oral history forms
- Glen Fuse typewriter letter
- Queenie Ross deed of gift
- Barbara Bowman deed of gift
- photos, Williams-Payne house
- photos, unidentified
- photos, All Saints Catholic
- photos, unidentified house and barn
- photos, Olympic Torch parade, Spruill House, 1996
- photos, Dunwoody United Methodist church, from Dunwoody Crier
- photos, Ebenezer Primitive Baptist church, from Dunwoody Crier
- Emma St Amade & Natalie Northrop

Box 34 oversized box

Contents - Miscellaneous

- The Story of Dunwoody - Book
- Light up Dunwoody - Plaque
Mass, Saint Jude Apostle Church of Dick Williams, Dunwoody Crier
- Principal's Annual Reports, 1939, 1942, 1944-1965