Mercer Family Collection

MS Box 1

Folder 1
Wedding vow book of George A. Mercer and Lillian Barbara Ciucevich 1906. The foot path to peace on cloth; Book mark; 4 decorated bridge(?) cards; fan bridge(?) cards; photo of Lillian circa 1903 or 05.

Folder 2 Letters of George A Mercer
1. to Lillian Mercer no date, on CP Reneau stationary, from Savannah
2. money orders and small note
3. to Gil Keith October 4 1939

Folder 3 Letters of Walter Rivers to George A Mercer 1930, 1939

Folder 4 Letters of Johnny Mercer to George A. Mercer
1. April 15 1931, Miller Music stationary
2. April 23rd 1931 from Brooklyn N.Y.

Folder 5 The $2 Johnny returned after family business liquidated

Folder 6 Notes and Keepsakes

Folder 7 Letters of Johnny Mercer to Lillian Mercer, 1923-1945
1. June 11 1923 Battery Park Hotel Asheville, N.C.
2. June 14th 1923 Columbia S.C.
3. No date, probably early 1931. Re: marriage starts “I don’t know exactly what to say”
4. No date, probably early 1931 Re: marriage “Your sweet letter came intact”
6. November 19th 1931 telegram
7. June 29th 1933 empty envelope
8. March 4 1939 New York on meeting Gil Keith, Julianna’s fiancé.
9. September 23rd 1939 telegram
11. September 17, 194? New York, N.Y.
12. Mother’s Day, 1945

Folder 8 Letters of Johnny Mercer to Lillian Mercer, 1950-1979
1. October 1951 Boston
2. December 21 1953 California
3. October 8th 1954 California
4. May 11th 1963 California
5. 1963 California
6. February 28th 1974 California
7. 1979 London?
8. four letters and short note, undated, probably from 1950’s through 1960’s.

Folder 9 Letters of Johnny Mercer to Julianna Mercer Keith
1. June 28\textsuperscript{th} no year @ 226 W. Gwinnett
2. June 24\textsuperscript{th} 1954 @ 110 E 49\textsuperscript{th}
3. June ? no year @ 110 E 49\textsuperscript{th} 2 letters mailed together
4. August 24\textsuperscript{th} 1973
5. From Juliann’s husband’s parents, The Keiths of Detroit on the Death of George A. Mercer.

Folder 10 Letter of Johnny Mercer and enclosure regarding \textit{The Good Companions}

Folder 11 Johnny and Ginger Mercer’s Christmas card 1939

Folder 12 Letters to Nancy Mercer Keith Gerard.
1. June 9\textsuperscript{th} 1967 telegram from Johnny Mercer
2. December 1948 postcard from Lillian Mercer
3. January 29\textsuperscript{th} 1972 from Lillian
4. February 10\textsuperscript{th} 1972 from Lillian
5. from Nancy Movans with sheet music for \textit{Miss You Mr. Mercer}.

Folder 13 Christmas card from Nell Blackie, no date

Folder 14 Capital Records Christmas Promotions
1. Songs of Johnny Mercer, pamphlet
2. Happy ’47 from the Capitol Family, disc with montage of photos.


Folder 16 Mercer Family Genealogy, publications

Folder 17 Ciucevich Family Genealogy


Folder 19 Johnny Mercer Chesterfield Music Shop

Folder 20 Stanley Booth. Johnny Mercer Chronology, 1996?

Folder 21 News clippings Julianna’s engagement and other early (copied)

Folder 22 News clippings 1930-1940 (copied)

Folder 23 News clippings 1950’s (copied)

Folder 24 News clippings 1960’s (copied)

Folder 25 News clippings 1970’s (copied)

Folder 26 Mercer Family souvenir from Scotland, includes telegram and postcard from 1926 trip by Lillian and Juliann (?)

MS Box 2
Folder 27 Newspaper obituaries for Johnny Mercer, 1976
Folder 28 Newspaper obituaries for Lillian C. Mercer, 1977
Folder 29 News clippings about Ginger Mercer, Ginger Mercer’s funeral program


Folder 31 News clippings Mercer family/genealogy (needs copying)

Folder 32 Gene Lees’ articles about Mercer (see also Folder 30)

Folder 33 Gene Lees’ Manuscript

Folder 34 Johnny Mercer Festival 1994

Folder 35 Musical Tributes (programs, articles)
Folder 36 Musical Productions, recent (programs, articles, DVD)
Folder 37 Songwriters’ Hall of Fame
Folder 38 Savannah Jazz Association
Folder 39 Magazine articles about Mercer
Folder 40 News clippings 1999- (needs copying)
Folder 41 News clippings 1999- (needs copying)
Folder 42 Stamps
Folder 43 Popular culture references
Folder 44 Mercer’s collaborators
Folder 45 Copies of material from Mercer Collection at Georgia State University.
Folder 46 Nancy Gerard Correspondence, 2007-

Folder 39 Sadie Vimmerstedt ??

MS 3 Photographs
Folder 47
Image 1 Portrait of Lillian C. Mercer and Johnny, 1910, pose in chair, black and white.
Image 2 Portrait of Lillian C. Mercer and Johnny, 1910, pose in chair, black and white.
Image 3 Portrait of Lillian C. Mercer and Johnny, 1910, Smiling baby, colorized.

Folder 48
Image 4 Johnny with George A. Mercer Jr. (father) 1911.
Image 5 Lillian and George A. Mercer Jr. with baby, Johnny, 2/1911.
Image 6 Johnny with Nancy H. Mercer (sister) and George A. Mercer Jr. 1913.
Image 7 Johnny and Nancy H Mercer, 1914.
Image 8 Photo taken at Vernon View of George A. and Lillian C. Mercer, Susie Lake, Julianna Mercer (baby) and Johnny (boy), 1917.
Image 9 Family portrait (copy) of George A., Johnny, Lillian C. and Julianna (baby).

Folder 49
Image 10 Studio portrait of Johnny as a child, seated with hat, 1914.
Image 11 Johnny with cap, candid, 1914.
Image 12 Johnny H. Mercer at 15 months.

Folder 50
Image 13 “The Personality Kid” on back, no date, Johnny as teenager.
Image 14 Johnny on front porch of family home 226 E. Gwinnett, January 3rd 1926.
Image 15 Copy of portrait of Johnny inscribed to his mother, 11/1928.
Image 16 Snapshot with dog leash, 1931.
Image 17 Snapshot with croquet mallet, 1937.

Folder 51
Image 18 Johnny and his mother, Lillian C. Mercer, in St. Augustine(?)
Image 19-25 family groups in snapshots taken in Palm Springs(?) in the 1930’s-1940’s(?) Julianna, George A. Lillian C., Johnny Mercer and Ginger Mercer’s mother, Anne Metzer.
Folder 52
Image 26 Johnny, Ginger and Mandy (as baby), no date
Image 27 Johnny and Jeff Mercer, July 1947, Jeff is 3 ½ months.
Image 28 Johnny and Mandy, April 5 1952.

Folder 53
Image 29 Johnny and Lillian C. Mercer, no date.
Image 31 Johnny, Steve and Lillian (great nephew and niece) and Robbie Harrington, 49th Street house, Fall 1971.
Image 33 Johnny and Ginger Mercer in Hawaii, 4/5/1964

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Folder 55
Image 36 Johnny Mercer, unidentified, Hugh Mercer (Johnny’s half-brother) and Lillian C. Mercer. Souvenir photo from Copacabana, New York, no date.

Folder 56
Image 37 Photo of Johnny Mercer on matchbox (matches removed), September 1952.

Folder 57
Image 38 Copy of Capitol Records publicity photo of Johnny Mercer, no date.

Folder 58 Lillian C. Mercer, Portraits, 1904-1970’s
12 photos, Image 39-51

Folder 59 George A. Mercer, Portraits
5 photos (3 are copies), Images 52-57

Folder 60 Lillian C. Mercer, with others/in groups
4 photos, Images 58-62

Folder 61 Snapshots at 226 E Gwinnett of George A., Lillian C. and Julianna Mercer
7 photos, Image 63-66

Folder 62 Vernon View
2 photos, Images 67-68

Folder 63 Nancy Herndon Mercer
7 portraits, Image 69-76

Folder 64 Col. Hugh Mercer
Image 77, snapshot of Col. Hugh with Lillian at Vernon View
3 copies of portrait, Images 78-80

Folder 65 Julianna Mercer Keith, as child, in portraits and groups
13 photos, images 81-94

Folder 66 Julianna Mercer Keith, as young woman
17 photos, Images 95-112.

Folder 67 Julianna Mercer Keith, later life
9 photos, Images 113-122

Folder 68 Family group with Hugh Mercer
5 photos, Image 123-127

Folder The Obers
1 photo, Image 128

Folder 70 Nancy Mercer Keith Gerard
20 photos, Image 129-149

Folder 71 Nancy L. Green, Mercer’s cook.
2 photos, Image 150-151
and funeral program.

Folder 72 Extended Family
5 photos, Images 152-157.

MS 4 (oversized)
Sheet music: The Tailgate Ramble; Huggin and Chalkin’ (2); G.I. Jive (2); Lazybones; Down Among the Sheltering Palms; Sweet Little Lady Next Door.
From L. Wolf Gilbert: Ramona(2) Waiting for the Robert E. Lee and Down Yonder.
Inscribed by author to Lillian C. Mercer.

Cashbox Tribute to Johnny Mercer
Original issue of broadside newspaper Yesterday containing article on Mercer.

2 Portraits of Julianna: as child and young woman; 1 school picture of Julianna’s class.

Scrapbook of Nancy Mercer Keith Gerard, birth through 1969. Photos, clippings, programs. Documents family life, school, debutant, theatre performances and wedding. (some interleaving done around clippings)
Clamshell box 5
*The Westwood Marching and Chowder Club Minstrels March 23rd 1940 presented by the Darryl F. Mercers.* Book and photographs by Bill Avery. Spiral bound photographs and program for tongue-in-check program featuring Johnny Mercer and other celebrities.

Clamshell box 6
Lillian C. Mercer’s diary, circa 1907.
Johnny Mercer’s baby book, including lock of hair, diary entries of Lillian.

Record box 7
Mercer family bible; Celebrity Register, Plaque honoring Johnny Mercer by boys’ Club 12/27/1967; P with Mercer name/lyrics

MS Box 8

Sadie Vimmerstedt Collection
Folder Correspondence form Johnny Mercer
Folder American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, 1963-1965
Folder Correspondence from Marshall Robbins, Commander Publishing, 1963-1972
Folder Songwriter’s Hall of Fame/Sammy Cahn (1981)
Folder Letter to Joe Purvis (?)
Folder Poster Congratulating Mercer and Bennett on NARAS awards
Folder Newspaper clippings
Folder Correspondence with David Oppenheim and Joan Clarke (?)
Folder Correspondence with Chris Paton Pullen Library, Georgia State University
Folder Sheet Music of *I Wanna Be Around*

Pearce Hammond Collection

Transferred to Archives Book Collection:
Civil War era diaries of George A. mercer, transcripts of diaries donated by the family to the Southern Historical Collection.
In first volume: vol. 1 1851; vol. 2 Diary 1855-1860; vol 3 Diary 1862-1865.

Folder News clippings
Folder Info on the Mercer Family, letter from Ginger Mercer’s friend and other correspondence
Folder Songwriter Stamps
Folder Letters from Nick Mamalakis
Folder Issue of Woodbury Forest tribute to Johnny Mercer Fall 1976
Folder Correspondence from Johnny Mercer
Folder Christmas Cards
Folder copies of photographs
Folder photographs

Children’s book given as gift and inscribed by Mercer.
Four record albums, one signed.

Watercolor painting by Mercer, donation of his daughter, Amanda.