

Guide to the Greenwood Plantation and Greenwood Seed Company records

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Separated Materials

Tribune Association stock certificates, Volume II, was moved from this collection to Series I of MS 1938, John Hay Whitney and Betsey Cushing Whitney family papers.

Biographical / Historical

Greenwood Plantation comprises three non-contiguous tracts of land: Home Place; Mitchell-Swift; and Boston Farm. The smallest tract, Home Place, was designated as a National Historic Register site in 1976 and contains the main house, outbuildings, gardens, the hybrid seed company, and Big Woods, a rare forest of old-growth long-leaf pines.

Payne Whitney acquired the land in 1916 from his uncle, Colonel Oliver Hazard Payne, who purchased it in 1899. The collection includes photographs of staff who resided on the plantation at the time of purchase, and Whitney family members who resided on the property. John Hay Whitney inherited the property in 1944 with his wife, Betsey Cushing Roosevelt, and they lived in the Plantation's main house. While under the ownership of John Hay Whitney, the Home Place tract served as a weekend home for family gatherings and other invited guests. Greenwood Plantation lands were also utilized for hybrid corn seed experimentation, timber experiments, and other agricultural studies under the management of Edward V. Komarek. Komarek introduced the practice of controlled burning of the forest floor and selective cutting of timber to support preservation and propagation of the woods.

Betsey Cushing Whitney left the Greenwood Plantation properties to The Greentree Foundation, the Whitney family's philanthropic organization.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in seven series: I. Business and Real Estate Files, 1938-2000. II. Financial Records, 1941-1995. III. Property Records, Insurance, and Title Documentation, 1918-2002. IV. Correspondence, 1934-1999. V. Photographs, Albums, and Guest Books, 1886-1999. VI. Greenwood Seed Company, 1946-1992. VII. Publicity, 1906-1999.

Collection Contents

Business and Real Estate Files, 1938–2000

General		
b. 1, f. 1	Memorandum appointing Louis A. Beard as manager of Greenwood Plantation	1939
b. 1, f. 2	Inventory for equipment and land valuation	1949
b. 63, f. 1	Thomasville weather maps	1957
b. 1, f. 3	Contract, security lighting	1965
b. 1, f. 4	Business correspondence, bills, checks, memorandum, notes, staffing, and farm reports	1965–1975
b. 1, f. 5	Controlled burning and lake photographs, brochures, and correspondence	1966, 1988, undated
b. 69	Blueprints of Greenwood Plantation	1966, 1988, undated
b. 1, f. 6	Correspondence regarding vehicles at Greenwood Plantation	1996-1997, 2000
<p>Related organizations</p> <p>Related organizations include organizations with which E. V. Komarek appears to have been involved, as well as research stations that may have collaborated with Greenwood Plantation on experimenting with hybrid seed corn.</p> <p>Agricultural Research Intitute</p> <p>This grouping comprises information about the institute, including correspondence, membership lists, annual meeting notes and schedules, by-laws, and brochures.</p>		
b. 1, f. 7	Annual meeting materials	1956–1957
b. 1, f. 8	Correspondence	1961
b. 1, f. 9	National Academy of Science’s National Research Council	1964–1965
b. 1, f. 10	Governing Board The file contains an invitation to serve on the Agricultural Research Institute Governing Board and E. V. Komarek’s acceptance.	1965 July
b. 1, f. 11	Meeting notes, correspondence, and pamphlets	1967–1969
<p>Tall Timbers Research Institute</p>		
b. 1, f. 12	First Annual Tall Timbers Fire Ecology Conference program	1962 March 1-2
b. 67	Preliminary sketches of proposed research station building	1965 May 21
b. 1, f. 13	Fire ecology conference correspondence	1968
b. 2, f. 1	Financial report, correspondence, photographs, news clippings, and survey maps	1968–1985

Related organizations > Tall Timbers Research Institute (continued)

b. 2, f. 2-3	Annual reports and newsletters	1992-1994
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Timber reports, correspondence, and records

This grouping comprises documentation related to timber management at Greenwood Plantation, including bids, contracts, correspondence, sales invoices, tax information, and timber reports prepared by E. V. Komarek and other forestry consultants.

General

b. 68	Timber maps	1955-1985
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This file contains timber maps for Boston Farm (1955), Mitchell-Swift property (1955), Boston Farm (1955-1958) annotated, corn acreage at Boston Farm (1965), Home Place property annotated for crop years 1978-1979, Boston Farm annotated from 1983-1985, and a harvest map for May 1985.

b. 2, f. 4-6	Forest taxation committee meeting documents	1979
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A Guide to Federal Income Tax for Timber Owners, U.S. Department of Agriculture Handbook

b. 2, f. 7	Introduction and Section I: Articles	1981
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b. 2, f. 8-10	Section II, part I-III: Cases	1981
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b. 3, f. 1	Section IXI: Revenue rulings	1981
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b. 3, f. 2	Timber harvest maps	1983-1984
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Financial records

This grouping includes sales statements, bids for timber, receipts, timber collection reports, checks from Leon Neel and Associates, and timber contracts.

b. 3, f. 3-12	Financial reports	1949-1951
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b. 4, f. 1-3	Financial reports	1982-1986
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Timber reports

Timber reports contain volume growth statistics, forest management summaries, and timber sales documents.

b. 4, f. 4-8	Komarek, E. V. (Edwin V.)	1940-1942
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b. 4, f. 9-12	Bennett, Earl H., forestry consultant	1985
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b. 5, f. 1-9	Sebring, Harold, forestry consultant	1945-1975
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Harold Sebring was a consulting forester and sawmill operator who worked in South Carolina on forest management plans and timber appraisals.

Farm reports and correspondence

Correspondence

This grouping is arranged in alphabetical order by correspondent name, and chronological order within correspondent.

Farm reports and correspondence > Correspondence (continued)

Komarek, E. V. (Edwin V.)		
This grouping includes farm-related correspondence maintained by E. V. Komarek. Correspondents include John Hay Whitney, Samuel C. Park, Louis A. Beard, Charles Frank Deshler, and others working in the farm industry. Topics range from farm reports to Louis A. Beard and John Hay Whitney summarizing daily activities such as hunting, timber, labor, and crops, and correspondence related to hybrid seed corn and agricultural committees. Other topics include expense reports, financial concerns, and insight on hiring and wages to Samuel C. Park and Charles Frank Deshler. He also writes about his project outline and vision for the plantation from when he first assumed a leadership role.		
b. 5, f. 10-11	1945-1946	1945-1946
b. 6, f. 1-11	1947-1948	1947-1948
Park, Samuel, C., Jr.		
This grouping includes hunting agreements, expense and balance sheets for farm operations, and payroll information.		
b. 6, f. 12-13	1949-1953	1949-1953
b. 7, f. 1-2	1962-1968	1962-1968
Whitney, John Hay		
This grouping includes John Hay Whitney's correspondence with E. V. Komarek, Louis A. Beard, and other farm staff. The letters include summaries of farm operations for Whitney while he was serving as American ambassador at the United Kingdom Embassy, plans to visit the farm, and financial matters.		
b. 7, f. 3-9	1949-1952	1949-1952
Greenwood Farm reports		
This grouping comprises annual, monthly, and mid-year farm operations reports, mostly written by E. V. Komarek to John Hay Whitney.		
b. 7, f. 10-14	1945-1959	1945-1959
b. 8, f. 1-10	1966-1988	1966-1988
Crop production		
b. 71	Soil Associations of the United States Map and key created by the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Division.	1938
b. 8, f. 11	Advertisements for corn, correspondence	1948-1949
b. 8, f. 12	Hybrid corn correspondence	1948-1954
b. 8, f. 13	Georgia Crop Improvement Association	1948-1955
b. 8, f. 14	Greenwood hybrid corn brochure and photographs of meetings	1948
b. 8, f. 15	Jobbers corn meeting	1949-1950

Farm reports and correspondence > Crop production (continued)

b. 8, f. 16	Monthly reports of hybrid corn seed sales and stock	1950–1954
b. 9, f. 1	<i>Florida Corn</i> , book and letters from recipients	1951–1953
b. 9, f. 2	Seed sales, planting schedules, and related correspondence	1951
b. 9, f. 3	Corn and seed processing summaries	1951–1952
b. 9, f. 4	Camellia and landscaping invoices	1952
b. 9, f. 5	Pear planting at Mitchell-Swift property	1952
b. 9, f. 6	Soil tests	1952
b. 9, f. 7	Moews Seed Company, seed orders and correspondence	1952–1953
b. 9, f. 8	Seed sales report	1952–1953
b. 9, f. 9	Farm tours, newspaper clipping	1954 August
b. 9, f. 10	National Council of Commercial Plant Breeders, meeting notes and by-laws	1954
b. 9, f. 11	Corn and seed processing records	1955–1956
b. 9, f. 12	Newspaper clippings regarding corn contests	1956
b. 9, f. 13	Patent on seed production from the American Seed Trade Association Inc., United States Patent Office	1956
b. 9, f. 14	Pilot production of hybrid corn	1956
b. 9, f. 15	Hybrid seed corn issues	1956–1957
b. 9, f. 16	Sales of seed and corn	1956–1961
b. 9, f. 17	Grady County Corn Show	1957
b. 9, f. 18	Corn seed patents, including Jones Patent for a seed production study	1957
b. 9, f. 19	Future Farmers of America (FFA) Greenwood Corn Program This program consisted of educational youth programs in which Greenwood Seed Corn was donated.	1958–1959
b. 9, f. 20	Camellia maps, landscaping, and nurseries	1960–1961
b. 9, f. 21	Memoranda from Samuel C. Park regarding hybrid corn	1961
b. 9, f. 22	Corn hybrid tests and charts	1962–1963
b. 9, f. 23	Hybrid corn and timber sales	1962–1966
b. 9, f. 24	Hybrid seed corn acreage	1966
b. 9, f. 25	Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service (ASC), notices of allotment and yields for corn	1971–1974
b. 68	Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service (ASC), annotated map of Home Place property	1982

Farm reports and correspondence > Crop production (continued)

b. 9, f. 26	Corn production, land reports, game program, and historical data from 1866-1974	1975
b. 9, f. 27	Hybrid corn program overview	1976
b. 9, f. 28	Aflatoxin research memorandum	1978
b. 9, f. 29	Planting plans, landscape designs, and blueprints	1991-1995
b. 71	Planting plans, landscape designs, and blueprints	1991-1995
Game management		
b. 9, f. 30	Quail hunting records	1940-1969
b. 64, f. 1	Quail kill charts	1940-1941
b. 10, f. 1	Report written by T. A. Liefeld for work done on hog pasture	1945 May 14
b. 10, f. 2	Dogs	1950-1951
b. 10, f. 3	Hogs	1950-1952
b. 10, f. 4	Trapping record for Mitchell-Swift property	1952-1953
b. 10, f. 5	Quail reports and quail issue map	1952-1954
b. 64, f. 2	Quail issue map for Boston Farm	1952
b. 10, f. 6-8	Hog farm correspondence	1953-1954
b. 10, f. 9	Wildlife Experimental and Evaluation Gardens	1965
b. 10, f. 10	Quail summaries, dog strings, and hunting	1965-1966
b. 10, f. 11	Game records and aerial photographs	1956-1966
b. 10, f. 12	Game laws and game management	1972
b. 10, f. 13	Quail program	1974
b. 10, f. 14	Nilo Plantation Quail Report from John Merrill Olin	1978-1979
b. 10, f. 15	Quail data and covey maps	1980
b. 10, f. 16	Game record The file contains a chart of names, dates, game, and remarks about shooting conditions.	1980-1981
b. 10, f. 17	Quail graphs and dogs	1982
b. 10, f. 18	Birds sighted with numbers, list	Undated
b. 10, f. 19	Game program, summary with map of Home Place property	Undated
b. 11, f. 1	Shooting maps	Undated

Experiment stations

Experiment stations (continued)

b. 11, f. 2	Alabama Experiment Station	1948-1949
b. 11, f. 3	Florida Agriculture Experiment Station	1946-1955
b. 11, f. 4-6	Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station The file contains memoranda regarding tung oil experiments and correspondence with Frank King, George King, and Byron Southwell, workers at the experiment station.	1945
b. 11, f. 7	Correspondence regarding experiment stations and hybrid seed corn	1945-1947
b. 11, f. 8	Miami Experimental Corn Farm	1961
b. 11, f. 9	Southlands Experiment Forest, promotional materials	1958
b. 11, f. 10-11	Tennessee Agricultural Experimental Station The file includes correspondence with Frederick D. Richey, agronomist at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Experiment Station in Knoxville, Tennessee, and Wayne Freeman, corn breeder of Greenwood Farms and Greenwood Seed Company.	1948

Financial records, 1941–1995

This series comprises materials related to bookkeeping for Greenwood Plantation farm employees, sales and accounts, operating costs, and tax documents, including records associated with Greenwood Seed Company.

This series is arranged chronologically within each grouping.

Accounting and bills		
b. 12, f. 1	Expense bills	1942
b. 12, f. 2-6	Account ledger pages, balance sheets, and correspondence	1946–1950
b. 12, f. 7	Spencer Chemical Company, invoices for fertilizer and correspondence	1950–1954
b. 12, f. 8-11	Account statements, expenses, and checks	1951–1953
b. 63, f. 2	Operation statistics, spreadsheets	1955–1965
b. 12, f. 12	Greenwood Seed Company report on accounting procedures	1963–1964
b. 12, f. 13	Operation statistics The file includes handwritten notes by John Hay Whitney detailing costs of farm operations (wages, seeds, feed, gas, property, utilities, and insurance) from 1938-1965, written in 1965.	1965
b. 12, f. 14	Greenwood balance sheets	1981
b. 12, f. 15	Computer generated internal expense reports	1988–1992
b. 13, f. 1	Computer generated internal expense reports	1992–1995
	Deshler, Charles Frank, reports and correspondence This grouping comprises records of Charles Frank Deshler, including correspondence regarding Greenwood Seed Company, farm budgeting, and payroll information.	
b. 13, f. 2	General	1955–1963
b. 60, f. 1	Expense budget sheets	1956–1957
b. 13, f. 3	Reports and letters to E. V. Komarek	1962–1963
b. 13, f. 4	Correspondence regarding Fair Labor Standards Act and seed sales	1966–1967
b. 13, f. 5	Summary of operations	1966–1968
b. 13, f. 6	Reports and memos from E. V. Komarek	1976–1977
Employee and payroll records		
b. 13, f. 7	Payroll ledgers for Greenwood Plantation	1941–1944
b. 13, f. 8	Employment contract for Wayne H. Freeman The file includes a biographical sketch of Wayne Freeman, who was responsible for corn breeding, and his employment confirmation.	1952–1953

Employee and payroll records (continued)

b. 13, f. 9	Greenwood Seed Company payroll	1954
b. 13, f. 10	Employee payroll information	1963-1964
b. 13, f. 11	Travel expenses for E. V. Komarek	1965-1966
b. 13, f. 12	Report, wages, and fringe benefits	1966
b. 13, f. 13	Greenwood Seed Company employee files and payroll information	1967-1968
b. 13, f. 14	Comments on payroll adjustments	1969
b. 13, f. 15	Group insurance plan from the Soil Conservation Society of America	1969
b. 13, f. 16	Simmons, Gene	1971-1982
b. 13, f. 17	Wages, worksheets, and typed sheets regarding farmhands and agricultural laborers	1974-1975
b. 13, f. 18	Prudential and retirement plans	1978-1979
b. 13, f. 19	Komarek, E. V., accounting and payroll notes	1981-1985
b. 13, f. 20	Pension plans	1983-1989

Financial statements and auditors' reports

Includes financial reports prepared for Greenwood Seed Company for each fiscal year, from 1946-1959; reports for 1969, 1974, and 1975 are not included.

b. 13, f. 21-22	Financial statements, expenses, and correspondence	1946-1955
b. 14, f. 1-5	Financial statements, expenses, and correspondence	1959
b. 63, f. 3	Fixed assets and inventories	1966
b. 14, f. 6-12	Financial statements, expenses, and correspondence	1967-1968
b. 63, f. 4	Employee retirement plans	1972
b. 71	Highway map of US 19/84/319 for by-pass through main house	Undated
b. 14, f. 13-17	Financial statements, expenses, and correspondence	1973-1974
b. 15, f. 1-10	Financial statements, expenses, and correspondence	1981-1987

Tax records

These files are maintained in the order in which they were received.

General

b. 15, f. 11	Property tax records for Greenwood Plantation	1949
b. 15, f. 12	Ad valorem tax returns, correspondence	1951
b. 63, f. 5	Ad valorem tax returns, attachments	1951-1954
b. 15, f. 13	Georgia Department of Revenue correspondence	1953
b. 15, f. 14	Ledger of expenses compiled for auditing	1954

Tax records > General (continued)

b. 15, f. 15	Records compiled for audit	1965
b. 15, f. 16	Internal Revenue Service (IRS) correspondence with E. V. Komarek	1971
b. 16, f. 1	Alexander, Vann and Lilly, correspondence about taxes	1971
b. 67	Alexander, Vann and Lilly, Oglethorpe transmission line plan and map locating machinery	1971-1989
b. 16, f. 2	Board of Tax Assessors, notices and correspondence	1972
b. 60, f. 2	Board of Tax Assessors, tax bills	1972-1975
b. 16, f. 3	Board of Tax Assessors The file includes an assessment notice and correspondence regarding an appeal for ad valorem tax valuation of Greenwood property.	1979
b. 16, f. 4-6	Georgia Tax Reform Commission working papers	1979
b. 16, f. 7	Land taxes meeting	1979
b. 16, f. 8	Tax returns and 1979 appeal	1979
Tax records maintained by Greenwood Seed Company These files are maintained in the order in which they were received.		
b. 16, f. 9-15	Intangible tax returns, Greenwood Seed Company	1955
b. 16, f. 16-23	Georgia intangible property tax, Greenwood Seed Company	1971
b. 16, f. 24	Tangible personal property, Greenwood Seed Company	1966
b. 16, f. 25-30	Greenstreet Company tax returns Records include United States Partnership Return of Income, Form 1065 and New York income and Unincorporated Business Tax Partnership forms.	1968
b. 17, f. 1-7	Greenstreet Company tax returns Records include United States Partnership Return of Income, Form 1065 and New York income and Unincorporated Business Tax Partnership forms.	1970
b. 17, f. 8	Correspondence regarding Seed Development Company taxes	1959
b. 17, f. 9	Georgia Corporation income tax, Seed Development Company	1959
b. 17, f. 10	Georgia intangible property tax return, Seed Development Company	1960
b. 17, f. 11	Georgia sales and use tax, Seed Development Company	1960
b. 17, f. 12	Georgia, Certified Statement for Annual Registration of a Corporation	1959
b. 17, f. 13	Foreign corporation report, Seed Development Company	1959
b. 17, f. 14	Georgia corporation information return, Seed Development Company	1960
b. 18, f. 1	Delaware corporation annual report and franchise tax, Seed Development Company	1960

Tax records > Tax records maintained by Greenwood Seed Company (continued)

b. 18, f. 2	Georgia property tax including John Hay Whitney ad valorem tax	1960
b. 18, f. 3	United States corporation income tax, Seed Development Company	1959
b. 18, f. 4	Greenwood Seed Company, John Hay Whitney	1967
b. 18, f. 5	United States corporation income tax, including surtax allocation	1970
b. 18, f. 6	United States corporation income tax, including Whitney Communications Corporation surtax allocation	1971
b. 18, f. 7	Georgia property tax, including John Hay Whitney, correspondence	1955-1959
b. 63, f. 6	Georgia property tax, including John Hay Whitney, oversize tax returns	1955-1959
b. 18, f. 8	Georgia property tax, including John Hay Whitney ad valorem tax, correspondence	1962-1967
b. 63, f. 7	Georgia property tax, including John Hay Whitney ad valorem tax, oversize tax returns	1962-1967
b. 18, f. 9-12	Georgia Domestic Corporation reports	1955-1966
b. 18, f. 13	Corporation Declaration of Estimated Tax	1955-1959
b. 18, f. 14-24	Georgia income and occupation or license, form 600	1967-1978
b. 19, f. 1-11	Georgia annual registration	1954-1980
b. 19, f. 12-18	Georgia Corporation income tax returns	1960-1966
b. 19, f. 19	Georgia sales and use tax division, application for registration	1958-1959

Property Records, Insurance, and Title Documentation, 1918–2002

General

General files are arranged in chronological order.

b. 20, f. 1	Insurance documentation and real estate valuations	1940, 1946, 1957
b. 20, f. 2	Right of way deeds, real estate appraisal, property inventory and ownership information	1945–1958
b. 68	Boston Farm timber map	1945–1958
b. 20, f. 3	Indentures of lease agreements	1948, 1955, 1980
b. 20, f. 4	"Proposed Rehabilitation of the Gardens at Greenwood Plantation," prepared for Betsey Cushing Whitney by A. Paul Tharin	1948 September 22
b. 20, f. 5	Rental lease between Louis A. Beard and John Hay Whitney to grow hybrid corn at Greenwood	1949
b. 20, f. 6	Leases	1949–1979
b. 20, f. 7	Property records, distribution of the estate of Louis A. Beard	1950–1980
b. 62, f. 1	Greenwood Seed Company stock certificates and stockholder names	1954
b. 20, f. 8	Production agreement and correspondence regarding the estate of Louis A. Beard	1954–1958
b. 20, f. 9	Lease for Greenwood Seed Company	1955
b. 20, f. 10	Inventory of furnishings belonging to the Beard estate at Greenwood Lodge The file includes correspondence to Betsey Cushing Whitney.	1955–1956
b. 20, f. 11	File of lease agreements between Greenwood Seed Company and Leon and Nellie Neel	1956–1965
b. 20, f. 12	Greenwood Plantation assessed valuations	1960–1990
b. 60, f. 3	Greenwood Plantation assessed valuations, timber maps	1960–1990
b. 20, f. 13	Heard's Pond, purchase of	1960–1962
b. 20, f. 14	Real estate, deeds, right of way, and correspondence	1963–1987
b. 21, f. 1	Land management and operations notes	1970–1979
b. 67	Land management and operations notes, map of land	1970 October 13
b. 21, f. 2	Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company Lease, made with the Greenwood Seed Company	1977
b. 21, f. 3	Court documents regarding road relocation, Thomasville by-pass right of way	1982
b. 21, f. 4	Betsy Cushing Whitney's purchase of property from William E. Carlton The file includes deeds, statements, and correspondence compiled by the law offices of Alexander and Vann.	1985

General (continued)

b. 21, f. 5	Real estate and correspondence regarding property and land	1989–1996
b. 21, f. 6	Land lease agreement	1992
b. 21, f. 7	Greenwood leasing file	1992–1998
b. 21, f. 8	Greenwood Lodge post-fire finances and contractor agreements	1993–1994
b. 21, f. 9	Greenwood Lodge, state insurance appraisals, photographs, and correspondence with John S. Hand, Architect	1993–1996
b. 64, f. 3	Greenwood Lodge floorplans for proposed addition and alterations	1993–1996
b. 22, f. 1	Real estate, leases, purchases, offers to buy	1993–1997
b. 22, f. 2	Whitney family hunting weekends at Greenwood Lodge The file includes memoranda about scheduling weekends for family members to stay at Greenwood Lodge.	1996–1997
	Legal files from Sherman & Sterling regarding the sale of Mitchell Swift property in 1999	
b. 22, f. 3-5	Correspondence related to purchase offers from real estate agents	1998–2001
b. 22, f. 6	Drafts for Mitchell Swift property sale	1998
b. 23, f. 1	Sale documentation	1998
b. 23, f. 2	Appraisal	1998
b. 23, f. 3	Heard's Pond purchase offers	1998
b. 23, f. 4	Property inventory, ownership history, and the estate of Betsey Cushing Whitney	1998, undated
b. 23, f. 5	Real estate appraisals prepared by Jerry D. Williamson, Jr.	1998
b. 23, f. 6	Executor's deed of assent for Heard's Pond, including correspondence	1998
b. 23, f. 7	Property Acquisition Committee of the Georgia Trust meetings	1999
b. 23, f. 8	Georgia Trust Proposal for the Cultural Education and Conservation Center at Greenwood	2000
b. 23, f. 9	Insurance appraisal for Home Place property prepared by Firemen's Fund	2001 December
	History	
b. 23, f. 10	Greenwood Plantation typed histories	Circa 1922
b. 23, f. 11	<i>Rose Leaves</i> , publication featuring articles on Greenwood	Circa 1925
b. 23, f. 12	Greenwood Plantation, historical data: photographs, property deeds, negatives, correspondence	1955–1980
b. 23, f. 13	Thesis on the Greenwood Plantation in Thomasville, Georgia, 1827-1962, with emphasis on the owners, by Charles Thomas Hill, student attending Valdosta State College	1962 November 28

General > History (continued)

b. 23, f. 14	Greenwood, Registry of National Landmarks	1967
b. 23, f. 15	Correspondence with the Nature Conservancy and the Department of Natural Resources regarding Greenwood nomination to National Register of Historic Places	1969–1976
b. 23, f. 16	Materials about historic Thomasville The file contains research materials, including correspondence, notes, photographs, and history of land ownership.	1971–1991
b. 23, f. 17	Correspondence, historic reports, and National Register of Historic Places nomination	1971–1996
b. 24, f. 1	National Register of Historic Places, 1975 to 1976, form and information	1975–1976
b. 24, f. 2	Georgia State Archives correspondence with E. V. Komarek regarding access to archives	1976
b. 24, f. 3	Greenwood historical background	1980
b. 24, f. 4	Research for John Hay Whitney about Greenwood and family history The file includes three small booklets on Piney Woods Hotel, an article on Johns Hopkins, and E. V. Komarek’s research on timber.	1980
b. 24, f. 5	Thomasville historical data The file includes personal correspondence to Betsey Cushing Whitney and newspaper clippings about Greenwood Plantation and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.	1985–1996
b. 24, f. 6	Memoranda and correspondence about Greenwood Plantation’s history The file includes the Nature Conservancy and Georgia Trust Report “Archaeological Investigations of the Potential Sites of a Cemetery and Three Barracks within Greenwood Plantation” by Garrow & Associates, December 1992.	1990–1995
b. 24, f. 7	Greenwood Plantation research	1993–1994
b. 24, f. 8	Greenwood Plantation history and press clippings	Circa 1993
b. 24, f. 9	Printed articles about the plantation, historical report, and research on John Hay and Joan Payson The file contains a letter from Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to Betsey Cushing Whitney about a visit to Greenwood and photocopies of Oliver Payne correspondence with Stanford White.	1995
b. 24, f. 10	Greenwood Plantation history, miscellaneous articles and maps	Undated
b. 24, f. 11	Greenwood Plantation 19th century history	Undated
b. 24, f. 12	Oliver Payne’s will from 1915, copy	Undated

Betsey Cushing Whitney files

This grouping includes files compiled by Betsey Cushing Whitney's estate to prepare for property transfers.

The files are maintained in the order in which they were received, which reflects their order as arranged by the estate.

Estate administration

b. 24, f. 13	Correspondence regarding appraisal of property	1998
b. 64, f. 5	Correspondence regarding appraisal of property, attachments	1998
b. 24, f. 14	Insurance coverage for fires	1998
b. 24, f. 15	Sale of Home Place property to Greentree Foundation indenture and certification	1998
b. 25, f. 1	Greenwood Thomasville Report Table of contents: accounting/bookkeeping, land/building rental, hunting season, employee information, review of bills, and pictures.	1998 June 23
b. 25, f. 2	Appraisal for Heard's Pond	1998 March 25
b. 25, f. 3	Appraisal for Boston Farm and real estate transfer to Sara Wilford	1998 March 25
b. 25, f. 4	Correspondence about listing agreement for sale of Mitchell-Swift property	1998
b. 25, f. 5	Listing agreement between Chubb Associates and Robert Carswell	1998
b. 25, f. 6	Drafts and marked copies of estate availability and listing agreement	1998
b. 25, f. 7	Proposed schedule for auction of Mitchell-Swift property, draft	1998 August
b. 25, f. 8	Draft of purchase agreement	1998 September

Historical documents

This grouping comprises copies of John Hay Whitney's farm records and Betsey Cushing Whitney's correspondence, including documentation of financial transactions, farm reports, tax declarations, leases, farm memoranda, and National Register correspondence.

b. 25, f. 9-10	General	1965-1987
b. 26, f. 1	General	1982-1985
b. 26, f. 2	General, estate transfer	1982-1983
b. 26, f. 3	National Register of Historic Preservation correspondence	1976-1980
b. 26, f. 4	Greenwood Plantation property appraisal, Home Place	1998 August 31
b. 26, f. 5	Greenwood Plantation property appraisal, Heard's Pond	1998 August 31
b. 26, f. 6	Greenwood Plantation property appraisal, Boston Farm	1998 August 31

Betsey Cushing Whitney files > Historical documents (continued)

b. 26, f. 7	Georgia Department of Transportation correspondence regarding right-of-way deeds	1979–1985
b. 27, f. 1	General correspondence from E. V. Komarek to Betsey Cushing Whitney	1968–1986
b. 27, f. 2	Copies of John Hay Whitney's financial files	1951
b. 27, f. 3	Thomas County, Georgia real estate taxes	1982–1986
b. 27, f. 4	Assessed valuation from 1979	1979–1985
	Historic structure reports compiled as research for Greenwood Plantation historic structure report	
b. 27, f. 5	Peter Matteston Tavern	1976
b. 27, f. 6	Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, volume I	1988 July 15
b. 27, f. 7	Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, volume II	1988 July 15
b. 28, f. 1	University of Virginia, Pavilion VI	1991
b. 28, f. 2	Wilderstein Preservation	1992 September
b. 28, f. 3	Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center visit, correspondence and itineraries	1994–1996
	Personal file	
b. 28, f. 4	Correspondence regarding Thomasville area	1993
b. 28, f. 5	Reports on Thomasville expenses	1986–1994
b. 28, f. 6	Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Proposal	1993
b. 28, f. 7	Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, correspondence	1990–1991
b. 28, f. 8	The Nature Conservancy, brochures and correspondence	1990–1991
b. 28, f. 9	Materials regarding the donation of property to charity, correspondence	1991
b. 29, f. 1	Materials regarding the National Register of Historic Places	1976–1987
b. 29, f. 2	An Assessment of the Marketing Potentialities of Greenwood Plantation, report and presentation materials by Carrier & Associates	1993
b. 29, f. 3	Timber operations record	1984
b. 29, f. 4	Timber Report for Boston Farm, by Earl H. Bennett	1985 August
b. 29, f. 5	Timber Report for Home Place and Heard's Pond properties, by Earl H. Bennett	1985
b. 29, f. 6	Timber Report for Mitchell-Swift property, by Earl H. Bennett	1985 July
b. 29, f. 7	Real estate purchase agreement	1990
b. 29, f. 8	Business operations report	1982 October 1

Betsey Cushing Whitney files > Personal file (continued)

b. 29, f. 9	Singletary field contract of sale	1990
b. 29, f. 10	Singletary field contract of sale drafts	1990
b. 29, f. 11	Georgia survey to singletary field	1993
b. 29, f. 12	Sale of singletary field, 30 acres sold to Emmett "Buck" Mitchell III	1993
b. 29, f. 13	Contractor's qualification to do business	1996
b. 29, f. 14	Contractor's insurance certificate	1996
b. 29, f. 15	Occupancy agreement	1996
b. 30, f. 1	Contractor's agreement	1996
b. 30, f. 2	Contractor bids	1996-1997
b. 30, f. 3	Contract for land easement on Mitchell-Swift property	1996
b. 30, f. 4	Greenwood historic structure report	1993-1995
b. 30, f. 5	Correspondence Includes letters to Betsey Cushing Whitney from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Nature Conservancy, and the National Park Service, compiled by Shearman and Sterling, on behalf of Betsey Cushing Whitney, to plan for the preservation of Greenwood.	1990-1996
b. 30, f. 6	Financing notes	Undated
b. 30, f. 7	Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, Home Place property preservation plan	1991-1993
b. 31, f. 1	Architect contract with John S. Hand of Thomasville, Georgia for Greenwood renovation	1993
b. 64, f. 4	Architect contract, preliminary drawings for proposed addition	1993 July 21
b. 31, f. 2	Documentation on the historical, cultural, and environmental heritage of Greenwood Plantation This file also includes resumes and applications from architects.	1993-1994
b. 31, f. 3	Meeting with George Paxton from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and Carrier & Associates This file includes information packets mailed to panelists participating in a market study for Greenwood Plantation.	1992
b. 31, f. 4	Summary of investments	1983
b. 31, f. 5	Hunting, fishing, and timber agency agreement	1983
b. 31, f. 6	Farm lease	1983 May 13
b. 31, f. 7	Form of sublease	Undated
b. 31, f. 8	Georgia corporation statutes	Undated

Real estate

Betsey Cushing Whitney files > Real estate (continued)

b. 31, f. 9-10	Property correspondence	1987-1993
b. 31, f. 11	Deeds into Betsey Cushing Whitney The file includes indentures for property transfer from John Hay Whitney's will.	1983-1985
b. 65	Maps of Thomasville area, Boston Farm, Home Place, and Mitchell-Swift properties	Undated
b. 31, f. 12	Survey map of Heard's Pond property	Undated
b. 32, f. 1	One Beekman Place, New York City	1989-1990
b. 32, f. 2	Saratoga, New York	1985-1991
b. 32, f. 3	123 East 66th Street, New York City	1989-1993
b. 32, f. 4	Saint James's Place, London	1990
Title documentation		
b. 32, f. 5	Appraisal of Greenwood Plantation	1982 July 30
b. 60, f. 4	Boundary line agreement	1989 April 2
b. 32, f. 6	Right of way easement to Oglethorpe Power Corporation	1985 June 11
b. 32, f. 7	Right of way easement to Southern Bell Telephone	1987 May 14
b. 32, f. 8	Material regarding the closing of Millpond Road	1985 October 7
b. 32, f. 9	Thomasville by-pass appraisal	1988 October 18
b. 32, f. 10	Condemnation materials The file includes Department of Transportation pamphlets and notice of bypass construction.	1988-1989
b. 32, f. 11	Drafts of easement to Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company	1987
b. 32, f. 12	Draft by-pass deeds	1989-1991
b. 32, f. 13	Drafts for Wolfe Street deeds	1989
b. 32, f. 14	Greenwood by-pass files from the law offices of Alexander and Vann	1989-1993
b. 32, f. 15	Notes on pension plans, personnel names, meeting minutes, and correspondence about right of way easement	1987-1992
b. 32, f. 16	Greenwood alterations contract	1994
b. 33, f. 1	Architect's agreement	1996
b. 33, f. 2	Architect's business account package policy	1995

Fire and restoration

This grouping comprises records documenting a 1993 fire and the subsequent exterior restoration of the main house. This restoration won an award for outstanding exterior restoration from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation in 1998.

The bulk of the materials in this grouping is arranged chronologically. Some materials within this grouping are arranged in the order in which they were received.

General

b. 33, f. 3	Insurance through fire settlement	1985–1995
b. 33, f. 4	Heard's Pond property, Nature Conservancy's report	1991
b. 33, f. 5	United States Department of Agriculture farm reports	1992–1998
b. 72	News broadcast of the Greenwood fire, six hour videorecording <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i> Original audiovisual materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be played. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist must pay for a use copy, which is retained by the repository. Researchers wishing to obtain an additional copy of non-commercially produced items for their personal use should consult the ordering reproductions information on the Manuscripts and Archives web site.	1993 April 2
b. 33, f. 6	Horan, Phyllis, letters seeking floorplans	1993
	Betsey Cushing Whitney files This grouping is arranged in the order in which it was received.	
b. 33, f. 7	Witness statements, loss reports, and condolences	1993
b. 33, f. 8	Interviews with staff, inventories, and photographs of fire	1993–1997
b. 33, f. 9	Statements and interviews regarding the fire	1993
b. 33, f. 10-11	Fire correspondence	1993–1995
b. 33, f. 12	Insurance correspondence and information	1993
b. 34, f. 1	Drafts of witness statements	1993–1994
b. 34, f. 2	Transcripts of interviews with witnesses and plantation staff	1993
b. 76–77	Recorded interviews <i>2 Microcassettes</i>	1993
b. 34, f. 3	Correspondence	1993
b. 34, f. 4	Statements and interviews with witnesses with index	1993
b. 34, f. 5-6	Exterior restoration correspondence and memos	1996–1998
b. 34, f. 7-8	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company survey report, building photos and maps, and working papers	1997

Fire and restoration > Betsey Cushing Whitney files (continued)

b. 34, f. 9	Soil remediation, removal of waste, and other forms from the United States Environmental Protection Agency	1997-1998
b. 35, f. 1	Greenwood Plantation tax filing for Georgia state taxes	1997-1998
b. 60, f. 5	The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation certificate to Greenwood Plantation for outstanding exterior restoration	1998 April 18
b. 73	Whitney dwelling loss, tape from Frank Crystal Personal Insurance <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i> Original audiovisual materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be played. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist must pay for a use copy, which is retained by the repository. Researchers wishing to obtain an additional copy of non-commercially produced items for their personal use should consult the ordering reproductions information on the Manuscripts and Archives web site.	2002
Items damaged in fire and restoration of fine arts This grouping is arranged in the order in which it was received.		
b. 35, f. 2	Items damaged in fire, photographs, and memoranda	1993
b. 35, f. 3	Photographs of paintings, artworks, and objects restored at Williamstown Regional Art Conservation Laboratory (WRACL) in Williamstown, Massachusetts	1993-1995
b. 35, f. 4	Condition and treatment reports	1993
b. 35, f. 5	Documentary color slides of damaged artwork and correspondence with conservator	1993-1995
b. 35, f. 6	Photographs and slides from Williamstown Regional Art Conservation Laboratory (WRACL) of artwork before, during, and after treatment	1993
b. 35, f. 7	Invoices, receipts, and correspondence The file contains pre-fire furniture restoration records.	1963-1993
b. 35, f. 8	Schedules	1993-1995
b. 35, f. 9	Sotheby's book I and II, comparison to 1982 application	1993-1995
b. 36, f. 1	Johnson Institutional	1993-1995
b. 36, f. 2	Invoices for household appliances and cleaning services	1994
b. 36, f. 3	Williamstown Regional Art Conservation Laboratory (WRACL) restorations and proposal for treatment	1994
b. 36, f. 4	Williamstown Regional Art Conservation Laboratory (WRACL), copies of treatment reports and inventories	1994
b. 36, f. 5	Items taken to Georgia or replacement items	1993-1995
b. 36, f. 6	Antiques purchased in Georgia	1993-1995
b. 36, f. 7	Ross Woods	1993-1995

Fire and restoration (continued)

Photographs of the fire, damaged furniture and decorations, and the restoration of the Greenwood building

b. 36, f. 8-18	Damaged furniture and objects	1993
b. 36, f. 19	Unidentified damaged items	1993
b. 37, f. 1	Hooped and needlepoint rugs from Betsey Cushing Whitney's office	1994 March
b. 37, f. 2-8	Silver, china, glassware, and small artworks	Undated
b. 37, f. 9	Fire and restoration photographs	1993
b. 37, f. 10	Greenwood home interior and photographs of the fire	1993
b. 37, f. 11	Greenwood Plantation Lodge	1993 September 9
b. 37, f. 12	Furniture, pre-fire photographs from the Georgia Trust	1994 December 9
b. 37, f. 13	Glassware	1994
b. 37, f. 14-17	Main house and furniture	1994
b. 38, f. 1-6	Greenwood Lodge	1994
b. 38, f. 7	Greenwood Plantation, exterior and interior	1995
b. 38, f. 8-9	Greenwood Plantation landscape	1995
Press and news coverage		
b. 38, f. 10-12	News clippings, thank you notes from visitors, and articles about the fire Includes correspondence regarding the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation certificate to Greenwood Plantation for exterior restoration (box 60, folder 5)	1990-1998
b. 60, f. 6	Newspaper article about post-fire restoration	1997 October 26
Restoration plans, contracts, and invoices		
	Parish-Hadley interior design files	1992-1995
b. 63, f. 8	Ledger reports for renovation after fire	1995
b. 38, f. 13-14	Accounting, invoices, appraisal, and expenses	1993-1995
b. 39, f. 1-2	Invoices, vouchers, and treatment reports	1993-1995
b. 39, f. 3-5	Paid invoices	1992-1994
b. 40, f. 1	Greenwood Plantation architectural history reports, copies of photographs with index, and renovation proposal by John S. Hand	1994
b. 64, f. 6	Floorplans from Greenwood Plantation architectural history report	1994
b. 40, f. 2	Boston Lodge renovation recommendations from John Hand, architect	1995 October 31

Fire and restoration > Restoration plans, contracts, and invoices (continued)

	Henry H. Lewis contractors for the exterior restoration check vouchers and invoices	
b. 40, f. 3-5	1996-1998	1996-1998
b. 41, f. 1-2	1997-1998	1997-1998
Structural documentation		
General		
b. 41, f. 3	A Plan for the Preservation and Conservation of Greenwood Plantation's Home Place property, executive summary and correspondence	1992-1995
b. 41, f. 4-6	A Plan for the Preservation and Conservation of Greenwood Plantation's Home Place property	1992 March 30
b. 42, f. 1	Home Place property	1999
Historic structure reports for Greenwood Plantation		
b. 42, f. 2	Main house at Greenwood Plantation, prepared for the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation by Mesick, Cohen & Waite, Architects	1994 November
b. 42, f. 3	Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation structural reports	1994-1995
b. 42, f. 4-6	Main house at Greenwood Plantation, prepared for the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation by John G. Waite, architect	1995 October
Legal land survey materials		1998
This grouping is arranged as received from the donor.		
b. 43, f. 1	Greenwood Disclaimed Properties Committee, press clipping binder	2002
b. 43, f. 2	Greenwood Disclaimed Properties Committee, Home Place property	1990-1999
b. 43, f. 3	Greenwood Disclaimed Properties Committee, Assets Report for Greentree Foundation	1999
b. 43, f. 4-5	Returned surveys	1998
b. 44, f. 1-4	Returned surveys	1998
b. 45, f. 1-5	Returned surveys	1998
b. 60, f. 7-8	Floorplans from returned surveys	Undated
b. 66	Floorplans from returned surveys	Undated
b. 69	Blueprints for Greenwood Plantation properties The file includes blueprints for all Greenwood Plantation properties: Home Place, Heard's Pond, Boston Farm, and Mitchell-Swift. Plot plans were drawn by Francis C. Carr and Co., Inc., 1936. Other architects include Umberto Innocenti and Richard K. Webel, who created blueprints for John Hay Whitney in 1940 and 1954.	1936-1954

Structural documentation (continued)

Greenwood Plantation land and property maps

b. 64, f. 7	Boston Farm property	1952, 1959
b. 67	Georgia-Florida Field Trial Club map of ownership	Undated
b. 64, f. 8	Greenwood Plantation	1955
b. 64, f. 9	Home Place and Heard's Pond properties	1945, 1953, 1959
b. 60, f. 9	Mitchell-Swift property	1946-1959
b. 70	Property maps and land surveys The file includes a land survey made for Payne Whitney, maps of all properties from Harold Sebring, Umberto Innocenti's staking plan for service court, a topographic map, and an aerial survey.	1920-1958, undated
b. 71	By-pass plan for Thomasville, Georgia	Undated
b. 71	Heating and air conditioning plans	1954-1955

Correspondence, 1934–1999

This series comprises incoming and outgoing correspondence related to farm activities, events, related associations, clients, employees, and agricultural topics.

b. 46, f. 1-2	General The file contains personal letters to the Whitneys from guests at Greenwood Plantation, letters regarding E. V. Komarek's travel in Africa, and agriculture-related letters from E. V. Komarek to John Hay Whitney.	1966–1992
b. 63, f. 9	Maps of shooting courses from general correspondence	Undated
b. 46, f. 3	Cooperative Quail Study Association	1934 September 20
b. 46, f. 4	Correspondence regarding P. G. Miller	1939
b. 46, f. 5	Tift and Stoddard letters to Louis A. Beard	1942 January 20
b. 46, f. 6	Miller, P. G.	1943
b. 46, f. 7	Warburton, Frank W., regarding farm vehicles	1948–1951
b. 46, f. 8	Georgia Crop Improvement Association	1948–1957
b. 46, f. 9	Georgia Seedsmen's Association, membership news	1949
b. 46, f. 10	Richard Tift Company, vermin control	1949
b. 46, f. 11	McGill, Ralph, <i>The Atlanta Constitution</i>	1949
b. 46, f. 12	Good Hope from Jamaica regarding the import of hybrid corn	1949 July 14
b. 46, f. 13	Gaver, John M.	1949, 1954
b. 46, f. 14	Georgia Agricultural Extension Service	1949–1951
b. 46, f. 15	Richey, Dr. Frederick D. of Agricultural Experiment Station, Tennessee	1949–1953
b. 46, f. 16	Simmons, Gordon, regarding hunting dogs	1949–1953
b. 46, f. 17	General Motors Corporation exploring a shooting car for purchase This file includes a photograph of a 1949 car.	1950
b. 46, f. 18	Kleberg, Robert J., Jr., King Ranch livestock and crops	1950–1953
b. 46, f. 19	Thomasville Airport charter information and proposed land lease for Campbell Airport	1951
b. 46, f. 20	Greenwood Farms correspondence regarding insurance, taxes, and leases	1951
b. 46, f. 21	Selvage & Lee, letters regarding event expenses	1951
b. 46, f. 22	Komarek, Roy, letter to Massey-Harris Company Massey-Harris Company manufactured self-propelled corn pickers.	1951 February 17
b. 46, f. 23	Pairo Advertising Agency	1951–1954

b. 46, f. 24	Florida Power and Light Company	1952
b. 71	Florida Power and Light Company map, sketch showing approximate location of proposed 66kv single pole electric line, with property contract attached	
b. 46, f. 25	Innocenti, Umberto, landscape architect, correspondence, plans, blueprints, and expense sheets	1952
b. 46, f. 26	Invitations to annual meetings	1953
b. 46, f. 27	WKTG, CBS Television and Southern Broadcasting System on creating a Thomasville television station	1953
b. 46, f. 28	Talmadge, Herman E., governor of Georgia	1953 March 16-18
b. 46, f. 29	Thomasville Garden Club Inc. regarding garden statuary	1953
b. 46, f. 30	Florida Wildlife Federation	1953 June 17
b. 46, f. 31	Georgia State Chamber of Commerce, letter appointing E. V. Komarek to Agriculture Division	1953 June 18
b. 46, f. 32	Humphrey, G. M. on forming a committee of conservationists	1953 November 3
b. 47, f. 1	Richey, Dr. Frederick D. and American Seed Trade Association	1954
b. 47, f. 2	Committee of Commercial Corn Breeders meeting minutes, by-laws, and correspondence	1954 October 28
b. 47, f. 3	Hybrid Corn Division of Southern Seedsmen's Association, member correspondence regarding corn allotments	1954-1957
b. 47, f. 4	Agricultural Extension Service regarding Greenwood Corn Bulletin	1954-1959
b. 47, f. 5	Conservation Workshop at Florida State University	1956
b. 47, f. 6	Florida State Department of Education correspondence regarding farm partnerships with vocational schools The file includes photographs from a 1961 corn production banquet.	1956-1961
b. 47, f. 7	Generals' annual visits, telegrams and letters This file includes correspondence and planning for an annual event in which United States military generals were invited to stay at Greenwood Plantation.	1956-1972
b. 47, f. 8	Wellhausen, Dr. E. J., Rockefeller Foundation	1957-1958
b. 47, f. 9	<i>Brazilian Bulletin</i> , with a note to E. V. Komarek	1958
b. 47, f. 10	Robertson, William B., Jr., regarding controlled burning	1958
b. 47, f. 11	Shoemaker, Jack, regarding Florida corn booklet reprints	1958
b. 47, f. 12	Higgins, Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd	1959
b. 47, f. 13	Foundation Seed Corporation Company papers The file includes a lease from Greenwood Seed Company, a bill of sale, and stocks.	1959

b. 47, f. 14	Campbell Street Airport correspondence Campbell Street Airport was purchased by John Hay Whitney to give to the city of Thomasville. Correspondence is related to a proposal to convert the grounds into an industrial park.	1960
b. 47, f. 15	Agricultural Weather Service funding	1961
b. 47, f. 16	Simmons, Gordon	1965–1982
b. 47, f. 17	Bowen, Ross, production agreement for Greenwood Seed Company	1967–1968
b. 47, f. 18	Greenwood House postcard and pension and payroll accounting	1970–1977
b. 47, f. 19	Balfour Field, correspondence about timber and forest issues	1972
b. 47, f. 20	West Pinetree Boulevard paving project correspondence	1972
b. 47, f. 21	Georgia Department of Transportation, correspondence	1973–1982
b. 67	Georgia traffic map and state highway system	1981
b. 67	Map of Thomasville and Thomas County, Georgia	1957
b. 47, f. 22	Thomas County Association for Retarded Children, Inc., youth camp	1974
b. 47, f. 23	Agricultural Weather Service, United States Weather Bureau conference notes and agendas, research notes, correspondence	1976–1978
b. 48, f. 1	Agricultural Weather Service, United States Weather Bureau correspondence	1976–1978
b. 48, f. 2	Greenwood Plantation correspondence regarding the main house	1977–1996
b. 48, f. 3	Streeter, Frank, correspondence	1982
b. 48, f. 4	Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and Thomas Company Historical Society, donation requests	1982
b. 48, f. 5	Vann, Heyward, land valuation correspondence	1982 December 13
b. 48, f. 6	Farm reports and personal correspondence The file includes correspondence regarding payroll and staffing, thank you notes from guests, and monthly farm reports to Betsey Cushing Whitney.	1982–1989
b. 48, f. 7	By-pass road correspondence, Robert Carswell	1985–1986
b. 48, f. 8	Greenwood Plantation hunting	1986–1987
b. 48, f. 9	Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Inc. correspondence with Betsey Cushing Whitney	1990–1999
b. 49, f. 1	Memoranda and letters to Terry Blanchard regarding plantation expenses, sales, press, and operating rules	1991, 1997
b. 49, f. 2	Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation	1992–1998
b. 49, f. 3	Hadley, Albert, happy birthday folder to Betsey Cushing Whitney	1996
b. 49, f. 4	AON Risk Services pollution claim correspondence	1997

Photographs, albums, and guest books, 1886–1999

Photographs

General

b. 50, f. 1	Big Woods, building exteriors and flowers	Circa 1990s
b. 50, f. 2	Boston and Mitchell Place properties, woods	1978 January
b. 61, f. 1	Building exterior	Undated
b. 50, f. 3	Burning	1978 April
b. 50, f. 4	Burning and aerial photographs, Tall Timbers	1978 April
b. 50, f. 5	Exterior of Greenwood	Undated
b. 61, f. 2	Guest house lodge and landscape	Undated
b. 50, f. 6	Heard's Pond property and surrounding areas	1977 February-March
b. 50, f. 7	Hybrid corn The file includes images of groups of people working and color transparencies, probably shot for advertising purposes.	Circa 1948
b. 50, f. 8	Landscape and nature at Greenwood Plantation	1980
b. 50, f. 9	Landscape and forest areas, negatives	1980
b. 50, f. 10	Livestock, horse carriages, unidentified people, and a house at Greenwood Plantation	Undated
b. 50, f. 11	Property views of the main house These photographs were taken in 1886 when the property was owned by the Jones family, and in 1936 when the Whitney family owned the property.	1886, 1936
b. 50, f. 12	Slides of unidentified Indigenous people	1958–1964
b. 50, f. 13	Staff boarding an airplane	Undated
b. 50, f. 14	Staff working at Greenwood	Undated
b. 50, f. 15	Trees	1978 January
b. 50, f. 16	Woods	1977 October
b. 50, f. 17	Woods at Mitchell Place property	1977 December
b. 50, f. 18	Woods at Mitchell Place property	1978 February

Activities and guests at Greenwood Plantation

Photographs document horseback riding, hunting, grilling, and canoeing at Greenwood Plantation. Guests pictured are Whitney and di Bonaventura family members and friends, including Fred Astaire and Alvin "Shipwreck" Kelly.

Photographs > Activities and guests at Greenwood Plantation (continued)

b. 50, f. 19	Albums containing photographs of parties and hunting Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David)	Undated
b. 50, f. 20	Portrait with Mamie Dowd Eisenhower	Circa 1950s
b. 50, f. 21	Photographs with Generals The file includes photographs of John Hay Whitney shooting quail with Dwight D. (Dwight David) Eisenhower, and of individuals rowing in a lake.	1956–1968
b. 50, f. 22	Shooting party with John Hay Whitney	1959
b. 75	Portrait with Mamie Dowd Eisenhower, Greenwood front porch <i>1 CD-R</i> Two images (TIFF and JPG) of the Eisenhowers facing forward. As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access.	
b. 51, f. 1	Generals' visit to Thomasville This file includes photographs of an annual event in which United States military generals were invited to stay at Greenwood Plantation.	Undated
b. 51, f. 2	Guests at Greenwood Plantation	Circa 1950-circa 1960
b. 61, f. 3	Guests at Greenwood Plantation	Circa 1950s
b. 51, f. 3	Guests at Greenwood Plantation The file includes some photographs with identifying names on the verso.	Circa 1959
b. 51, f. 4	Guests at Greenwood Plantation and newspaper clippings The file contains a snapshot of Fred Astaire and Alvin "Shipwreck" Kelly dancing at Greenwood.	Undated
b. 51, f. 5	Guests, slides	1965 May
b. 51, f. 6	Guests, views from inside the house, and pictures of hunting	Circa 1988
b. 51, f. 7	Hunting at Greenwood Plantation The file includes photographs of Dwight D. Eisenhower, George Humphrey, George Allen, and unidentified United States military generals visiting Greenwood.	Circa 1960
b. 51, f. 8	Hunting party	1980 February
b. 51, f. 9-10	Horseback riding, hunting, and canoeing	1963–1971
b. 51, f. 11	Horse carriages and hunting, with unidentified people	Undated
b. 51, f. 12	Major Hole hunting party at Home Place property	1975 April

Family photographs

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b. 51, f. 13	General	Circa 1960
b. 51, f. 14	General	1964 April
b. 51, f. 15	General	Undated
b. 51, f. 16	General nature and family, negatives	Undated
b. 51, f. 17	Cookout or party at Greenwood	1962-1963
b. 51, f. 18	Whitney, Betsey Cushing, holding a dog	Circa 1960
b. 51, f. 19	Whitney, Helen and Payne, portrait at Greenwood Plantation	
b. 51, f. 20	Whitney, John Hay and Peter di Bonaventura at Thomasville, Georgia	1967-1968
b. 51, f. 21	Whitney, John Hay at Thomasville The photographs document dogs, wagons, countryside views, guests, and hunting.	Undated
b. 51, f. 22	Whitney, John Hay at Thomasville, negatives	Undated
<p>Albums and guest books</p> <p>The guest books include photographs of visitors, and visitor notes which often contain illustrations, poems, or personal messages. Frequent visitors who signed the guest books include the Laughlin family, Hal Price Headley, the Payson family (including Joan Whitney Payson and Sandra Payson), the Paley family, the Roosevelt family (including Sara Roosevelt and Kate Roosevelt), Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Selznick family, The di Bonaventura family (including Anthony di Bonaventura and Chris di Bonaventura), and Fred Astaire.</p>		
b. 62, f. 2	Family photo album prepared by the International Book Society showing the Whitneys hunting at Greenwood	Circa 1950s
b. 52, f. 1	Greenwood Plantation guest book with photographs	1929-1969
b. 52, f. 2	Greenwood Plantation guest book with photographs	1968-1995
b. 52, f. 3	Loose photographs removed from guest book	1968-1995
b. 52, f. 4	Scrapbook, Historical and Beautiful Greenwood Home of Mrs. Payne Whitney	Undated
b. 62, f. 3	Groton School 1884-1912 The file contains class photo of John Hay Whitney's father, Payne Whitney, Groton School class of 1894.	1912

Greenwood Seed Company, 1946–1992

The Greenwood Seed Company was financed through Greenwood Plantation and permitted the use of land on the property for experimental hybrid corn production. The Greenwood Seed Company provided hybrid seed to other growers in the South. It initially operated under the management of Major Louis A. Beard. After Beard died in 1954, E. V. and Roy Komarek assumed managerial roles.

This series contains business records of Greenwood Seed Company, including meeting minutes from the board of directors, trademark documentation, and contracts with seed companies, referred to in the business records as jobbers. Files documenting payroll and tax information are under Series II: Financial Records, and were grouped together with Greenwood Plantation finances because processing staff were not always able to ascertain whether financial records pertained to the plantation or the seed company.

General

b. 53, f. 1	Bill of sale agreement between Seed Development Company and Greenwood Seed Company	1961 August 2
b. 53, f. 2	Cancelled promissory notes and correspondence about capital changes for Greenwood Seed Company	1955–1977
b. 53, f. 3	Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company correspondence regarding discontinuation of work at Greenwood	1983 October 4-5
b. 53, f. 4	Contracts to other plantations regarding the purchase of Louis A. Beard's hybrid corn seed business Contracts are addressed to the following recipients: C. Mahlon Cline of Tallahassee Plantation; Richard K. Mellon of Pineland Plantation; Mrs. Parker Poe of Pebble Hill Plantation; and H.P. Headley of Pinebloom Plantation.	1954 June 29- July 15
b. 53, f. 5	Copyright and trademark, correspondence	1957, 1962
b. 53, f. 6	Equipment inventories, seed sales, and employee pension information	1965–1980
b. 53, f. 7	Foundation Seed Company and Great Northern Paper Company, purchases of	1959 June 24, 1967 May 26
b. 53, f. 8	Grower contract and related correspondence with Ichauway Plantation	1954–1955
b. 53, f. 9	Letters sent by Greenwood Seed Company to notify jobbers of Louis A. Beard's death	1954 August 20
b. 53, f. 10	Papers of Incorporation for Greenwood Seed Company	1954
b. 53, f. 11	Promissory notes from Charles Deshler of the Seed Development Company to Greenwood Seed Company	1954–1961
b. 53, f. 12	Purchase of interest from the Estate of Louis A. Beard.	1954–1959
b. 53, f. 13	Research Corporation royalty agreement	1970 May 7
b. 53, f. 14	Trademark registration	1956–1976
b. 53, f. 15	Trademark sketches for Greenwood Seed Company and newspaper clippings about hybrid corn	1946–1951
b. 53, f. 16	United States Trust Company of New York, investment management account for Greenwood Seed Company	1968

Corporate documentation, by-laws, and board of directors meetings

b. 53, f. 17-19	Board of directors meeting minutes	1954-1983
	Correspondence, memoranda, and notes	
b. 53, f. 20-21	1982	1982
b. 54, f. 1-5	1987-1988	1987-1988
b. 54, f. 6	Directors meeting minutes with official incorporated papers	1954-1976
b. 55, f. 1-2	Directors and stockholders meeting agendas and correspondence	1955-1988
b. 55, f. 3	Directors and stockholders meeting materials	1977-1981
b. 55, f. 4-5	Stockholders' bylaws, charters, and meeting minutes	1954-1976
	Betsey Cushing Whitney files	
b. 55, f. 6	By-laws of the Greenwood Seed Company	Undated
b. 55, f. 7-13	Agendas and minutes for board of directors meetings	1983
b. 55, f. 14	Annual report	1984-1985
b. 55, f. 15-17	Financial report	1982
b. 56, f. 1	Financial report	1984
	Documents pertaining to the liquidation of Greenwood Seed Company	
b. 56, f. 2	Board of directors meetings regarding liquidation	1984-1987
b. 56, f. 3	Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, "Summary and Relevant Documents Pertaining to the Liquidation of Greenwood Seed Co."	1987 November 30
b. 56, f. 4-5	Correspondence	1982-1988
b. 56, f. 6	Meeting minutes and report on the liquidation of Greenwood Seed Company	1983-1987
b. 56, f. 7-8	Report and correspondence regarding dissolution and liquidation of Greenwood Seed Company	1987-1988
b. 57, f. 1	Research on deductability of losses	1987
b. 57, f. 2	Whitgreen Limited tax returns	1988-1992
	Jobber files	
	Binders of invoices and correspondence related to seed orders. The binder containers were removed during processing but original order within the binders is maintained.	
b. 57, f. 3	General seed sales, delivery schedules, and contract lists	1951-1955
b. 57, f. 4	Adams Briscoe Seed Company	1951-1953
b. 57, f. 5	Athens Seed Company	1951-1954

Jobber files (continued)

b. 57, f. 6	Bedwell Seed Company	1952-1953
b. 57, f. 7	Bingham Seed Company	1951-1953
b. 57, f. 8	Burpee Seed Company	1951-1953
b. 57, f. 9	Dothan Seed and Supply Company	1952-1953
b. 57, f. 10	Everett Seed Company	1951-1953
b. 57, f. 11	Fairview Farm and Seed Company	1951
b. 57, f. 12	Florida Seed and Feed Company	1951-1954
b. 57, f. 13	Georgia Seed and Grain Company	1951-1953
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b. 57, f. 15	Kilgore Seed Company	1951-1953
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b. 57, f. 17	R.E. Lambert and Sons	1952-1954
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b. 57, f. 19	E.A. Martin Seed Company, Incorporated	1953-1954
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b. 57, f. 23	Snelson, Everett, and Savage Seeds	1951-1953
b. 57, f. 24	Stegall-Sylvest Seed Company, Incorporated	1951-1953
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b. 58, f. 1	Advertising booklet for Kernel Greenwood Hybrid Seeds	1947
b. 60, f. 10	Big Ear Corn Contest, Thomasville The file includes a flyer, contest rules booklet, and news articles regarding the history of "De Corn Weevil" song with original lyrics.	1959
b. 58, f. 2	<i>Celebrate Ourselves: The Heritage Foundation, Inc. Thomasville, Georgia</i>	1994
b. 58, f. 3	Central High School science fair The file includes records regarding a science fair sponsored by Greenwood Plantation.	1966–1968
b. 58, f. 4	Directory of Thomasville-Thomas County Industries	1966
b. 58, f. 5	Drafts for "De Corn Weevil," an advertising song	1950
b. 58, f. 6	Georgia Boys' Corn and Cotton Contest, University of Georgia bulletins	1906–1907
b. 58, f. 7	Greenwood brochures from Heritage of Thomas County, bicentennial commission	1976
b. 74	Greenwood Seed Company, Kodachrome movie film	1960
b. 60, f. 11	Hand drawn calendar page using Kernel Greenwood logo	1959 January
b. 58, f. 8	<i>Heritage of Thomas County, Georgia 1825-1975</i>	1976
b. 58, f. 9	The Jack Hadley Black History Memorabilia, Incorporated event booklets	1996–1999
b. 58, f. 10	John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, brochures and proposal for use of the Louis A. Beard memorial fund.	1956, 1964, 1975
b. 58, f. 11	Newspaper clippings about Greenwood Plantation	1964–1965
b. 58, f. 12	News clippings and letters regarding roads and property taxes	1982
b. 58, f. 13	Pilcher, John L., death notice and related news clippings	1981
b. 58, f. 14	<i>Pleasure and Pain: Reminiscences of Georgia in the 1840s</i> by Emily Burke	1978
b. 58, f. 15	Proceedings of United States Weather Bureau Radio and Television Weather Communications Workshop	1965 April 29
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b. 58, f. 16	General correspondence	1958–1959
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b. 59, f. 1	Corn allotment program with guest from the United States Department of Agriculture	1958
b. 59, f. 2	Georgia Farm Bureau Federation, Fourth Annual News Media Awards	1957–1958
b. 59, f. 3	Grady County correspondence, regarding their appearance on the Rural Report television program	1959
b. 59, f. 4	National Farm-City Committee annual meeting award	1965

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b. 59, f. 5	Viewer letters to the Rural Report and E. V. Komarek	1958-1959
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b. 59, f. 6	Camper statistics	1978
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b. 59, f. 7	Correspondence	1951-1952
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