

Hansell family papers
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Biographical or Historical Note

The Hansell family lived in Roswell, Georgia and resided in Mimosa Hall. General Andrew Jackson Hansell (1818-1881) was president of the Roswell Manufacturing Company from 1867 to 1874. He purchased the former home of the Dunwody family in 1868. Sons of General Hansell lived in Mimosa Hall until 1899.

The home was occupied by various owners until Granger Hansell (1901-1968), great grandson of General Andrew Jackson Hansell, purchased the property in 1947. Granger was a senior partner at the law firm Hansell, Post, Brandon & Dorsey in Atlanta. He and his wife Sarah Belle "Sally" Hansell (1901-1960) were prominent in Atlanta society during this period. Sally was a civic leader in Atlanta and Roswell and close friends with authors, Medora Perkerson and Monroe F. Cockrell.

Charles Edward Brodnax “Ned” Hansell (1929-2012) inherited the home in 1968. He practiced law with the Atlanta law firm co-founded by his father, Hansell and Post. He and his wife, Sylvia Hydes Hansell (1927-2009), resided in the home with their two daughters, Sally Hydes Hansell (1955-) and Dorothy Hydes “Dottie” Hansell DeRosa (1958-2007). Sylvia Hansell was one of the founder of the North Fulton Child Development Association. The Hansells also owned Holly Hill.

Sally inherited the home upon the death of her father in 2012. She sold Mimosa Hall and its gardens to the City of Roswell in 2017 for \$2.95 million.

Scope and Content

This collection contains deeds and surveys for two properties: Mimosa Hall and Holly Hill. It includes the bank statements, returned checks, and incorporation of the Roswell Library Association from the papers of Sarah Belle “Mrs. Granger” Hansell. Material of Sylvia Hydes Hansell regarding the North Fulton Child Development Association is included. There are audio interviews and transcripts of interviews conducted by Sally Hansell. Printed material includes garden catalogs magazines with articles featuring Mimosa Hall. Artifacts include matchbooks with the family name and residence, as well as, a plant label. Photographs include images of Mimosa Hall after a fire in 1957. A ledger of The Georgia Marble Company contains acquisition papers prepared by the law offices of Hansell, Post, Brandon & Dorsey.

Organization Note

The collection is organized by subject and then in chronological order.

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Oral history interviews conducted and recorded by Sally Hansell with Charles Grogan are available for research purposes only. No portion or excerpt from these interviews may be published in any media that might be available to the general public, whether online or in print or in performance or audio broadcasting.

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Hansell, Sarah Belle “Sally” (1901-1960)

Hansell, Charles Edward Brodnax “Ned” (1929-2012)

Hansell, Sylvia Hydes (1927 -2009)

Hansell, Sally Hydes (1955-)

Holly Hill (Roswell, Ga.)
Mimosa Hall (Roswell, Ga.)

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