

Confederate Naval Museum Collection (MC 403)

Organizational Note

The Naval Museum was established in 1962 by the State of Georgia to house the remains of the Ironclad Ram Jackson and the Gunboat Chattahoochee and to interpret the history of the Civil War Navies. A group called the Confederate Salvage Association was formed in the 1960s tasked with raising the remains of the ships from the bottom of the Chattahoochee River. In 1977, the Naval Museum was renamed the James W. Woodruff, Jr. Confederate Naval Museum. The Friends of the Confederate Naval Museum was formed in 1982 and continues to support the museum. It is the only recognized museum in the world to interpret this significant period in naval history.

Scope and Content

This collection contains newspaper articles about the museum, official newsletters, and administrative documents including meeting minutes and feasibility studies.

1983-2017; bulk 1995-1997 1 box

Permission to Publish

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Provenance

Unknown

Note to Researchers

See also:

[Confederate Salvage Association \(MC 8\)](#)[Frank T. Schnell Collection \(MC 25\)](#)[Delane d. Chappell Collection \(MC 252\)](#)

Box and Folder/Item List

Box 1

Folder 1 - Confederate Naval Museum Programming and Design Workshop, Nov. 6, 1995

Folder 2 - Correspondence Relating to Underwater Research Project (1983) and the Avenue of Flags (1986)

Folder 3 - Friends of the Confederate Naval Museum Meeting, Board Agendas, and Letters, 1982-1997 Documents were sent to several different people which served on the board at different terms. People include Craig Lloyd from the Columbus State University.

Folder 4 - The James Woodruff, Jr. Confederate Naval Museum Masterplan, February 1996

Folder 5 - Program Invitations and Museum Brochures

Folder 6 - Research and Articles about Confederate Naval Museum

Folder 7 - "The Port City Ram", Confederate Naval Museum Newsletter, 1983-2017 Note: This is not a complete run. Most editions are missing, only a few from various years with the bulk missing

Folder 8 - "Tourism Potential of an Expanded James W. Woodruff, Jr. Confederate Naval Museum" by LDR International, January 1996