

Guide to the Claiborne Jewish Cemetery Restoration Papers, 1997-2004

Descriptive Summary:

Title: Claiborne Jewish Cemetery Restoration Papers

Creator: Lawrence B. Voit

Quantity: .25 cubic feet

Abstract: This collection contains photographs, correspondence, and printed material documenting a project undertaken by members of the regional Jewish community to restore and preserve a small Jewish Cemetery located in Claiborne, Alabama. It provides documentation of the small Jewish community that once thrived in the river town before the advent of railroads. The collection also give insight into contemporary regional Jewish communal organizations and their values.

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Biographical Note: Lawrence B. Voit was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, September 21, 1947. Admitted to the Alabama bar in 1976, Voit is a Bankruptcy and Commercial Law specialist with Silver Voit & Thompson of Mobile. Voit has been active in community service activities and pro bono work throughout his career.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains correspondence, printed material, and photographs which document the work done by a group of volunteers to bring attention to the abandoned Jewish cemetery at Claiborne, Alabama. In addition, there are printed materials exploring the history of Claiborne, and specifically its Jewish history. Also included is a list of graves and some genealogical work related to those buried in the Claiborne Cemetery. The papers documents the service of Mobile attorney, Lawrence Voit as an organizer of the project. Voit solicited the assistance of other regional Jewish organizations as well as monetary support to help cover the restoration project. The cleanup work was done by a group of young volunteers from the Henry S. Jacobs Camp in Utica, Mississippi during the Summer of 2000.

Provenance: Gift of Lawrence B. Voit

Arrangement:

The collection has been organized by material format and includes correspondence, printed material, and photographs.

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