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REGISTER: JOSEPH JACOBS
FAMILY PAPERS

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Joseph Jacobs (1859-1929) was born in Jefferson, Georgia, the son of Gabriel and Ernestine Heyman Jacobs. Gabriel Jacobs had joined the 116th Georgia Infantry and fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War. After the war, the Jacobs family moved from Jefferson to Athens, Georgia, where Joseph first met Dr. Crawford Williamson Long, the first physician to use ether as an anesthetic. The young Jacobs was so impressed by Dr. Long that he apprenticed himself to him in the doctor's drug store. Following his apprenticeship, Joseph attended the University of Georgia. He graduated from Georgia in 1877 and received a degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1879.

In the fall of 1879, Joseph Jacobs opened the Athens Pharmaceutical Company, in Athens, Georgia. He immediately started to manufacture his own pharmaceutical products. Traveling with his father via horse and buggy, he sold his preparations throughout North Georgia. In 1884, Joseph Jacobs bought out the drug store of a competitor located at Five Points in Atlanta, and moved his parents, brothers and sisters to the city, where he would remain for the rest of his life. In 1886, he married Claire Sartorius.

For a time, Joseph Jacobs and a number of his friends owned one-third of the original stock of Coca-Cola. He later sold his interest to Asa Candler for \$1,800 worth of inventory in Candler's Drug Store. Coca Cola would later be served for the first time as a fountain drink at the Five Points location of Jacobs Pharmacy. As a devotee of the poet Robert Burns, Joseph Jacobs and three or four other friends established and built the Burns Club of Atlanta. Joseph Jacobs would later receive an honorary degree as Master of Arts from the University of Georgia, and a degree of Master of Pharmacy from his Alma Mater, the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

The Joseph Jacobs Family Papers, 1879-1985, include records from the Jacobs Pharmacy Company, articles collected and written by Joseph Jacobs, and correspondence. The social historian interested in German Jewish community life and the life and career of a prominent German Jewish businessman will find this collection to be of special interest.

All material is arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each folder.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar

Number of containers: 1

Photographs: All photographs transferred to visual arts

Shelf space occupied: .4 cubic feet

Oversize: Transferred to oversize collection

Jacobs Pharmacy Company records and personal family papers.

- Folder 1: Agreement between Joseph Jacobs and Richard B. Russell, undated.
- Folder 2: Agreement between Joseph Jacobs and The Hebrew Benevolent Congregation for a cemetery plot, 1900.
- Folder 3: "Atlanta Minute" by Norman Shavin, re. Joseph Jacobs, 1985.
- Folder 4: Biography of Joseph Jacobs by Sinclair Jacobs, undated.
- Folder 5: Burns Club of Atlanta, 1952-1974.
- Folder 6: Coca Cola memorabilia, 1929-1985.
- Folder 7: Correspondence, 1923-1985.
- Folder 8: Jacobs, Gabriel-Copy of Civil War record and election as alderman notification, 1979, 1936.
- Folder 9: Jacobs Pharmacy Company-catalogue, undated.
- Folder 10: Jacobs Pharmacy Company-correspondence, 1886-1892.
- Folder 11: Jacobs Pharmacy Company-drug trade in foreign countries, 1898.
- Folder 12: Jacobs Pharmacy Company-formula and story regarding medicine named Luxomni, undated.
- Folder 13: Jacobs Pharmacy Company-formulas, undated.
- Folder 14: Jacobs Pharmacy Company-Jacobs Monthly Magazine, 1914-1918.
- Folder 15: Jacobs Pharmacy Company-legal papers re. the purchase of drug business of Walter A. Taylor.
- Folder 16: Jacobs Pharmacy Company-miscellany, 1975 and undated.

Folder 17	Jacobs Pharmacy Company-receipts, 1900.
Folder 18:	Jacobs Pharmacy Company-State of Georgia Supreme Court Case, Brown and Allen et. al. vs. Jacobs Pharmacy Company, 1902.
Folder 19;	Last will and testament of Joseph Jacobs and related estate checks, 1929-1930.
Folder 20:	Long, Crawford Williamson-memorabilia and writings by Joseph Jacobs, 1919-1931.
Folder 21:	Menu-dinner at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, 1929. Newspaper clippings, 1897, 1959.
Folder 22	Writings by Joseph Jacobs, 1907-1929.
Folder 23	Writings by various authors, undated.
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Deed, July 17, 1796, land purchased in Washington County

Naturalization Certificate of Gabriel Jacobs, February 3, 1858.

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