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REGISTER: JULIUS
EDWARD SOMMERFIELD
(1865-1937) FAMILY PAPERS

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Julius Edward Sommerfield (1865-1937) was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of William and Esther Kohn Sommerfield. In 1886, he graduated from the Medical College of Ohio and subsequently did post-graduate work in Vienna and Berlin. He later moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he met and married Clara Rosenfeld (1870-1958), the daughter of Abraham and Emilie Baer Rosenfeld. Dr. Sommerfield achieved success in both the Atlanta Jewish community and the general community, and was chief of staff at the Morris Hirsch Clinic and the Atlanta Tuberculosis Association. He was also on staff at Piedmont Hospital and had privileges at Grady Hospital.

Clara Rosenfeld Sommerfield was an honor graduate of Girl's High School in Atlanta, the Chairman of the Atlanta Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, honorary President of the Atlanta Section of National Council of Jewish Women; Secretary of the Atlanta Federation of Jewish Social Service and the Director of the Community Home for Girls. Clara Rosenfeld's parents, Abraham and Emilie Baer Rosenfeld, share the distinction of being the first Jewish couple to be married in Atlanta, and the couple whose pending marriage provided the impetus to establish The Hebrew Benevolent Congregation (The Temple), Atlanta's first synagogue.

The Julius Edward Sommerfield Family Papers, 1879-1979, consist of correspondence, autograph books, newspaper articles relating to Margaret Mitchell and Gone With The Wind, postcards, and yearbooks from Tech High School. Of special interest are the autograph books which contain the signatures of a significant number of Jewish people living in Atlanta from 1879-1888; the large postcard collection which was collected by various members of the Sommerfield family from 1894-1976; and several items of memorabilia, e.g., a report card and commencement program from Girl's High School, 1887. The researcher should also be aware of the Sommerfield photograph collection which contains a series of unpublished photographs from the opening of the Gone With The Wind movie. The social historian interested in early Jewish community life in Atlanta will find this collection of special interest.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar

Copyright privileges for the Gone With The Wind photographs must be obtained from donor.

Number of Containers: 2
Photographs: Removed to the Visual Arts Collection
Shelf space occupied: .6 cubic feet

CONTAINER

- 1 Family papers, 1879-1979, arranged alphabetically, A-P, including art notebook, autograph books, correspondence, invitations, cards, programs, newspaper clippings and post cards.
- Folder 1 Art notebook of Alan Sommerfield prepared while at Crew St. School, 1909-1910.
- Folder 2 Atlanta Section, National Council of Jewish Women-bulletins, 1973-1975.
- Folder 3 Autograph books of Clara Rosenfeld Sommerfield, 1879-1888.
- Folder 4 Baby journal of Alan Sommerfield, gift list, 1898-1900.
- Folder 5 Certificates, 1896-1919.
- Folder 6 Correspondence, 1894-1920.
- Folder 7 Gone With The Wind newspaper clippings, 1965-1976.
- Folder 8 Invitations, cards and programs, 1887-1914.(includes commencement program from Girl's High School, 1887)
- Folder 9: Miscellaney including a souvenir booklet from the 1904 World Fair, a dance card, 1892 and a souvenir taicket from the Cotton States Exposition, 1895.
- Folder 10: Newspaper clippings, 1923-1939 and undated.
- Folder 11: Postcards, 1894-1905.
- Folder 12: Postcards, 1906-1952.

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- 2 Family papers, 1887-1937, including publications and yearbooks from Tech High School.
- Folder 1: Postcards, 1953-1967 and undated.
- Folder 2: Postcards, undated.
- Folder 3: Postcards, undated.
- Folder 4: Publication - Hagaddah signed by Rabbi David Marx of The Temple
- Folder 5: Publications, 1890-1917.
- Folder 6: Publications, 1937.

- Folder 7: Report Cards, 1887-1906.
- Folder 8: Tech High School Yearbook, 1915.
- Folder 9: Tech High School Yearbook, 1916.
- Folder 10: The Temple - Bulletin, 1963