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REGISTER:
HENRY A. ALEXANDER FAMILY PAPERS

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Henry A. Alexander was born in Atlanta, Georgia on October 10, 1874, the son of Julius Mortimer Alexander and Rebecca Ella Solomons Alexander. His grandfather Aaron Alexander was the first Jew of American birth to settle in Atlanta.

Henry Alexander attended the University of Georgia and received his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1895. He was a member of the Georgia General Assembly from 1909-1910. In 1914 he was asked to help in the appeals process for Leo M. Frank, a Jew convicted for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan, a worker in the factory where Frank was superintendent. The evidence against Frank was circumstantial and the Governor ultimately commuted his death sentence. Angered by the commutation, a group of men broke into the prison where Frank was held, drove him to Marietta, and lynched him. The murder of Frank had a long lasting affect on Alexander who was not only his attorney, but had also become a trusted friend.

Following the trial Henry served as a captain of the United States Army during World War I, and in 1921 he married Manya Zelmanova Klinitzkaya the daughter of Solomon bar Leib Klinitsky, a recognized Talmudic scholar. The Alexanders had four children, Henry Aaron Jr., Rebecca, Esther and Judith.

Throughout the years Henry remained active in both general and Jewish community activities and was a founder of the Atlanta Historical Society, a member of the Disabled Emergency Officers of World War I, president of the United Hebrew School, treasurer of the Jewish Welfare Fund and a member of the advisory board of the Union of Sephardic Congregations in New York. Henry Alexander died and was buried in Atlanta in 1967.

The Henry Alexander Family Papers, 1812-1998 are arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each folder. The collection consists of court transcripts, correspondence, and newspaper articles relating to the Leo Frank Case, general family correspondence, and Alexander genealogical material. The collection of letters from Alexander and Solomons family members are rich with day-to-day musings about events that were occurring in their lives. Researchers will find references to political campaigns, the Cotton States and International Exposition, synagogue business, celebrations, and war. Researchers studying the Leo Frank case and early Jewish settlement to Georgia and South Carolina will also find this collection of special interest.

Restrictions:	Available to the serious scholar
Number of containers:	11
Photographs:	Transferred to Visual Arts Collection
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Shelf space occupied:	6.5 cubic feet

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Files, A-Co, 1883-1987

- Folder 1: Alexander, Esther-school notebooks manufactured by Montag Bros., 1944-1945.
- Folder 2: Alexander, Manya Klinitzkaya (Marian Klein)-college notes on nutrition, 1942.
- Folder 3: American Council for Judaism, 1946.
- Folder 4: American Jewish Historical Society, 1930.
- Folder 5: Annexation of Buckhead, GA, 1947.
- Folder 6: Arnold, Reuben, 1903.
- Folder 7: Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education-Lag Ba-Omer Bulletin, 1947.
- Folder 8: Atlanta Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution – letterhead, 1941.
- Folder 9: Atlanta Historical Society, 1945-1947.
- Folder 10: Autograph book, 1883-1886.
- Folder 11: Awards and certificates, 1964.
- Folder 12: Biography, 1937.
- Folder 13: B'nai B'rith, 1921-1935.
- Folder 14: Calling, greeting and sympathy cards, 1895-1929 and undated.
- Folder 15: Cohen, Lyon, 1928-1933.
- Folder 16: Cohen collection, 1952-1987.
- Folder 17: Congregation Or VeShalom, 1934-1958.
- Folder 18: Correspondence – Alexander, Cecil to Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons, 1917-1918.

- Folder 19: Correspondence – Alexander, Cecil to Alexander, Henry A., 1917-1943.
- Folder 20: Correspondence – Alexander, Cecil to Solomons, Israella, 1918.
- Folder 21: Correspondence – Alexander children (Esther, Henry, Judith, Rebecca) to Alexander, Henry A., 1931-1948.

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Files, Co, 1880-1960

- Folder 1: Correspondence – Alexander, Henry A. – to family members, 1880-June 1894. (includes-mother, Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons; father, Alexander, Julius Mortimer; aunty, Solomons, Israella; grandpa, Solomons, Abraham Alexander; Aunt Charlotte (?); Moses, Stanford)
- Folder 2: Correspondence – Alexander, Henry A. – to family members, July, 1894-December 1894. (includes-mother, Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons; father, Alexander, Julius Mortimer; brother, Alexander, Cecil.)
- Folder 3: Correspondence – Alexander, Henry A. – to family members, 1895 -1899. (includes – mother, Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons; Aunty, Solomons, Israella; Grandma, Solomons, Cecelia Moses; Grandpa, Solomons, Abraham Alexander; uncle, Solomons, Isaiah; Aunt, Solomons, Sarah)
- Folder 4: Correspondence – Alexander, Henry A. – to family members, 1916-October, 1918. (includes – brother, Alexander, Cecil; mother, Alexander, Rebecca, Ella Solomons;)
- Folder 5: Correspondence – Alexander, Henry A. – to family members, November, 1918-1919. (includes – brother, Alexander, Cecil and mother, Alexander, Rebecca, Ella Solomons)
- Folder 6: Correspondence – Alexander, Henry A. and Alexander Marian – to and from miscellaneous correspondents, 1892-1930.
- Folder 7: Correspondence – Alexander, Henry A. and Alexander Marian – to and from miscellaneous correspondents, 1931-1960.

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Files, Co, 1879-1927

- Folder 1: Correspondence – Alexander, Julius Mortimer to Alexander, Henry A., 1879-1894 (photocopies)
- Folder 2: Correspondence – Alexander, Julius Mortimer to Solomons, Abraham Alexander, 1898.
- Folder 3: Correspondence – Alexander, Rebecca, Ella Solomons to Alexander, Henry A., 1889-1882. (primarily while Henry Alexander attends the University of Georgia)
- Folder 4: Correspondence – Alexander, Rebecca, Ella Solomons to Alexander, Henry A., 1894. (while Henry attends law school at the University of Virginia)
- Folder 5: Correspondence – Alexander, Rebecca, Ella Solomons to Alexander, Henry A., 1895. (while Henry is attends law school at the University of Virginia)
- Folder 6: Correspondence – Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons to Alexander, Henry, 1898, 1917-June, 1918.
- Folder 7: Correspondence – Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons to Alexander, Henry A., July 1918 – 1919.
- Folder 8: Correspondence – Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons to Alexander, Henry A., 1923-1927.

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Files, Co, 1867-1949

- Folder 1: Correspondence – Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons to Alexander, Henry A., 1928-1929. (during travels)
- Folder 2: Correspondence – Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons to Alexander, Henry A., 1930-1936. (during travels)

- Folder 3: Correspondence – Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons to family members, 1895-1938. (includes sister-in-law, Solomons, Sarah; daughter in law, Alexander, Marian; sister, Solomons, Israela; father, Solomons, Abraham Alexander; brother, Solomons, Isaiah)
- Folder 4: Correspondence – Cohen, Nathan B. – to Alexander, Henry A., 1928-1929.
- Folder 5: Correspondence – Houze, Susie Forsette to Alexander, Henry, 1895-1897.
- Folder 6: Correspondence – Lyndon, Lamar to Alexander, Henry A., 1883-1935.
- Folder 7: Correspondence – Marsh, Margaret Mitchell to Alexander, Henry A., undated.
- Folder 8: Correspondence – Marx, Rabbi David to Alexander, Henry A., undated.
- Folder 9: Correspondence – Minus, Marie to Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons, undated.
- Folder 10: Correspondence – Miscellaneous correspondents to Alexander, Cecil, 1960 and undated.
- Folder 11: Correspondence – Miscellaneous correspondents to Alexander, Henry A. (regarding his engagement to Marian), 1921.
- Folder 12: Correspondence – Miscellaneous correspondents to Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons, 1909-1936.
- Folder 13: Correspondence – Miscellaneous Moses and Solomons family members, 1843-1859. (photocopies)
- Folder 14: Correspondence – Moses, Sarah to Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons, 1877.
- Folder 15: Correspondence – Moses Sarah (cousin) to Alexander, Henry A., 1891-1928.
- Folder 16: Correspondence – Nathan, Mabel and Edger to and from Alexander, Henry A., 1949 and undated.

- Folder 17: Correspondence – Slaton, William M. to Alexander Henry A. and to Alexander, Julius Mortimer, 1889-1914.
- Folder 18: Correspondence – Solomons, Abraham to Alexander, Henry A., 1927-1939.
- Folder 19: Correspondence – Solomons, Abraham Alexander to Alexander, Henry A., 1881-1884.
- Folder 20: Correspondence – Solomons, Abraham Alexander to Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons, 1873-1893.
- Folder 21: Correspondence – Solomons, Abraham Alexander to Solomons, Isaiah, 1876.
- Folder 22: Correspondence – Solomons, Cecilia to Alexander, Rebecca, Ella Solomons, 1867.
- Folder 23: Correspondence – Solomons, Cecilia to Alexander, Sarah Solomons, 1873-1880.
- Folder 24: Correspondence – Solomons, Isaiah to Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons, 1879-1881.

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- Folder 1: Correspondence – Solomons, Isaiah and Solomons, Sarah to Alexander, Henry, A., 1880-1935.
- Folder 2: Correspondence – Solomons, Israella to Alexander, Henry A., 1881-1918.
- Folder 3: Correspondence – Solomons, Israella to Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons, 1873-1895.
- Folder 4: Correspondence – Solomons, Joseph M. to Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons and Solomons, Israella, 1912-1917.
- Folder 5: Cotton States and International Exposition, 1895.
- Folder 6: Cyrus Adler Testimonial Committee, 1932.

- Folder 7: Family history, including family property, 1951-1990.
- Folder 8: Finch Alexander Barnes Rothschild and Paschal, Inc., Architects and Planners, 1977.
- Folder 9: Frank, Leo – correspondence, 1915-1931.
- Folder 10: Frank, Leo – deposition of Emma Clarke Freeman, 1915.
- Folder 11: Frank, Leo – magazine and newspaper articles, 1913-1998.
- Folder 12: Frank, Leo M. – receipts to Pearl Cook secretary to Henry Alexander, 1915.
- Folder 13: Frank, Leo M. – Supreme Court of Georgia – Argument for Plaintiff in Error, 1914.
- Folder 14: Frank, Leo M. – Supreme Court of Georgia – Argument for Plaintiff in Error, 1914. (photocopy)
- Folder 15: Frank, Leo M. – Brief and Argument for Plaintiff in Error, 1913.

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- Folder 1: Frank, Leo M. – Brief and Argument for Plaintiff in Error, 1913 (photocopy)
- Folder 2: Frank, Leo M.-Supreme Court of Georgia-Brief of Evidence, 1913.
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- Folder 4: Frank , Leo M.-Supreme Court of Georgia-Brief of Evidence, 1913 (photocopy).

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- Folder 1: Frank, Leo M.-Supreme Court of Georgia-Extraordinary Motion For New Trial, 1914.
- Folder 2: Frank, Leo M.-Supreme Court of Georgia-Motion For New Trial, 1913.
- Folder 3: Frank, Leo M.-Supreme Court of Georgia-Motion For New Trial, 1913.
- Folder 4: Frank, Leo M.-Supreme Court of The United States-Appeal, 1914.
- Folder 5: Frank, Leo M.-Supreme Court of The United States-Appeal, 1914. (photocopy)
- Folder 6: Frank, Leo M.-Supreme Court of The United States-Appeal-Appellants Argument, 1914.
- Folder 7: Frank, Leo M.-Supreme Court of The United States-Appeal-Brief of Hugh M.Dorsey and Warren Grice, 1914.
- Folder 8: Frank, Leo M.-Supreme Court of The United States-Extracts From Transcript, 1914.

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Files, Fr-L, 1820-1960

- Folder 1: Frank, Leo M.-writings-Argument of Hugh M. Dorsey, undated.
- Folder 2: Frank, Leo M.-Writings-Some Facts About The Murder Notes in the Phagan Case, 1915. (duplicate copies)
- Folder 3: Frank, Leo M. – Writings – Some Facts About The Murder Notes in the Phagan Case, 1915. (duplicate copies)
- Folder 4: Georgia Historical Commission, 1951-1967.
- Folder 5: Greeting cards, undated.
- Folder 6. Hebrew grammar teaching aid, 1928.

- Folder 7: Invitations, 1895-1943.
- Folder 8: Jacobs' Pharmacy Co., undated.
- Folder 9: Kline, Solomon – manuscript (1-2), undated.
- Folder 10: Kline, Solomon – manuscript (2 Of 2), undated.
- Folder 11: Jewish Women's Club, 1927.
- Folder 12: J.M. Alexander & Co., 1918-1946.
- Folder 13: Kreigshaber, Adelaide, 1921.
- Folder 14: Last will and testament, 1917, 1960.
- Folder 15: Laws of Shechita (ritual slaughter), undated.
- Folder 16: Lectures, 1820-1821.
- Folder 17: Legal documents, 1899-1960.

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- Folder 2: Military records, 1916-June 1918.
- Folder 3: Military records, July 1918-1957.
- Folder 4: Military records – property accounts – gunnery school, 1918.
- Folder 5: Miscellaneous, 1894-1954.
- Folder 6: Miscellaneous printed material, 1918-1943.
- Folder 7: National Council of Jewish Women, Atlanta Section, 1920.
- Folder 8: Newspaper articles, 1893-1989.

Folder 9: Notebooks – (to do lists), 1919-1925.

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Folder 2: Political memorabilia, 1922-1959.

Folder 3: Programs and tickets, 1889-1947.

Folder 4: Published family history – *Notes on The Alexander Family of South Carolina and Georgia and Connections, 1651-1954* by Henry A. Alexander, 1812-1954.

Folder 5: Published pamphlet – *Synopsis of Jewish History* by Henry A. Alexander, undated.

Folder 6: Race relations, 1943.

Folder 7: Receipts and cancelled checks, 1866-1963.

Folder 8: Report cards, 1882-1890.

Folder 9: Scrapbook, 1900-1955.

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Files, SI-W, 1865-1985

Folder 1: Slaton, John M., 1914-1946.

Folder 2: Solomons, Abraham Alexander – loyalty oath (photocopy), 1865.

Folder 3: Supreme Court of Georgia, 1896.

Folder 4: The Temple, 1928-1958.

Folder 5: Travels- Atlanta City and Washington, D.C., 1925.

Folder 6: Travels- Cincinnati, Ohio and Washington, D.C., 1930.

- Folder 7: Travels – New York City, 1899.
- Folder 8: Travels – Signal Mountain, Tennessee, 1921.
- Folder 9: Travels – Western United States and Canada, 1927.
(contains correspondence from Alexander, Rebecca Ella Solomons to Alexander Henry, A.)
- Folder 10: United Daughters of the Confederacy, 1898.
- Folder 11: United Hebrew School, undated.
- Folder 12: University of Georgia – memorabilia, 1891-1894, 1943.
- Folder 13: University of Virginia – memorabilia, 1894-1895.
- Folder 14: Woodruff, Robert W., 1985.
- Folder 15: Writings and speeches, 1883-1942.
- Folder 16: Writings and speeches, 1947-1968.
- Folder 17: Writings by Alexander, Aaron, 1905-1906.

Miscellaneous publications, 1918-1943.

- Folder 1: Newspaper clippings, 1939-1967.
- Folder 2: Writings of Henry Alexander-Synopsis of Jewish History, undated.
- Folder 3: Writings of Henry Alexander-Notes on the Alexander Family of South Carolina and Georgia and Connections, 1651-1954 (includes published text, galley sheets, and source material including a copy of a letter dated, 1812.)