



Friends of Historic Jekyll Island records

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Dates: 1984-2017

Extent (size): 9.0 boxes (3.75 linear feet)

*Additional materials in processing

Biography:

The Friends of Historic Jekyll Island (FOHJI) began on November 20, 1984, as a not-for-profit organization entitled the New Jekyll Island Club, Inc. It was set up by the museum division of the Jekyll Island Authority as a means to collect private donations for the restoration of the Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark District. In 1987, it became a historic preservation group that accepted members (mostly Jekyll Island residents) and was renamed the Jekyll Island Museum Associates, officially on March 12, 1990. Volunteers worked to restore the historic structures in the landmark district, raised funds for renovations, and undertook educational endeavors related to the history of Jekyll Island. The organization changed its name again to Friends of Historic Jekyll Island (FOHJI) on October 14, 1998, to reflect its broader mission. Projects extended beyond the Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark District to include the Horton House, the Wanderer Memorial, and other historic sites on Jekyll Island. The Friends of Historic Jekyll Island is a 501(c)3 organization that has as its mission to assist in the preservation and interpretation of Jekyll Island, its natural and historic heritage.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains the FOHJI Presidents' Books, which include operational records (meeting agendas, minutes, financial records, and other reports). The collection also retains documentation of projects undertaken by the organization: renovations of historic structures (duBignon Cottage, Hollybourne Porch, etc.), fundraising ventures (such as Dinner at the Club and Annual Auction), and educational efforts (newsletters and journals, trips, programs). It also includes Foundational documents (incorporation certificates, by-laws, etc.)

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