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Julius Friedrich Haasis

Cuthbert Wead Haasis

Eleanor Wead Haasis

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HAASIS FAMILY PAPERS

I

The papers of the Haasis Family of Aiken, S.C. and Perth Amboy, New Jersey were deposited with the Winthrop College Archives on January 30, 1979 by Miss Sarah Bowman, with the approval of Charles Thomas (Farmers and Merchants Bank Trust Department), Executor of the Estate.

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Scope and Content note: **The Haasis Family Papers consist of genealogical data, correspondence, literary manuscripts, photographs, newspaper columns and clippings, financial and legal records, artistic works, organizational records and memorabilia. The collection itself suggests a natural division into three record groups.**

**A) *Papers Relating to the Haasis family of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.* Contains genealogical records, correspondence, photographs, financial records, diaries, greenhouse records (general), records relating to the Dunbar Ferdinand Haasis Gold Mine Claim in America and records relating to the estate of Albert L. Haasis.**

**B) *Papers Relating to Eleanor W. Haasis.* Contains correspondence, copies of Eleanor W. Haasis' newspaper columns which appeared in the Aiken Standard and Review, appointment calendars, gardening papers and papers relating to Eleanor W. Haasis' involvement with the American Rose Society, the Aiken Naturalists Club, the Wilderness Society, Smoky Mountains Hiking Club and the Connecticut College Alumni Association. The papers also include a copy of Eleanor W. Haasis' book, *Year-around Gardening Southern Style*.**

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HAASIS FAMILY PAPERS (cont.)

Scope and Content note: (cont.)

**C) *Papers relating to C.W. Haasis.* Contains correspondence, financial records, manuscripts, artistic works, and copies of C.W. Haasis' newspaper columns from the *Aiken Standard and Review*, and papers relating to his involvement in the following organizations: Edisto Beach Yacht Club, the Savannah River Calley Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Rutgers Alumni Association. Also includes engineering papers, literary Manuscripts, financial records and copies of the C.W. Haasis *Book of Weights*.**

Transfer of Items: **Copies of *The Life of North American Insects* by B. Jaegar and *Diametrical Changed in Tree Trunks* By Ferdinand W. Haasis were transferred to Acquisitions to be processed for inclusion in the Archives Special book Collections (See Transfer of Items in Collection Control File).**

II

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**ELEANOR W. HAASIS**

- 1900 Born- Rahway, New Jersey.
- 1921 Graduated- Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut.
- 1952 Organized the Aiken Branch- American Association of University Women
- 1953 Director- Savannah River Girl Scout Council Day Camp (held this position over ten years)
- 1957 SC state vice president- American Association of University Woman
- 1959 Aiken County Chairman- White House Conference for Children and Youth
- 1963 Woman of the Year- Aiken County
- 1975 Published *Year-around Gardening Southern Style*
- 1978, May 10 Died

**II**

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA (cont.)**

**C. W. HAASIS**

1892, August 4	Born
1913	BS, Rutgers University
1919	Received Civil Engineering certificate from Rutgers.
1923	Founded Haasis-King Company- railroad bridge contractors in Ohio.
1947	Appraiser- War Assets Administration.
1949	Built "Dolphin Head" cottage at Edisto Beach, S.C.
1957	Retired
1958	Began writing weekly column- "Gardens in Aiken"
1972, March 21	Died

### III

#### DESCRIPTION OF CORRESPONDENCE

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Description</u>
nd	Family correspondence relating to holidays, accomplishments of family members, deaths and family life.
1833-1845	Correspondence in this group is related to the Romance of Caroline Sansbury and Benoit Jaeger. Other correspondence includes letters exchanged by members of the Wead family. Correspondents include Edward Wead, Lucy Wead Baldwin, Mary Wead and Charles Wead.
1845-1900	Correspondence between Professor Benoit Jaeger and T.C. McElrath refers to the publishing of Jaeger's book <i>Illustrated History of American Insects</i> . McElrath was a partner with "McElrath and Barker". Late 1800's correspondence includes a series of letters between Fanny Haasis (daughter of Benoit Jaeger) and Edwin Stone concerning the life work of Fanny Haasis' father.
1900-1913	Letters of this period are almost entirely comprised of those between Dunbar Ferdinand Haasis and C.W. Haasis. Dunbar Ferdinand's letters were written to his son and contain a father's advice concerning college and career.
1913-1919	C.W. Haasis is the primary correspondent in this group. Letters are relating to his attempts to gain employment following his graduation from college. Many letters originate in the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. An enclosure to one letter written to Rutgers University is the thesis written by C.W. Haasis as fulfillment of his requirements for a professional degree in civil engineering.
1920-1929	Travel correspondence from Europe by various family members. Also included are letters from Ferdinand W. Haasis Describing the Western United States during the 1920's.
1930-1950	Correspondence directed to Eleanor W. Haasis and C.W. Haasis in Knoxville, Tennessee. Letters from Dave Todd to C.W. Haasis originate in India and China during WWII. Letters describe in detail, the poverty of India. Correspondence also includes those of the War Asset Administration where C.W. Haasis was employed. Also included is a letter signed by Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War during WWII.
1950-1959	Correspondence relates to C.W. Haasis retirement and his purchasing of Dolphin Head-his beach house at Edisto Beach S.C.
1960-1977	Correspondence is mainly general in nature from friends and gardening enthusiasts.

IV

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
<b>A) RECORDS RELATING TO THE HAASIS FAMILY</b>			
1	1	<b>GENEALOGICAL FILE</b> Contains genealogical charts, family lineage and a birth certificate copy for C. W. Haasis. In chronological order.	1800-1957, nd
1	2	<b>LEGAL RECORDS</b> Includes the Last Will and Testament of Edward Wead, executor's records of that estate, summons and complaint (Charles T. Labnecht vs. Fanny Haasis), records relating to the <i>Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company vs. United States</i> legal suit (Ne. 368-52) in which C.W. Haasis offered an expert opinion concerning engineering aspects of the case and other legal documents. In chronological order.	1884-1922, nd
1-4	3-17	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> See section 3, "Description of Correspondence", in section A, "Papers Relating to the Haasis Family."	1833-1977, nd
4-5	18-19	<b>FINANCIAL RECORDS</b> Ledgers, journals and receipts relating to family and individual financial transactions. No fixed order.	1936-1946, 1972, nd
5-8	20-34	<b>PHOTOGRAPH FILE</b> Includes photographs of family members, European travels, C.W. Haasis engineering projects in Ohio, Girl Scout activities involving Eleanor W. Haasis and other photographs relating to the Haasis family. In chronological order.	1900-1970, nd
9	35	<b>DIARIES RELATING TO EUROPEAN TRAVEL</b> Diaries kept by Eleanor W. and Dunbar Ferdinand Haasis relating their activities and travels in Europe. In chronological order.	1926 1929
9-11	36-42	<b>NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS</b> Many clippings taken from the <i>Aiken Standard and Review</i> highlight the accomplishments of Eleanor Weas Haasis. Newspaper clippings from 1897 and 11898 copies of the <i>New York Herald</i> feature color printing. Other clippings relate to the activities of deaths of other Haasis family members. In chronological order. Some clippings relate to Aiken history-AAUW history.	1897-1978, nd



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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
11-12	43-47	HAASIS GREENHOUSE RECORDS Includes journals, planting schedules, manufacturer's catalog information, and financial records relating to the operation of a private greenhouse which was kept by Eleanor W. and C.W. Haasis. No fixed order.	1939-1976
12	48	PAPERS RELATING TO THE DUNBAR FERDINAND HAASIS GOLD MINING CLAIMS IN SOUTH AMERICA Includes maps, correspondence and financial records relating to Dunbar Haasis' investment in the gold mining operations of the Columbian Exploration and Mining Company. In chronological order.	1906-1908
13	49	PAPERS RELATING TO THE ESTATE OF ALBERT L. HAASIS Includes property appraisals and inventories of the estate, correspondence, auction inventories for the Albert Haasis art collection, and financial records from settlement of the estate. In chronological order.	1946-1950
13	50	MEMORABILIA FILE European memorabilia, Benedict Jaeger's (ancestor of the Haasis family of Aiken) citizenship document, theatre programs and handbills from late 1800's productions in New York. Also included is a citation signed by King Karl of Wurttemberg honoring Dr. Karl George Friendrich Haasis, and other papers. No fixed order.	1800s-1900s
13	51	POSTCARD FILE Postcards depict scenes from areas of the U.S. and Europe No fixed order.	1927-1977
13	52-53	GREETING CARD FILE No fixed order.	1900s, nd

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
14	54	<b>JULIUS FRIEDRICH HAASIS PHYSICS NOTEBOOK</b> This series consists of a particularly fascinating physics notebook (ca1840s) created and kept by Julius Friedrich Haasis (1827-1888) most likely while in school in Germany. The notebook is a small hand-written and hand-illustrated 40 page, hand-sewn codex, 6.25"x 7.75", which Haasis titled "Physik Heft" or Physics Notebook. Written almost entirely in German, with occasional jottings in French, English, Italian, Latin, and Greek, he methodically records observations and formulae dealing with the laws of the leverage of bodies, a branch of study made famous by Archimedes in the 3d century BCE: "Give me a place to stand and I will move the world". Included in the note book are some incredibly intriguing and intricate drawings that reflect the political turmoil in the German states and Europe in the 1840s. For a more in depth synopsis of the notebook consult Fred Powell's article titled, "Julius Friedrich Haasis' "Physik Heft" Das Gesetz des Hebels (The Laws of Leverage)" which is available at the Archives.	ca. 1840s
14	54-55	<b>VARIOUS PAPERS</b> This series consists of various records related to or produced by the Haasis Family including original unpublished short stories, articles, and poems written by family members, published articles, original drawings and architectural sketches, notes, correspondence, and vacation materials including brochures and a book containing West Texas wild flower specimens pressed into a book.	1921-1971, nd
<b>B) PAPERS RELATING TO ELEANOR W. HAASIS</b>			
15	56-57	<b>NEWSPAPER COLUMN FILE</b> Newspaper clippings taken from the <i>Aiken Standard and Review</i> were written weekly by Eleanor W. Haasis. Many gardening tips offered to readers through the column later found their way into Eleanor W. Haasis's book <i>Year-Around Gardening Southern Style</i> . No fixed order.	1972-1977, nd
16	58	<b>SPEECHES</b> Fragments of speeches given by Eleanor W. Haasis concerning gardening. No fixed order.	1967-1962
16	58	<b>LITERARY MANUSCRIPTS</b> Short fiction written by Eleanor W. Haasis and a copy of <i>Year Around Gardening Southern Style</i> . No Fixed order.	nd

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
16-18	59-68	PAPER RELATING TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN-AIKEN BRANCH Includes minutes, constitution, bylaws, history, yearbooks, newsletters, records relating to the York County Nature Museum, and various records relating to the Aiden Branch of the AAUW which Eleanor W. Haasis helped to establish and was first President. No fixed order.	1952-1977
19	69-71	PAPERS RELATING TO THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY -KNOXVILLE TENNESSEE CHAPTER Includes yearbooks, correspondence and related papers concerning this organization in which Eleanor W. Haasis had an active membership and was Southeastern district Councilor. In chronological order.	1937-1950
20	72-74	PAPER RELATING TO THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS HIKING CLUB Includes organization history and yearbooks, In chronological order.	1924-1963
20	75	PAPERS RELATING TO THE AIKEN NATURALISTS CLUB Includes correspondence and other papers relating to the activities of the organization. In chronological order.	1956-1968, nd
20	76	PAPERS RELATING TO THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY Includes a copy of "The Living Wilderness", correspondence, and a news release relating to the national organization. In chronological order.	1964-1967
21	77-78	PAPERS RELATING TO THE GARDEN CLUB OF AIKEN Includes club history, committee lists, meeting notes, information concerning an Aiken community compost project and other records relating to the organization. In chronological order.	1969-1978
21	79	PAPERS RELATING TO THE SAVANNAH RIVER GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL Includes newspaper clippings relating to the day camp activities of the council. In chronological order.	1957-1968
21	79	PAPERS RELATING TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. - AIKEN UNIT Includes brief synopsis of meetings held. In chronological order.	1965-1971

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21	80	ARTISTIC WORKS Sketches drawn by Eleanor W. Haasis. No fixed order.	1926-1933, nd
22	81	APPOINTMENT CALENDARS In chronological order.	1949-1978
22	82-83	PAPERS RELATING TO CONNECTICUT COLLEGE Includes correspondence, newsletters, and alumni magazines from Eleanor W. Haasis' alma mater.	1963-1978 nd
22	84	MEMORABILIA Includes awards and certificates presented to Eleanor W. Haasis for her accomplishments in the areas of Girl Scouting and other community service. Also includes a 1917 high school yearbook. In chronological order.	1917, 1946-1978, nd

C) RECORDS RELATING TO C.W. HAASIS.

23	85-86	NEWSPAPER COLUMN FILE Weekly gardening column written by C.W. Haasis for the <i>Aiken Standard and Review</i> . In chronological order.	1958-1971
24	87-89	PAPERS RELAITNG TO THE C.W. HAASIS <i>BOOK OF WEIGHTS</i> Includes correspondence, copies of the book, the manuscript, financial records from sales of the book, copies of engineering journal advertisements, and other records. no fixed order.	1960-1973
24	90	LITERARY MANUSCRIPTS Unpublished short fiction and nonfiction. No fixed order.	1958, nd
25	91	ENGINEERING RECORDS Engineering drawings and plans, a resume and newsletters. No fixed order.	1919-1954, nd
25	92	RECORDS RELATING TO THE EDISTO BEACH YACHT CLUB Includes correspondence, financial records, membership lists, building plans (drawn by C.W. Haasis) and other records relating to the establishment of the organization. C.W. Haasis served on the building and executive committees of the organization. In chronological order.	1954-1960

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25	93	PAPERS RELATING TO THE CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER VALLEY BRANCH- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS Includes constitution, correspondence, a news release, and a membership lists for the organization. In chronological order	1960-1965
25	94	APPOINTMENT CALENDAR FILE In chronological order.	1966-1972
25	95	ARTISTIC WORKS Includes pencil and ink sketches and watercolor paintings. No fixed order.	nd
26	96	YEARBOOK Rutgers University yearbook, "The Scarlet Letter"	1914
26	97	VARIOUS PAPERS Papers include identification cards, financial records and receipts, information brochures and Rutgers University related papers. No fixed order.	1916-1977, nd