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Title: Souvenir Views of Augusta's Big Fire, March 22, 1916

Date: March 22, 1916

Extent: One folder

Scope and Content: small booklet chronicling the March 22, 1916 fire with images.

Name of Creator: published shortly after the fire by Savannah photographer, F. Edgar Davis. Some photos attributed to Murphy and Farrar. F. P. Farrar and Raymond H. Murphy operated a stationary store at 718 Broad Street. The partnership dissolved shortly after the 1916 fire.

Administrative/Biographical History: Donor unknown.

The March 22, 1916 blaze was believed to have been caused by an unattended iron in a tailor's shop in the Dyer Building at Eighth and Broad streets. Strong March winds spread the blaze quickly across 25 blocks from Eighth Street to East Boundary, a district today encompassing portions of downtown and Olde Town.

Augustans suffered \$10 million in damages, including the loss of 20,000 bales of cotton estimated at \$1.2 million. Some 3,000 people were left homeless. About 600 homes and commercial buildings were destroyed.

Conditions governing access: No restrictions.

Related Resources:

MS 159 Augusta Fire Department Ledgers, 1906-1971 (see ARCPLS collections in the Digital Library of Georgia).

GR 975.8641 PEU *History of the Augusta Fire Department, From the Incorporation in 1798 to the Present Time*. Compiled by Ben A. Peuffier, 1895.