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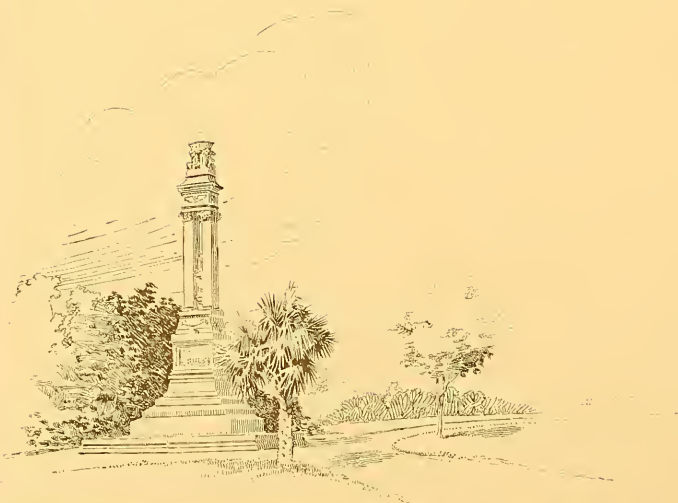
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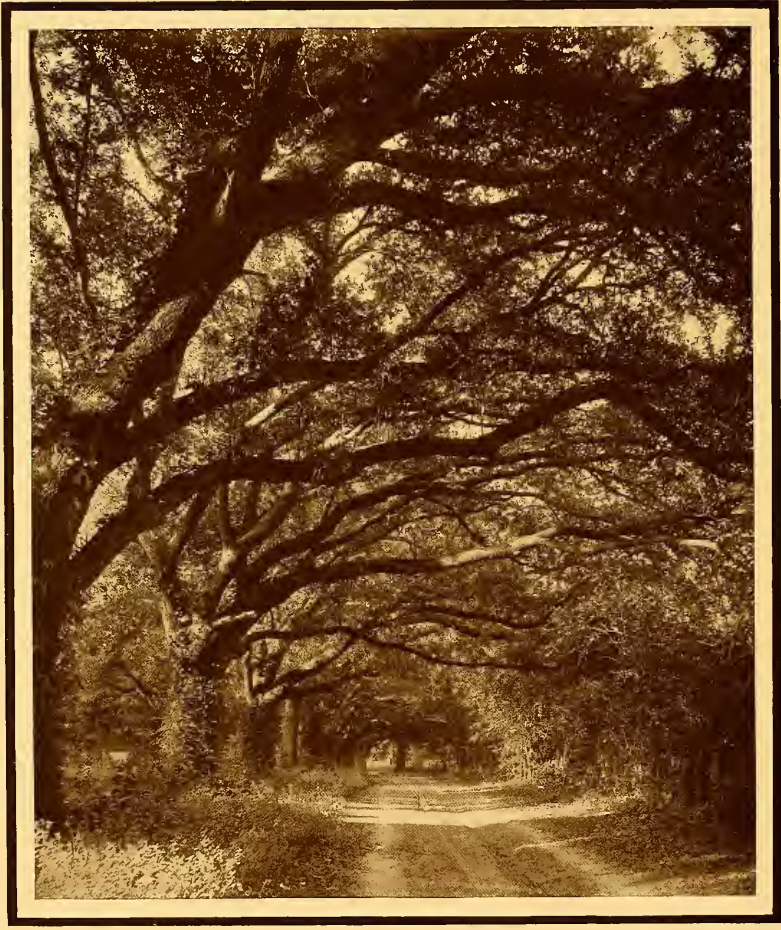
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A DESCRIPTION OF SAVANNAH
AND ITS SURROUNDINGS,
INCLUDING CHATHAM CRESCENT,
THE MOST DESIRABLE SPOT IN
THE UNITED STATES FOR THE
ERECTION OF A WINTER HOME.



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Live
Oaks
—The
Hermitage



FOREWORD

THE purpose of this little book is to acquaint you with the many attractions that Savannah and its environs offer to the seeker of a winter home.

Your attention is particularly called to Chatham Crescent, Savannah's beautiful residential park. This area, set apart for separate, high-class dwelling houses is described on pages 15 to 19.

Savannah is right in the heart of the section that is sought by those who seek rest and pastime during the cold, blustery days of the North and West. No stronger evidence of this is needed than the fact that within a radius of one hundred miles of Savannah are located the estates and preserves of many of the wealthiest families of the country.

Foremost among these are the Havemeyer Estate, recently purchased by Mr. R. H. McCurdy; Mr. W. P. Clyde, Mr. August Belmont, Mr. Howard Gould, Mr. George Gould, the Carnegie family, Mr. George W. Childs Drexel, Mr. Edward Shearson, Mr. James L. Hammill, Mr. W. M. Ritter, Mr. R. T. Wilson, Mr. Paul Rainey, the Parsons Estate and many others. For further evidence see page 28 under the title "Famous Southern Clubs."

The pages that follow are commended to your thoughtful consideration.



Whitfield
Avenue



S AVANNAH THE BEAUTIFUL

S AVANNAH is one of the oldest cities in the United States. It was founded by General James Edward Oglethorpe, one of the great men of his day. The parks and squares remain to this day—just as he outlined them, more than 175 years ago. They have attracted the attention of authorities in park development in every section of the United States. Inquiries concerning them have come even from foreign countries. No other city in the world has so complete a park system. It is a modern model.

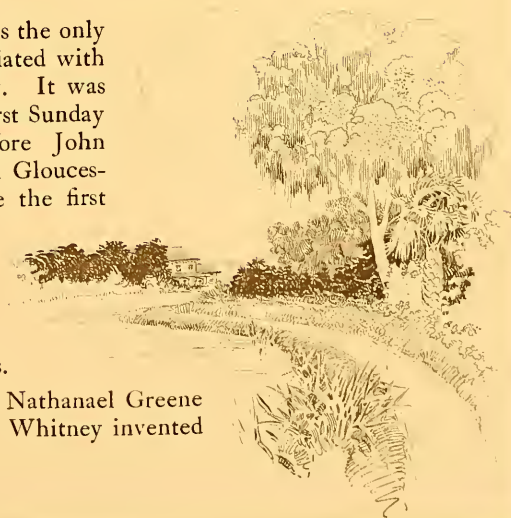
The city itself is situated on a plateau forty feet above the Savannah River, on the right or south bank, 18 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. It has a water front of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles and extends back from the river about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in the form of a parallelogram, with streets intersecting each other at right angles.



White
Bluff
Road

General Oglethorpe is by no means the only historic celebrity whose career is associated with the past of this famous southern city. It was here that John Wesley founded the first Sunday school in the world, fifty years before John Raikes established his Sunday school in Gloucester, England, and eighty years before the first Sunday school was established in New York. This Sunday school exists to the present day. With John Wesley came George Whitefield, both of these men helping to build the Savannah of colonial days.

The hospitable home of General Nathanael Greene was here, and in the same house Eli Whitney invented



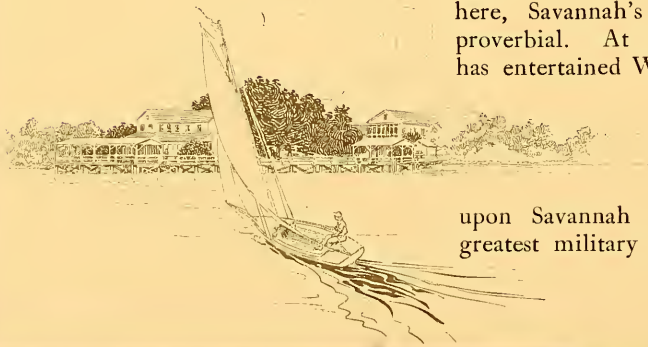
Water Front
at Casino
Grounds



the cotton gin and George Washington was entertained. That friend and compatriot of Washington and Greene, the illustrious Lafayette, visited Savannah in his declining years and laid the corner stones of the monuments to Greene and Pulaski. The remains of Rhode Island's immortal hero and Georgia's adopted son, General Nathanael Greene, now rest beneath the marble shaft that was reared to his memory. In later days, Joseph Jefferson, lived here, and more than fifty years ago managed the Savannah Theater, the second oldest playhouse in the United States. This building still stands.

From the days when Washington, Greene and Lafayette were entertained here, Savannah's hospitality has been proverbial. At various times Savannah has entertained Webster, Clay, Monroe, Polk, Thackeray and many foreign visitors.

The Revolutionary period left an impress upon Savannah that has made it the greatest military town of its size in the





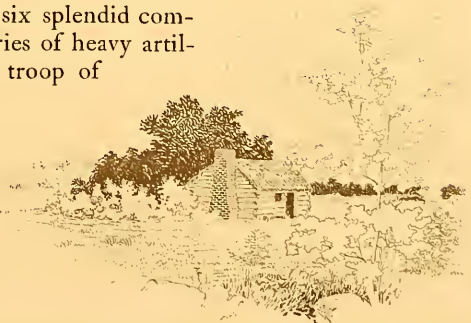
Gaston
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Chatham
Academy

world. Here exist fourteen commands, six of which are over one hundred years old. There are six splendid companies of infantry, four efficient batteries of heavy artillery, two divisions of naval militia, a troop of cavalry and battery of light artillery.

Savannah has many handsome Municipal, State, and Federal buildings. Its large marble post-office is one of the most beautiful the Government



Broughton
Street



has. The City Hall, the principal municipal building, was recently constructed at a cost of \$350,000. Visitors say it is one of the handsomest and best appointed public buildings of its size in the country. Savannah has an excellent Public Library. It contains over 30,000 volumes—Savannah's Art Gallery contains the finest collection of paintings and statuary in the South.

Savannah is particularly proud of her banking history. Here is situated the second largest



Forsyth
Park

bank in the South. The financial importance of the city has been brought to the attention of Congress by an array of facts which will surely result in the establishment of a Sub-Treasury here. Most important of all, however, in this connection, is the fact that Savannah never had a bank failure.

The city owns its own water-works, constructed at a cost of nearly \$1,500,000. The supply is from artesian wells.

The public school system of Savannah is considered one of the best in the United States. There are eight grades in the Grammar Schools and four grades in the High School.

The new High School building was erected at a cost of \$100,000. The city's parks and squares have led tourists to call it the "Paris of the South."

Savannah's fruit and vegetable supply is excellent. There are now over one hundred and forty truck farms in Chatham County, in the immediate vicinity of Savannah. The total area under cultivation is approximately five thousand acres.

Oglethorpe
Monument



Commercial Advantages

Savannah has enviable prestige as a distributing point for goods of eastern and foreign manufacture. It is nearer the great food-producing sections of the West than any of the Northern seaports, and the wonderful mineral regions of the South are almost at its gates. And because of Savannah's unrivalled location, her advantages are bound to increase as the South develops.

Savannah is the largest market for naval supplies in the world. It is the largest cotton port on the Atlantic Coast and the third largest in the world. It is also the third largest lumber port. Savannah's exports are larger than those of all other South Atlantic ports combined—
are equal in value to those of Philadelphia and greater than those of San Francisco. Nor is it in exports alone that the city leads. Its imports have increased 133 per cent. in the past six years. This is the largest increase in imports made by any port in the



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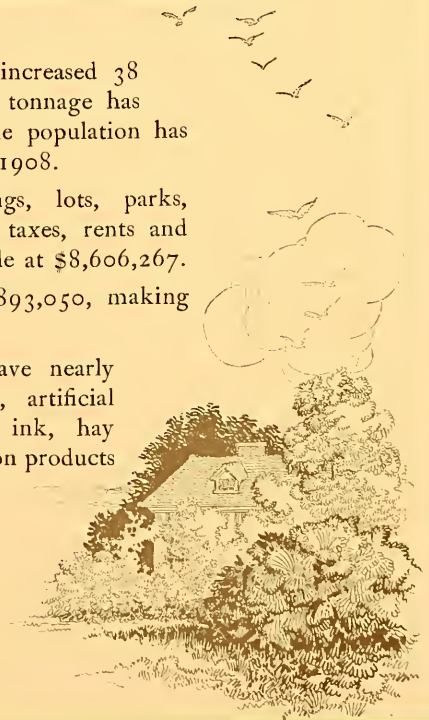
world in the same period. Its exports have increased 38 per cent. in the last five years. Railroad tonnage has increased 54 per cent. in three years. The population has increased from 54,000 in 1900 to 80,000 in 1908.

Savannah's resources, including buildings, lots, parks, water-works, street area and income from taxes, rents and licenses, are estimated by the Board of Trade at \$8,606,267.

Its liabilities of all kinds aggregate \$2,893,050, making the net resources of the city \$5,713,217.

Since 1900 the manufacturing plants have nearly doubled. Tin cans, car-wheels, buggies, artificial stone, handkerchiefs, soil pipe, printer's ink, hay presses, excelsior, overalls, cigars and sheet iron products are some of the articles manufactured here.

The capital employed has increased 121 per cent. since 1900. The value of products has increased 125 per cent.



Telfair
Academy
of Arts
and
Sciences



Transportation Facilities

Savannah's transportation facilities are unrivalled. By reason of her geographical position and her trunk railway systems, Savannah reaches a larger interior territory at lower average freight rates than any other South-Atlantic port.

The docks of all Steamship lines entering Savannah are connected with railway lines. This means that freight can be unloaded from steamers direct to cars or warehouses, at a saving over the more expensive methods in vogue at the larger ports. Reshipments can likewise be made quickly and without troublesome delays.

Sixty-four passenger trains arrive at and depart from Savannah daily. This does not include suburban trains.

Savannah's coastwise steamship service is unexcelled. There are three sailings per week to New York, Baltimore and Jacksonville, and two sailings per week to Boston and Philadelphia.

Savannah has direct steamship lines with frequent sailings to London, Liverpool, Man-



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chester, Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Barcelona, Naples, Genoa, Trieste, etc.

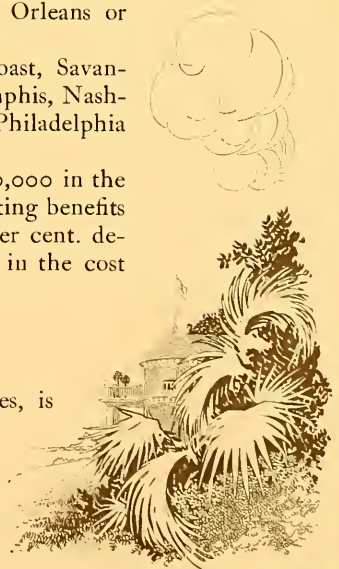
A glance at any map will show that the Panama Canal, when completed, will be nearer Savannah than either New Orleans or Galveston.

Owing to the curvature of the South-Atlantic coast, Savannah is nearer to Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Memphis, Nashville and other Western cities than either New York, Philadelphia or Baltimore.

The Federal Government has expended over \$8,000,000 in the improvement of the Savannah Harbor. The resulting benefits have been 40 per cent. increase in size of ships, 37 per cent. decrease in ocean freight rates and 25 per cent. decrease in the cost of marine insurance.

Chatham Crescent

Chatham Crescent, a valuable tract of 174 acres, is owned by the Chatham Land and Hotel Company, an incorporation, of Savannah, Georgia. Its capital stock is \$500,000. \$401,600 of which is paid in.





The directorate of this organization is made up of prominent, well to-do Southern gentlemen. Their names are as follows:

HARVEY GRANGER, of Granger & Lewis, Lumber, Savannah.

CHARLES E. LEWIS, of Granger & Lewis, Lumber, Baltimore.

W. W. MACKALL, Pres. Savannah Trust Co., Savannah.

MILLS B. LANE, Pres. Citizens and Southern Bank, Savannah.

J. A. G. CARSON, Pres., Carson Naval Stores Co., Savannah.

W. W. WILLIAMSON, of Williamson & Rauers, Ship Brokers, Savannah.

R. M. HULL, Insurance, Savannah.

F. M. OLIVER, of Oliver & Oliver, Attorneys, Savannah.

Located within the corporate limits of Savannah, Chatham Crescent is in a direct line of the city's natural development —ten miles from the ocean, as the crow flies, and between the wide, salt water inlet at Thunderbolt, and the Savannah River about two miles from each of these waters.

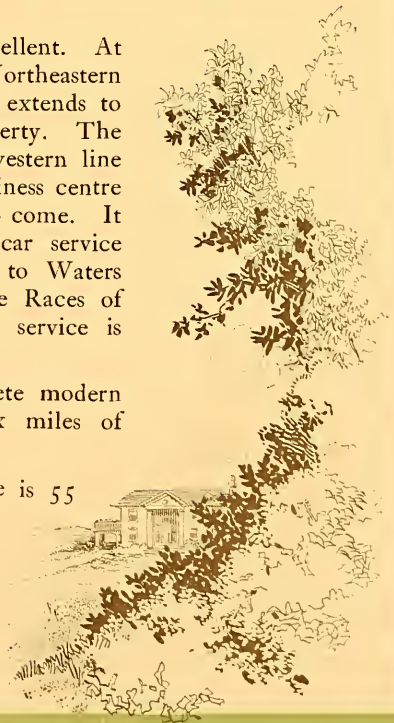




Chatham Crescent's transportation facilities are excellent. At present the Daffin Park line extends right up to the Northeastern corner of the property. The Habersham Street line extends to within three blocks of the northern line of the property. The A and B Belt Line passes within two blocks of the western line of the property. Each of these lines traverses the business centre of the city. Additional transportation facilities are to come. It has already been arranged to have electric street car service through the centre of the property on 46th Street to Waters Avenue, in time for the International Automobile Races of November 27th and 30th, 1911. This street car service is to be permanent.

Every street is in excellent condition. A complete modern sewerage system covers the entire tract—nearly six miles of piping, in all.

The water facilities are splendid. The pressure is 55 pounds. Mains have been installed throughout the tract. Fire plugs are plentiful. In fact, Chatham Crescent has a fire protection as complete as that of any residence section of Savannah. This by reason



Savannah
Golf Club



of the fact that finely paved streets approach Chatham Crescent from all directions.

The tract is well supplied with trees. There are nearly 5,000, including dogwood, live oak, elm, sugarberry, palms, white oak, magnolia and gum.

In the centre of Chatham Crescent nearly eight acres of land have been set apart. At a conservative estimate, this land is worth \$100,000. It will either be converted into a beautiful park or will be used as the site of a strictly high-class hostelry. The land will be deeded in fee simple, to the individual or corporation that will satisfy us as to ability and purpose to erect a structure that will be in keeping with our requirements.

Building Restrictions

Great care has been exercised to place upon this beautiful spot building restrictions which will hold it intact. These restrictions will be





Hazards
of Savannah
Golf Course
Confederate
Batteries

rigidly enforced. Salient among them are the following:

No property is to be sold, rented or otherwise disposed of to any person not of the white or Caucasian race.

No store shall be erected, or mercantile business carried on, upon the property or any part thereof.

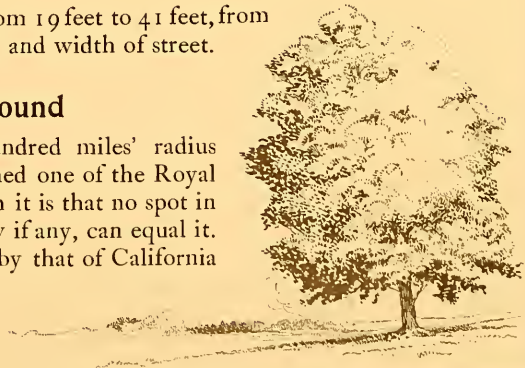
No apartment or tenement houses shall be erected upon the home sites above described, or any part thereof.

Minimum limitations in cost of dwellings will vary from \$4,000 to \$8,000 according to location. There are also suitable restrictions as to *fencing* and *building lines*.

These building lines will vary from 19 feet to 41 feet, from property line, according to location and width of street.

A Royal Playground

The area lying within a hundred miles' radius of Savannah, has been aptly termed one of the Royal playgrounds of the world. Certain it is that no spot in America can surpass it and that few if any, can equal it. The climate is unsurpassed either by that of California or the Mediterranean.



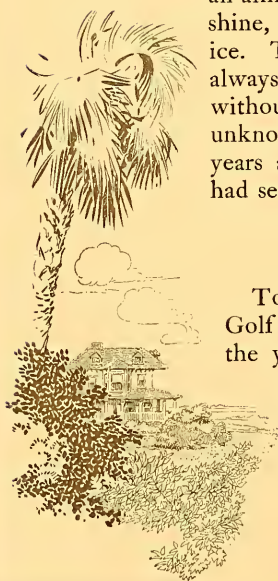
The Mall
Chatham
Crescent



Soft winds from the nearby Ocean temper the heat of Savannah's mid-day and make the nights cool and invigorating. Its winters are an almost unbroken succession of Indian Summer days—pure sunshine, exhilarating salt air, and immunity from snow, sleet and ice. The yearly mean temperature is 66.76, while there is nearly always a sea breeze. The thermometer in summer is, almost without exception, as low as at northern cities. Snow is almost unknown. The weather bureau states that some snow fell twelve years ago, and it was the first that many of the old inhabitants had seen since childhood.

Golfing

To the golfer, the eighteen hole course of the Savannah Golf Club is one of the most attractive in the South. It is open the year 'round. The unique feature of the Savannah links is that the old battlements, thrown up during the civil war for the defence of Savannah, form perfect bunkers; some of these embankments are twenty-five to thirty feet in height. The club building is large. It is well equipped with steel lockers, baths, and all modern appliances.





Tiedeman Park
Chatham Crescent



Pierce and
Robertson
Residences

Automobiling

Savannah is the automobile Mecca of this country.

Unsurpassed steamship facilities afford quick and economical transportation of automobiles between Savannah and Northern ports.

The International Grand Prize Races of 1908 and 1910 gave Savannah universal prestige in the automobile world. Her automobile speedway, about eighteen



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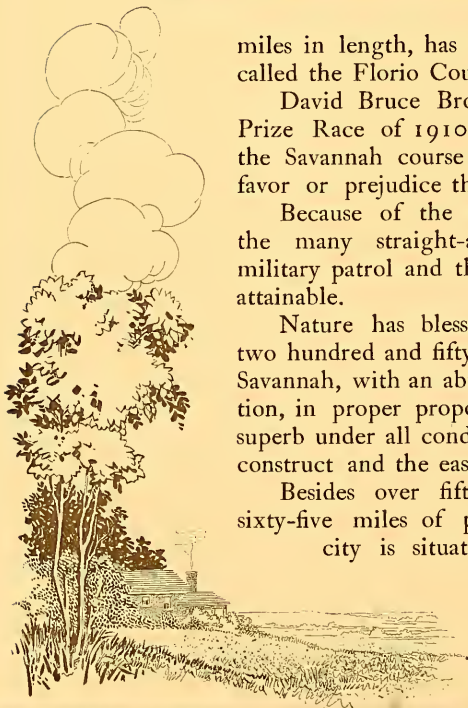
miles in length, has no equal in the world. It may be justly called the Florio Course of America.

David Bruce Brown, winner of the International Grand Prize Race of 1910, expressed in writing his appreciation of the Savannah course as follows: "I am free to say without favor or prejudice that this course is the finest in the world."

Because of the superior physical condition of the course, the many straight-away stretches, the few turns, a rigid military patrol and the absence of hills, the highest speed is attainable.

Nature has blessed the territory within a radius of from two hundred and fifty to two hundred and seventy-five miles of Savannah, with an abundance of clay and sand. This combination, in proper proportions, produces a road that is not only superb under all conditions, but it is also the cheapest road to construct and the easiest to maintain.

Besides over fifty miles of level paved streets, there are sixty-five miles of perfect road in the county in which the city is situated. There is no such thing as a hill in Chatham County. The hard, level roads are, for the most part,





Residence of
Mr. W. J. B. Adams



Residence of
Mr. R. M. Hitch
In course of erection

arched by live oaks and other trees from which hang huge pendants of moss. The palmetto, magnolia, Spanish bayonet, crepe myrtle, opopanax and the Judas tree all suggest the indescribable beauty of the tropics.

The Savannah Automobile Club, organized in 1905, is the most active, enterprising and influential automobile organization in the South. The records of the club are profuse with a long list of notable achievements—among them, the first Stock Car Race run in the United States,



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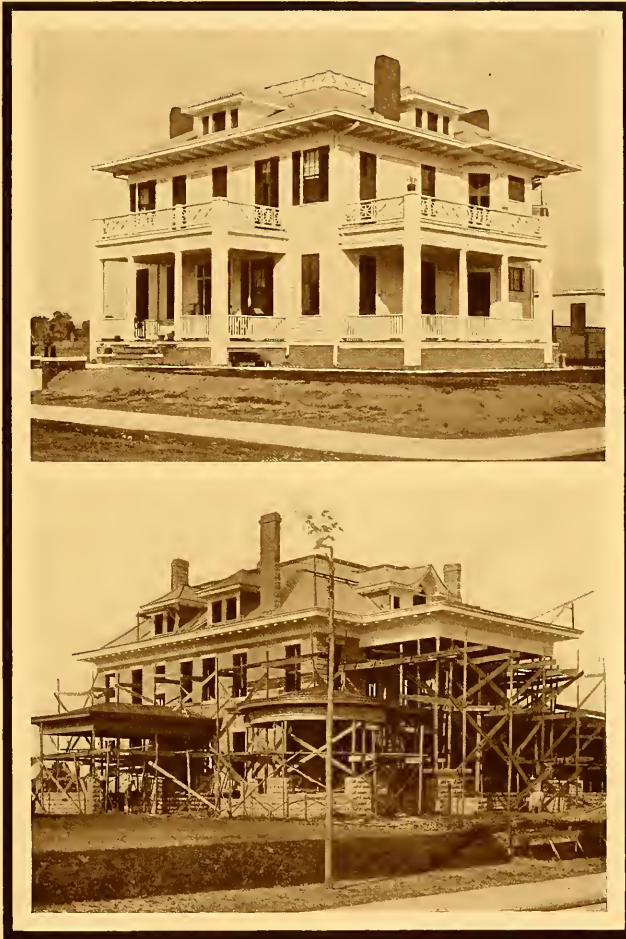
in 1907. Then followed the Grand Prize Race in 1908 and again in 1910.

Both the International Grand Prize Race and the Vanderbilt Cup Race, on the Savannah course during Thanksgiving Week of 1911, are under the auspices of the Savannah Automobile Club.

Hunting and Fishing

On the waters and in the country around Savannah, the sportsman finds ample game in season. Deer and bear are shot in this section, and among the birds that fill the gunner's bag are Southern partridge, every variety of wild duck, snipe, woodcock, plover, marsh hen, dove, rail and others.

Among the fish frequenting the fresh and salt waters about Savannah are bass, red snapper-jack, whiting, fresh water trout, sea trout, shad, sheepshead, grouper, flounder, perch, mullet, bream, croaker, sea cat, pompano, sturgeon and German carp.



Typical
Chatham
Crescent
Residences

Resorts

Tybee Island, but eighteen miles from the city, has one of the best beaches on the Atlantic Coast—hence its well known title, “Queen of the South Atlantic Coast Resorts.”

In 1733 under the supervision of Oglethorpe, the first light-house of Tybee was erected. The present substantial structure is one hundred and forty-four feet high, was built by the Government



Residence of
Mr. F. M. Papy



and is the highest light-house between Charleston, S. C., and St. Augustine, Florida.

Tybee was the scene of the first capture of a British vessel by an American commissioned man-o'-war, a converted Georgia schooner. In 1775, at the commencement of our Revolutionary struggle a ship sailed from London with a cargo of powder for the Royalists at Savannah. This ship was captured off Tybee, and 16,000 pounds of powder were secured, 5,000 pounds of which were sent to the patriots near Boston, Mass., and used in the battle of Bunker Hill.

One of the quaint sights of Tybee is the "Martello Tower," which was built by the Government in 1812 during our second and last war with England. This fort is still the property of the United States and is on the Fort Screven Reservation. It is now used as a residence.

Isle of Hope, Thunderbolt, Montgomery and other

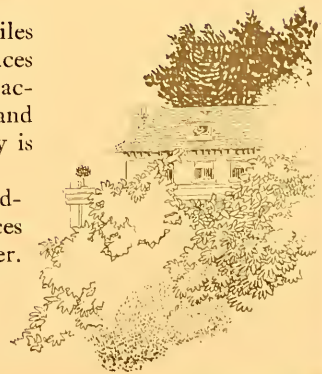


Atlantic
and
Estill Avenue
Residences



suburban watering points, within from four to ten miles of the city, are reached by electric cars. At these places the visitor can enjoy salt water bathing without the surf accompaniment. Row boats, power launches, tackle and bait are obtainable and the finest fishing in the country is near by.

At Thunderbolt a Casino with beautiful grounds, admission to which is free, provides theatrical performances and various kinds of amusement throughout the summer. This and other resorts are noted for their fish dinners.



Residence of
Mr. H. M.
Comer



Bannon's Lodge, one of the features of Thunderbolt, is famous the world over for its sea-food, served in many tempting Southern styles.

Isle of Hope

This delightful spot is on Skidaway River, seven miles from Savannah. It was settled in 1737. The river at Isle of Hope is an almost perfect horse-shoe. It abounds in fish, crabs, oysters and shrimp.

Large shipments of terrapin are made from Isle of Hope to the Eastern markets and Mr. Barbee's modern and extensive "terrapin crawl" is a most novel attraction to visitors and tourists.

Famous Southern Clubs

Of the prominent clubs of this section may be mentioned the Jekyl Island Club, among whose officers and directors are J. Pierpont Morgan, Cornelius N. Bliss, John Claflin, W. M. Rockefeller,



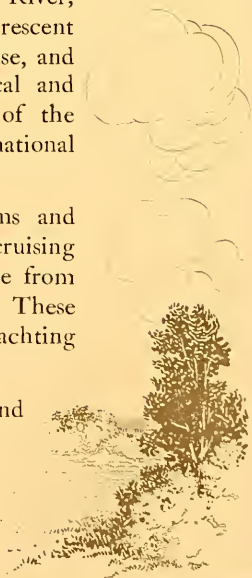


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M. K. Jesup, Charles Lamier, Geo. H. Macy, James A. Scrymser, James M. Robertson, J. A. Falk, E. G. Grob, Wm. Struthers, and others. The Savannah Yacht Club is on the Wilmington River, at Thunderbolt, less than ten minutes' ride from Chatham Crescent by automobile. Its handsomely designed grounds, club house, and moorings are unequalled on the Atlantic Coast. Its local and interstate regattas are notable events. The hospitality of the club is proverbial. It has entertained many guests of national importance.

The numerous large inland salt-water sounds, streams and lagoons afford hundreds and hundreds of miles of interesting cruising grounds suitable for large yachts. They find easy entrance from the Atlantic and safe moorings at the Savannah Yacht Club. These waters are perfectly safe at all seasons for smaller craft. Yachting disasters are unknown here.

The Oketee Club, also well within America's playground circuit, is said to be the largest and richest club in the South. Among its members are Samuel Thorne, Edwin Thorne, Jonathan Thorne, G. C. Clark, L. C. Clark,



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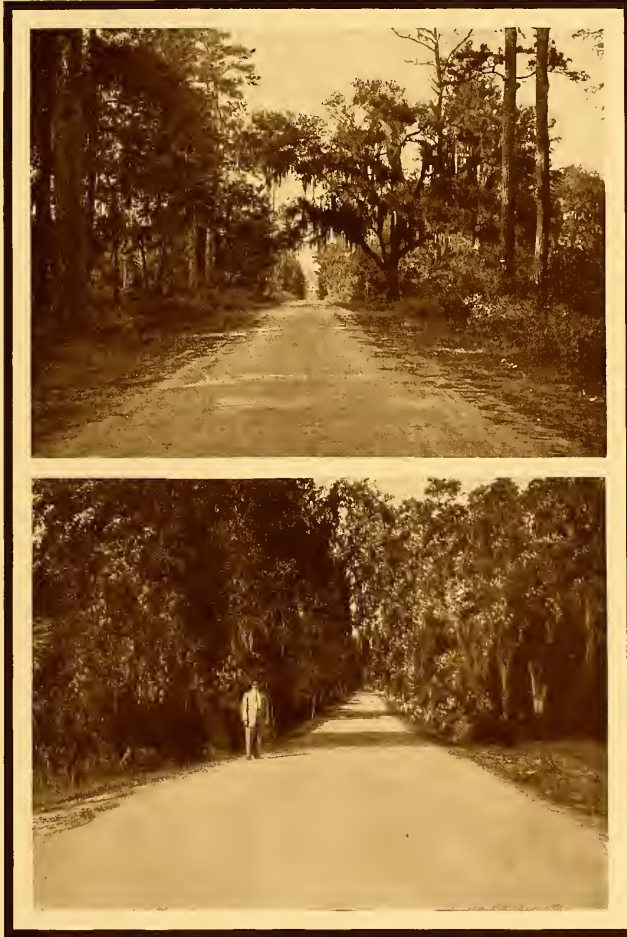
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Speedway



F. A. Schermerhorn, R. D. Winthrop, Dallas B. Pratt, R. H. McCurdy, Walton Furgerson, Charles Steele, Percy R. Pyne, Watson B. Dickerman, K. B. Schley, H. C. Stebbins, Jas. N. Hill, F. G. Bourne, John F. Talmage, Robert W. Goelet, Edward D. Brandegeer, Dr. Walter B. James, and David M. Look all of New York City.

The kennels of the Chatham Hunt Club are located on Dale Avenue, about a quarter of a mile from Chatham Crescent.





More of the
Automobile
Course

Within America's Playground circuit is also the Chelsea Plantation Club whose grounds cover 10,157 acres ; also The Live Oak Club and the Spring Island Barony Club. And there are many similar properties within the circumscribed area. Those that have been enumerated, however, will serve to show that investments of that character could only have been made because the coast about Savannah and its adjacent islands form an incomparable setting for genuine sport and recreation.



The Casino,
Thunderbolt



There is only one way to gain a true appreciation of the rare beauty which characterizes the sounds, streams and lagoons about Savannah.

That way is to traverse this wonderful locality by boat. Words fail to do it justice. The Polynesian Islands themselves, are no more entrancing.

In order to give our patrons an adequate conception of this fascinating country, we will take them on a one-day or two-day yachting trip through these waters at our expense. Those who contemplate visiting Savannah with the intention of investigating our proposition should make arrangements four or five days in advance of their arrival. Small parties will be conducted in the handsome gasoline yacht "Constance," which is the property of the Chatham Land and Hotel Co.

For further information regarding Chatham Crescent, please address

THE SAVANNAH TRUST CO.

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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA



Yacht "Constance," built by The New York Yacht, Launch and Engine Co., Morris Heights, New York City.

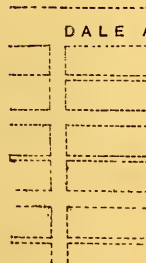
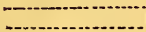


HERE is a contrast that speaks for itself. The picture at the top of this page shows Chatham Crescent as it was two years ago. The picture below shows Chatham Crescent as it is today. These views render unnecessary any comment on the untiring energy and the spirit of progress that actuates this splendid project.



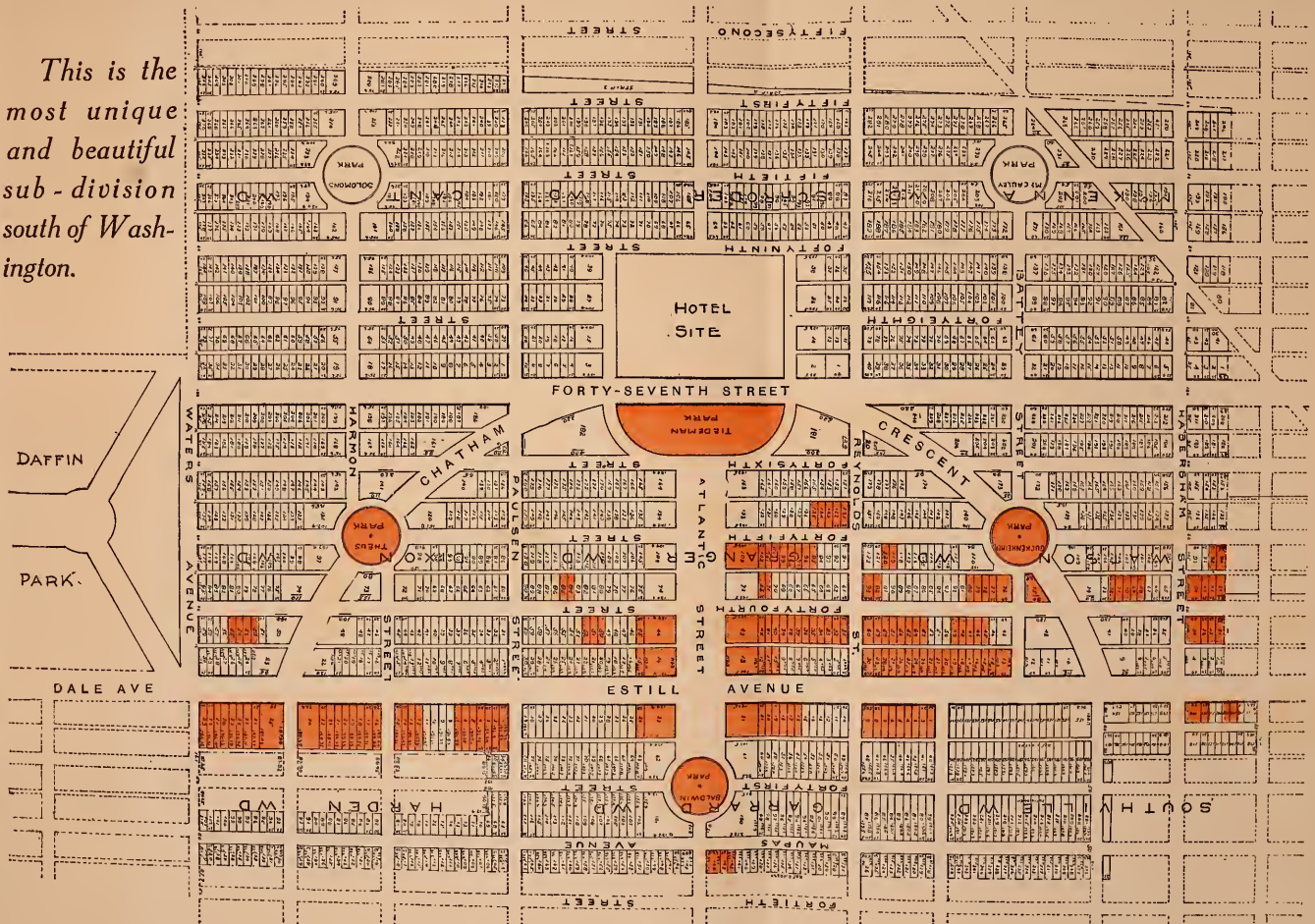
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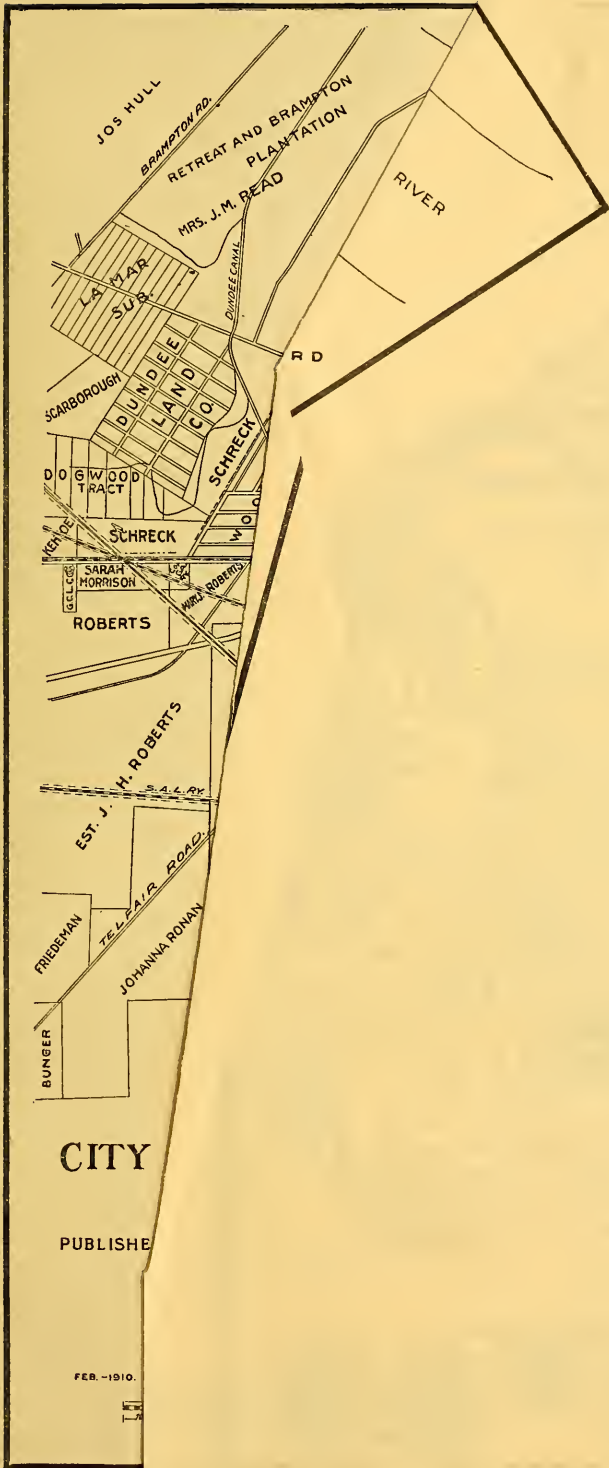


The Holdings of the Chatham Land and Hotel Company.

This is the most unique and beautiful sub-division south of Washington.



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 SHOWING SUB-DIVISION OF
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