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This barrier has become the national standard in the majority of Britain's major galleries and museums. The stable steel base and upright supports an elasticated cord that defines restricted access but gives to the touch without tripping or injury. The barrier features an injection-moulded top that helps prevent cuts to fingers from removing the cap. The base is hollow in the centre to provide weight only where it is required and is cushioned with slip-resistant rubber pads to improve grip and protect polished floor surfaces.

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1958 onward The Isaiah Davenport House was occupied by the Historic Savannah Foundation and the museum.

1957
(119) Family Services, also Travelers’ Aid Division of Family Services
(324) not listed

1955
Lizzie L. Aiken (widow of Charles)
   (119) Josiah E. Carter (wife Clara N)
   Billy (William) G. Damper (wife Ella)
   Mary A. Sapp (widow of Millard M) (had a phone)
   Foy Rhodes (radio tech)

1954
Andrew Brummett (wife Juanita) (opr Union Bag) (had phone)
Wm. G. Dampier
Rachel Long (widow of Jason)
Mary A. Sapp
(119) Josiah Carter

1952
Wm. G Dampier
Wm. (J.C.) Brummett, (slaker mn Union Bag)
(119) Josiah Carter
Rachel Long
Mary A Sapp

1951
Billy G. Dampier
Mrs. Mary A Sapp
Mrs. Rachel Long
(119) Josiah E. Carter

1950
Billy G. Dampier
Mrs. Mary A. Sapp
Mrs. Rachel Long
(119) Josiah E. Carter

1949 directory missing

1947-48 Lanier’s Confectionary (Edward J. Lanier) also 1011 Jefferson
   wife Mrs. L.R. Lanier (Enid Lehman)

* = designates more information about tenant at end of Chain of Occupation
Mrs. Mary A. Sapp  
(119) Jas E. Carter  

1943-46 directories missing  

1942  
Edward J. Lanier, WPA  
Mrs. Mary A. Sapp (widow, wks WPA)  
(119) Mrs. Clara Carter (widow of EJ, WPA)  

1941  
William G. Dampier  
Mrs. Mary A. Sapp  
(119) Charles M. Peterson  

1940  
C.C. Scott  
C.M. Briggs → Charles M. (wife Lorain) capt prawn boat  
→ Charles M. Jr (wife Connie) capt prawn boat  
Clarence F. Sullivan (wife Sylvia) painter  
(119) A.D. Kitchen  

1939  
C. M. Briggs, senior & junior  
Mrs. Natalie Peters (widow of George)  
William P. Sheppard (wife Bessie) wks for city  
Edward Kent (wife Madelin) WPA  
Mrs. Constance Bentley (widow WT)  
Dewey Kitchens (wife Frances) WPA  
(119) Horace Frawley (wife Mamie)  

1938  
Mrs. N. Peters  
Mrs. C. Bentley  
William P. Sheppard  
(119) Horace Frawley  

1937  
Armand R. Grizzard (wife Nell) Arundel Corp  
*Earl Cameron (wife Thelma) drvr GA Pine Prod—GA Rosin Prod Co (rosin oil, pine  
pitteres, Augusta Rd)  
Ollie S. Stafford (wife Mary)  
Elijah Collins (wife Ola) WPA  
Mrs. N. Peters  
(119) Jeremiah P. Foley (wife Ethel)  

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1936
Jas. E. Yates Jr (wife Pauline) capr Ogle Hotel
(119) Vacant

1935 no directory printed

1934
*William Miller (wife Annie R)
(119) Mrs. N.G. Peters

1933 no directory printed

1932
*Henry C. Floyd (wife Jennie) auto mech DeSoto M. Co.
   Walter Mitchell (wife Ray) paper bags
   Samuel A. Smith (wife Verlie) Sinclair Ref. Co.
*William Thorton, c (wife Marie)

1931 no directory printed

1930
Winston W. Parker, clk Favers Boot Shop
(119) Vacant

1929 no directory printed

1928
(324) Mrs. Sallie E. Jordan
(119) Vacant

1927
Mrs. Sallie E. Jordan
William Butler (wife Katie R), phone
(119) Janie Holmes, c

1926
Marion F. Butler (wife Katie)
Sallie Jordan
(119) Jennie Holmes (sp Janie?)

1925
Marion F. Butler, wks Swift Fert Co
(119) Dora Chisholm, c

* = designates more information about tenant at end of Chain of Occupation
1924
Marion F. Butler
*John B. LeRoy (wife Mary) civic engineer US Govt
*George B. Jordan (wife Sallie) slsmn A&P Tea Co.
Arthur C. Brannen (wife Blanche) agt Interstate L&A Co
(119) Isaac Williams, c (wife Eliza) SCO Co

1923
Marion F. Butler
George B. Jordan (wife Sallie)
(119) Isaac Williams, c

1922
Marion F. Butler
Mrs. Johnnie H. Beiber
George C. Guerard (wife Valentine E) druggist
*(119) Susie Simmons, c

1921
Marion F Butler, shipping clk Sift Fert (Hutchinson Is)
*Charles Joe Rollins (wife Ella M) asst supt Tenn Natl Insur Co.
*Fred G. West (wife Mae) sheet metal worker
Mrs Johnnie H. Beiber
(119) Broadus Parker, c
  James H Parker (wife Nellie), c

1920
James Parker, c
*Charles Wilson, c (wife Annie) age39
Marion F. Butler, clk Sav Fert & C Co.
(119) Broadus Parker, wks News

1919
Marion F. Butler
Charles J. Rollins (wife Ella), ins solr
Fredric G. West (wife May) mtl worker
(119) Robert Gant, c

1918
Marion F. Butler
(119) R. Gant, c

1917
(119) H. C. Gilbert Lang (wife Pauline) (clk Malloch Co) (had phone)
Mrs. Corinne Griswold (had phone)
Robert S. Tischbein (wife Ruby)

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Fields F. Matthews (wife Emma) (clk Sheffalls)
(119 ½) Wm Isaiah Britts, c (wife Bessie) (A.M. Broom)
(324) H. G. Bruce (wife Jennie C) (collr)
J. M. Smith
H.G. Bruce

Mrs. Lillie Kee, c, bds 901 Anderson 1904
Rob & Tong business 1903-1901, 1900 no mention

1916
Elmo L. Holland (wife Blanche) bkkeeper Bell Tel Co, r Geiger?
H.G. Bruce (wife Jennie) coll
C.H. Sorensen (wife Bertha) cabinet maker
(119) William Britt, c (wife Mary)

1915
Albert M. Rebston, clk
Mrs. Louisa Smith
H.G. Bruce

1914
Mrs. Kate M. Taylor, widow of Charles M
Albert M. Rebston
George Triebe, piano tuner
(119) Mary Butler, c

1913
Mrs. Kate M. Taylor
Albert M. Rebston
George Triebe, piano tuner

1912
Mrs. Kittie Russell, smstress, tel
Miss Camille Kelly
No 119

1911
G. Triebe

1910
Mrs. Laura A. Tidwell, widow of Wm
(119) Maria Mann, c

1909
*Mrs. Lula Webb, widow of W
(119) Georgia Ceanen, c

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1908
James Hayes (wife Katie) clk S.A.L.

1907
Vacant
(119) Sallie Holmes, c

1906
*John F. Masters (wife Annie) plumber
*Charles F. Shea (wife Mattie) police
(119) Sallie Holmes, c

1905
N. Ternest (wife Ella B) musician
*Miss Beula Jenkins
Mrs. Maria Rippa
*Miss Mattie Jones, E & W Lndry
(119) Sallie Homes, c

1904
Walter F Outzts (wife Daisy), mtrman St. Ry
(119) D. Rivers, c

1903
Vacant
(119) Julius Carter, c

1902
*Tong Kee, (wife Lillie) Robert & Tong Co→ R.C. Chan & T Kee Lndry 323 or 303 E Broughton
*(119) Sarah Harris, c

1901
*Julius Diehl, wks for city (wife Mary)
*Robert Walters, painter (wife Annie)
(119) Sarah Harris
Tong & wife also live at 324

1900
*Allen T. Hubbard, P O'Connell, 311 E Bay (wife Julia)
*Mrs. Annie Mongin

1899
J. Diehl, fireman Savh Hospital, bds 116 Huntingdon E
Martin Winkelmas (wife Julia)

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E. Igratz Okarma, shoe dealer, maker
reside 111 E Broughton & 234 Barnard
p19 ad
Mrs. Annie Mongin (widow of R. M)
(rear-119 Habersham) Sarah Harris

1898
Vacant

1897
John F. Ward, clk R.F Harmon-108 Bay (wife Lizzie M)
(rear 324) Sarah Harris

50 State St (324 E State St)

1896
(no Sarah Harris)
Mrs. Elizabeth Grigor, widow of G
Miss Bessie L. Grigor, clk
John E Grigor, clk
Miss Mamie R. Grigor, clk at L Adlers
Charles E Kelly, ship carpenter

1894/5
Charles E. Murray, capt of tug Maude
*Charles E. Kelly, marine architect (aka ship carpenter)

1893
J. Ben Wilson

1892
William F. Jenkins, ship carpenter

1891
W.P. Guerard

1890
W.P. Guerard, clk S. F & W Ry

1889
John W. Foster, clk

1888
Mrs. Aurelia Walthour
Samuel C. Walthour, driver Sav. Exp. Co.

+ = designates more information about tenant at end of Chain of Occupation
1887
missing directory

1886
*David Porter, special dep collector, US Customs & druggist, 50 & 122 Broughton

1885
David Porter

1884
David Porter
William C. Workman, c (Gordon Press- C.R.R. Wharf)
*(rear) John Maxwell, c, plasterer

1883
David Porter, druggist
William Workman, (A.B. Hull & Co.)

1882
David Porter, workman in Savh

1880
*Adams, Samuel B. (A.P. & S. B. Adams) bds at 50 State St
  1870 none
  1882 SBA (Demark & Adams- lawyers at 105 Bay) move to 182 Liberty
  1881 SBA (ditto)
  1875 SBA (Meldrim & Adams) r 54 S Broad

1859
Baynard, E. r 48 State St (Carolina planter)

1858
residing at 48 State St.
  - Baynard, E
  - Baynard, Joseph
  - No S. Adams

1930 Census

Earl D. Cameron, born 1898, accountant for tire company
  Thelma M. Cameron, 28
  Thelma E. Cameron, 4
  Howard D. Cameron, 2

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Henry Floyd, born 1900
  Jennie L. Floyd, 28
  Emma D. Floyd, 8
  Margie E. Floyd, 6
  Henry C. Floyd, 3
  Dorothy Floyd, 1

William Miller, born 1900, farm laborer
  Annie R. Miller, 21
  Willie R. Miller, 3
  C. David Miller, 1

William Thornton, born 1891, music teacher
  Murriel Thornton, 37
  Willie C. Thornton, 10
  Murriel E. Thornton, 4
  Earl F. Thornton, 2
  Carl L. Thornton, 0

1920 Census

George Guerard, born 1873 in South Carolina
  Valentine E. Guerard, 46
  Charles P. Guerard, 11

George Jordan, born 1878 in Florida
  Sallie Eva Jordan, 36
  Adelfine E. Pursell, 14, daughter
  Lanney D. Smith, 21, boarder
  Rudolph Smith, 21, boarder
  Harrison Milbee, 22, boarder
  Albert Atchinson, 23, boarder

John Leroy, born 1899
  David Myers, 32
  Julia R. Myers, 30
  Julia Myers, 4
  Virginia Myers, 2

Susie Simmons, born 1900
  Henry Simmons, 27
  Samuel Simmons, 6
  Richard Polite, 17

Fred G. West, born 1893
  May West, 25

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Howard West, 8
Dorothy West, 7

Charles Wilson, born 1881
   Annie Wilson, 36
   Georgia Wilson, 17

1910 Census

Charles Rollins, born 1861
   Lauren E. Rollins, 37
   Joseph R. Rollins, 18
   Athelm Rollins, 15

Lula Webb, born 1878 in Germany, lodger
   Herbert Steaves, 48
   May Steaves, 31
   Phillip E. Steaves, 13
   Jason M. Steaves, 3

1900 Census

Samuel B. Adams
   Wife Annie
   Alexander P. Adams, 20, lawyer
   Laleah P. Adams, 16, at school
   Mimie W. Adams, 15, at school
   Deborah Adams, 13, at school
   Johnson Nobles, 33, butler
   Anna Bynes, 32, nurse

Julius Diehl, born 1860 in Germany, day laborer
   Mary Diehl, 52 from Ireland

Sarah Harris, born 1876, boarder, laundress, not read or write
   Matilda Peek, 30, head, laundress, not read or write
   Nanette Peek, 11, at school, could read, speak, write English

OR

Sarah Harris, born 1876, read, write English
   William Harris, 29, day laborer, read, write English
   Pearlie Harris, 2
   Amy Harris, 1

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Allen T. Hubbard, born 1854 in Alabama, wheelwright
    Julis E. Hubbard, 49

Beula Jenkins, born 1886, farm laborer
    Edward Jenkins, 50, farmer
    Sarah Jenkins, 46
    Lerne Jenkins, 19, farm laborer
    Leon, Jenkins, 19, farm laborer
    Mattie Jenkins, 12, farm laborer
    Savannah Jenkins, 10
    Ivey Jenkins, 8
    Henry Jenkins, 8
    Allie Jenkins, 4
    Tamer Jenkins, 2
    Carrie Jenkins, 2
    Genie Jenkins, 11/12

Miss Mattie Jones, laundress
    John Jones, 43, provision dealer
    Rebecca, 42
    Lanie, 22, laundress
    Hastings, 14
    Harrie, 12, errand boy
    Frank, 9

Charles E. Kelly, contractor, born in 1866 in Maine
    F. Sadie Kelly, 38
    Lester Kelly, 7
    Harold Kelly, 5

John F Masters, 28, plumber
    Elizabeth Masters, 25
    Bessie Masters, 5
    John F. Masters, 11/12

Annie R. Mongin, widow, born 1864 in Florida
    Lillian Mongin, 12, at school

Charles Shea, born 1868, widower
    Dennis Shea, 74, widower, immigrate from Ireland in 1848

Chu Tong, born 1877, immigrate from China 1890, single roomer
    Joe Lok, 34, head, married
    Chu Chow, 42, single roomer
    Joe Joel, 30, single roomer

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All were laundrymen, could read, write, and speak English.

Hung Tong, born 1883, immigrated from China in 1899, dishwasher
   Joe Hoen, 31, immigrated from China in 1899, restaurant keeper, boarder
   Henry Mangelsdorf, 21, boarder
   Hung Tong and Joe Hoen could speak English but couldn't read or write.

Robert Walters, born 1860 in France, painter
   Annie Walters, 29

1880 Census

David Porter, born 1842, Maryland
   Rebecca Porter, 35
   Rebecca Porter, 5
   David Porter, 3
   Alice Carr, 25, servant

John Maxwell, born 1847, laborer, c
   Malinda Maxwell, 30, keep house
   Georgia Maxwell, 15, at school
   Emma Maxwell, 12
   Jane Maxwell, 9
   Ophilia Maxwell, 7
   Enoch Maxwell, 3

* – designates more information about tenant at end of Chain of Occupation
Savannah, Ga.

Davenport House Interior Regaining Its Old Beauty

SEP 14, 1956

The Davenport House, a historic residence in Savannah, is being renovated to regain its original beauty. Temporary wallpaper partitions and appliances were removed to better advantage, and old timbers in the framework of the house have been replaced. E. D. Chestnut, in charge of the renovation, said yesterday, "Even the plaster was in good condition, considering the treatment during the past 10 years." The rooms are now being restored to their original state.

The first floor of the residence is being remodelled for use by a group that will be living there. The basement is being remodelled for use by a group that will be living there. The basement is being remodelled for use by a group that will be living there.

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Historic Davenport House Is Suffering From Neglect

BY LILLIAN BRAGG

Savannah trails far behind her sister cities, New Orleans and Charleston, in awakening to the realization that many of her old, historic houses are being torn down, and in the loss of these places of interest, the city is the loser in more ways than one.

Even to those 'up and coming citizens' who profess a great disdain for anything from the nostalgic past, the disappearance, or the utter lack of care, given these places of interest, should be seen as a financial loss to the city at least.

Tourists, by the thousands yearly flock to cities that reek with history; Savannah is far richer in history than either Charleston or New Orleans, but she has allowed herself to be outmaneuvered by her sister cities. Charleston and New Orleans have preserved and restored, and marked with a guide, spots and tours that have done a selling job to the world at large. Now these two Southern cities have their hotels filled with tourists, and every day their streets are dotted with groups of visitors following on the heels of guides who point out places of far less interest than a great many places in Savannah would be, if properly attended to.

One of the city's former beautiful residences which has been left to fall into decay is the Davenport house that stood at the corner of State and Habersham streets. Unimproved for over a half century, it faces an unpaved street, an unpaved square. Local lovers of beauty and of Savannah have long sighed over its plight. Now they weep. A door has been cut in its front, through the brick, and now there is a dark, dreary little shop with a light bulb above it and a dilapidated frame that once held a canvas covering, framing it. The only decoration is the washbath of garbage that stands eternally by the side of the door.

The graceful pair of winding stone stairs, covered by uni-magnificently-paved wrought iron railings, leads to a door that faced with any house in the city in beauty. The original marble mantels from the house now adorn Mr. B. Lanes home on Chatham street, east. Everything that went into the building of this prestigious home was of the very best. Even the dolphin head water spouts are of copper.

The house was built in 1800 by Josiah Davenport, the owner. He was the builder of many of Savannah's finest homes. Ask of the old Marietta Street Tower at Tybee that Savannahians remember so well. This tower was erected to watch for observation purposes later. It was erected by Mr. Davenport himself, a carpenter, but he was more than that. He was an architect of top rank and a prominent citizen. His children were well-to-do cotton folk, and a granddaughter married Gen. Henry Dr. Jackson. The descendants of the Jackson family are outstanding citizens today. So it can be seen that Josiah Davenport founded a well-known Savannah family.

Every few years there are rumors of movement almost to start an organization for the preservation of Savannah's places of historic worth, but to date nothing has been done, and gradually time is taking its toll. Fortunately a number of the older houses have been restored, but there are many that still beg for restoration of their former beauty and charm.
November 7, 2007
Oral Interview with Edward M. McKenzie and Julian H. McKenzie

- Edward born 1933, Julian born 1935
  o Moved to Savannah Dec. 31 1935/Jan 1 1036
  o Lived along Broughton St, various apartments
    ■ Lincoln/Broughton- where telephone poles can be seen through
    Davenport’s northwestern window
- Live above dad’s watch shop, bought from brother
  o Had phone, kerosene stove, bathroom
  o Dad made money during WWII, $2.50/watch repair
- Blacks live along lanes, edges of town
  o Not recall blacks living at the D.H.
  o Had a black maid, cleaned, cooked, took care of kids
- squares were green (not like currently) with no plantings
  o fire engines could go through the squares
  o play area with playground equipment; kids played in squares, streets
- mostly Irish Catholics in Fort area
  o few Germans
  o not recall Chinese, market at Price/Wheaton then bought 7-11
- walked to places
- father had a car- parked behind building- share with coffin storage area of funeral
  home at Kehoe house
- Kehoe always in good shape
- Rent $25-$35/mo, people moved to place with cheaper rent
- Tenements all around fort area

- Aunt, 65ish, lived in SE room basement level with big bed, chairs; had door onto
  street that was bricked up
- their mom would cook, bring meals over to aunt; later had aunt live with her
- Mrs. Fleetwood, seamstress above stairs, 2nd floor
- Mrs. Carter NE room basement level- dirt floor with rug

- not recall much about layout, furniture
- remember stairs, not recall communal kitchen, toilets
- some had hotplates
- not recall if had telephones or if all had electricity
- a lot of tenants use kerosene lamps despite having electricity
- coal stoves- fireplaces- heat house
- D.H. like other surrounding buildings (tenements)

- mom went daily to buy groceries
- rationing during WWII
- corner shops- convenience stores
- supermarkets- Broughton St, Price/Habersham
- west of D.H. was tenement building, cleared for car lot (Nash's)

- pharmacy- several along Broughton
- go to door of pharmacy, ask solution to sickness

- streetcars- Habersham to Broughton to Abercorn to_____
- played games, lot of outdoor play, pull streetcar lines down
- Julian hit streetcar, rushed to hospital by Ed, 5 blocks south

- bonfires Dec. 31 (for about 50 years) ended 1952
  - throw away packaging boxes- wood (no cardboard then)
  - competing bonfires, steal box
  - people gather boxes from neighboring businesses
- aunt and uncle not work (they think)
  - uncle may have worked in turpentine business
- people work for Savannah Gas Co, car dealers
- apartment house behind D.H.
  - had central hallway with apartments on either side
  - each apartment had 2 rooms each
  - share kitchen, bathrooms most likely
  - Julian had friend that lived there
- a lot of buildings were of Savannah gray brick
- 30s to 40s people live in area, full
- 50s people move out to suburbs

- fun activities- hide and go seek from Broughton to Liberty to E Broad to Abercorn
- have older brother
Julian still live downtown
Ed move southside after marrying