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# **Savoy Family Genealogical Collection**

## **An inventory of Savoy Family Genealogical Collection at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Savoy family
<b>Title:</b>	Savoy Family Genealogical Collection
<b>ID:</b>	150
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1850-2013
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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The Savoy family is a prominent African American family in the Washington, DC area and can trace its roots to the 1790s. Savoy family members of note include Edward Louis Savoy (1825 - 1866) and his wife, Elizabeth E. Van Rhodia Butler (1827 - 1906), who were free African Americans well before the Civil War and worked on the Underground Railroad; Edward Augustine Savoy (1855 - 1943), State Department employee and namesake of the S. S. Edward A. Savoy; Alfred Kiger Savoy (1883 - 1964), for whom Savoy Elementary School in Southeast Washington, DC is named; and Willard Wilson "Chip" Savoy (1916 - 1976), author of *Alien Land*.

The original Savoy family gravesite is located at Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. Savoy family members are also buried at Rock Creek Cemetery, Harmony National Cemetery, and Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Source(s): Savoy Family Genealogical Collection, various documents

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection consists of genealogical information related to the Savoy family of Washington, DC, obtained from family members' records and research. It documents members of the Savoy family born between the years of 1794 and 2009; however, most of the material and information within the collection pertains to Savoy family ancestors born between 1794 and 1912. The life of Edward Augustine Savoy (1855 - 1943) is particularly well-documented.

The collection includes materials such as biographical sketches; family trees; timelines; photographs; bound books; and photocopies and printouts of pertinent documents like census records, obituaries and newspaper articles, book excerpts, church records, letters, and text from relevant websites. No original artifacts (only photocopies/prints) appear in the collection.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

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### Custodial History

Savoy family descendants Wilbur Joseph Duplessis "Buddy" Rogers III, Lauret Edith Savoy, and Patricia Annette Green Wright contributed to the vast majority of the genealogical research found within this collection, most of which seems to have been completed between 2011 to 2013. Patricia Annette Green Wright then donated the collection to DC Public Library Special Collections in 2013.

### Processing Information

Basic archival processing procedures were applied to the collection at the time of processing. This collection was processed as part of the D.C. Africana Archives Project, funded by the Council on Library and Information Resources Hidden Collections grant in 2014.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Genealogy
- African Americans
- Families
- Black persons

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## Collection Inventory

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Series 1			
Title/Description	Instances		
The Savoy Family, Undated	Box 1	Folder 1	
Census, 1850	Box 1	Folder 2	
Alice A. John Butler, 2013	Box 1	Folder 3	
Eliza Savoy, 2013	Box 1	Folder 4	
Anna Mary Savoy Frederick JD Ridgley, 2013	Box 1	Folder 5	
Alfred Savoy, 2013	Box 1	Folder 6	
Alfred Savoy, 2013	Box 1	Folder 7	
Alfred Kiger Savoy Laura J. Wilson, 2013	Box 1	Folder 8	
Edith A Fish Savoy Robert W. Morgan, 2013	Box 1	Folder 9	
Savoy Photographs, 1940	Box 1	Folder 10	
Edward Louis Savoy Elizabeth E.V. Butler, 2013	Box 1	Folder 11	
Edward Augustine Savoy, 2011	Box 1	Folder 12	

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