

Remer Y. Lane Memorial Fund

Remer Young Lane was born March 10, 1910, in Savannah, the son of Mills Bee Lane and Mary E. Comer Lane. He attended Middlesex School in Concord, Massachusetts, and received an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan.

He married Louise Harris (born in Savannah on December 23, 1915) and they had five children, Remer, Jr., Mills B. III, Louise, Thomas, and Raymond.

Remer Y. Lane was a member of one of the most distinguished banking families in Georgia and South Carolina, and was a founding member of the brokerage firm Johnson, Lane, Space, and Company.

After retiring from the brokerage firm, he became an active farmer on his family's Combahee Plantation in White Hall, South Carolina. He had a lifelong and deep interest in the history of Savannah and coastal Georgia. He worked on numerous projects to document this history, including inventorying and researching trees, researching the history of fires and hurricanes in Savannah, and numerous other projects that documented the history of the region.

Mr. Lane and fellow Savannahian Stewart C. Forbes, a horticulturalist, undertook an inventory of all city-owned trees in the mid-1970s and determined that there were 66 varieties growing on public property and nearly 80 varieties on public and private urban land. In 1978, they published their research in a booklet, *Trees of Savannah, Georgia*, listing all the varieties and the locations of the most notable specimens.

Mr. Lane was an active member of the Georgia Historical Society. The Remer Young Lane Collection at GHS contains Mr. Lane's oral histories concerning coastal fishing. In keeping with his deep interest in Savannah's environment, Mr. Lane also served on Savannah's Park and Tree Commission.

Remer Y. Lane died June 5, 1984, age 74. Mrs. Lane died on October 8, 2012, at age 96, and they are both buried in Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah.

In 1985, the Mills Bee Lane Memorial Foundation established the Remer Y. Lane Memorial Fund at the Georgia Historical Society to honor the memory of Mr. Lane and his love of Georgia history, and to continue his commitment to Georgia history education through the mission of the Georgia Historical Society.