



W.C. Bee and Company records, 1848-1912
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Containers 23/298-301

Creator: W.C. Bee & Co. (Charleston, S.C.)

Description: ca. 100 items, 4 volumes

Biographical/Historical Note: Charleston, South Carolina cotton and rice factors, and during the Civil War, agent for the Importing & Exporting Co. of South Carolina, organized to trade with Great Britain via the West Indies.

Scope and content: Records include a notes and bond book (1848-1877), blockade-running correspondence, bills, contracts, and other materials (1863-1865). Also accounts (1865) with the S.C. Railroad Co., bank books (1864, 1869), letters of Theodore D. Jervey and P.S. Barbot regarding shipping accounts (1868-1869) and the final payment of dividends of the Importing & Exporting Co. of South Carolina, and a letter (1863) concerning Vicksburg, Miss.

Records include the correspondence (1863-1865) of William C. Bee and F.N. Bonneau concerning the blockade runner "Ella and Annie," Bonneau's conduct as master of the ship, the ship's capture, Bee's accusations of Bonneau's incompetence, Bonneau's attempts to get paid, his imprisonment and request for another ship. Also includes letters and contracts (1864-1865) of James Carlin, captain of the blockade runner "Ella and Annie," in Liverpool, England concerning blockade running and the construction of three blockade runners by William Denny & Brothers, Ltd. (Dumbarton, Scotland); letters and account statements (1865-1866) of James M. Calder, Liverpool, and Henry Adderly & Co., Nassau, Bahamas concerning shipments of cotton, rice, and documents concerning the blockade runners "Caroline," "Fanny," "Alice," "Fearless," and "Emily."

Bound volumes include a cash book (1889-1891), ledger (1890-1891) with index, and account sales book (1891-1912). There are accounts with Waverly Mills, Bennett's Mill, West Point Mill, Planters and Merchants Mill, and numerous plantation owners.

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Detailed collection inventory:

Container descriptions:

23/298-300 Bee, (William C.) & Co. 1889-1912

Business Records, 1889-1912. 4 bound vols.

Charleston factor. Cash book (1889-1891), Ledger (1890-1891) with index, and account sales book (1891-1912). Firms and planters include Waverly Mills, Bennett's Mills, West Point Mill, Planters and Merchants Mill, Bennett (C.S.) & Co., D.C. Austin, E.H. Rellinger, John C. Deas, J.H. Egan, Augustus Fludd, Daniel Fludd, Duncan Clinch Heyward, J.B. Heyward, C.J. Huguenin, John Lambright, A.P. Metts, W.A. Murray, R. Nesbit, H.M. Palmer, James Peace, J.F. Poppenheim, H.F. Porcher, James R. Pringle, Jonathan A. Seabrook, Samuel G. Stoney Sr. and William Waring.

23/301 Bee, (William C.) & Co. 1848-1874

Business papers, 1850-1877. Approx 100 items

Charleston and Wilmington, NC agent for the Importing and Exporting Co. of SC, cotton and rice factors. Notes and bond book of WCB & Co (1848-1877). Blockade running correspondence, bills, receipts, contracts and other material (1863-1865). Correspondence of William C. Bee and F.N. Bonneau regarding the blockade runner, "Ella and Annie," Bonneau's conduct as master of the ship, the ship's capture, Bee's accusations of Bonneau's incompetence, Bonneau's attempts to get paid, his imprisonment and request for another ship (1863-1865). Letters and contracts (1864-1865) of James Carlin, Liverpool, England, regarding blockade running and the construction of three blockade runners by William Denny & Bros., Dumbarton, Scotland. Letters and account statements (1865-1866) of James M. Calder, Liverpool, Henry Adderly & Co., Nassau, Bahamas, regarding shipments of cotton, rice, and sundry items by the blockade runners "Caroline," "Fanny," "Alice," "Fearless," and "Emily." Also accounts with the SC Railroad Co. (1865). Bank books (1864, 1869). Letters of Theodore D. Jervy and P.S. Barbot (1868-1869) regarding shipping accounts and (1874) regarding first payment of dividends of the Importing and Exporting Co. of SC. Letter regarding Vicksburg, MS (1863). Chronologically arranged.