



## **Boyce-Burckmeyer-Holmes family papers, 1849-1937** **SCHS 480.00**

**Description:** 0.25 linear ft.

**Scope and content:** Approximately .25 linear feet of correspondence, poetry, essays (published and unpublished), and other materials. Includes a letter from John C. Calhoun (28 November 1849) addressed to "Dear Sir" expressing regret for being unable to attend the wedding of the addressee's daughter "in consequence of leaving for Washington today" and a bill of sale for "a negro woman named Jane" to Cornelius Burckmyer from Margaret Kerr, 28 March 1860.

Papers of Ker Boyce (d. 1886) include his will (1886) and division of assets (1887). Boyce's will includes bequests to fund scholarships to the College of Charleston, the Graniteville Manufacturing Company to found a free school for Graniteville for the instruction of the children of the operatives, and to the Charleston Orphan House.

Papers of Charlotte Rebecca Boyce Burkmyer and her granddaughter Charlotte Rebecca Holmes include reminiscences of C.R. Burkmyer, a letter to C.R. Holmes from J. Jonathan Lucas regarding a certificate of eligibility for "a cross of honour" commemorating the service of her grandfather Cornelius L. Burckmyer in the American Civil War. Also included is an annual report for the Charleston Exchange for Women's Work (1887) and notes on the Bee family (1939).

The papers of George S. Holmes include a letter from Mrs. Ann Vance (1874) pertaining to family history, a published poem ("St. Michael's Bells to the Liberty Bell", 1901), a published short story ("The Outwitted Ghost", 1896), and an unpublished essay on the streets of Charleston. Also included is the published "Report of the Committee for the Erection of a Memorial Tablet in Honor of the Confederate Dead of St. Michael's Parish" of which George S. Holmes was a member.

Also included are poems, short stories, and other writings (mostly holograph copies) and newspaper clippings of "The Puritan Cousin" by Margaret Dean, a story published in serial form (1880).

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**Note:** Three medals (Southern Cross of Honor "C.L. Buckmyer" (sic.); silver engraved pin "C.L. Burckmyer Charleston, S.C." (n.d.); and a medal/pendant (1930) commemorating the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the vessel "Richmond" in Charles Town with the first group of Huguenots) were removed to the SCHS artifact collection.

**Provenance:** Gift of Ellen Holmes Wright, 2013.028.

**Search terms:**

Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850.  
Holmes, George S., b. 1849.  
Holmes family.  
Boyce family.  
Bee family.  
Burckmyer family.  
Poetry.  
Slaves -- South Carolina.  
Charleston (S.C.) -- History.  
Charleston (S.C.) -- Social life and customs.  
Essays.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Poems.  
Wills.

### **Folder Inventory:**

#### **480/01/01**

Letter from John C. Calhoun (28 November 1849) addressed to "Dear Sir" expressing regret for being unable to attend the wedding of the addressee's daughter "in consequence of leaving for Washington today."

#### **480/01/02**

Bill of sale for "a negro woman named Jane" to Cornelius Burckmyer from Margaret Kerr, 28 March 1860.

#### **480/01/03**

Ker Boyce papers, 1886-1887

Will (1886) and division of assets (1887) for Ker Boyce (d. 1886). Will includes bequests to fund scholarships to the College of Charleston, the Graniteville Manufacturing Company to found a free school for Graniteville for the instruction of the children of the operatives, and to the Charleston Orphan House.

#### **480/01/04**

Papers of Charlotte Rebecca Boyce Burkmyer and granddaughter Charlotte Rebecca Holmes, 1887-1939, n.d.

Includes reminiscences of C.R. Burkmyer, a letter to C.R. Holmes from J. Jonathan Lucas regarding a certificate of eligibility for "a cross of honour" commemorating the service of her grandfather (Cornelius L. Burkmyer) in the Civil War. Also included is an annual report for the Charleston Exchange for Women's Work (1887) and notes on the Bee family (1939).

#### **480/01/05**

George S. Holmes papers, 1874-1901

Include a letter from Mrs. Ann Vance (1874) pertaining to family history, a published poem ("St. Michael's Bells to the Liberty Bell", 1901), a published short story ("The Outwitted Ghost", 1896), and the published "Report of the Committee for the Erection of a Memorial Tablet in

Honor of the Confederate Dead of St. Michael's Parish" of which George S. Holmes was a member.

**480/01/06**

George S. Holmes papers, n.d.  
unpublished essay on the streets of Charleston.

**480/01/07**

Poems, short stories, and other writings (mostly holograph copies)

**480/01/08**

Newspaper clippings of "The Puritan Cousin" by Margaret Dean, a story published in serial form (1880)