



Cain Family papers, 1690-1900
SCHS 565.00

Description: 0.75 linear ft. (3 boxes)

Scope and Content: Collection consists of recipe books, plantation and slave records, property records, and miscellaneous items relating to the Cain family and related families of Macbeth, Porcher and Ravenel. Items relating to cookery include a copy of "The Virginia House-wife" (1830) by Mary Randolph; a recipe book of M. E. Porcher; and recipes collected by Mary C. Cain. Plantation and slave records include a plantation journal (1822-1865) which contains a list of slaves working at White Hall and Goshen plantations; blanket distribution lists; slaves on road work duty; lists of crops; a list of the names, mothers' names, and birth, death or sold dates of plantation slaves; a list of 28 slaves with attributes; and records of gifts of slaves at Woodboo Plantation. There is also a mortgage (1828), Daniel Cain to Miss Mary Inglis, for 20 slaves (named in document); an account statement (1831) pertaining to the sale of slaves belonging to the estate of Daniel Cain; and a list of hands at Wampee Plantation. Property records include a plat (1690) of 224 acres situated at "Pooshee Swamp," surveyed for John Stewart; a conveyance [1707], John White to Elizabeth Wetherick (or Whetherick) of 100 acres "at a place called Wampee;" and an indenture (1738), Abraham Sanders to William McCarty, pertaining to 160 acres in St. Johns Berkeley Parish. Other names appearing in the property records include Abraham Chinnors, Benjamin Mazyck, James Courtonne, Charles Johnston, Jonas Driggers, Samuel DuBose, and William Sabb.

Miscellaneous items include an account book (1792-1816) of Daniel James Ravenel, the first part of which records charges (1792-1794) for the copying of legal instruments in the office of the Secretary of State in Charleston, and the remainder of which contains accounts (1805-1816) of various individuals including Henry Ravenel, Peter D. Ravenel, Lucius Cary, Samuel N. Wiare, and Thomas Porcher. There is also an estate account ledger (1829-1836) for the estate of Daniel Cain, kept by his brother and executor William Cain for the benefit of Daniel Cain's sons.

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Container Listing:

BOX 1

Cookbooks:

- 1 *The Virginia Housewife, or Methodical Cook*, by Mary Randolph, 1830. Includes a few handwritten recipes and a remedy for dropsy.
- 2 Notebook inscribed "M. E. Porcher, Chester England" on the inside cover. Contains some early handwritten recipes remedies and formulae beginning with a recipe for "Yeast Cakes" from "Mrs. Cantey 1833." Later recipes, dating up into the 20th century, are written or pasted in. Very fragile condition.
- 3 Loose items removed from M. E. Porcher notebook, mostly recipes.
- 4 Sit Lux Composition Book, n.d., filled with handwritten recipes.
- 5 *The Middle South Wool Book*, 1900. Inscribed "Mary C. Cain, Somerset, S.C." Includes recipes written and pasted in.

BOX 2

- 1 *The Middle South Wool Book*, 1900. Includes a few handwritten recipes and remedies, as well as booklets which have been pasted in including *Choice Recipes by Miss Maria Parloa*, and *Sloan's Handy Hints and Up-to-Date Cookbook*, "presented by S. D. Guyton, Oakley Depot, So. Car."
- 2 Loose items removed from *The Middle South Wool Book*.

Correspondence:

- 3 Letters: letter [1833?] from a person (name illegible) in New York to an unnamed recipient ("Sir") concerns a draft for an amount of over four thousand dollars for the sale of stocks belonging to [Thomas Inglis]; and letter, 1836, from Parker & Brailsford in Charleston, to William Cain in Pineville, concerning the withdrawal of his business from their firm. The letter includes an account statement for the sale of two bales of cotton and other goods and services.
- 4 Letter (n.d.), from Mary V. M. Kirk to Charles Macbeth in Moncks Corner, relating to furnishing a room.

Estate Records:

- 5 Estate account ledger, 1829-1836, for expenditures from the estate of Daniel Cain by his brother and executor William Cain, for the benefit of his nephews Daniel James Cain and Gustavus Adolphus Cain.
- 6 Receipt, 1882, from George Buist (Buist & Buist) to Richard Y. Macbeth, executor of the estate of Charles Macbeth, for bonds "belonging to Elizabeth Duclos under marriage settlement." Includes envelope.

Miscellaneous Items:

- 7 Account book, 1792-1816. Initially records charges for the copying of legal instruments and documents and other services under the heading "Secretary's Office Charleston" from 1792 to 1794. A name, which appears to be "Daniel Jas. Ravenel" is inscribed on the covers. The following section contains accounts, 1805-1816, of debits and credits for various goods and services for Henry Ravenel, Rene Ravenel, Paul Ravenel, Stephen Ravenel, Peter D. Ravenel, Lucius Cary, Samuel N. Wiare, William E. Lee and Thomas Porcher.
- 8 Bond, 1806, James Macbeth to Sarah Smith for 1200 pounds sterling.
- 9 Freight account book, 1859, for "Macbeth's Boat" detailing goods shipped up and down the Santee Canal and for whom they were shipped. The name of J. Ravenel Macbeth is on the cover.
- 10 Bills: bill, 185_, to Mr. Cain from W. G. Bancroft, a Charleston dealer in "Fancy and Staple Dry Goods" for fabrics and kerchiefs; and receipted bill, 1861, from Edgerton, Richards & Company of Charleston, to William Cain, for clothing purchases.
- 11 Scrapbook, n. d., inscribed "J. R. Macbeth, Charleston, So.Ca." Contains a few notes on English kings and miscellaneous newspaper clippings pasted in. "J. Ravenel Macbeth" is written on the first page of clippings, which appear to date from the 1850s and possibly later.
- 12 Document, 1859, authorizing the sheriff to levy the "goods & chattels" of Wade Scott for the payment of a fine owed to the Board of Commissioners of Roads for St. Johns Berkeley.
- 13 Blank ledger with marbled covers (some pages have been cut out).
- 14 Miscellaneous items: a stereograph [1860] of Elton Hall "near Chester" the reverse of which is inscribed "J. Ravenel Macbeth, Chester, England, July 3rd, 1860;" and a postcard, n.d., of the "Hutty House and Studio" on Tradd Street in Charleston.

Plantation and Slave records:

- 15 Plantation journal, 1822-1865. Entries include a list of slaves working at White Hall and Goshen plantations; blanket distribution lists; slaves on road work duty; list of crops; list of the names, mothers' names, and birth, death or sold date of plantation slaves; list of 28 slaves with attributes; and records of gifts to slaves at Woodboo, etc. Clippings of remedies, etc. are pasted in, and there are loose pages of remedies and slave lists in the book.

BOX 3

- 1 Mortgage, 1828, Daniel Cain to Miss Mary Inglis, for 20 slaves (named in document); account statement, 1831, chiefly pertaining to the sale of six slaves (named), sold from the estate of Daniel Cain; printed notices to residents of St. Johns Berkeley Parish to report “all Male Slaves” who are “liable to road duty” to the Commissioners of Roads; and a list, 1861, of “Hands of Hon. C. Macbeth on Wampee” detailing names of slaves. Another section of this sheet lists names of slaves under the heading “Mrs. Mary Robinson.”
- 2 Memorandum of agreement, 1894, in which Richard Y. Macbeth leases a “parcel of land on Wantoot Plantation” to Smart Wright on certain specified conditions.
- 3 Account ledger, 1894-1898. Includes accounts with individuals and companies relating to farming. The name H. [F.] Porcher appears frequently.

Property records:

- 4 Plat, 1690, of 224 acres situated at “Pooshee Swamp.” Surveyed by James Jones for John Stewart.
- 5 Plat, n.d., inscribed “Lines of Porchers & McCants,” showing property lines of tracts adjacent to lands granted to Arthur Middleton in 1705 and to John Ball in 1711.
- 6 Plat, n.d., of 125 acres “in Berkeley County” belonging to Elizabeth Wetherick (or Whetherick). A note on the document states: “On this tract are the overseers house, barn, etc.”
- 7 Conveyance, [1707?], John White to Elizabeth Wetherick (or Whetherick), of 100 acres in (old) Berkeley County “at a place called Wampee.” The land was originally granted to Francis Evans in 1701. The document is witnessed by several members of the Ravenel family.
- 8 Indenture, 1738, Abraham Sanders and his wife Margaret Sanders, to William McCarty for 160 acres in St. Johns Berkeley Parish. This document has tape on the folds and is in need of conservation.
- 9 Memorandum, n.d., concerning tracts of land in St. Johns Berkeley Parish conveyed by Abraham [Chinners] of St. Stephen’s Parish to Benjamin Mazyck of Charleston in 1757. A note states that these titles were recorded in the RMC office in Charleston in 1770. A plat on the reverse shows a tract of 207 acres belonging to John Midon.
- 10 Indenture (lease), 1790, James Courtonne, Jr. to Charles Johnston for a tract of land. Damaged and faded.
- 11 Plat, [1821], of 50 acres bordered by lands belonging to “Abraham Meray” and the estate of James McCants.

- 12 Conveyance, 1821, Jonas Driggers to John Collins, of 109 acres in St. Johns Berkeley Parish.
- 13 Conveyance, 1821, Amherst Donnely to Jonas Driggers, of 109 acres in St. Johns Berkeley Parish. Includes a small attached plat.
- 14 Indenture (release), 1828, Samuel DuBose to Thomas Chandler, for a plantation called "Newland."
- 15 Indenture (release), Thomas Sabb to William Sabb, for 1800 acres in St. Johns Berkeley Parish. This is an 1834 copy of a document dated 1785.
- 16 Mortgage, 1839, William J. Gayer to George B. Eckhard, on a vacant lot of land on Wentworth Street in Charleston.
- 17 Sheriff's title to a tract of land in St. Johns Berkeley Parish, 1839, sold by Jeremiah D. Yates to Charles Macbeth for \$50.