



Drayton family papers, 1837-1869.
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Container 28/679

Creator: Drayton family.

Description: 0.5 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: South Carolina family. Dr. Charles Drayton (1785-1844), the only son of Charles Drayton (1743-1820) of Drayton Hall, married Mary Middleton Shoolbred (1794-1855), daughter of James Shoolbred and Mary Middleton, in 1813. Their children included James Shoolbred Drayton (1820-1867), Dr. John Drayton (1831-1912), Thomas Henry Middleton Drayton (1828-1867), and Charles Drayton (1814-1852), heir of Drayton Hall.

Scope and content: The Drayton family papers span the years 1837-1868 with the bulk of the papers falling between 1861 and 1865 inclusive. Included are letters, receipts, tax receipts, tax returns, slave lists, estate papers, certificates, literary manuscripts, account book, medical treatment book, sketch, plats chiefly of James S. Drayton and John Drayton. There are four series: Family papers, and the papers of three family members: Mary M. Drayton, James S. Drayton, and John Drayton.

The Family Papers Series consists of poems about Charleston ("My Beloved City"), a call to arms ("Song for the South"), and a tribute to the Washington Light infantry ("To the Washington Light Infantry on Their Departure for Virginia, May 31, 1861"), in addition to manuscripts of poems (many signed "Hall") and stories about parental love, romance, and death, as well as a fragment (5 p.) of a novel about a young man named Sidney Gist; unidentified plats, possibly school exercises of James Shoolbred Drayton; another plat of land (location not indicated) is contained in a letter fragment or draft (n.d.) of James S. Drayton; property tax receipts (1861-1862) issued to Thomas H. M. Drayton for taxes paid to Brazoria County, Texas (including horses, slaves, and land); receipt listing payment for cotton sold by Thomas H. M. Drayton; letter (n.d.) recounting quarrel between Dr. Charles Drayton (1743-1820) and col. Tarleton (1754-1833) at Drayton Hall during the American Revolution; lists of clothes, fabric and blankets for slaves at Drayton Hall; a copy (n.d.) of a list of slaves given cloth and blankets at Drayton Hall; and sketch of Drayton Hall.

The papers of Mary M. Drayton include account book (1852-1856) of Mary M. Drayton's account with Legare and Colcock including payments for household expenses, property taxes, and cotton sales. Entries for 1856 are her estate accounts.

The papers of James S. Drayton include letters (1844) from Thomas Frean and J. A. Leland, Superintendent of Public Works, concerning James Drayton's attempts to receive payment for his services as surveyor. The letters contain information about surveying fees and an itemized listing of James Drayton's account with the Public Works Dept. Other letters include love letter (1854) to "Charlotte"; letter (1863) from George H. Bright negotiating wages paid to

hire Isaac, a servant of James Drayton; letter (1865) from John Drayton (May 19, 1865) re conditions immediately after the Civil War; letter (1867) from Conrad Wierrges, nephew of James Drayton re family matters.

Also included is a diploma (1837) from Rensselaer institute (New York) granting a degree of Bachelor of Natural Science; certificate (1839) promoting James S. Drayton to corporal in the Charleston Ancient Artillery, Fourth Brigade of the S. C. Militia; certificate (1855) naming James S. Drayton as an honorary member of the Marion Artillery; and estate paper (1856) listing real property and slaves willed to James Drayton by Mary M. Drayton and giving him ownership of the property.

The Papers of John Drayton include a medical treatment book (1855?) and papers (1862-1865) concerning his service as physician to the Confederate States of America Army Engineering Department at Fort Johnson and as commissioner of the Soldiers' Relief Fund together with papers regarding F. H. Trenholm's lease of Drayton Hall for phosphate mining.

The papers contain Soldiers' Relief Fund applications (1862-1863) from I. P. Droze and Isaac N. Norwood, members of the Wagner Light Artillery; letter (Feb. 1863) to H. Toomer, and Mr. Royal were appointed commissioners of the Solders Relief fund by the state legislature; correspondence (1863) of John Drayton, R. L. Singletary, Capt. William M. Ramsey, and William W. White concerning John Drayton's report of the misuse of rations at the commissary under the command of Capt. Ramsey; letters requesting information on health and death of slaves under Dr. Drayton's medical care. Other military papers include a charge (1863) of Absent without Leave for Victor Neely, Co. 19, Palmetto Battalion, Light Artillery; and travel pass (1865) for John Drayton; letters (1868) from F. H. Trenholm and Clifford T. Mathews concerning Trenholm's lease for Drayton hall and the phosphate mining operation including a list of equipment, machinery, etc. used to increase the scale of work and a condensed report of Drayton Hall and Mining Lease account with F. H. Trenholm.

Medical treatment book (1855?) contains definitions and descriptions of symptoms for various medical conditions as well as remedies for the conditions.

Provenance: The papers of the Drayton family were donated to the South Carolina Historical Society in 1990.

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Search terms:

Drayton, Carolus.
Drayton, James Shoolbred, 1820-1867.
Drayton, Mary Middleton Shoolbred, 1794-1855.
Drayton, Thomas Henry Middleton, 1828-1867.
Tarleton, Lieutenant-General (Banastre), 1754-1833.
Drayton family.
Cotton -- South Carolina.
Brazoria County (Tex.)
South Carolina -- History.
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783.
Accounts.

Estate records.
Letters (correspondence)
Novels.
Plats.
Poems.

Description of Series:

Container No.	Series
28/679	Drayton family. Family papers. 42 items. Letters, receipts, tax receipts, tax returns, slave lists, literary manuscripts, sketch, and plats.
28/679	Drayton, Mary M. S. (Mary Middleton Shoolred), d. 1855? Account book, 1852-1856. 1 item.
28/679	Drayton, James S. (James Shoolred), fl 1837-1867 Papers, 1837-1867 (bulk 1844) 17 items. Letters, diploma, estate paper, military certificates, receipts, and travel pass.
28/679	Drayton, John, 1831-ca. 1912 Papers, 1862-1869 (bulk 1863). 47 items. Correspondence, military orders, medical requisition lists, medical supply lists, receipts, tax receipts, tax return for St. Andrews Parish listing slave names, and medical treatment book.

Container List:

Family Papers:

Box 28/679

- 1: Literary manuscripts
- 2: Poetry manuscripts, A-L
- 3: Poetry manuscripts, M-Z
- 4: Plats
- 5: Miscellaneous papers.

Mary M. Drayton papers:

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6: Account book, 1852-1856

James S. Drayton papers:

Box 28/679 (cont.)

7: Letters: 1844 Apr. - Oct.

8: Letters: 1854-1867

9: Miscellaneous papers: 1839-1864

10: Medical Treatment Book, 1855?

John Drayton papers:

Box 28/679 (cont.)

11: Miscellaneous papers: 1862 Sept. - 1863 Sept.

12: Miscellaneous papers: 1863 Dec.

13: Miscellaneous papers: 1864 Jan. - Oct.

14: Miscellaneous papers: 1865 Jan. - 1866 Feb.

15: Miscellaneous papers: 1868 Nov. - 1869 Jan.

16: Miscellaneous papers: undated