



**Gourdin family papers, 1727-1888**  
**SCHS 1222.00**  
**Containers 24/267-269**

**Creator:** Gourdin family.

**Description:** 1.5 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical note:** South Carolina family. Samuel Gourdin (1766-1821) was the owner of Buck Hall Plantation on the Cooper River (S.C.). His children included Rebecca Ann Gourdin (1805-1881), Henry Gourdin (1804-1879), and Dr. Theodore Gourdin. Rebecca Ann Gourdin married Rev. Thomas J. Young (1803-1852); their son was Henry Edward Young (1831-1918), a Charleston, S.C. attorney. Dr. Theodore Gourdin (d. 1859), a physician of Georgetown, S.C., married Elizabeth Frances Allston (d. 1834), daughter of Dr. William Allston and Mary Pyatt Allston, and their children included Dr. Samuel Gourdin (d. 1865) and Theodore Samuel Gourdin (1823-1861), a Charleston, S.C. attorney.

**Scope and content:** Papers consist of legal documents, correspondence, business papers, estate and property records, genealogical material, and other items. Included are the papers of Theodore Samuel Gourdin (1823-1861), the records of the law firm of Rutledge & Young, and a telegraphic code book of Gourdin, Matthiessen & Company.

Property records include a list (n.d.) of plats of family land grants in various counties of South Carolina; a deed (1777) of land along the PeeDee River (S.C.) to Ely Kershaw; a deed (1795) of land along the Wateree River (S.C.) to Samuel Boykin; and a plat (n.d.) of Pinckney family property in Charleston (S.C.).

Correspondence includes letters (1809-1852) to Eliza S. Courtney [Courtenay?] of Charleston (S.C.) from family and friends in Philadelphia (Pa.), Boston (Mass.), New York (N.Y.), and elsewhere regarding personal matters and family and social life; and correspondence of John Algernon Sidney Ashe (a Gourdin relative) with lawyer Thomas S. Grimké concerning the estate of his father John Ashe, with related documents.

Genealogical material (1727-1852) concerning the Gourdin family and related families includes clippings, copies of wills, notes, family Bible records, and other items.

**Note:** Many documents in damaged or fragile condition.

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**Search terms:**

Ashe, John Algernon Sidney, 1796-1868.

Courtney, Eliza S.

Grimké, Thomas Smith, 1786-1834.

Kershaw, Ely, 1743-1780.  
 Gordon family.  
 Gourdin family.  
 Real property -- South Carolina.  
 Women -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Correspondence.  
 Charleston (S.C.) -- Social life and customs.  
 South Carolina -- History.  
 Estate records.  
 Genealogies.  
 Legal documents.  
 Letters (correspondence)  
 Plats.  
 Property records.

Collection/Series outline:

- 1222.01      Family Document series  
                   24/269/10      Land list. 1771 1841. 1 item.  
                   24/269/16      Genealogy papers. 1727 1852. 5 items.
- 1222.02      Papers of Individual Gourdin family members  
           1222.02.01      Gourdin, Theodore Samuel, 1823 1861. Theodore Samuel Gourdin  
                                   papers, 1846 1861. Ca. 700 items.  
                                   24/267-267a      Legal papers. 1848 1853. c. 300 items.  
                                   24/268/01-03      Business papers. 1847 59. c. 140 items  
                                   24/268/04-06      Land papers. 1846 1860. c. 70 items.  
                                   24/268/07-11      Legal papers. 1847 1857. c. 80 items.  
                                   24/268/12-13      Business papers. 1849 1860. 20 items.  
                                   24/268/14-17      Personal papers. 1852 1861. c 70 items
- 1222.03      Gourdin-related papers  
           1222.03.01      Rutledge & Young (Charleston, S.C.) Rutledge & Young records, 1860  
                                   1871. Ca. 150 items.  
                                   24/269/01-03      Correspondence. 1860 1871. c. 90 items  
                                   24/268/04      Case papers. 1860. 7 items.  
                                   24/268/05      Case papers. 1865 1867. c. 30 items.  
                                   24/268/06      Legal letters, 1869-1870. 16 items.  
                                   24/268/07-08      Legal papers, 1862-1870. c. 20 items.  
                                   24/268/09      Legal papers. 1865 1870. 6 items.
- 1222.03.02      Gourdin, Matthiessen & Company.  
                                   24/269/17      Gourdin, Matthiessen & Company telegraphic code book,  
                                   ca. 1880. 1 v.
- 1222.03.03      Kershaw, Ely, 1745 1780.  
                                   24/269/11      Deed. 1777. 1 item.

- 1222.03.04 Payne, George, fl. 1795.  
24/269/12 Deed. 1795. 1 item.
- 1222.03.05 Pinckney family  
24/269/13 Plat. n.d. 1 item.
- 1222.03.06 Ashe, John Algernon Sidney, 1796 1868.  
24/269/14 Estate papers. 1828 1833. c. 30 items.
- 1222.03.07 Courtney, Eliza S., fl. 1809 1852.  
24/269/15 Letters. 1809 1852. 10 items.