



Grimke family papers, 1761-1866
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Container

Creator: Grimke Family

Description: 0.5 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: South Carolina family. John Faucheraud Grimké (1752-1819) was the son of John Paul Grimké (1713-1791), a jeweler and silversmith of Charleston (S.C.). John F. Grimké served as an officer of the S.C. Artillery Regiment during the Revolutionary War and was later a state legislator and judge. His children included Thomas S. Grimké (1786-1834) and Henry Grimké (1801-1852), father of Edward Montague Grimké (1832-1895).
Scope and Content: Papers consist of correspondence, legal papers, military records, and other items.

Papers include legal correspondence of John F. Grimké; letters (1818) of advice to Henry Grimké from John F. Grimké and Thomas S. Grimké concerning Henry's suspension from college, his plans to become a farmer, and his duties as a gentleman; and a collection (1834) of autograph letters of nineteenth century European diplomats.

Papers (1784-1806) of John F. Grimké include drafts of addresses to grand juries; an argument or opinion (1791) regarding the South Carolina judiciary; resolutions (1785) concerning debts of citizens of the Camden court district; land grants (1791-1794) for lands in Ninety-Six District; plats (1798-1799); correspondence with Jacob Read, Edward Rutledge, and others regarding foreign and political affairs and business and legal matters; a letter (1786) from John P. Grimké to Alexander Fraser regarding Grimké's financial straits; letters to John F. Grimké from cousin Charles Buddrick (a London jeweler) concerning family and business matters and economic conditions in England (1797); and printed material, including John F. Grimké's charge (1784) to the grand jury of Georgetown District.

John F. Grimké's military papers (1779-1780) include returns of ammunition, arms, and troops; a paybill; rosters; and other records chiefly pertaining to the S.C. Artillery Regiment (4th).

Papers (1857-1866), chiefly correspondence, of Edward M. Grimké include letters of sympathy (1857) on the death of his wife Julia; and letters (1857) from his uncle Frederick Grimké (an Ohio judge) concerning family matters and industry in the northern states. There are also two silhouettes of ladies.

Records of a Charleston (S.C.) commission (appointed by the state convention) charged "to provide for the removal of Negroes and other property from portions of the state which may be invaded by the enemy" consist of correspondence, resolutions, accounts, a "statement of warrants," and other items. Correspondents include Charles M. Furman and others.

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Search terms:

Buddrick, Charles.

Furman, Charles M.

Grimké, Edward Montague, 1832-1896.

Grimké, Frederick, 11791-1863.

Grimké, Henry, 1801-1852.

Grimké, John Fauchereaud, 1752-1819.

Grimké, John Paul, 1713-1791.

Grimké, Julia Emma Hibben, 1834-1857.

Grimké, Thomas Smith, 1786-1834.

United States. Continental Army. South Carolina Artillery Regiment, 4th.

Courts -- United States -- States.

Diplomats -- Europe -- Correspondence.

Judges -- South Carolina -- Correspondence.

Slaves -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Charleston (S.C.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.

South Carolina -- History.

Genre Land grants.

Legal documents.

Letters (correspondence)

Military records.

Plats.

Silhouettes.

Subject Judges.

Container list:

11/172/1-5 Grimke, John F. 1752-1819

Military Returns, 1779-1780. 22 items

Revolutionary war officer. Lists, invoices, and other “military returns” of Col. JFG. Returns include ammunition stores, artillery stores, lead and other material from the “laboratory,” lists of blankets, kettles and pans, powder supplies, pay bill for officers, lists of officers and enlisted men in the SC Continental Artillery including descriptions of men, their occupation, and their fate (death, desertion or continued service), lists of numbers of British, German and Canadian officers and enlisted men. Much other material regarding Continental army in Charleston. See also (34-201) JFG’s military records.

11/172/6-10 Grimke, John F. 1752-1819

Papers, 1761-1782. 14 items

Revolutionary war officer. Papers of JFG and John Paul Grimke. Estate matters (1861-1768) of Charles and Mary Faucher and a poem to Ralph Izard in Latin (1775). Letters of JFG regarding military matters, moving slaves to safety (1782), Gen. Robert Howe to JFG regarding military

strategy (1779) and memorial (1782) of George Rivers, James Island planter regarding compensation for provisions taken by British troops. Chronologically arranged.

11/172/11-34 Grimke, John F. 1752-1819

Papers, 1784-1806. 79 items.

Charleston judge. Letters (1784-1802) to JFG from Charles Buddrick, London jeweler regarding family matters and business orders; from a woman complaining of the bad behavior of a female servant, J.V. Godivin, Edward Rutledge regarding legal, estate, and political matters, John Rutledge regarding legal, financial, and political matters, David Ramsey regarding canal negotiations with NC (1795) and financial problems (1799), Jacob Read, Philadelphia (1797-1798) regarding foreign affairs, Spain, France, Congressional work, defense of Charleston and other matters, John Rutledge Jr. regarding politics, buccaneers and ships, and others. Writings of JFG include rough drafts of addresses, grand jury charges, resolutions and petitions regarding payment of debts and disruption in the Camden Court (1785), opposition to the Constitution (1789), judiciary matters (1791), grand jury charges to juries in Ninety-Six and Charleston, fragments of paper on slave revolts, and other matters. Printed matter (1778-1798) includes JFG's grand jury charges and political matters (originals in 33/94/7). Also receipts, bonds and estate matters of John Paul Grimke. Plats (1791-1806) of land in Ninety-Six (1791, 1794), Orangeburg (1798), Pinckney district (1799), Union District (1806). Chronologically arranged. Inventory available.

11/172/35-39 Grimke family, 1810-1839

Papers, 1810-1839. 29 items.

Charleston family. Judicial letters, an affidavit, and other material of Judge John F. Grimke including letters regarding a prosecution for pig theft in Yorkville (1815) and a letter (1811) from Henry Middleton. Letters from JFG and Thomas S. Grimke to Henry Grimke regarding HG's suspension from college, his reinstatement through the influence of JFG, his plans to become an upcountry farmer and long dissertations on class and duties and other philosophical questions (1818). Tax returns (1820-1824) from the estate of JFG, the funeral oration (1821) for a Mrs. Rutledge, a letter regarding the death of Thomas S. Grimke (1839). Also TSG's autograph collection (1834) of letters from early 19th century European diplomats. Chronologically arranged. Inventory available.

11/172/40-41 Grimke, E. Montague, 1832-1895

Papers, 1857-1866. 17 items.

Charlestonian. Letters 1857, 1864, 1866 to EMG regarding the death of his wife Julia Hibben Grimke, family matters, and letters from Frederick Grimke regarding industrialization in the North. Letters (1864) from EMG's grandmother Rebecca Napier, Spartanburg, regarding family matters, and (1866) from Anna R. Frost, Columbus, Ohio regarding a cultivator she sent EMG to use and advertise.

11/172/42-47 Grimke, E. Montague, 1832-1895

Slave Removal Commission Papers, 1862-1863. 51 items.

Secretary of the Charleston Commission for the removal of "Negroes and other property." Correspondence, minutes, resolutions, and other papers regarding the Charleston Commission's job to assist in the removal of slaves, property, and refugees from potential invasion areas in the

Lowcountry during the Civil War (1862-1863). Correspondence mostly of C.M. Furman, president of the Commission, and EMG. Correspondents include Gen. Robert E. Lee, D.F. Jamison, J.W. Hayne, Gen R.S. Ripley, Robert N. Gourdin, Robert Adger, Francis S. Parker, Charles T. Lowndes, A. Mazyck, J. Foster Marshall, John Caldwell, Joseph V. Lyles, Thomas B. Yates, Thomas C. Perrin, James Tupper, J.B. Rhame, Gen. PGT Beauregard, M.L. Bonham, and W.W. Harlee. Chronologically arranged. Inventory available.