



Halsey family papers, 1878-1966
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Creator: Halsey family.

Description: 2.25 linear ft.; oversize maps.

Biographical/Historical Note: Alfred Olney Halsey (1872-1967) was a Charleston, S.C. lumber company executive, alderman, and historian. Ashley Halsey, his brother, married Eleanor Rose Loeb, daughter of Jacob H. Loeb and Eliza Goldsmith Loeb. A civic leader, Eleanor Halsey served as executive director of the Charleston County Tuberculosis Association, chairman of the Charleston Chapter of the American Red Cross during World War I, and was a member of the Charleston section of the National Council of Jewish Women and many other social and civic organizations.

Scope and Content: Papers consist of correspondence, writings, maps, photographs, and other items.

Papers of Alfred O. Halsey consist of a typewritten, illustrated manuscript (1938) entitled "The Trials of an Old City" and other writings about natural disasters in Charleston (S.C.) and various aspects of Charleston history; a disbound scrapbook containing clippings and other material on Charleston churches, military history, and other subjects; manuscripts of a history (1945) of the Charleston County War, Price and Rationing Board, as well as correspondence, clippings, forms, and other material concerning Halsey's chairmanship of the Board and its oversight of price and rent control and the rationing of fuel oil, tires, food, automobiles, and other items; and reproductions of maps (1920-1962) concerning colonization of the southern states, Charleston history, and other topics.

Papers (1878-1966) of Eleanor Halsey includes correspondence (1878-1890s) of the Loeb and Goldsmith families; correspondence of Eleanor Halsey, Mrs. Samuel G. Stoney, and others concerning activities of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, the American Red Cross, and other organizations; Eleanor Halsey's correspondence with friends and family members; letters to Eleanor Halsey from her children, including many from Ashley Halsey, Jr.; correspondence, clippings, and other material (1950) concerning the Charleston Jewish Community Bicentennial Celebration and Revolutionary War soldier Francis Salvador; reports, by-laws, and other material pertaining to the S.C. American Legion Auxiliary; reports concerning the Charleston Bureau of Social Welfare and Jenkins Orphanage; newspaper clippings; notebooks; and many photographs, mostly of members of the Loeb, Halsey, and Goldsmith families.

Papers of Eleanor Halsey also include writings, consisting of school essays, stories, a script of a radio address (1940) entitled "Why Women Should Vote," a speech (1934) about African-American participation in volunteer work for the Charleston County Tuberculosis Association, and other items.

Also included are hand-drawn and colored historical maps of Charleston created by Halsey including his "Historic Charleston on a Map: Showing Original High Tide Water Lines, Fortifications, Boroughs, Great Fires, Historic Information, etc."

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Search terms:

Halsey, Alfred O. (Alfred Olney), 1872-1967.

Halsey, Ashley.

Halsey, Eleanor Rose Loeb.

Salvador, Francis, 1747?-1776.

Goldsmith family.

Halsey family.

Loeb family.

American Legion. Auxiliary. Dept. of South Carolina.

African Americans -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Social conditions.

Jews -- United States.

Rationing -- South Carolina -- Charleston County.

Women civic leaders -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

World War, 1914-1918 -- War work.

World War, 1939-1945 -- Social aspects.

Charleston (S.C.) -- History.

South Carolina -- History.

Clippings.

Letters (correspondence)

Maps.

Photographs.

Writings.

Container list:

11/209-210 Halsey, Ashley O., 1873-1948

History writings and notes, ca. 1930-1950

Charleston historian. Mss, notes, clippings, scrapbooks material for Trials of an Old City regarding Charleston's natural disasters, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc; other writings and clippings regarding Charleston architecture, battles, churches and other misc.

11/210/4-11 Halsey, Ashley O., 1873-1967

Rationing Board Papers, 1942-1946. Approx 100 items

General Chairman of Charleston War, Price & Rationing Board. Typescript of history of the Board, forms, casework, correspondence, and clippings regarding rationing board during World War II for fuel, tires, food, gasoline, shoes, and other items. Also papers regarding the price control and rent control. Letters form J. Waites Waring.

11/212-213 Halsey, Ashley O. 1873-1967

Maps, history notes. 1520-1922. 1 ft.

Charleston cartographer, historian. Copies of maps, of Alfred Halsey and others of Charleston, Charleston harbor, SC and the SC Coast (1520-1962) with notes, clippings, pamphlets, writings and other annotations regarding SC and Charleston history including maps from the Spanish period, colonial Charleston, revolutionary and post-revolutionary Charleston, the Civil War and other periods. Much genealogical informational history regarding Charleston. Maps chronologically arranged.

11/213-214 Halsey, Eleanor (Mrs. Ashley) 1883-1968

Writings & Correspondence, 1878-1966

Charlestonian. Biographical material of EH. Correspondence (1878-1966) regarding family matters with EH's parents, siblings (the Loeb family) and children, the American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary including letters from Louis C. Stoney, and many letters regarding EH's voluntary work for many charitable organizations. Writings of Eleanor Halsey include school essays, fictions, mss regarding the Jew in finance, vocational schools in Charleston, why women should vote (1940), tuberculosis, and other subjects. Speeches and annual reports to the ALLA and other organizations dealing with voluntary project such as the health and welfare of Charleston Blacks and others. Also the American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary constitution with clippings regarding the organization. Correspondences, writings, clippings, regarding the Charleston Jewish B. Centennial Committee (1950) with material regarding revolutionary war soldier Frances Salvador. Also many photographs of the Halsey-Loeb families.

47-04 Alfred O. Halsey maps of Charleston, 1946-1959

47-04A

"Year 1671: John Culpepper's 'Draught of Ashley River' Charles Town Settlement, Extending Northwardly from Wappoo Cut to the Bend in the River."

Reprint of Culpepper's map of the Ashley and Cooper Rivers with adjacent territory includes landmarks and the names of landholders along the Ashley River settlement (see Cumming #66). Hand colored by Halsey.

47-04B

"Original High-Tide Water Lines of Charleston, SC. Obtained from Numerous Maps, 1680-1860. Compiled and delineated by Alfred O. Halsey, 1 July 1948."

Two maps on coated paper indicates margins of water lines. One is simply the waterlines without superimposition over any land mass.

47-04C

"Historic Charleston on a Map: Showing Original High Tide Water Lines, Fortifications, Boroughs, Great Fires, Historic Information, etc." Compiled and delineated by Alfred O. Halsey, May 1949. Superimposed upon City Engineers Map drawn by Joseph Needle, 1946.

Two color maps of Charleston illustrating location of fires, tidal water lines, fortifications, and separate boroughs. Also includes lists of Charleston mayors, South Carolina governors, names of the Lords Proprietors, great fires, yellow fever epidemics, great cyclones, great earthquakes, tornadoes, and wars and battles that took place in Charleston. One of the maps is slightly

different than the other, possibly an earlier printing as indicated by notes on each map dating the gifts to the South Carolina Historical Society by Halsey (1954, 1959). Also included is a color reproduction of the 1959 version.

47-04 D

“Grand Model Plat of Charles Town years 1680 to 1700 – Largely 1694. By Surveyors John Culpeper, 1672, Stephen Bull and Maurice Mathews, 1676 to 1682, John Beresford, 1695, Col. John Herbert, 1707, Col. William Bull and Col. John Herbert, 1722. Superimposed, drawn, and delineated on a 1946 map of Charleston by Alfred O. Halsey, November 1949.”

Two maps (one color, one black and white) with numbered lots and the high water marks on the peninsula.