



**William W. Humphreys papers, ca. 1830-1902**  
**SCHS 1240.00**  
**Containers 25/102-104**

**Creator:** Humphreys, William W.

**Description:** 1.25 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** William W. Humphreys was an Anderson, S.C. lawyer, probate judge, railroad executive, Confederate Army officer, and mayor of Anderson. His wife was Anna J. McCully (1841-1912). James W. Harrison was an Anderson and Oconee County attorney, newspaper editor (the Anderson Gazette), and South Carolina state legislator. Stephen McCully was an Anderson County merchant. David Humphreys (or Humphries; born 1793?) was a Presbyterian minister and educator.

**Scope and Content:** Correspondence of William W. Humphreys concerns personal, probate, railroad, legal, and South Carolina militia matters. Included is an invitation (25 July 1878) for an anniversary celebration of "The Red Shirts" Flying Artillery Company in Pendleton (S.C.); a letter (22 Aug. 1878) from John S. Richardson mentioning a speech by Gen. Gary which "outraged" upstate South Carolinians "both white and colored"; and a letter (16 Sept. 1878) from R.E. Mason and P.N. Lindsey in Fair Play (S.C.) concerning the organization of a battalion of militia. Topics of letters include Humphreys' partnership with William H. Trescot, state political offices, Confederate reunions, various estate cases, and admitting patients to the state lunatic asylum. Receipts (1867-1880s) of W.W. Humphreys are for groceries, taxes, and other goods and expenses. There are also receipts and other financial records (1878-1879) pertaining to the construction of a Presbyterian church in Anderson (probably First Presbyterian). Collection chiefly consists of papers of William W. Humphreys including correspondence, bills, receipts, and ephemera; and papers of James W. Harrison, Stephen McCully, W.H. Humphreys, and Rev. David Humphreys.

Papers of (1840s-1860s) James W. Harrison include receipts, bills, notes, and letters. Also included are promissory notes, bills and receipts (1832-1873) of Stephen McCully; account books (ca. 1893-1902) of W.H. Humphreys, an Anderson County merchant, recording sales of grocery items, bank accounts, worker accounts, etc.; and bills and receipts (1857-1869) of Reverend David Humphreys.

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**Note:** Use photocopies of damaged or fragile items.

**Provenance:** Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Farmer; gift; 1983.

**Search terms:**

Harrison, James Washington, 1819-1888.  
Humphreys, David.  
Humphreys, W. H. (William Henry)  
McCully, Stephen, 1800-1881.  
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877) -- South Carolina.  
Trescot, William Henry, 1822-1898.  
First Presbyterian Church (Anderson, S.C.)  
Presbyterian church buildings -- South Carolina -- Anderson.  
Merchants -- South Carolina -- Anderson County.  
Militia -- South Carolina -- Anderson County.  
Anderson (S.C.)  
Humphreys, William Wirt, 1836-1893.  
Anderson County (S.C.) -- History.  
South Carolina -- Politics and government -- 1865-1950.  
Lawyers -- South Carolina -- Anderson.  
Receipts.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Lawyers.

**Container list:****25/102-103 Humphreys, William W., 1836- ca. 1893****Papers, 1857-1893**

Anderson SC lawyer, probate judge, railroad executive, and mayor. Letters (1861-1893) to WWH from politicians, state governmental officials, lawyers, clients and others including W.C. Benet, A.M. Manigault, W.L. Trenholm, James A. Hoyt, William H. Trescot regarding law partnership with WWH; David Humphreys, Harrison Station MS and others regarding state political offices, court cases, admitting patients to SC Lunatic Asylum, Columbia (1876, 1881), land in Calhoun Falls, SC (1891-1893), State Democratic Executive Committee, SC militia, probate court and railroad matters, family concerns and other matters. Letters from Greenville, Anderson, Columbia, Charleston, and elsewhere. Also misc. Humphreys family letters. Many receipts (1870s-1880s) from Anderson merchants for clothing, grocery, hardware, dry goods, medicine, and tax receipts and receipts for the construction of a Masonic lodge (1871) in Anderson and many receipts for the construction of the Presbyterian Church in Anderson (1878-1879) [designed by W.P. Russell]. Also receipts (1857-1869) of Rev. David Humphreys.

**25/103/7-9 Humphreys, W.H. fl. 1893****Account books, ca. 1893-1902. 16 items**

Anderson Co. merchant. Account and memo books (1893-1902) of W.H.H. Misc. accounts of sales to Anderson citizens of grocery items, accounts of workers, bank accounts, and apparently accounts for use of a shooting gallery or range.

**25/103/10-14 McCully, Stephan fl. 1840****Promissory notes, receipts, 1840s-1873. Approx 200 items.**

Anderson Co. merchant. Promissory notes, bills, and receipts of SMcC. Receipts for Anderson Co. merchants, including groceries and dry goods merchants. Promissory notes, mostly loans to Anderson Co. residents.

**25/104/1-7                      Harrison, James W. d. 1888**

**Promissory notes, receipts, 1840s-1860s. Approx 200 items.**

Anderson Co. lawyer, SC representative, Senator, President Blue Ridge Railroad and editor Anderson Gazette. Promissory notes, bills, and receipts (1840s-1860s) of JWH. Receipts of Anderson Co. merchants.