



**Jonathan Lucas papers, ca. 1787-1925**  
**SCHS 1148.00**  
**Containers 11/560-565**

**Creator:** Lucas, Jonathan

**Description:** 2.25 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** South Carolina family of English descent. Johnathan Lucas (1754-1821) was a millwright who emigrated from England to Charleston, S.C. around 1790. He invented new types of rice pounding mills and water mills, and in 1817 either he or his son Johnathan Lucas (1775-1832) built the first steam rice mill. John Lucas (born ca. 1781), the fourth child of Johnathan Lucas (1754-1821), settled in America in 1816. His son, Johnathan Lucas (1815-1887), was a building contractor and architect. He built the Colleton County jail in Walterboro, S.C. (1855-1859) and about 1860 moved to Orangeburg, S.C. to build (and later rebuild in 1867) its county jail. His children included Albert and John F. Lucas.

**Scope and Content:** Papers consist of correspondence, receipts and other financial records, time books, notes, religious writings, and other items.

Papers of Jonathan Lucas (1815-1887) include correspondence (1849-1887) with M.E. Carn, William A. Courtenay, Benjamin Lucas, and others regarding the Orangeburg jail, family and financial matters, architecture, and other concerns; receipts (1849-1887) for construction expenses, family expenses, hardware, and many other items; a volume (1848-1858) containing his accounts with individuals and firms for building supplies (for construction of Orangeburg jail) and other items and lists of creditors to whom debts are owed; time books and notebooks pertaining to the construction of the Orangeburg jail, houses, and other projects; a ledger (1856-1879) containing accounts of Lucas with individuals and churches in Walterboro (S.C.); an account book (1869-1871) for the Orangeburg jail; specifications for the Orangeburg jail and fairgrounds, and a bridge on the Edisto River (S.C.); printed advertisements; and house plans (oversized).

Lucas family papers include notes about mills built by Johnathan Lucas (1754-1821); bank books of Johnathan Lucas (1815-1887); statements of dues, fines, and other monies collected by the Edisto Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows; poems; a commonplace book of poetry; legal documents; insurance policies; a journal (ca. 1870's?) of Rev. Stiles Mellichamp, Sr. containing notes on Scripture and records of marriages, baptisms, and burials; religious writings by Albert Lucas including essays, notes, and diagrams concerning Solomon's Temple.

Papers of John F. Lucas (d. 1924) consist of two bound ledgers (1884-1888, 1905-1925) of the Colleton Banking Co.

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**Note:** Available in microfiche.

**Search terms:**

Lucas, A. (Albert)  
Lucas, John F., d. 1924.  
Lucas, Jonathan, 1754-1821.  
Lucas, Jonathan, 1815-1887.  
Mellichamp, Stiles, d. 1872.  
Lucas family.  
Colleton Banking Company.  
Temple of Jerusalem (Jerusalem)  
Architecture -- South Carolina.  
Bible -- Study and teaching.  
Building -- South Carolina.  
Dwellings -- South Carolina.  
Jails -- South Carolina.  
Mills and mill-work.  
Registers of births, etc. -- South Carolina.  
Orangeburg County (S.C.)  
South Carolina -- History.  
Walterboro (S.C.)  
Financial records.  
Letters (correspondence).  
Plans (drawings)  
Poems.  
Specifications.  
Time books.  
Writings.  
Architects.  
Contractors.

**Container list:**

**11/560-561 Lucas, Jonathan IV, 1815-1887  
Papers, 1848-1887. 1 ft.**

Orangeburg architect and jailer. Memo books, jail time books, ledgers, jail accounts, lists, notes, and other material of JL at Colleton District Jail (1855-1859) and Orangeburg Jail (1859-1887). Material regarding lawyer's case book (1848-1858), building materials (ca. 1849-1880s), estimates, lumber costs, medicine, building summary; James Paul house and kitchen (1857), Orangeburg jail materials list (1859), Orangeburg jail specifications (ca 1859), family data (1871). Dr JE Oliveros house, NA Bull house, John A. Hamilton house, plans for misc. houses, misc. architectural drawing, specifications for building the Orangeburg fairgrounds,

specifications for a bridge over the Edisto River near Branchville, misc. drawings, advertisements, and other matters. Much material on time served by convicts.

**11/562/1-18 Lucas, Jonathan IV**

**Correspondence, 1849-1887. Approx 150 items**

Orangeburg architect, jailer. Correspondence (1849-1887) of JL and others. Correspondence (1849-1887) of Jonathan Lucas and others. Correspondence with ME Carin, William A. Courtenay, Benjamin Lucas, J.J. Lucas, T. Grange Simons, Henry E. Lucas, and others. Letters from Walterboro, Charleston, Orangeburg, and elsewhere regarding construction, the Orangeburg jail, family matters, financial matters, architecture and many other matters. Scattered receipts and bills included.

**11/562-563 Lucas, Jonathan IV, 1815-1887**

**Receipts, 1849-1887. Approx 200 items**

Orangeburg architect, jailers. Receipts (1849-1887) of Jonathan Lucas and family. Included are receipts for construction, family expenses, dry goods, Orangeburg jail expenses, groceries, hardware items, and many other items. Receipts mostly from Orangeburg but also Charleston.

**11/564/1-17 Lucas Family**

**Misc. papers c. 1787-1925**

Orangeburg family. Notes on the mills built (ca. 1787-1798) by Jonathan Lucas. Records of the Edisto Lodge, Independent Order of Oddfellows and of the SC Monument Association. Misc. poetry. Bank books (1855-1888) of Jonathan Lucas (1815-1887) and his son, John F. Lucas (d. 1924). Legal and insurance papers. Record book of Rev. Stiles Mellichamp Sr., Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg. Notes on religion by Albert Lucas with research and drawings for a reconstruction of Solomon Temple and others notes.

**11/565/1-2 Lucas, John F., d. 1924**

**Ledgers, 1884-1888, 1905-1925. 2 bd. Vols.**

Walterboro banker. Ledgers (1884-1888, 1905-1925) of Colleton Banking Co., Walterboro kept by John F. Lucas. Accounts of many individuals and businesses with index in each volume.

**33/86/1-5 Lucas, Jonathan IV 1815-1887**

**Architectural drawings ca. 1870s-1880s. 5 drawings.**

Orangeburg architect. Architectural drawings, plans and other designs of Jonathan Lucas IV and his son Albert Lucas. Included are plans for houses, plan of Limehouse St., lots, Charleston; a cemetery plan and Albert Lucas's drawings of the interior and exterior of Solomon's Temple.