



**Lucas family papers, 1792-1936**  
**SCHS 1064.00**  
**Container 11/270**

**Creator:** Lucas Family

**Description:** 60 items

**Biographical/Historical Note:** South Carolina family of English descent. Jonathan Lucas (1754-1821) was a millwright who emigrated from England to Charleston, South Carolina about 1790. He invented new types of rice pounding mills and water mills and installed them throughout the rice regions of South Carolina. In 1817 either he or his son, Jonathan Lucas (1775-1832), built the first steam rice mill. John Lucas (1815-1887) was an Orangeburg (S.C.) building contractor and architect. John Lucas built the Colleton County (S.C.) jail and later moved to Orangeburg to build its jail.

**Scope and Content:** Papers include the letters (1792-1793) of Plowden Weston to Jonathan Lucas (1754-1821) about the operation of rice mills, indigo planting, and other plantation matters, a note (n.d.) on rice mills, a few Civil War items (1862-1864) of John Lucas, assistant superintendent in charge of the nitre and mining works in Charleston during the Civil War, John Lucas' jail time book (1869) possibly from the Orangeburg jail, and letters (1876-1936) of Lucas family members in South Carolina, Georgia, and England mostly concerning genealogy.

Also includes notebook (1904-1906) of study plans and schedules, and other miscellaneous material concerning the Lucas Academy, a school in Charleston, South Carolina.

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**Search terms:**

Lucas, Jonathan, 1754-1821.

Lucas, John, 1815-1887.

Weston, Plowden, 1739-1827.

Lucas family.

Confederate States of America. War Department. Nitre and Mining Bureau.

The Lucas Academy (Charleston, S.C.)

Indigo -- South Carolina.

Jails -- South Carolina -- Orangeburg.

Mills and mill-work -- South Carolina.

Millwrights -- South Carolina.

Plantations -- South Carolina.

Rice -- South Carolina -- Milling.

Charleston (S.C.) -- History -- Sources.

Orangeburg (S.C.) -- History -- Sources.  
South Carolina -- History -- Sources.  
South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources.  
Letters (correspondence).

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Charleston, Orangeburg family, Letters of Plowden Weston to rice mill builder Jonathan Lucas regarding operation of rice mills, indigo planting, and other plantation matters (1792-1793). A note on rice mills. John Lucas civil war papers (1862-1864) regarding the CSA War Dept's Nitre and Mining Bureau. J Lucas' jail time book (1869) probably from the Orangeburg jail. Letters (1876-1936) of Lucas family members in SC, GA, and England mostly regarding genealogy. Notebook of study plans for the Lucas Academy, Charleston (1904-1905) and other misc. material.