



**John Martin papers, 1787-1802**  
**SCHS 1067.00**  
**Container 11/273**

**Creator:** Martin, John, Capt.

**Description:** 40 items

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Georgetown District, South Carolina plantation owner.

**Scope and Content:** Includes correspondence and estate accounts (1787-1802) concerning John Martin's land at Belvoir Plantation, later renamed Friendfield Plantation, in Georgetown District and elsewhere. Contains early letters (1787-1790) of Martin to his son, John Martin, in London, England concerning the elder Martin's immigration, rice planting, prices of slaves, operation of a plantation, and other matters. Estate correspondence includes letters of John Martin, Paul Trapier, Isaac Danford, and John Bold concerning the sale, settlement, and operation of Belvoir and other properties owned by John Martin's estate.

The earliest item in the group is a letter dated July 16, 1787, from J. Martin of Whitehaven [England] to John Martin at Mount Pleasant, at Blencoe, Penrith [Scotland], announcing the death of John Martin's brother, Edward Martin (d. ca. 1787) who had lived at Georgetown, S.C. and married Elizabeth Trapier (1745-1817). The next letter (February 16, 1788) is written by John Martin of Georgetown to his son, John Martin, at the Stock Exchange, London, and concerns his brother's property in Carolina. He asks that a shipload of goods be sold to clear his brother's estate but there is no indication that the goods were sent. In subsequent letters the elder Martin describes the estate consisting of a plantation ten miles from Georgetown, two building lots in Georgetown, and forest land on Black River. He describes the abundance of game in the country, the

On October 10, 1790, Isaac Danford, writing for himself and Abraham Cohen, announces to the younger John Martin the death of his father and the condition of the estate. In 1791, the estate management is taken out of the hands of Danford and Cohen and entrusted to John Bold, of Bold, Rhodes and Company of Charleston. John Bold completed settlement of the estate by April 14, 1802.

Also included in the collection are inventories and memoranda of payments of the estate and two copies of a list of personal property delivered to the younger Martin. The list includes silver spoons, shoe buckles, buttons, jewelry, watches, books, etc.

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**Search terms:**

Bold, John, fl. 1791-1802.

Cohen, Abraham, fl. 1790.  
Danford, Isaac.  
Martin, Edward, d. ca. 1787.  
Martin, Elizabeth Trapier, 1745-1817.  
Martin, John, d. 1790 -- Estate.  
Martin, John, fl. 1788-1802.  
Trapier, Paul, 1716-1793.  
Martin family.  
Bold, Rhodes and Company (Charleston, S.C.)  
Decedents' estates -- South Carolina -- Georgetown County.  
Executors and administrators -- South Carolina.  
Inventories of decedents' estates -- South Carolina -- Georgetown County.  
Plantations -- South Carolina -- Georgetown County.  
Slaves -- South Carolina -- Georgetown County.  
Belvoir Plantation (Georgetown County, S.C.)  
Georgetown County (S.C.) -- History -- Sources.  
South Carolina -- History -- 1775-1865 -- Sources.  
Letters (correspondence).  
Estate records.  
Inventories.

**Container list:**

**11/273/1-8     Martin, John d. 1790**

**Estate papers. 1787-1802. 40 items**

Georgetown planter. Correspondence and estate accounts (1787-1802) of JM's land at Belvoir Plantation, Georgetown Co.; in Georgetown and elsewhere. Early letters (1787-1790) of JM to his son, John P. Martin, London, England, regarding JM's immigration, rice planting, prices of slaves, running the plantation and other matters. Estate correspondence includes letters of John P. Martin, Paul Trapier, Isaac Danford; and John Bold, Charleston regarding sale, settlement, and other operation of Belvoir and JM's other property. Also accounts and memos regarding inventory and sale of JM's personal property including slaves, sundry items, jewelry, tools, and other items. Chronologically arranged.