



Middleton family papers, 1820-1937
SCHS 1075.00
Containers 11/297-302

Creator: Middleton family.

Description: 2.3 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: Prominent South Carolina family. Nathaniel Russell Middleton (1810-1890) was a Charleston, S.C. plantation owner, South Carolina state Representative, and president of the College of Charleston. One of his daughters was Alicia Hopton Middleton. A cousin, Oliver Hering Middleton (1845-1864), was the son of Oliver Hering Middleton (1798-1892); Oliver the younger died in action at Matadequin Creek (Va.) on May 30, 1864.

Scope and content: Papers consist of correspondence, financial records, slave records, estate papers, writings, and other items. Included are the papers of Arthur Middleton (b. 1832) and a group of Middleton family papers organized by material type.

Correspondence (1863-1864, originals and typewritten transcriptions) of Oliver Hering Middleton (1845-1864), a member of the Charleston Light Dragoons, C.S.A. Army, consists primarily of letters to his sister Susan Matilda Middleton (1830-1880) discussing family matters, Middleton's impressions of camp life and the war, and other matters.

Reminiscences (n.d.) by Alicia Hopton Middleton for the year 1865 concern family life and friends, wartime conditions at Charleston and Summerville (S.C.), destruction at Middleton Place by Union troops, the behavior and demeanor of the Middleton family slaves upon their emancipation, and the family's departure for Bristol (R.I.). Papers of Nathaniel Russell Middleton (1810-1890) include holograph drafts of speeches and essays, and a typewritten copy of a speech entitled "Education of the Soul."

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Search terms:

Middleton, Alicia Hopton, b. 1849.

Middleton, N. Russell (Nathaniel Russell), 1810-1890.

Middleton, Oliver Hering, 1845-1864.

Middleton, Susan Matilda, 1830-1880.

Jordan family.

Middleton family.

Confederate States of America. Army. Charleston Light Dragoons.

Slaves -- South Carolina -- Emancipation.

Soldiers -- Confederate States of America -- Correspondence.

Charleston (S.C.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
Middleton Place (S.C.)
South Carolina -- History.
Summerville (S.C.)
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Destruction and pillage.
Estate records.
Financial records.
Letters (correspondence).
Reminiscences.
Writings.

Container list:

11/297/1-10 Middleton, Arthur, 1837-1878

Plantation Papers, 1837-1878. Approx 100 items

Charleston planter, businessman, son of N.R. Middleton. Business and plantation papers, correspondence, bonds, receipts, slave contracts, medical papers regarding exemption from Civil War and papers regarding attempt (1872-1874) to form an English land company to buy Carolina rice land.

11/297/11 Middleton, Charles Francis, 1830-1865

Family correspondence, 1864. 21 letters

Businessman, traveler. Photocopy and typescript of letters to his wife, August L. Jordan Middleton and to his sisters-in-law, Ephie and Lizzie Jordan, mostly from Bermuda and aboard a ship under a yellow-fever quarantine.

11/297/12-13 Middleton, Oliver Hering Jr., 1845-1864

Correspondence, 1864. 20 items

Volunteer in the Charleston Light Dragoons, CSA. Served in Beaufort Co. and at Matadequin Creek, VA where he was killed May 30, 1864. Correspondence with his sister, Susan Matilda Middleton regarding camp conditions and Charleston. Original letters and typed versions. See also Middleton-Blake papers (11/76-77)

11/298/1 Middleton, Nathaniel Russell, 1810-1890

Speech mss. ca 1858-1870. 20 items

Charleston businessman, civic leader, and president of the faculty at the College of Charleston. Notes for speeches or literary efforts including "The Education of the Soul."

11/298/2 Middleton, Alicia Hopton, 1849-1937

Reminiscences, 1861-1865. 1 item

Daughter of N.R. Middleton. Reminiscences of Civil War in Charleston, including bombing of Fort Sumter, 1865 notebook, news article.

11/298/3-6 Middleton family, 1844-1929

Memoir ms. 1844-1929. Approx 50 items

Literary ms. fragments and correspondence regarding family book *Life in Carolina and New England*, ed. Alicia Hopton Middleton, 1929. The *Portrait of the Middleton and DeWolf families* includes: the final copy of chapter two, a record by Nathaniel R. Middleton, Jr., 41 pp typescript, and chapter three, *Reminiscences of Nathaniel Russell Middleton* (with engraving of NRM). Also includes typescript copies of family correspondence used in book (1844-1862), correspondence regarding publication of the book and list of purchases of the book.

11/298/7-10 Middleton family

Literary fragments, 1820-1937. 20 items

Charleston family. Poetry collected or written by family members, fragments of misc. literary ms. and notes regarding family life and social memorabilia.

11/298/11-14 Middleton family

Business and Legal papers, 1828-1937. Approx 100 items

Charleston and Bristol RI family. Business and legal papers regarding family; includes receipts, bankbooks, will of Alicia H. Middleton and bill of complaint brought by Russell Doar. Receipt book of DeWolf family (1861-1869). Also scrapbook of Earella Middleton regarding Civil War.

11/299/1-29 Middleton family

Family correspondence, 1820-1865. ½ ft.

Correspondence of Middleton family of Stono Plantation, Charleston and Bristol RI. Correspondence of N.R. Middleton, planter and businessman. Letters from various family members in Paris France and Rome, Italy (ca. 1834-1851) and some letters regarding the Civil War. Major correspondents include NR Middleton, DeWolf Middleton, Ralph Izard Middleton and Alicia R. Middleton. Typescripts of some letters.

11/300-302 Middleton family

Family correspondence, 1866-1937. 1 ft.

Correspondence of family of NR Middleton, businessman and president of the faculty of the College of Charleston. Mostly of a personal nature, although there is some regarding business and the College. Major correspondents include N.R. Middleton, his son, N.R. Middleton Jr., his wife Anna E. DeWolf Middleton, his daughters Maria Louisa, Anna Elizabeth, Alicia Hopton, and Charlotte. Some of the correspondence is with Mrs. Middleton's family in Bristol, RI including Russell Doar.