



Read family papers, 1787-1869
SCHS 1088.00
Container 11/342

Creator: Read family.

Description: Ca. 35 items.

Biographical/Historical Note: South Carolina family. Jacob Read (1752-1816), a Charleston and Christ Church Parish, S.C. judge and politician, was the son of James Read (d. 1778) and Rebecca Bond Read. Jacob Read's brother, William Read (1754-1845), was a prominent physician of Charleston, S.C. and a plantation owner. William Read married Sarah Harleston, and their children included John Harleston Read (1788-1859). John Harleston Read's first wife was Mary Withers (1790-1817), by whom he had two sons, James Withers Read (1817-1851) and John Harleston Read (1815-1866). John Harleston Read (1815-1866), a Prince George Parish, S.C. attorney, plantation owner, and state Representative, also had a son by the same name, born 1843. William George Read was the son of Jacob Read (1752-1816).

Scope and Content: Papers consist of correspondence, a typewritten copy of the will (1847) of Francis Withers, and resolutions (1859) of the Cincinnati Society of South Carolina concerning its late president John Harleston Read (1788-1859).

Correspondence includes letters (1795-1800) of William Read in Charleston (S.C.) to his brother Jacob Read, who was representing South Carolina in the U.S. Senate (meeting in Philadelphia, Pa.) concerning the riotous conditions that prevailed in Charleston (S.C.) in protest against Congressional endorsement of the Jay Treaty of 1795; South Carolina sympathy for the French and Bonaparte's rising influence; grief over the death of George Washington and the oratorical occasions that ensued; William Read's conduct of affairs at the Marine Hospital; fever epidemics in Charleston (S.C.); social life; and horse races in Charleston (S.C.). There is a copy of a letter (1838) of William George Read to his cousin John Harleston Read (1815-1866) regarding Read family history, along with letters to Jacob Read from Peter [Hasenoleven] in Berlin (1788), Benjamin Seabrook (1792), Daniel Hall (1798), and William Greenwood (1797).

Letters (1869) of John Harleston Read (b. 1843) are letterpress tissue copies, mostly to the Charleston (S.C.) firm of Thurston & Holmes, concerning the estate of John Harleston Read (1815-1866), sales of rice, and other financial and business matters.

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Note: Typewritten transcriptions of some letters are available.

Search terms:

Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821.
Read, Jacob, 1752-1816.
Read, John Harleston, 1788-1859.
Read, John Harleston, 1815-1866.
Read, John Harleston, 1843-1912.
Read, William, 1754-1845.
Washington, George, 1732-1799 -- Death.
Withers, Francis, 1769-1847 -- Will.
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Marine Hospital (Charleston, S.C.)
South-Carolina State Society of the Cincinnati.
Epidemics -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Horse racing -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Physicians -- South Carolina -- Correspondence.
Rice trade -- South Carolina.
Charleston (S.C.) -- History -- 1775-1865.
South Carolina -- History.
South Carolina -- Social life and customs.
United States -- Politics and government -- 1789-1815.
Letters (correspondence).
Resolutions.
Will.

Container listing:

11/342/1-12 Read, Jacob, 1752-1816

Letters, 1787-1800. Approx 30 items.

Charlestonian and US Senator. Letters (1795-1800) to Jacob Read from his brother, William G. Read in Charleston politics and politicians, protests against the Jay Treaty (1795), comments on European politics, Napoleon Bonaparte, the death of George Washington, fever epidemics in Charleston, the Marine Hospital, Charleston where William G. Read served as a doctor, family life, horse racing and social life in Charleston. Also letters (1787-1797) of Benjamin Seabrook; Daniel Hall; Peter Hasenoleven regarding Alexander Gillon; William Greenwood regarding legal matters (1797); and others. Also two letters (1798-1799) of JR. Partial typescripts available.

11/342/13-14 Read, J. Harleston, d. 1866

Papers, 1838-1869. Approx 40 pages.

Georgetown planter. Tissue-copy letters (1866-1869) of J. Harleston Read to Thurston & Holmes, Charleston factors regarding rice sales. Material regarding the Society of Cincinnati(1866) and will of Francis Withers and other letters.