



H.A.M. Smith papers, ca. 1744-1922
SCHS 1102.00
Containers 11/406-406F

Creator: Smith, Henry A.M.

Description: 3 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: **Charleston**, S.C. judge, historian, and plantation owner. He was the son of John Julius Pringle Smith and Elizabeth Middleton Smith (b. 1822), daughter of Henry Augustus Middleton (1793-1887). His historical writings about South Carolina, drawn from manuscript sources, were published in the South Carolina Historical Magazine from 1900 to 1928 and include a series entitled "The Baronies of South Carolina" (April 1910-Jan. 1917). Henry A.M. (Augustus Middleton) Smith was born in 1853 and died in 1924.

Scope and Content: Papers consist of abstracts of property records and other material, research notes, indexes, transcriptions of documents, maps and plats, and other items. Also included are papers (1819-1871) of William H. Lowndes (d. 1865).

Abstracts include typewritten (on half-sheets) abstracts of articles and notices (1731-1793) in the South Carolina Gazette and the Daily Advertiser mainly concerning shipping in Charleston (S.C.) and North Carolina; abstracts (in 4 bound volumes) of property records in the Charleston County Register of Mesne Conveyance office books A-D, with an index; and abstracts of records of the British Public Records Office. There are notes for a history of Goose Creek (S.C.), with related abstracts, as well as other research notes (some on index cards) and related correspondence, and notes on Smith family genealogy.

A small bound volume contains a consolidated index to information (ca. 1680-ca. 1800) on selected geographical locations and Indian tribes in South Carolina as found in the South Carolina Secretary of State land grant books, Smith's copy of land grant books, Journals of the Grand Council of South Carolina, the Shaftsbury Papers, "Warrants for Land, 1671-1711," the Charleston County R.M.C. Office, and other sources. Other items include a (card) index to maps and plats of South Carolina locations including plantations and baronies; transcriptions of wills, grants, and early Colonial government records; and maps and plats (many oversized) of plantations, baronies, Charles Town, and other locations.

Documents (originals and copies) collected by Smith include a list (copy?) of grantees of Charles Town (1725); a conveyance (1766) of Postell family land; Bulloch (or Bullock) and Wilson family property records and wills; a grant (1784) of land in Ninety-Six District (S.C.) to Thomas Lehre; and letters (1810) to Ralph Izard.

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Search terms:

Smith, Henry A. M.
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Wills.
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Container listing:

11/402/1-9 Smith, H.A.M., 1853-1924

Newspaper abstracts, 1731-1793

Charleston historian. Chiefly abstracts by H.A.M. Smith of shipping news between Charleston and NC from the SC Gazette and the Daily Advertiser (1731-1793). Abstracts also regarding boundary questions, American Indian troubles, storms, visits to NC officials, pre-revolution news but mostly regarding shipping and port news with NC, especially Cape Fear.

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Abstracts of land records & notes, ca. 1900-1922. 2 ¼ ft.

Charleston historian. Abstracts of land records and notes collected by H.A.M. Smith. Included are abstracts of the Charleston Co. Mesne Conveyance office books (A-D) with several indexes to various land records in city and state depositories. Notes regarding St. Paul's Parish; Charleston Street descriptions; abstracts of records, conveyances, wills, leases throughout the Lowcountry, lists and notes of 17th century SC Government; records from plat books and land sales records. Notes for a projected history of Goose Creek with abstracts of records for Goose Creek, notes on the Luxembourg claims, some legal notes included material regarding Roper Hospital (1922), a letter regarding 1893 fatalities from a hurricane in the Georgetown area, abstracts from the British Public records office, various SC Colonial records and other misc. notes. Also index cards of misc. land records and index cards from defunct inventory.

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Misc. manuscripts, 1699-1870. 27 items

Charleston historian. Original and some copies of misc. mss (1699-1870) collected by H.A.M. Smith. Included are Blake family wills, grants, and a plat (1699-1870); British naval order regarding coastal security (1744); receipt and bill for the body of a felon (1765). Postell conveyance for land in St. George's Berkeley (1765-1766), land papers of A. Bulloch (1766-1767), letter to Peter Manigault (1765-1766) from? Re? (1768), letter of Charles Cantey & Josiah Perry regarding mending of a bridge (1776); Wilson family papers including wills and leases (1788-1822); tract of Thomas Lehre, Ninety-Six district (1784); copy of Stephen Bull sale of plantation (1791); sale of Abraham Markley land in St. George Parish (1798); correspondence of Ralph Izard with navy Secretary Paul Hamilton and RI's crew regarding RI's resignation from the Navy (1810); title to land for John Guerard (1823); sale of land by Daniel Heyward to JAS Izard in St. Peter's Parish, Beaufort District (1846); also grant book (1725) with lists of grants, then dates, titles, pages of books where entered for lots of land in Charleston.

11/406C/1-4 Lowndes, William H.

Papers, 1819-1871. Approx 35 items

Colleton Co. planter. Conveyances, deeds, and other land papers (1819-1856) regarding William H. Lowndes' plantation Hickory Hill, Colleton Co., slave mortgages & lists (1839-1847) agreement to build slave quarters and other building with specification (1843, 1856), land papers regarding land near Pon-Pon River, Colleton Co.; rice account sales (1861-1862), accounts for groceries and sundry items of Mrs. M.E. Lowndes (1866-1867) and estate papers of William H. Lowndes with letter of Henry A. Middleton.

11/406C/5-27 SC Government, 1717-1780

Colonial & State Documents, 1717-1780. 130 items

Copies and holograph copies of SC Legislative documents collected by H.A.M. Smith. Documents (1717-1780) mostly between Gov. James Moore and SC Speaker of the House of Commons and others (1717-1720) regarding public funds, Indian disturbances, citizens complaints, state fortifications and public safety, and general legislative business. Later documents (1724-1780) include: expenses for a church at St. Helena (1724); a Wm. Bull letter regarding public safety (1742); letter to Gov. James Glen regarding complaints of two Cherokee chiefs (1745); public accounts (1739-1740); receipt for bodies, 1762, petition for a job 1765; report of Lt. Gov. Wm. Bull regarding state conditions; petitions regarding a ferry (1777); accounts of Ben J. Dart with the state (1780) for military and other public expenditures during the siege of Charleston. Chronologically arranged. Many petitions (1760s) and receipts for bounties for killing wolves and other animals (1786).

47/12F/1-47 Smith, H.A.M., 1853-1924

Maps, plats, etc. 1900-1924

Charleston historian. Maps, plats, blue prints, tracings of maps of H.A.M. Smith used for Baronies of SC and other projects. Among the localities represented are St. James, Goose Creek, Ararat Farms, Berkeley Co., Boones Barony, St. Bartholomew Parish, Ashpoo Barony; St. Pauls Parish, Charleston Neck (1757), Raphoe Barony, Woodstock Plantation, 1690, Spring Grove Plantation, plat of village of Washington in Charleston neck (1798), Springfield, St

Andrews, Sandy Hill, Colleton, Map of Yemasee War description of James Island Plantations pre-1860, and many other maps and tracings of plantations or a series of plantations.