



Stoney-Popham family papers, 1834-1995
SCHS 301.00

Description: 3.5 linear ft.

Scope and content: Families of Charleston (S.C.) and elsewhere. This collection is comprised primarily of family correspondence, the bulk of which dates from 1914 to 1960. Louisa McCord Stoney Popham, the daughter of Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney and Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Sr., forms the center of this material. The majority of letters are between Louisa McCord Stoney Popham and her parents, her brothers Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Jr., and Augustine Thomas Smythe Stoney (1894-1949), her sister Harriet Porcher Stoney Simons (Mrs. Albert Simons), her husband William Sherbrooke Popham, Jr., and her daughters Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul and Harriet Stoney Popham Rigney. Numerous other family members and friends are also included in this correspondence, such as Hannah McCord Smythe Wright (Mrs. Anton Wright), John and Susan Smythe Bennett, Albert Simons, Jr., and William Gaston Raoul. Topics include family matters, travel, and the politics, arts, and social life of Charleston (S.C.). In particular, the activities of the League of Women Voters receive frequent mention. With her husband, an officer in the U.S. Navy, Mrs. Popham traveled extensively. A number of letters document their experiences in Japan, China, the Philippines, and elsewhere. Similarly, the letters from A.T.S. Stoney relate his experiences serving in the U.S. Army in both World Wars. A number of undated letters are included in this collection, and are arranged by author.

Also included in this collection are clippings, ephemera, photographs, and miscellaneous family items. A small amount of material concerns individual family members, including items from A.T.S. Stoney and Harriet Stoney Popham Rigney, as well as Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney's recipe book, compiled ca. 1900, and Louisa McCord Stoney Popham's travel diaries (1919-1936).

In the late nineteenth century the Stoney family intermarried with the Smythe family of Charleston. Forming an adjunct to this collection is a small group of Smythe family papers, dating from the years 1863 to 1880.

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Search terms:

Bennett, John, 1865-1956.
Bennett, Susan Smythe.

Popham, Louisa McCord Stoney.
 Popham, William Sherbrooke, 1882-1977.
 Raoul, Louisa Cheves Popham, 1919-2000.
 Raoul, William Gaston.
 Rigney, Harriet Stoney Popham, 1939-
 Simons, Albert, 1890-1980.
 Simons, Albert, 1918-1997.
 Simons, Harriet Porcher Stoney, 1896-1971.
 Stoney, A.T.S., (Augustine Thomas Smythe), b. 1894.
 Stoney, Louisa Cheves Smythe, 1868-1939.
 Stoney, Samuel Gaillard, 1853-1926.
 Stoney, Samuel Gaillard, 1891-
 Wright, Hannah McCord Smythe.
 Popham family.
 Smith family.
 Smythe family.
 League of Women Voters of South Carolina.
 United States. Navy -- Officers -- Correspondence.
 Arts -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- 20th century.
 Cooking -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
 World War, 1914-1918.
 World War, 1939-1945.
 Charleston (S.C.) -- Intellectual life -- 20th century.
 Charleston (S.C.) -- Politics and government -- 20th century.
 Charleston (S.C.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century.
 China -- Description and travel.
 Japan -- Description and travel.
 Philippines -- Description and travel.
 Diaries.
 Letters (correspondence)
 Recipes.

Series Outline:

301.01: Stoney-Popham Family Papers
 301.02: Papers of Individuals
 301.03: Smythe Family Papers

Container listing:

Box 1

301.01: *Stoney-Popham Family Papers*
 301.01(C) 01: **Clippings**
 301.01(C) 02: **Correspondence, 1834-1995**

Box 1: 1834-1918

Box 2: 1919-1929

Box 3: 1930-1941

Box 4: 1942-1950

Box 5: 1951-1995

301.01 (C) 03: **Correspondence, Undated** (arranged by author)

301.01 (C) 03-01: From "John" (primarily S. G. Stoney, Sr., but also Mrs. S. G. Stoney, Sr.) to John (variable, but primarily Louisa McCord Stoney Popham).

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301.01 (C) 03-02: From Harriet Porcher Stoney Simons (Mrs. Albert Simons)

301.01 (C) 03-03: From Mrs. S. G. Stoney, Jr. (Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney)

301.01 (C) 03-04: From Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Jr.

301.01 (C) 03-05: From Louisa McCord Cheves Stoney Popham

301.01 (C) 03-06: From "Nannan" (Hannah McCord Smythe Wright, Mrs. Anton Wright)

301.01 (C) 03-07: From Serena (Mrs. Alexander Frederick Leonhardt)

301.01 (C) 03-08: From "Polly" (Mary Stevenson Riley, b. 1919, niece of William Sherbrooke Popham)

301.01 (C) 03-09: From Harriet Williams

301.01 (C) 03-10: From Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul (multiple folders)

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301.01 (C) 03-11: From William Sherbrooke Popham

301.01 (C) 03-11A: From Lydia M. W. Beatty (Popham cousin)

301.01 (C) 03-12: From Rosina Newport Popham

301.01 (C) 03-13: From Harriett Stoney Popham Rigney

301.01 (C) 03-14: From William Gaston Raoul

301.01 (C) 03-15: From Raoul children

301.01 (C) 03-16: Unidentified authors

301.01 (E): **Ephemera**

301.01 (F): **Furniture lists**

301.01 (G) 01: **Genealogy** (Stoney, Popham, and related families)

301.01 (G) 02: **Greeting cards** (undated)

301.01 (I): **Invitations**

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301.01 (M) 01: **Memorial Record** of Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Jr., 1968

301.01 (M) 02: **Miscellaneous materials**

301.01 (P) 01: **Photographs**

301.01 (P) 02: **Poetry**

301.02: Papers of Individuals

301.02.01: **Harriet Stoney Popham Rigney Papers** (b. 1939)

301.02.01 (E): **Ephemera**
 301.02.01 (S): **Schoolwork**

301.02.02: **Louisa McCord Stoney Popham**

301.02.02 (A) 01: **Account Book**, 1930-1943 (includes 3 pages of an 1884 diary kept by Louisa McCord Smythe)

301.02.02 (A) **Address books** (two), ca. 1930s-1950s

301.02.02 (E): **Essay** (or speech?) on a garden party in Washington, 1939, attended by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth

301.02.02 (T) 01: **Travel** diary 1919-1921

301.02.02 (T) 02: **Travel** diary, 1930-1936

301.02.03: **Augustine Thomas Smythe Stoney** (1894-1949)

301.02.03 (N): **Notebook**, ca. 1940s?

301.02.03 (P) 01: **Photos**

301.02.03 (P) 02: **Printed** material

301.02.03 (R): **Receipts**

301.02.03 (W): **Will**, 1943

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301.02.04: **Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney** (1868-1939)

301.02.04 (R)-01: **Recipe** Book, ca. 1900-1910

301.02.04 (R)-02: **Loose** items from recipe book

301.03: Smythe Family Papers, 1863-1880

301.03 (A): Parisian **Address book** of Louisa Rebecca McCord Smythe?

301.03 (C): **Correspondence**, 1863-1880

301.03 (N): **Notebook**, inscribed A. T. Smythe, 1865.

301.03 (P) 01: **Pass** for Sgt. A. T. Smythe, dated Charleston, 10 April 1863, signed by E. F. Ruffin.

301.03 (P) 02: **Poetry**/Lyrics copied by Mrs. A. T. Smythe (Louis McCord Smythe) ca. 1865.

Glossary of Pet Names

Admiral William Sherbrooke Popham, Jr. (1882-1977)

Bedouin Louisa McCord Stoney Popham

Bobbo Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Jr. (?)

Boss William Sherbrooke Popham

Commodore William Sherbrooke Popham

Duhweesa Louisa McCord Stoney Popham

Fatty Louisa McCord Stoney Popham

Fish Albert Simons, Jr. (1918-1997?)

Gam Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney (Mrs. S. G. Stoney, Sr.)

Gay Louisa McCord Stoney Popham

Granny Mrs. S. G. Stoney

Harry Harriet Porcher Stoney Simons, 1896-1971 (Mrs. Albert Simons)

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| Har | Harriet Williams (Mrs. George W. Williams) |
| H. P. | Harriett Stoney Popham Rigney |
| H. P. S. | Harriet Porcher Stoney Simons |
| John | Louisa M. S. Popham and/or her parents |
| Kit | Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul |
| LCPR | Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul |
| Lou | Mrs. A. T. S. Stoney |
| Loula | Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney (Mrs. S. G. Stoney Sr., 1868-1939) |
| Miss | Louisa McCord Stoney Popham |
| Mub | Harriet Porcher Stoney |
| Muddy | Louisa McCord Stoney Popham |
| Nannan | Hannah McCord Smythe Wright (Mrs. Anton Wright) |
| Poppo | Harriet Stoney Popham McDougal Rigney |
| Rascal | Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul |
| Sweetness | Louisa McCord Stoney Popham |
| Weesa | Louisa McCord Stoney Popham |

Questionable names

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| Boo | Youthful Harriet Stoney Popham McDougal Rigney |
| Bobbo | Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Jr. |
| Deas | ? |
| Simons | ? |
| Suso | Susan Smythe Bennett |

Questions for Harriet:

Loulie = Mrs. S. G. Stoney, Sr.?

Deas?

Genealogy:

Augustine Thomas Smythe (1842-1914), a Charleston, S.C., attorney and a South Carolina state senator, married Louisa Rebecca McCord (1845-1928). Their children included Augustine Thomas Smythe, Jr., Langdon Cheves McCord Smythe, Hannah McCord Smythe (who married Anton P. Wright), and Susan Smythe (who married writer and artist John Bennett), and Louisa Cheves Smythe (1868-1939).

Louisa Cheves Smythe (1868-1939) married Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Sr. (1853-1926), a Charleston, S. C. businessman and plantation owner in 1890. Their children included Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Jr. (1891-1968), Augustine Thomas Smythe Stoney (b. 1894), Louisa McCord Stoney (later Mrs. William S. Popham), and Harriet Porcher Stoney (1896-1971, Mrs. Albert Simons).

Louisa McCord Stoney married Rear Admiral William Sherbrooke Popham, Jr. Their first daughter Louisa Cheves Popham (1919-2000) married William Gaston Raoul in 1942. Their second daughter Harriet Stoney Popham McDougal Rigney (b. 1939) donated these papers.