



**Simons V. Waring Papers**  
**SCHS #548.00**

**Description:** 2.58 Linear Feet (3 boxes)

**Biog./Historical Note:** Simons Vanderhorst Waring, Sr. was the son of William Hayne Waring (1841-1898) and Esther Simons Vanderhorst Dawson (1845-1930). In the 1927 Charleston city directory he is listed as a member of the firm of William B. Gadsden & Company, merchandise brokers and real estate agents.

**Scope and content:** This collection of papers consists of documents collected or inherited by Simons Vanderhorst Waring (1888-1955) of Charleston and Summerville, S.C. Some of them appear to be family papers, but others may be documents unrelated to Waring's family. Many of these papers pertain to legal and financial affairs which were handled by the Charleston legal firm of McCrady & Son, and there are numerous promissory notes and notarized protests for non-payment mostly dating from the 1850s into the 1870s. Another large group of documents consist of property records, including plats, grants and conveyances, dating from 1704 to 1872. The collection also includes miscellaneous legal records such as a certificate (1809) relating to a libel lawsuit brought by John Boyle. Among the correspondence are letters (1863-1864) from Alexander Robertson to Mrs. Elizabeth Boyle in Summerville, the first of which describes wartime conditions in Charleston; a letter (1816) to Frederick Fraser at Pocotaligo from his nephew Joseph A. Winthrop regarding a shipment of cotton and other goods; a letter (1816) to Frederick G. Fraser at Pocotaligo from his uncle [T. W.] Bacot; a letter (1829) to Frederick G. Fraser from [J. H. S.]; and a letter (1866) to Robert Campbell in Baltimore from C. H. Behre in Charleston. Other notable documents include copies of minutes (1860-1861) of the Summerville town council relating to the defense of the community; a list of officers and privates of the "Dorchester Troops;" and a letter (1942) to Simons V. Waring from Legare Walker regarding gravestone inscriptions at Willbrook (or Dwight's) Plantation (epitaphs mainly relating to members of the families of Lee and Miles). Estate records include papers (1863-1867) pertaining to the estate of William Davidson, including a document (1865) restoring ownership of a cotton plantation in St. Paul's Parish, a letter from his widow Julia E. Davidson regarding his estate, and a sworn statement (1867) pertaining to a plantation in St. Andrews Parish. Other estate records include the wills of Morris Seligman, Edwin L. Kerrison, John Dawson, and Sarah Huger.

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## Container Listing:

### BOX 1

- 1 Estate records: documents (1863-1867) pertaining to the estate of William Davidson. Includes a document (1865) issued by Gen. Rufus Saxton restoring the ownership of a cotton plantation in St. Paul's Parish to William Davidson; a copy of a letter from Davidson to James Donaldson & Company concerning "our cotton in Augusta;" a letter from his widow Julia E. Davidson in Spartanburg (Nov. 1865), probably to McCrady & Sons in Charleston, regarding her late husband's estate; and a sworn statement (1867) relating to a plantation in St. Andrews Parish.
- 2 Estate records: will, 1868, of Morris Seligman, witnessed by Louis Manigault and others. Will leaves his entire estate to his wife Louisa Minerva Durkee Seligman, widow of "the late Mr. Angel."
- 3 Estate records: will, 1863, of Edwin L. Kerrison.
- 4 Estate records: will, 1823, of John Dawson (1765-1823) of Charleston.
- 5 Estate records: will, 1832, of Sarah Huger (1770-1832).
- 6 Property records: title deed to William McBurney (1806-1894) of a lot on Hayne Street, Charleston, 1872. (Note: the 1855 city directory lists William McBurney's dry goods store at 37 Hayne Street.
- 7 Property records: mortgage, 1864, on land in Berkeley County called Umbria, J. M. Bryan to James Tupper, master in equity.
- 8 Property records: agreement, 1859, between John B. Sardy of New York and C. S. Marshall regarding the sale of Williman's Island (located near St. Helena Sound).
- 9 Property records: plat, 1777, of a plantation on the Waccamaw River, Georgetown District, surveyed for William Campbell.
- 10 Property records: plat, 1793, of 587 acres on the south west side of the Black River, Prince Frederick Parish, surveyed for John Cassels.
- 11 Property records: undated, early 18<sup>th</sup> century plat of 213 acres in Berkeley County; marked "Pine barren adjoining Mr. Warren—Mr. Ainslie's plat."
- 12 Property records: grant, [1704], to William Roup (or Ripp), of 400 acres in Colleton County.
- 13 Property records: portion of a pew deed, 1819, to Jonathan Lucas (Church of St. Paul).

- 14 Property records: tripartite indenture, 1832, between Christopher Gadsden Morris, his wife Mary Jones Morris, Isaac Motte Campbell, and Maurice Simons, relating to the property of Mrs. Morris.
- 15 Property records: certificate of memorial, 1762, relating to South Carolina lands of Sampson Neyle of Charleston.
- 16 Property records: plat, 1718, of 590 acres in Berkeley County surveyed for Richard Smith.
- 17 Property records: fragments of various documents.
- 18 McCrady papers: documents relating to the Charleston legal firm of McCrady & Son, 1850s-1870s. Includes letters (1865; 1866) to Edward McCrady from Dr. Robert E. Campbell in Gainstown, Alabama, concerning his late wife's money.
- 19 McCrady papers: miscellaneous papers, 1850s-1870s, relating to McCrady & Son and members of the McCrady family. Includes bonds, receipts, and a letter.
- 20 McCrady papers: miscellaneous papers, 1849-1880s, relating to McCrady & Son and members of the McCrady family. Includes insurance policies, letters, bills, and a bond.
- 21 McCrady papers: documents, McCrady & Son, 1858-1861, relating to William T. Sanders. Includes promissory notes, a bond, letters, and related notes.
- 22 Miscellaneous legal records: legal documents, 1871-1872, relating to the case of James B. Campbell v. John Fraser & Company.
- 23 Miscellaneous legal records: certificate, 1809, relating to a libel lawsuit brought by John Boyle.
- 24 Miscellaneous legal records: summary process, 1847. A court document (Horry District) relating to a debt owed by J. Benjamin Johnson.

## BOX 2

- 1 These documents were found in a blue envelope marked "Claims Prior to the War." Mostly consists of promissory notes attached to notarized protests for non-payment, 1850s-1860s. There are also additional promissory notes as well as a few letters and bills. One of the letters concerning a debt is from P. H. Hayne to Mr. O'Hear (June 25, 1860). The name A. F. Browning appears somewhat frequently in this group of documents.
- 2 These documents were found in a black wallet, and include a sworn statement of indebtedness by Oliver Farnum ("of the late firm trading together under the name of Farnum & Dotterer").

- 3 These documents were found in a red wallet, and mostly consist of promissory notes and notarized protests for non-payment. The name of the Baltimore firm of Ham & Cushing appears on many documents. Other items include a mortgage (1869), Edward W. Macbeth (trustee) to Louis McLarin (assignee of Benjamin Ford, bankrupt); and a mortgage (1867), Joseph W. Seabrook and Henry Seabrook to Charles P. Williams.
- 4 Correspondence removed from an envelope found in red wallet. Includes a letter (1848) to Mrs. Elizabeth Boyle in Georgetown, S.C.; two letters (1863; 1864) from Alexander Robertson to Mrs. Boyle in Summerville, S.C. the first of which describes wartime conditions in Charleston, S.C.; a letter (1816) to Frederick Fraser at Pocotaligo from his nephew Joseph A. Winthrop regarding a shipment of cotton and other goods; letter (1816) to Frederick G. Fraser at Pocotaligo from his uncle [T. W.] Bacot; a letter (1829) to Frederick G. Fraser from [J. H. S.]; and a letter (1866) to Robert Campbell in Baltimore from C. H. Behre in Charleston.
- 5 Promissory notes and notarized protests for non-payment, 1858-1862.
- 6 Miscellaneous documents: includes letters and promissory notes, 1850s-1870s.
- 7 Miscellaneous documents: promissory notes and notarized protests for non-payment, 1850s-1860s.
- 8 Miscellaneous documents: mostly correspondence and financial records, 1840s-1870s, including bonds, bills, and promissory notes.
- 9 Miscellaneous documents: These documents, 1860s-1880, include two letters (1880) from William Henry Trescot in Washington, D.C.; three agreements (1869-1870) between James M. [Couper] of Georgia and J. Elliott Condict of Morristown, N.J. and others relating to sales of rice; an insurance policy (1869) of A. H. Sanders on Charleston property; and a bond (1867), Charles R. Thomson and Ellen S. Thomson to James B. Richardson.
- 10 Miscellaneous documents: undated love poem (probably 18<sup>th</sup> century).
- 11 Miscellaneous documents: copies of minutes of meetings (1860-1861) of the Summerville town council relating to measures “to preserve the safety and promote the interest of the community.” One resolution pertains to the formation of “a body of mounted men and foot soldiers.” Also included is a list of the officers and privates of the “Dorchester Troops.”
- 12 Miscellaneous documents: typed transcription of the 1850 proceedings of the Charleston city council mainly relating to a statue of John C. Calhoun.

- 13 Miscellaneous documents: newspaper clipping, 1863, from the *Courier and Union* (Syracuse, N.Y.?). Clipping is an obituary for Harvey Baldwin, who died on August 22, 1863.
- 14 Simons V. Waring papers: These include a letter, 1923, to Simons V. Waring concerning a book; and a letter, 1942, to Waring from Legare Walker in Summerville regarding gravestone inscriptions at Willbrook (or Dwight's) Plantation. Epitaphs mainly relate to the families of Miles and Lee.

BOX 3 (Oversize items)

- 1 Conveyance, 1786, of 450 acres to Benjamin Waller described as "salt marsh lands & islands situate in the District of Charleston on the south east side of Wando River." Includes a plat.
- 2 Renunciation of dower, 1784, by Jane, wife of Joseph Slann, to Thomas Ferguson. Pertains to a plantation called The Point, and a tract on Slann's Island, located in St. Paul's Parish.
- 3 Conveyance, 1839, Samuel Connor to William H. Gilliland, of a lot on the south side of Hasell Street in Charleston.
- 4 Royal grant, 1775, to Isaac Lesesne, of 500 acres in Granville County "on the branches of Beaver Dam, a branch of Stephens Creek, waters of Savannah River." Includes a plat.
- 5 Lease, 1750, Edward Rawlins to William Vants (Vance?) of a plantation of 450 acres in St. John's Berkeley Parish.
- 6 Lease, 1787, William Skirving to Philip Smith, of a "tract of salt marsh" in St. Bartholomew Parish. Ink is faded and difficult to read.
- 7 Surveyor's certificate, 1758. This document, which is attached to another fragmentary document, certifies that a lot has been laid out for Mrs. Sarah Purry in Beaufort, S.C.
- 8 Royal grant, 1771, to John Singleton, of 271 acres in St. Bartholomew Parish. A fragmentary plat is attached.
- 9 Royal grant, 1770, to Joseph Britton, of 200 acres in Craven County "on the north east side of Great Pee Dee." Plat is attached.
- 10 Grant, 1736, to Benjamin Savage, of 600 acres in Craven County on the Pee Dee River. Part of the grant is missing; plat attached.

- 11 Grant, 1737, to Rev. [Timothy] Mellichamp, of 1,000 acres of land on Lynches Creek, Township of Queensborough, Craven County.
- 12 Royal grant, 1770, to Thomas Holman, of 6 acres in Colleton County, partly bounded by "Folley Creek." Plat is attached.
- 13 Conveyance, 1832, to Samuel P. Ripley, of lots on George Street in Charleston, to Paul S. H. Lee (1784-1852), his wife, Lynch Helen Van Rhyne Lee (1792-1844), and others.
- 14 Royal grant, 1766, to James Lingard, of one and a half acres on "Charles Town neck."
- 15 Plat of 500 acres surveyed for Thomas Farr in Colleton County, on the Stono River. Writing is faded and difficult to read. The date appears to be 1714.
- 16 Conveyance, 1711, to Matthew Bee of 300 acres in Colleton County. Plat is attached.
- 17 Grant, 1809, to Nathaniel Snow, of 989 acres in Georgetown District, on the southwest side of the Pee Dee River.
- 18 Printed "Plan of Magnolia Cemetery" 1850.