



**Waring family papers, 1707-1989 (bulk 1886-1979)  
SCHS 300.00**

**Creator:** Waring family.

**Description:** 11.25 linear ft.

**Biographical/historical note:** George Seabrook Legare (1870-1913) farmed Old Town Plantation in Charleston County, S.C., and was a member of Congress representing the First District of South Carolina. His son, William S. Legare, was a Charleston, S.C. attorney and state legislator. George S. Legare's daughter Ferdinanda ("Ferdie") married William B. Backer and had three children. After William B. Backer's death, she married Dr. Joseph I. Waring of Charleston, S.C., a physician and medical historian. Dr. Waring was the son of Joseph Ioor Waring, Sr. (1860-1925) and Emma Thomson Taber Waring.

**Scope and content:** This collection consists of clippings, correspondence, genealogical material, writings, and other items. Included are papers of Joseph I. Waring, Sr., Dr. Joseph I. Waring, Dorothy T. Waring, Ferdinanda Legare Waring, George S. Legare, and William S. Legare, as well as papers of the Legare and Backer families and other related families.

Waring family documents (1707-1973; bulk 1845-1909) consist of clippings; genealogical material, including records (1839-1863) of the births and deaths of slaves of Thomas R. Waring (1819-1871); miscellaneous items including a slave bill of sale (1845); and papers pertaining to the related families of Blacklock, Freer, Garden, Hayne, Holmes, and Taber. Among the papers pertaining to the Garden family are guardianship records (1853-1871) for Susan S. Garden and Thomasina B. Garden, which include lists of slaves and slave bills of sale. There is also an account (1862) of sales of slaves belonging to the estate of William A. Hayne. Blacklock family papers include genealogical information on the Blacklock and Freer families.

Papers (1889-1924) of Joseph I. Waring, Sr. (1860-1925) consist of correspondence (1895-1924), much of which relates to his genealogical and historical interests; genealogical notes and writings, mostly about the Waring family; miscellaneous items including scrapbooks, and autograph books; and writings including Gullah folk tales, historical accounts, and poems.

Papers (1907-1985) of Dorothy T. Waring (sister of Dr. Joseph I. Waring) consist of correspondence; estate records, including papers relating to the estates of Anne P. Waring and Emma Thomson Taber Waring; extensive genealogical research and notes on the families of Taber, Thomson, Waring, Yeamans, and other related families; lists of possessions; papers relating to 133 Broad Street in Charleston (S.C.); and information on Waring family miniatures and portraits.

Backer family papers include a small amount of material pertaining to William B. Backer, first husband of Ferdinanda Legare (later Mrs. J.I. Waring), and papers of their children, William M. Backer, Georgette Backer, and Ferdinan (Nancy) Backer (later Nancy Stevenson).

Papers (1930-1949) of William M. Backer include childhood writings, programs for musical comedies and other productions, and school memorabilia and writings. Papers (1937-1989) of Nancy Stevenson chiefly consist of clippings and political papers, including campaign literature and speeches (1974-1976).

**Note:** Photographs have been removed to the SCHS photograph collection.

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**Search terms:**

Backer, B. (Bill), 1926-  
Backer, William Bryant, 1898-1932.  
Backer, B. (Bill), 1926-  
Hayne, William Abraham, 1787-1841 -- Estate.  
Stevenson, Nancy, 1928-  
Waring, Dorothy Thomson, 1900-1988.  
Waring, Emma Thomson Taber 1864-1949 -- Estate.  
Waring, Ferdinanda Legare, 1896-1985.  
Waring, Joseph Ioor, 1860-1925.  
Waring, Joseph I. (Joseph Ioor), 1897-  
Waring, Thomas Richard, 1819-1871.  
Backer family.  
Baker family.  
Blacklock family.  
Freer family.  
Fryer family.  
Garden family.  
Hayne family.  
Holmes family.  
Taber family.  
Tabor family.  
Thompson family.  
Thomson family.  
Warren family.  
Waring family.  
Yeamans family.  
Youmans family.  
Gullahs -- Folklore.  
Slave records -- South Carolina.  
Clippings.  
Estate records.  
Genealogies.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Programs.  
School records.

Scrapbooks.  
Writings.

**Series outline:**

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*300.02 Papers of Individual Waring Family Members*

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- 300.02.03 Dr. Joseph Ioor Waring Papers
- 300.02.04 Ferdinanda Legare Waring Papers

*300.03 Waring Family Allied Families Papers*

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**Container listing:**

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*300.01 Waring Family Documents*

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  - 300.01.01.01 Blacklock Family Papers

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*300.02 Papers of Individual Waring Family Members*

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300.02.01 (C) 02 Correspondence  
300.02.01 (G) 01 Genealogical Material  
300.02.01 (M) 01 Miscellaneous (autograph books)

Box 3

300.02.01 (M) 01 Miscellaneous (continued)  
300.02.01 (S) 01 Scrapbook  
300.02.01 (W) 01 Writings

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300.02.02 Dorothy T. Waring Papers  
300.02.02 (C) 01 Correspondence  
300.02.02 (E) 01 Estate records  
300.02.02 (G) 01 Genealogical material  
300.02.02 (M) 01 Miscellaneous

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300.02.03 Dr. Joseph I. Waring Papers  
300.02.03 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1910-1924

Box 6

300.02.03 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1925-1944

Box 7

300.02.03 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1945-1976 (plus undated letters)

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300.02.03 (C) 02 Professional correspondence, 1917-1969 (plus undated letters)  
300.02.03 (G) 01 Genealogical material

Box 9

300.02.03 (G) 01 Genealogical material  
300.02.03 (H) 01 Historical research  
300.02.03 (M) 01 Miscellaneous

Box 10

300.02.03 (M) 01 Miscellaneous  
300.02.03 (P) 01 Professional papers

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300.02.04 Ferdinanda Legare Waring Papers

300.02.04 (B) 01 Old Town Gardens business records, files A-G

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300.02.04 (B) 01 Old Town Gardens business records, files H-Y

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300.02.04 (B) 02.01 Invoices for egg sales, 1956-1959

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300.02.04 (B) 02.02 Old Town Gardens check stub book, 1946-1949

300.02.04 (B) 02.03 Old Town Gardens account book, 1957-1958

300.02.04 (B) 02.04 Old Town Gardens miscellaneous records

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300.02.04 (C) 01 Correspondence (personal and family), 1910-1924

Box 16

300.02.04 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1925-1935

Box 17

300.02.04 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1936-1939

Box 18

300.02.04 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1940-1983 (plus undated letters and cards)

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300.02.04 (F) 01 Financial records (personal)

Box 20

300.02.04 (M) 01 Miscellaneous items

Box 21

300.02.04 (M) 01 Miscellaneous items

300.02.04 (O) 01 Old Town Plantation papers: files A-W

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300.02.04 (O) 02 Old Town Plantation papers: clippings

300.02.04 (O) 03 Bound clippings

Box 23

300.02.04 (O) 03 Bound clippings

300.02.04 (O) 04 Correspondence re Old Town and Charles Towne Landing

300.02.04 (O) 05 Old Town Plantation papers: general

300.02.04 (O) 05.01 Ferdinanda L. Waring's notes on the history of Old Town

300.02.04 (O) 05.02 Dr. Waring's notes on the history of Old Town

300.02.04 (O) 05.03 Papers pertaining to the Old Town Club

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300.02.04 (O) 05 Old Town Plantation papers, continued (sale to S.C., etc.)

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300.02.04 (O) 05 Old Town Plantation papers, continued

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*300.03 Waring Family Allied Families Papers*

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300.03.02 Backer Family Papers

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300.03.02.04 Nancy Stevenson Papers

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Oversize items

These include:

2 maps (reproductions), one of which shows early Charleston area

2 plans of a house at Grimshawes, N.C.

architectural drawing of outside stairs at a Legare St. house

2 DAR certificates

1 Huguenot Society membership certificate

1 map of Old Town Plantation, 1969

1 scrapbook (JIW, Sr.) of clippings re Civil War, ca. 1880?

NB: 3 additional items (extremely oversize) are in the unprocessed flat files. These are:

1 site plan of Charles Towne Landing, 1970 (4'8" x 3')

plat of location & right of way for SR 161 ("through Maryville"), 1940 (4'5" x 2')

site & landscape proposal for tricentennial plaques at CTL, 1962 (3'2" x 2')

plat of tract sold by Ferdie Waring to Ford Bros. Construction, 1957 (28" x 22")