



Wragg family papers, 1722-1859
SCHS 1118.00
Containers 11/466-469

Author: Wragg family

Description: Ca. 400 items.

Biographical/historical note: Family of England and South Carolina. William Wragg, a South Carolina born attorney, legislator, and plantation owner, practiced law in England but returned to South Carolina circa 1750. Wragg's first wife was Mary Wood (d. 1767). He married secondly his cousin Henrietta Wragg (1737-1802), and their children were William Wragg (d. 1803), Henrietta Wragg (who married Rev. Milward Pogson), Elizabeth Wragg, and Charlotte Wragg (who married William Loughton Smith). William Wragg Smith (1808-1875) was the son of William Loughton Smith and Charlotte Wragg.

Scope and content: Papers consist of correspondence, estate and property records, legal documents, financial records, slave records, and other items. Included are the papers of William Wragg Smith (1808-1875) and a plantation journal of William Wragg (1714-1777).

Papers of William Wragg (d. 1803) include letters (1786-1803) to his mother Henrietta Wragg in Charleston (S.C.) from merchant and banker George Curling in London (England), and letters between William Wragg and Curling, mainly concerning Wragg family financial and business affairs. Correspondence after 1803 chiefly concerns the management and settlement of William Wragg's estate. There are also invoices, accounts of Henrietta Wragg with George Curling, and estate accounts and other estate papers of William Wragg.

Legal documents and property records consist of bonds, mortgages, leases, land grants, slave mortgages, plats, conveyances, indentures, wills, and other documents. Included are bonds (1738-1740) of Alexander Skene and John Skene; a mortgage (1722) of a plantation in Berkeley County (S.C.); a lease of land in Berkeley County by Alexander Skene and John Skene to William Cattell; a conveyance of land in Berkeley County from John Carruthers to William Cattell; a memorandum concerning two slaves of John Skene mortgaged to Joseph Wragg of Charleston (S.C.); and the wills of Henrietta Wragg, Charlotte Wragg Smith, Henrietta Wragg Pogson, Elizabeth Wragg, and other family members.

Financial records include receipts, business accounts, and accounts pertaining to land holdings. Other items include instructions (1749) to Captain George Curling and others for obtaining an acknowledgment of assignment of Mrs. Mary Wragg's estate in Gloucester County (England); an account book (1798) of William Wragg (d. 1803); and estate papers of John Wragg, including receipts, accounts, a list of bonds, and a copy of an appraisal and inventory of his personal property at [Dockon] plantation.

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Search terms:

Curling, George, d. 1809.
Pogson, Henrietta Wragg, d. 1835.
Skene, Alexander, d. 1740.
Skene, John, d. 1768.
Smith, Charlotte Wragg.
Wragg, Elizabeth.
Wragg, Henrietta, 1737-1802.
Wragg, John, 1718-1796 -- Estate.
Wragg, Mary Wood, d. 1767.
Wragg, William, d. 1803.
Wragg family.
Decedents' estates -- South Carolina.
Plantations -- South Carolina.
Slave records -- South Carolina.
Real property -- South Carolina.
South Carolina -- History.
Estate records.
Financial records.
Legal documents.
Letters (correspondence)

Series and container outline:

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1118.02.02 Wragg, William, d. 1803.
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1118.03 WRAGG ALLIED FAMILIES

1118.03.01 Smith, William Wragg, 1808 1875. William Wragg Smith papers, 1803
1859. 0.75 linear ft.
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Container description:

11/466/1-14 Wragg, William, 1740-1777

Plantation and estate papers, 1722-1815. Approx 150 items

Charleston planter. Plantation papers, legal documents, estate papers, lists of bonds, correspondence, indentures and receipts.

11/466/15 Wragg, William, 1740(?) -1777

Plantation papers, 1773. 2 items

SC Planter. Ledger of Wragg family plantations, 1773, by overseer. Includes family expenses of corn served to slaves and other expenses. Holograph and typescript transcriptions included.

11/466/16-18 Wragg, William, d. 1803

Estate Papers, 1786-1812. 75 items

Charleston planter. Correspondence, abstracts, receipts of Wragg funds in England (1786-1812). Letters mostly from George Curling to Wragg family member and concerning property and Wragg estate in England.

11/467/1-13 Wragg family

Business and land papers, 1748-1840. Approx 150 items

Charleston land holders. Business and legal accounts of land holdings. Receipts, land grants, bonds, correspondence, renunciation of dowers, leases, releases, plats conveyance of fee receipts, mortgages and indentures. Accounts regarding Beaufort (1798-1800); Block Island (1799-1800); Charleston: Harleston Green (1796-1813) and Wraggsborough (1748-1822); Cheraw, (1786-1787); Colleton (1793-1815); Craven County (1739); Edisto, (1807-1827); Orangeburg, correspondence and business accounts with John M. Felder and Thos. W. Glover (1822-1829) and St. James Goose Creek (1734-1804). Also Isaac Motte family holdings in Orangeburg and Edisto (1786-1832).

11/468/1-6 Wragg family

Legal and estate papers, 1739-1837. Approx 100 items

Charleston planter family. Receipts, correspondence, leases, marriage bonds, mortgages of slaves, lease amendments, property mortgages, and wills of Elizabeth Wragg (1813-1837); Henrietta Wragg (1771-1791) and the co-heiresses of the estate of William Wragg (Elizabeth Wragg, Charlotte Wragg Smith, and Henrietta Wragg Pogson [1802-1807]); and other members of the Wragg family (1739-1805).

11/468/7 Smith, William Wragg, 1808-1875

Correspondence and speech mss. 1821-1840. 8 items

Charleston planter. Personal correspondence, some of the letters are typescript. Ms. notes on "Who is the Producer?" An address delivered by Ed. Rhett before the Beaufort Agriculture Society (August 1840) and examination of the address by William Elliott.

11/468/1-15 Smith, William Wragg, 1808-1875

Plantation papers, 1803-1854. Approx 100 items

Charleston planter. Business correspondence regarding land holdings and bill of sale for slaves. Reports of plantation overseer BL Nix regarding the weather, productivity, health of slaves, etc. at WWS Plantation (1848), mortgages, abstracts for loans.

11/469 Smith, William Wragg, 1808-1875

Receipts, 1834-1859. ½ ft.

Charleston planter. Business, plantation, personal and household receipts, mostly 1847-1859.