



SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Adams Family Papers, 1819-1923 **SCHS 118.00**

Description: 3.5 linear ft. (5 boxes)

Biog./Historical Note: South Carolina family. James Pickett Adams (1828-1904) was an attorney, state legislator, and plantation owner of Gadsden, in Richland County, S.C. He was the son of Robert Adams (1793-1850) and the brother of Joel Belton Adams (1824-1853). He married Margaret Crawford Johnston in 1849. His sister, Charlotte Caroline Adams, married James Tucker Hopkins (1831-1863), son of David Thomas Hopkins (1802-1836) and Frances Martha Tucker Hopkins (1806-1864). Jane Sophia Johnston, the sister of Margaret Crawford Johnston Adams, married Presbyterian minister Rev. Rufus Kilpatrick Porter, who served as chaplain of Cobb's Legion and died in Atlanta, Ga., where he was pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church.

Scope and Content: The bulk of this collection consists of papers of James Pickett Adams and his wife Margaret Crawford Johnston Adams. Also included are papers of the related Hopkins family, mainly those of David Hopkins and his wife Frances, and smaller collections of papers relating to the related families of Hayne and Douglass, as well as Rev. Rufus K. Porter and his wife. **Scope and Content:** Papers of James Pickett Adams consist of correspondence (1854-1869), financial records, estate records, and miscellaneous items. His correspondence of 1857 and 1858 with Dr. J.A. Pleasants in Washington (D.C.), Minatitlan (Mexico), and Columbus (Ga.), and with S.S. Baxter in Washington (D.C.), principally concerns a business venture to purchase land on the Coatzacoalas River in connection with a proposed railroad across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec in Mexico. Much of Adams' later correspondence is with James H. Rion of Winnsboro (S.C.) regarding legal and estate matters. Financial records (1849-1892) of James P. Adams chiefly consist of receipts and invoices for purchases (mostly in Columbia, S.C.) of personal, household, and plantation supplies and services. Included is an itemized bill from Dr. T. J. Goodwyn for medical treatment for members of the Adams family and for slaves (named in document). Some financial records pertain to James P. Adams & Brothers, Homestead Plantation, and the Bluff Plantation. Estate administrative records pertain to the estates of Robert Adams, Joel Belton Adams, Robert Crawford Johnston, and others. Miscellaneous items include lists (April 1862) of men enlisted in companies C and D, 2nd South Carolina Cavalry Battalion (a unit formed under Major James P. Adams, also designated as the the 3rd S.C. Cavalry Battalion and the 10th S.C. Cavalry Battalion). Legal documents (1860s) chiefly pertain to an estate lawsuit involving properties at Minervaville and Magnolia Plantation (later known as Wavering Place). Slave records include a trustee's receipt for 36 slaves (named in document) belonging to the estate of Caroline C. Hopkins, an agreement (1858) concerning 50 slaves (named) sold by James P. Adams to James T. Hopkins, and undated lists of slaves and their valuations.

Collection also includes a series of Hopkins and Adams family muniments, or property records (1746-1855), mostly pertaining to lands off Cedar Creek and Cabin Creek in Richland District, including property in Minervaville. Some of these records may relate to what became Wavering Place Plantation. Property owners include James Daniel, William Lee, Martin Styger, Isaac Tucker, Jacob Hiley, William Branthwaite (or Brathwaite, Braithwaite), William Hollinshead, John Hopkins, Joel Adams, Arthur Howell, William Greenland, Francis Goodwyn, Robert Lyell, and Samuel Spigner.

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Detailed Description of Collection:

Adams Family Documents	118.01
James P. Adams Papers	118.02.01(C)01 (1857-1858) – 118.02.01(M)02
Margaret Adams Papers	118.02.02(C)01 – 118.02.02.02
Hopkins Family Papers	118.03.01.01 – 118.03.01.02.04
Hayne Family Papers	118.03.02.01(C)01 – 118.03.02.05
Douglass Family papers	118.03.03
Porter Family Papers	118.03.04

Box 1

118.01	Adams Family Documents	Miscellaneous items
118.02.01(C)01 (1857-1858)	James P. Adams Papers	Correspondence, 1857-1858
118.02.01(C)01 (1854-1856)	James P. Adams Papers	Correspondence, 1854-1856
118.02.01(C)01 (1859-1869)	James P. Adams Papers	Correspondence, 1859-1869
118.02.01(E)01-02	James P. Adams Papers	Estate Administrative Records
118.02.01(F)01-01	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: bank book
118.02.01(F)01-02	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: bonds
118.02.01(F)01-03	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: insurance policies
118.02.01(F)02 (1849-1850)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1849-1850
118.02.01(F)02 (1851-1853)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1851-1853
118.02.01(F)02 (1854)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1854
118.02.01(E)01-01	James P. Adams Papers	Estate Administrative Records: Joel B. Adams and Robert Adams
118.02.01(F)02 (1855)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1855
118.02.01(F)02 (1856)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1856
118.02.01(F)02 (1857)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1857

118.02.01(F)02 (1858)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1858
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118.02.01(F)02 (1859)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1859
118.02.01(F)02 (1860)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1860
118.02.01(F)02 (1861)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1861
118.02.01(F)02 (1862-1864)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial records: receipts, etc. 1862-1864
118.02.01(F)02 (1869-1892)	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1869-1892; n.d.
118.02.01(F)03	James P. Adams Papers	Financial Records: slave sale agreement, 1858
118.02.01(L)01	James P. Adams Papers	Legal Records
118.02.01(M)01	James P. Adams Papers	Military Records
118.02.01(M)02	James P. Adams Papers	Miscellaneous
118.02.02(C)01	Margaret Adams Papers	Correspondence
118.02.02(F)01	Margaret Adams Papers	Financial Records: insurance records
118.02.02(F)02 (1849-1859)	Margaret Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1849-1859
118.02.02(F)02 (1860-1908)	Margaret Adams Papers	Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1860-1908; n.d.
118.02.02(M)01-01	Margaret Adams Papers	Miscellaneous items: notebook with household accounts, etc.
118.02.02(M)01-02	Margaret Adams Papers	Miscellaneous items
118.02.02(M)01-03	Margaret Adams Papers	Miscellaneous: needlework patterns and instructions
118.02.02(M)01-04	Margaret Adams Papers	U.D.C. papers
118.02.02.01	Margaret Adams Papers	David E. Johnston papers, 1856-1859

Box 3

118.03.01.01	Hopkins Family Papers	Hopkins family documents
118.03.01.02.01(E)01	Hopkins Family Papers	David Hopkins estate records
118.03.01.02.01(F)01 (1819-1827)	Hopkins Family Papers	David Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1819-1827
118.03.01.02.01(F)01 (1828-1830)	Hopkins Family Papers	David Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1828-1830
118.03.01.02.01(F)01 (1831-1833)	Hopkins Family Papers	David Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1831-1833
118.03.01.02.01(F)01 (1834-1836)	Hopkins Family Papers	David Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1834-1836; n.d.

118.03.01.02.01(M)01	Hopkins Family Papers	David Hopkins papers
118.03.01.02.02(C)01	Hopkins Family Papers	Frances Hopkins correspondence
118.03.01.02.02(F)01 (1846-1847)	Hopkins Family Papers	Frances Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1846-1847
118.03.01.02.02(F)01 (1848-1849)	Hopkins Family Papers	Frances Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1848-1849
118.03.01.02.02(F)01 (1850-1855)	Hopkins Family Papers	Frances Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1850-1855
118.03.01.02.02(F)01 (1856-1868)	Hopkins Family Papers	Frances Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1856- 1868; n.d.
118.03.01.02.03	Hopkins Family Papers	John D. Hopkins papers
118.03.01.02.04	Hopkins Family Papers	James T. Hopkins papers
118.03.01.02.05	Hopkins and Adams Family Muniments	(See detailed list below)

Hopkins and Adams Family Muniments 118.03.01.02.05

- 1 1746 royal grant of 300 acres on the low grounds of the Santee River, granted to William Greenland. A plat is attached. This parchment document is in fragile and damaged condition.
- 2 176[5] conveyance, Provost Marshal (Roger Pinckney) to James Daniel, of 300 acres of land “in the Low Grounds of Santee” [River, “otherwise Congaree”], formerly belonging to John Pearson of Berkeley County. This document is in fragments and may consist of two parts.
- 3 1770 conveyance, Stephen Brown to William Lee of Charlestown, 100 acres of land in Craven County “on both sides of Ceder Creek, on the north side of the Congaree River.” In fragments.
- 4 1774 royal grant to Martin Styger, of 200 acres in Craven County on Cedar Creek branch, with an attached plat. In fragments.
- 5 1784 plat, attached to a land grant fragment, of 191 acres of land “in the Low Grounds of the Congaree River opposite Saxagotha Township” laid out for Robert Lyell. Plat certified by Philip Pearson, deputy surveyor.
- 6 1801 conveyance (fragmentary), John Staggers (or Stigers, or Styger?) et al. to Joel Adams et al., of about two hundred acres in Richland District.
- 7 1810 release, Isaac Tucker of Richland District to John and William Hollinshead of Minervaville, of lots of land in Minervaville.

- 8 1810 plat (2 copies) of 7 lots divided from the estate of Jacob Hily (Hiley), possibly in or near Minervaville. Other names appearing include Frederick Spigner, John Hopkins, William Hollinshead, and Stephen Evans.
- 9 1810 conveyance, Daniel McLeod of Richland District to William Branthwaite, of 2 lots in or near Minervaville.
- 10 1811 copy of a 1773 plat of 100 acres of land in Craven County surveyed for Stephen Brown “on both sides of Cedar Creek.”
- 11 1811 copy of a 1773 plat of 100 acres in Craven County “on the waters of Cedar Creek” surveyed for William Weir.
- 12 1814 release, William Hollinshead of Richland District to John Hollinshead of Minervaville, of lots in Minervaville. Includes a renunciation of dower (1815) by Ann Sophia Hollinshead, wife of William Hollinshead.
- 13 1814 conveyance (in fragments), William Branthwaite [or Braithwaite] to John Hopkins, of about 4 acres in Minervaville. Includes a renunciation of dower by Elizabeth Brantwaite.

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Hopkins and Adams Family Muniments 118.03.01.02.05 (continued):

- 14 1817 power of attorney granted by John Martin of Rockingham County, N.C. to James Philips.
- 15 1818 copy of a 1764 plat of 50 acres off Cedar Creek, surveyed for James O’Neal.
- 16 1818 copy of a 1773 plat of 200 acres in Craven County off Cedar Creek, surveyed for William Lee.
- 17 1821 conveyance, Samuel Huggins of Richland District to John Howell, 14 ½ acres on “Cabbin Branch.”
- 18 1825 conveyance, John Hopkins to John Howell, of 14 ½ acres on “Cabbin branch.”
- 19 1828 plat of about 129 acres off the Congaree River, surveyed for John Hopkins.
- 20 1831 conveyance, John Hopkins to his daughter Mary G. Adams “wife of Joel Adams, Sr.”, of about 355 acres “situated on the west side Cabin branch waters of Congaree River.”
- 21 1835 release, Joel Adams, Sr. and his wife Mary G. Adams, to David T. Hopkins, of multiple tracts of land in Richland District.
- 22 1838 conveyance, William Hopkins to Jesse H. Goodwyn, of about 54 acres on the waters of “Cabbin Branch.” Includes a plat.

- 23 1843 conveyance, Frances M. Hopkins to John D. Hopkins and James T. Hopkins, of about 180 acres in Richland District. Includes a plat.
- 24 1855 copy of a 1784 plat of 640 acres in Camden District, surveyed for George Noland.
- 25 1855 copy of a 1784 plat of 285 acres “on Cabbin Branch” surveyed for Arthur Howell.
- 26 Undated copy of a plat of land (318 acres) “granted to Arthur Howell and Jacob Myers, now belonging to John [Howell]” on Cabin Branch.
- 27 Undated copy of a 1774 plat of land adjacent to lands belonging to the Minerva Academy.
- 28 Undated copy of a plat of “100 acres of land, the first survey my father Arthur Howell made on Cabin branch which was carried over into a grant.”
- 29 Undated copy of a plat (part of which is missing) of land in Richland District granted to George Nowland (or Noland).
- 30 Fragments of property records, one of which is part of a renunciation of dower by Sarah Stagers (Styger?).

Box 4 (cont.)

118.03.02.01(C)01	Hayne Family Papers	Theodore Brevard Hayne (1841-1917) Correspondence
118.03.02.01(F)01	Hayne Family Papers	Theodore Brevard Hayne (1841-1917) Financial Records
118.03.02.02	Hayne Family Papers	Elizabeth Adams Hayne papers
118.03.02.03	Hayne Family Papers	Margaret Johnston Hayne Beattie papers
118.03.02.04(C)01	Hayne Family Papers	James Adams Hayne papers: correspondence
118.03.02.04(M)01	Hayne Family Papers	James Adams Hayne papers: military records, miscellaneous items
118.03.02.05	Hayne Family Papers	Theodore Brevard Hayne II (1898-1930) papers
118.03.03	Douglass Family Papers	-----
118.03.04	Porter Family Papers	-----

BOX 5- OVERSIZE Muniments (in oversize flat box)

- 1 Grant, 1785, of 285 acres in Camden District to Arthur Howell. A plat, 1784, of this tract (“on Cabbin Branch waters of Congaree River”) is attached.

- 2 1791 conveyance, William Goodwyn, Sr., “planter of Richland County,” to Jesse Goodwyn, of 22 parcels of land totaling 3,850 acres , at least some of which was located off the waters of the Congaree, Orangeburg District.
- 3 1798 release, Sheriff Joseph Brevard to John Hopkins of 300 acres in Camden District located off the waters of Cedar Creek (“a branch of the Congaree”), 355 acres in Camden District on Cabin Creek, and 176 acres in Camden District on Cedar Creek. Three plats dated 1792 are attached. Formerly owned by Francis Goodwyn.
- 4 1804 copy of a 1746 plat of 300 acres “in the Low Grounds of Santee” laid out for William Greenland. The copy was made for Dr. Robert Hendrick.
- 5 1804 release of 300 acres, Robert Hendrick, administrator, to John Hopkins, of 300 acres in Richland District belonging to the estate of Jose Daniel, deceased (died 1799). The estate was contested by his half-brother Levi Daniel. The document also names other claimants to the estate.
- 6 1804 indenture between Richard Lloyd Champion, commissioner in equity, and Richard Taylor. The document, which is incomplete, pertains to the estate of James Taylor of Richland District, a person of unsound mind.
- 7 1804 release, Catherine Miller and Mary Miller of Richland District to John Howell, of 30 acres “on Cabbin Branch.”
- 8 1808 release, Henry Brown of Richland District to John Hopkins, of about 63 acres “in the low grounds of the Congaree River opposite to Saxagotha Township.” Includes a renunciation of dower by Judah Brown, wife of Henry Brown.
- 9 1808 release, Frederick Spigner of Richland District to John Howell, of about 13 acres “lying on Cabbin Branch.” A small plat of the property is drawn on the document.
- 10 1814 release, William Hollinshead of Richland District to John Hollinshead of Minervaville, of lots in Minervaville.
- 11 1814 release, John Hollinshead of Richland District to William Hollinshead, of lots in Minervaville.
- 12 1815 conveyance, John Hopkins to John Martin of Rockingham County, N.C., of four lots in Minervaville.
- 13 1817 conveyance, John Martin to Robert Edmunds of Richland District, of four lots in Minervaville.
- 14 1818 release, Thomas Hiley of Richland District to Frederick Spigner, Sr., of 50 acres.

- 15 1818 conveyance (2 copies), Stephen Evans of Richland District to John Hopkins, of 276 acres of land on Cedar Creek originally granted to Uriah Goodwyn. One copy includes a renunciation of dower by Harriott Evans, wife of Stephen Evans.
- 16 1822 sheriff's title, David Becket (Sheriff of Richland District) to John Howell, conveying 50 acres "on Cabbin Branch" seized from Frederick Spigner.
- 17 1822 conveyance, James Rowan of Richland District to Stephen Hugg, of about 284 acres originally granted to John Wilson. Includes a renunciation of dower by Elizabeth Rowan, wife of James Rowan.
- 18 1823 release, John Hiley to William Hollinshead, of 50 acres on Cabin Creek. Includes a renunciation of dower by Rebekah Hiley, wife of John Hiley.
- 19 1824 release, Samuel Spigner to William Hollinshead, of 50 acres "being part of a tract of land originally granted to Robert Howell." Includes a renunciation of dower by Elizabeth Spigner, wife of Samuel Spigner.
- 20 1825 conveyance, Robert Adams to Joel A. Tucker, of 10 acres in Minervaville.
- 21 1828 release, James H. Chappell to John Hopkins, of about 129 acres.
- 22 1830 release, William Hollinshead to David T. Hopkins, of about 150 acres in Richland District on "Cabin branch."
- 23 1830 conveyance, John Hopkins to David Hopkins, of several tracts in Richland District.
- 24 1830 release, John Hollinshead of Hall County, Georgia, to David T. Hopkins of Richland District, S.C., of lots in Minervaville.
- 25 1831 conveyance, William Hollinshead to David T. Hopkins, of lots in Minervaville. Includes a renunciation of dower by Ann Sophia Hollinshead, wife of William Hollinshead.
- 26 1832 conveyance, William Martin and his wife, and Mary A. Tucker and James R. Tucker, to David T. and Frances Hopkins, of numerous tracts of land in Richland District from the estate of Isaac Tucker.
- 27 1836 equity title, James L. Clark, equity commissioner, to David T. Hopkins, of a house and lot in Minervaville from the estate of Robert Edmunds.
- 28 1838 conveyance, Jesse H. Goodwyn to Mrs. Frances M. Hopkins, of about 26 acres on "Cabbin Branch." Includes a plat dated 1838.