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Gourdin family papers, 1707-1903

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Containers 11/159-168

Creator: Gourdin Family.

Description: 3.125 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: South Carolina family. Theodore Gourdin (1764-1826) owned numerous plantations and ferries, mostly located between the Santee and Black rivers. He married Elizabeth Gaillard, and their children included Robert M. Gourdin, Theodore Louis Gourdin, Esther Gourdin, who married Silas P. Holbrook, and Elizabeth Gourdin, who married Peter Gaillard, Jr. Elizabeth and Peter Gaillard's daughter Harriet married Samuel David Stoney, and their son was Samuel Gaillard Stoney (1853-1926).

Scope and Content: Collection contains correspondence, estate papers, plats, land grants, legal documents, financial records including accounts and receipts, plantation papers, slave records, and other items.

Collection includes the papers of Theodore Gourdin (1764-1826), Theodore Louis Gourdin (1790 -1866), Robert M. Gourdin (1799-1876), Esther Gourdin Holbrook (1791-1882), Samuel Gaillard Stoney (1853-1926), and the related Gaillard family.

Plats, land grants, and indentures (1707-1886) mostly concern lands sought, acquired, or sold by

Theodore Gourdin (1764-1826), Theodore Louis Gourdin (1790-1866), and other Gourdin family members. Properties are located in Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Georgetown, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg counties, and include Skrine's Ferry, Murray's Ferry, Lenud's Ferry, and Richmond Plantation. Includes an index.

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Gourdin family.

Ferries -- South Carolina.

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Slave records -- South Carolina.
Lenud's Ferry (S.C.)
Murray's Ferry (S.C.)
Richmond Plantation (S.C.)
Skrine's Ferry (S.C.)
South Carolina -- History.
Genre Estate records.
Financial records.
Land grants.
Legal documents.
Letters (correspondence).
Plats.

11/159-163 Gourdin Family, 1707-1886

Plats, Grants, & Indentures, 1707-1886. 2.3 ft.

Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Georgetown, Orangeburg, Sumter and Williamsburg Co. family. Plats, grants, indentures, and other papers mostly regarding lands sought, acquired, or sold by Theodore Gourdin II (1764-1826), Theodore Louis Gourdin, or family. Includes purchases, sales, conveyances, or leases mostly involving Elias Ball (1676-1751); Michael Bonneau; Philip Couturier; Dennis Egan; Charleston, Peter, and Theodore Gaillard; Francis and James Kinloch; Adam McDonald; Henry Mouzon; James and Peter Sinkler; Samuel Wigfall; Joseph Willingham; and Jaudon, June, McKelvey, Michau, Miles, Robert and Skrine families. Places include Mt. Hope, Skrine's Ferry, and Dorchester, Dorshee, Eutaw, Lenud's Ferry, Murray's Ferry, Oakland, and Richmond Plantations. Partially published in Peter Gaillard Gourdin IV, *The Gourdin Family* (1980). Chronologically arranged, with an alphabetical, annotated, grantor-grantee, card index.

11/164/1-9 Gourdin, Theodore II, 1764-1826

Land Correspondence, 1784-1825. 140+ items.

Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Georgetown, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg Co. planter. Letters, receipts, memoranda, plats, and other papers regarding title and boundary questions, litigation, debts, sheriff's sales, and rental and other transactions involving lands sought or acquired by the Gourdin family, especially from the estate (1791-1817) of Joseph Willingham. Correspondents include John Blake, Charles and Peter Gaillard, Theodore Gaillard (1737-1805), Samuel Gourdin, Edward Rutledge, John Williams, and Charles and Joseph Willingham discussing the land also of the Blake, Blakely, Egan, June, McDonald, Michau, Mouzon, Skrine, and other families. Places include Lenud's Ferry, Mt. Hope, Red Clay, Walnut Grove Plantations, and Skrine's Ferry. But also includes letter (1805) from Thomas Sumter regarding effect of Revolutionary War on Sumter's land holdings and personal finances. (Published in Peter Gourdin IV, *The Gourdin Family* [1980]). Chronologically arranged, correspondence (1791-1817) regarding Willingham lands separately from the other letters, etc.

11/164/10-12 Gourdin, Theodore L, 1790-1866

Estate & Plantation Inventories & Accounts, 1826-1831. 1 or 2 disbound volumes

Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Georgetown, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg Planter. Inventories and accounts regarding estate and Murray's Ferry, Shoe Leggers, Red Clay and Lenud's Ferry Plantations of TLG's father, Theodore Gourdin II. Includes furniture, other household goods, slaves lists, taxes, slave and real estate appraisals, and crop acreages for cotton, corn, peas, slips, and oats. (Already published in Peter Gaillard Gourdin IV, *The Gourdin Family* [1980]). Rough chronological arrangement.

11/165/1-11 Gourdin, Theodore L. 1790-1866

Land & Estate papers, 1822-1866. 1 ms. vol. & 180+ items.

Berkeley, Charleston, Georgetown and Williamsburg Co. planter. Mostly letters, receipts, survey notes, and transactions involving lands sought or acquired by TLG or land and debt disputes with James Staggers (1855-1859). Also, letters from Samuel Gaillard Barker and others regarding estate of Theodore Gourdin II and family and TLG's financial notebook (1858-1859) and papers (1861-1862) regarding rents, debts, and land sales. But also includes letters (1861-1862) from an absentee tenant in Greenville, NC regarding debts in SC and from an emigrant from SC, John I. Russell, regarding plantation costs in MS, SC debtors and creditors, and slave sales to TLG (1854-1858). Chronologically arranged.

11/165/12-17 Gourdin, Theodore L. 1790-1866

Plantation & Personal papers, 1822-1866. 2 ms. vols & 60+ items

Charleston, Georgetown, and Williamsburg Co. planter. Letters, accounts, receipts, labor contracts, slave lists, and other papers regarding TLG's slave purchases (1836-1838), slave mortgages (1846-1849), slave medical expenses (1859-1865), and relations with Negro freedmen laborers and tenants, Freedmen's Bureau, and federal military authorities (1865-1866). Also CSA letters, bonds, forage, and tax receipts regarding money, fodder, and other goods and services requisitioned or obtained from TLG (1864-1865), including slave labor for Charleston's fortifications; Account books (1822-1825) regarding plantation and personal financial transactions with father, Theodore Gourdin II, and others. But includes letters from nephew Wilmot Gibbes DeSaussure (1865-1866) regarding minor property, litigation with commentary on postwar economic conditions in Charleston and the political situation of President Andrew Johnson and the Radical Republicans. Chronologically arranged.

11/165/18-20 Gourdin, Robert M., 1799-1876

Land, plantation, & personal letters. 1866-1876. 60+ items

Charleston, Georgetown, and Williamsburg Co. planter and physician. Letters, accounts, bills, labor contracts, and receipts mostly regarding title questions, taxes, rentals and other land transactions, including actual or prospective sales of timber or turpentine lands; Also papers regarding health and working conditions of Negro freedmen laborers and tenants, timber sales, freight and merchandising of cotton through Charleston factors Pringle & Son and George H. Ingraham & Son, household and plantation consumption, debts to RMG, and RMG's finances and other personal matters. Correspondents include RMG's overseer BL Guerry, brother Theodore Louis Gourdin, Peter Gaillard Gourdin, II, and Henry Edward Young. Chronologically arranged.

11/165/21-24 Holbrook, Esther G., d. 1882

Personal correspondence, 1829-1881. 40+ items

Charlestonian. Papers regarding slave sales, slave mortgages, and debts among EGH and brothers Theodore Louis and Robert Marion Gourdin (1829-1863). Mostly letters and accounts (1866-1881) regarding personal matters, including widow EGH's health, household finances, friends or acquaintances and estates of RM Gourdin. Correspondents besides EGH's brothers include Wilmot Gibbes DeSaussure and Theodore Gaillard Barker. Chronologically arranged.

11/166/1-6 Stoney, Samuel G. 1853-1939

Land and estate papers, 1865-1903. 11 ms vols. and 100+ items

Charlestonian and executor of estate of Theodore Louis Gourdin. Letters, mortgages, accounts, receipts, plats and other papers mostly to SGS regarding survey and title questions, land survey costs, debt collections, timber sales (1877-1893) and rent (1877-1903) from Negro and other farm tenants—all these matters pertaining to Gourdin family lands in Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Georgetown, Orangeburg, Sumter and Williamsburg Co. Papers are also regarding related estate matters. Also, similar papers (1865-1886) of Stoney's predecessors, Robert Marion Gourdin and Wilmot Gibbes DeSaussure, including copies of outgoing letters. Correspondents also include surveyors or rental agents John Gadsden Jr., D.E. Gordon, and John Keith Gourdin, lawyer Edward W. Hughes, and the law firms (1895-1902) of Smythe, Lee & Frost in Charleston and H. Kaminski & Co. in New York, NY, JK Gourdin's accounts (1877-1893), D.E. Gordon's letters regarding rent collections (1890-1903), and the remaining papers (1865-1903) are separately and chronologically arranged.

11/166/7-9 Gaillard family, 1795-1826

Plantation papers, 1795-1826. 2 ms. vol. and 21 items

Berkeley, Charleston, and Williamsburg Co. family. Slave bill of sale (1809) from the Gaillard to the Gourdin family. Peter Gaillard II's ledger (1819-1826) of transactions with Charleston factor W.E. Snowden & Co. regarding Haydon Hill Plantation; shown are value and freight cost of products and consumer goods on consignment and family expenses, including children's boarding school. Anonymous journal (1817-1823) regarding shoemaking for slaves. But includes tax returns (1795-1820), mostly for Thomas Linton of Williamsburg and also for John M. Davis of Berkeley Co. Chronologically arranged.

11/166/10-13 Gaillard family, 1843-1850

Plantation receipts and accounts, 1843-1850. 1 ms. vol. and 70+ items

Berkeley Co. family. Accounts of Charleston factor William Mazyck & Son and accounts and receipts of John W. Porcher, guardian of Harriet Porcher Gaillard mostly regarding business expenses of Newhope Plantation including tools and other supplies, overseers' wages, taxes and slaves' food, clothing, and medical care. Also regarding Harriet's personal expenses, especially clothing and tutors at New Hope. But includes account (1843) of master-in-equity regarding sale of house and lot in Charleston Co. Chronologically arranged.

11/167 OVERSIZE (located with the 33s)
Gourdin family muniments, 1705-1801

- 1 Plat and grant, 1705, 300 acres in Craven County, granted to Peter Royer.
- 2 Plat and royal grant, 1731, 98 acres north of the Santee River, Craven County, granted to Francis Harris.
- 3 Plat and royal grant, 1734, 634 acres in Craven County, north side of Santee River, granted to Gabriel Marion.
- 4 Plat and royal grant, 1736, 798 acres in Craven County, located “to the north west on Santee River,” granted to Samuel Wigfall. Plat shows the river and Veetee (Wee Tee) Lake.
- 5 Plat and royal grant, 1736, 304 acres in Craven County, north side of Veetea (Wee Tee) Lake, granted to Samuel Wigfall.
- 6 Release, 1763, John Wigfall and other sons of Samuel Wigfall to Stanly (Stanley) June, of three tracts in St. Frederick Parish (on or near the Santee River). Also, a lease, 1763, John Wigfall and other sons of Samuel Wigfall to Stanly (Stanley) June, of three tracts in Prince Frederick Parish.
- 8 Plat and royal grant, 1775, 100 acres on the north prong of the Black River, St. Marks Parish, granted to Reuben White.
- 9 Plat and grant, 1788, 448 acres in parishes of St. James and St. Stephens, on Santee River, Charleston District, granted to Joseph Willingham.
- 10 Lease and release, 1791, Theodore Gaillard and wife to John Gaillard, of Richmond Plantation, Prince Frederick Parish.
- 11 Plat and grant, 1792, 500 acres in Charleston District near Neilson’s Ferry, granted to Josiah Cantey.
- 12 Plat and grant, 1801, 500 acres in the districts of Georgetown and Williamsburg between the Santee and Black rivers, granted to Francis Bremer.

11/168 OVERSIZE
Gourdin family muniments, 1810-1823 (located with the 33s)

- 1 Grant, 1810, 1000 acres in Williamsburg District on Mount Hope Swamp, granted to Theodore Gourdin.
- 2 Plat and grant, 1810, 1000 acres in Williamsburg District on Mount Hope Swamp, granted to Theodore Gourdin.

- 3 Plat and grant, 1810, 991 acres in Williamsburg District on Mount Hope Swamp, granted to Theodore Gourdin.
- 4 Conveyance, 1811, John Dawson to Theodore Gourdin, of 500 acres in Williamsburg District.
- 5 Sheriff's titles and plat, 1815, Theodore Gourdin, for 27 acres in Williamsburg District, "the property of Doctor Thomas M. Brown."
- 6 Plat and grant, 1816, 1000 acres in Sumter District on Mount Hope Swamp, granted to Theodore Gourdin.
- 7 Plat and grant, 1819, 1000 acres in Williamsburg District between the Santee River and Black River, granted to Theodore Gourdin.
- 8 Plat and grant, 1819, 1000 acres located between the Black and Santee rivers.
- 9 Plat and grant, 1819, 661 acres in Georgetown District on Santee River, granted to Theodore Gourdin.
- 10 Plats and grant, 1820, 1000 acres in Williamsburg District on Mount Hope Swamp, granted to Theodore Gourdin. Grant is dated 1810.
- 11 Plat and grant, 1820, 626 acres in Sumter District on Santee River, granted to Theodore Gourdin.
- 12 Plat and grant, 1821, 906 acres in Charleston District "on the south side of Santee on the Pear Orchard Creek." Plat is dated 1820.
- 13 Plat and grant, 1821, 627 acres in Williamsburg District located partly on Santee River and on Doctor's Lake, granted to Theodore Gourdin. Details include the old road to Georgetown, old ferry house, old settlement, public road to Potatoe Ferry, and Willingham's old settlement at Lenud's Ferry landing.
- 14 Sheriff's title, 1823, 245 acres in Williamsburg District on the Black River, formerly property of John P. Green, sold to Theodore Gourdin.

OVERSIZE

1038.00 Gourdin Family Muniments (oversize flat files)

- 1 Indenture, 1789, between Robert Daniel (executor of the estate of John Daniel) and Robert Grant and John Waties, Jr., regarding a plantation in Craven County bounded to the west by the Waccamaw River.
- 2 Surveys of Murray's Ferry (on Santee River) and Mount Hope Swamp areas, n. d. (ca. 1790?).

- 3 Survey of swamp lands, n.d. (Weetee, Boggy Swamp).
- 4 Survey or plat of unidentified lands, n.d. (ca. 1797?).
- 5 Plat of lands in Williamsburg and Georgetown counties belonging to T. L. Gourdin, 1899 (badly damaged).
- 6 Plat of Santee swamp land tracts in Berkeley County, property of Samuel G. Stoney, 1905.