



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## **Perry family papers, 1784-1924** **SCHS# 317.00**

**Creator:** Perry family

**Description:** 3 linear ft.

**Biographical/historical note:** Benjamin Perry (1803-1857) was a plantation owner of St. Paul's Parish, S.C., and a South Carolina state legislator and secretary of state. He married Jane Bolton Johnston (died 1834) in 1824. Their children were A.S.J. Perry, Agnes Ewing Perry, and Isaac Perry. Benjamin Perry's second wife was Sarah Freer Waring, the widow of Jeremiah J. Miles, and their children included Jane Waring Perry, who married James Poyas Gibbs, Martha Waring Perry, who married Henry Poyas Foster, and Richard Waring Perry. A.S.J. (Archibald Simpson Johnston) Perry was a partner in the Charleston, S.C. firm of Johnston, Crews & Co. His son J. Lamb Perry was a businessman and lawyer who practiced in Charleston.

**Scope and content:** Papers of Archibald S.J. Perry and his son J. Lamb Perry form the main portion of this collection, much of which is concerned with Perry family properties in Summerville (Dorchester County, S.C.) and surrounding areas. Perry family documents include correspondence, estate records, wills, financial records, and miscellaneous items. Family property records and muniments (some oversize) date as early as 1784 and include a lease to Daniel Stewart of land at Beech Hill; a release of dower (1793), Sarah Stewart to Thomas Smith, regarding Beech Hill [Plantation]; and a mortgage (1794), Evan Tumbleston to John Ernest Poyas, on Beech Hill. Early 19th century documents include a conveyance (1825), Thomas Swift to John B. Bivens, of land in St. Paul's Parish; a conveyance (1826) of "Harrierville on Beech Hill" to Henry and Elias B. Scott; a mortgage (1827), Benjamin Perry to George H. Smith, on a tract in St. George Dorchester Parish; a plat (1829) of "Harrierville on Beech Hill in St. Paul's and partly in St. George's Parish;" and a bond (1831) to Col. Richard Perry concerning land "situate near line of St. Georges and St. Pauls Parish." Among other property records are documents relating to later conveyances of these properties and Perry family property in Summerville (S.C.). Persons represented include Thomas R. Waring, Joseph Tucker, and John Gadsden. Early 20th century documents include a title abstract naming "Harriotville or Scott tract," "Beach Forest," "Roslin," "Waring tract," and "Carnes"; a deed abstract for a house and lots in Summerville sold to R.B. Cuthbert; and a blueprint plat (1914) of "Scott's plantation." Other Perry family papers include a journal (1813-1815) for Roslin Plantation containing slave lists, cotton and rice accounts, and a planting diary for 1813 and 1814; and an agreement (1827) between Benjamin Perry and George H. Smith concerning a moiety on a tract called Bacon's Bridge and expenses for the operation of the schooner Planter.

Slave records include a mortgage (1837) on five slaves (named in record), J.H. Waring to Sarah F. Miles; and a mortgage (1860), Joseph Hall Waring to A.S. J. Perry, on slaves. Also, a number of family wills mention slaves, notably that of Richard Perry, who bequeathed slaves to the daughters of "the free woman Mary" (1858).

Papers (1857-1894) of Archibald S.J. Perry are chiefly family and business correspondence and business and financial records. Included is a stock certificate (1863) for shares in the Magnetic Iron Co. of South Carolina. Some records pertain to the firm of Johnston, Crews & Co.

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

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**Search terms:**

- Perry, A. S. J. (Archibald Simpson Johnston), 1826-1895.
- Perry, J. Lamb.
- Perry, Martha Henrietta Lamb, d. 1918.
- Perry family.
- Scott family.
- Warren family.
- Waring family.
- Johnston, Crews & Company.
- St. George Dorchester Parish (S.C.)
- Saint Paul's Parish (Charleston County, S.C.)
- Plantations -- South Carolina -- St. George Dorchester Parish.
- Plantations -- South Carolina -- Saint Paul's Parish.
- Real property -- South Carolina -- Summerville.
- Slave records -- South Carolina -- Dorchester County.
- Slaves -- South Carolina -- Saint Paul's Parish.
- Dorchester County (S.C.) -- History.
- Harrieville Plantation (S.C.)
- Roslin Plantation (S.C.)
- Summerville (S.C.)
- Estate records.
- Financial records.
- Letters (correspondence)
- Plats.
- Property records.
- Wills.

**Series outline:**

- 317.01 Perry Family Documents
- 317.02 Papers of Individual Family Members

317.02.01 A.S.J. Perry Papers  
317.02.02 J. Lamb Perry Papers

**Container listing:**

**BOX 1**

*317.01 Perry Family Documents*  
317.01 (C) 01 Perry family correspondence, 1848-1887  
317.01 (E) 01 Perry family estate records, 1799-1901 (includes wills)  
317.01 (F) 01 Perry family financial records, 1837-1895  
317.01 (M) 01 Miscellaneous items  
317.01 (P) 01 Perry family property records (NOTE: more in OVERSIZE records)  
317.01 (P) 01-01 Legare St., Charleston, S.C.  
317.01 (P) 01-02 Harrietteville Plantation  
317.01 (P) 01-03 St. George Dorchester Parish  
317.01 (P) 01-04 St. Paul's Parish  
317.01 (P) 01-05 Summerville, S.C.  
317.01 (P) 01-06 Dorchester and [Colleton?] counties  
317.01 (P) 02 [Roslin Plantation journal, 1813-1815](#) (removed from folder and stored in individual box next to collection)(available on Lowcountry Digital Library)  
  
317.01 (S) 01 Slave records (NOTE: more in OVERSIZE records)  
  
*317.02.01 A.S.J. Perry Papers*  
317.02.01 (B) Business and legal records, 1863-1895 (includes stock certificates)

**BOX 2**

317.02.01 (C) 01 A.S.J. Perry family correspondence, 1857-1892  
317.02.01 (C) 02 A.S.J. Perry business correspondence, 1860-1895  
317.02.01 (M) 01 Miscellaneous

*317.02.02 J. Lamb Perry Papers*  
317.02.02 (B) 01 J. Lamb Perry business records: Rose Bank Farm Co.  
317.02.02 (C) 01 J. Lamb Perry correspondence, 1888-1924  
317.02.02 (E) 01 J. Lamb Perry estate records: M.H. Perry estate  
317.02.02 (M) 01 Miscellaneous

**BOX 3**

317.02.02 (P) 01 J. Lamb family property records  
317.02.02 (P) 02 J. Lamb Perry plantation journal

**BOX 4**

**OVERSIZE ITEMS**

317.01 (P) 01 Perry family property records, 1784-1914  
317.01 (S) 01 Slave records, 1827-1851