



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## **South Carolina Power Company collection, 1848-1940** **SCHS# 1205.00**

**Creator:** SC Power Company.

**Description:** 1.25 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Incorporated in South Carolina in 1928, it was formed by the consolidation of several companies including the Augusta-Aiken Railway and Electric Corporation and its subsidiary, the Georgia-Carolina Power Company, the Edisto Public Service Company, and the South Carolina Power Company (incorporated in 1926). In 1948 all the common stock of the South Carolina Power Company was purchased by the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) and in 1950 the two companies merged. In 1984 SCE&G became the principal subsidiary of SCANA Corporation, an energy-based holding company. The earlier South Carolina Power Company (1926) was formed by the consolidation of the Charleston Consolidated Railway, Gas and Electric Company and its subsidiaries, the Charleston-Edison Light and Power Company, the Charleston Gas Light Company, and the Charleston Consolidated Railway and Lighting Company. The Charleston Consolidated Railway, Gas and Electric Company of Charleston, S.C., incorporated in 1899, was formed by the consolidation of the Charleston City Railway Company and the Charleston and Seashore Railroad Company.

**Scope and Content:** Collection contains the records of the Charleston City Railway Company (1866-1895), the Charleston Gas Light Company (1848-1894), and the Charleston Consolidated Railway, Gas and Electric Company (1899-1919). Records chiefly consist of financial records, contracts, and correspondence. Included is some historical data on these companies and utilities in Charleston (S.C.).

Records of the Charleston Consolidated Railway, Gas and Electric Company include tickets (1899) for free turkeys for customers; contracts, including one for the use of a dock, an agreement with the Terry Fish Co. for the lease of a wharf, a contract (1904) with the Carbon Light and Power Co. of New Jersey for supplying gas and gas lanterns for street lights, an agreement with Riddock & Byrns for the lease of a hotel and pavilion on the Isle of Palms (S.C.), and a memorandum of agreement (with specifications) with Daniel Keenan to build five cottages

on the Isle of Palms (1905); correspondence, including letters (1903) to company president P.H. Gadsden concerning right of way for power lines, rates, a long distance transmission plant, and other matters; blank (gas line) installation order forms; and financial records (1919), including statements of gross revenue and net income, records of detailed operating expenses for gas services, and records of lawsuits and settlements for accidents and damages.

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**Search terms:**

Gadsden, Philip Henry, b. 1867.

Charleston City Railway Company.

Charleston Consolidated Railway, Gas and Electric Company -- Records and correspondence.

Charleston Gas Light Company (S.C.).

South Carolina Power Company.

Terry Fish Company (Charleston, S.C.)

Dwellings -- South Carolina -- Isle of Palms.

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Contracts.

Financial records.

Letters (correspondence)

23/363-364 Charleston City Railway Co., 1866-1895

Business papers, 1866-1895. 1 bd. Vol., Approx 100 items

Charleston streetcar operators. Stock certificates and receipts (1881-1891), Reports of the President, treasurers accounts of receipts and expenditures, list of stockholders, by-laws (1867), mortgages, election result for board of directors positions, correspondence and other material of the CCR Co. (1866-1895). Correspondence of John R. Riggs, President CCR Co. regarding stocks and bonds, conditions of the streets of Charleston with the Superintendent of streets and other city officials, contracts for building a stable and a letter (1/7/1887) from the Charleston Baseball Club regarding the Club's need for sponsorship and its expenses. Also correspondence (1867) regarding a black woman's complaint that she wasn't allowed to ride a CCR Co. street car because of her race. Letters (1873-1895) regarding accident claims against CCR Co. for injuries or deaths from CCR Co. trains.

23/365/1-19 Charleston City Railway Co., 1866-1886

Business receipts, 1866-1886. ½ ft.

Charleston streetcar operators. Receipts, vouchers and other material regarding expenditures of CCR Co. (1866-1886) for the upkeep of the streetcars and of the horses owned by the company. Charleston merchants represented include Hermann Bulwinkle & Co., CD Franke Co., William H. Johnson & Co., Charleston Gas Light Co., Holmes, Calder & Co., Samuel R. Marshall & Co., William Harral, E.L. Halsey, John J. Steinmeyer Co. and many others.

23/367-368 Charleston Consolidated Railway, Gas, & Electric Co. 1899- ca. 1920

Records, 1899-1924. 1 vol. ¼ ft.

Charleston utility. Receipts for free turkeys (1899). Correspondence agreements and contracts regarding various contracts for the use of CCRGE Co. services (1901-1910). Receipt book, blank installation form, statements of gross revenue (1919). Printed matter regarding SC power and CCRGE Co. Also article on Charleston. Also suspense of a lighting register (1907-1912) regarding various lighting accounts (23-368).

23/366/1-18 Charleston Gas Light Co., 1848-1894

Business records, 1848-1894. ½ ft

Charleston utility. Bills (1848-1862) for gas furnished to the City Council of Charleston for gas in the upper and lower wards of the city as well as the Main Guard house, the poor and alms houses and other buildings. Presidents annual reports, treasurers statements, engineer reports, receipts for city bills, mortgages, finance committee reports, some letters of city officials regarding lighting, profit, and lose accounts, accounts for coal, wood, lime, coke, salaries and other expenses, stock certificates and other material (1860-1894). Also CGL Co. certificates and other material (1860-1894). Also CGL Co. bank account book (1860-1863) and stock receipt book (1882-1887). Chronologically arranged except for books.