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Stoney family papers, 1775-1949

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Containers 24/1-23, 33/26

Creator: Stoney family.

Description: 9 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: South Carolina family. Samuel Gaillard Stoney (1853-1926), a Charleston, S.C. businessman and plantation owner, married Louisa Cheves Smythe (1868-1939) in 1890. Their children included Samuel Gaillard Stoney (b. 1891) and Augustine Thomas Smythe Stoney (b. 1894). Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney was the daughter of Louisa Rebecca McCord (1845-1928) and Augustine Thomas Smythe (1842-1914), a Charleston, S.C. attorney and South Carolina state Senator. Augustine Thomas Smythe (who added an "e" to the Smyth family name) married Louisa Rebecca McCord (1845-1928); he was the son of the Reverend Thomas Smyth (1808-1873) and Margaret Milligan Adger (1807-1884), daughter of merchant James Adger (1777-1858). Rev. Smyth's other children included James Adger Smyth (1837-1920).

Scope and Content: Papers consist of correspondence, financial records, writings, photographs, genealogical materials, papers pertaining to the Second Presbyterian Church (Charleston, S.C.) and the Charleston chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and other items. Included are the papers of Augustine Thomas Smythe (1842-1914), James Adger Smyth (1837-1920), Thomas Smyth (1808-1873), A.T.S. Stoney (b. 1894), Louisa Cheves Stoney (1868-1939), the Adger family, and the Smyth family.

Genealogical materials (ca. 1920-1930's) include notes, correspondence, and other items collected by Susan Smythe Bennett and her mother Louisa McCord Smythe. Families represented include the Adger, Broughton, Calhoun, Cheves, Courtonne, Dulles, Ellison, Heatley, Langdon, Potts, Ragan, Russell, Smyth, Smythe, Sterling, Stoney, Sweringen, Turner, and Turquand families.

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Letters (correspondence).
Photographs.
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Bennett, Susan Smythe.
Smythe, Louisa McCord, 1845-1928.

Series outline:

1209.01 Family Document Series

- 24/018b/01-05 Miscellaneous journals and account books, 1815-1903 (5 items).
- 24/019/01-11 Family miscellany, 1775-1933 (0.5 linear ft.).
- 24/020-021 Family photographs, 1880s-1930s (1.0 linear ft.).

1209.02 Papers of Individual Stoney family members

- 1209.02.01 Stoney, Louisa Cheves, 1868 1939. Louisa Cheves Stoney papers, 1811 1939. 4.0 linear ft.*
 - 24/014-018 Family correspondence, 1872-1939 (2.5 linear ft.).
 - 24/004-005 Second Presbyterian Church papers, 1811-1938 (0.75 linear ft.).
 - 24/006/01-06 Research notes on Second Presbyterian Church, 1914-1925
 - 24/018-018a Writings, 1915-1936.

- 1209.02.02 Stoney, A.T.S. (Augustine Thomas Smythe), b. 1894.*
 - 33/026 Photographs and a poster
 - 24/018a/06-15 A.T.S. Stoney papers, 1821 1949 (bulk 1914 1949). Ca. 125 items.

1209.03 Stoney Allied families

- 1209.03.01 Adger family. Adger family papers, 1796-1893. Ca. 130 items.*
24/001/01-08 Family correspondence, 1796-1893 (100 items).
1209.03.01.01 Adger, James, 1777-1858.
24/001-002 Estate receipt books, 1850-1858 (9 items).
1209.03.01.02 Adger, John B., 1810-1899.
24/002/06-08 Correspondence, 1830-1845 (20 items & 1 v.).
- 1209.03.02 Smyth family. Smyth family papers, 1811-1938. 3 linear ft.*
1209.03.02.01 Smyth, Thomas, 1808-1873. Thomas Smyth papers, 1834-1881. Ca. 150 items.
24/003/01-10 Correspondence, 1834-1881 (100 items).
24/003/11-15 Papers concerning a theological debate, 1837-1847 (50 items).
1209.03.02.02 Smyth, James Adger, 1837-1920. James Adger Smyth correspondence, 1861-1865 (bulk 1864). Ca. 90 items.
24/006/07-14 Civil War letters, 1861-1865 (91 items).
1209.03.02.03 Smythe, Sarah A., 1846-1929.
24/006/15-17 Cashbooks, 1862-1899 (6 items).
1209.03.02.04 Smythe, Augustine Thomas, 1842-1914. Augustine Thomas Smythe papers, 1853-1938. 1.5 linear ft.
24/007-008 Civil War correspondence, 1853-1865 (0.5 lin. ft.).
24/008-009 Family correspondence, 1866-1922 (1.0 linear ft.).
24/010/01-09 Miscellaneous papers, 1865-1930s (70 items).
1209.03.02.05 Smythe, Louisa M., 1845-1928.
24/010/10 Autobiography, 1920 (1 v.).
24/011-013 United Daughters of the Confederacy papers, 1884-1907. Writings, 1898-1903 (8 items).

1209.04 STONEY-RELATED RECORDS

- 1209.04.01 Bennett, Susan S., 1878-1965.*
24/022-023 Genealogical notes, 1920s-1930s (1.0 linear ft.).

Container listing:

24/1/1-8 Adger family, 1796-1893

Family correspondence & misc. 1796-1893. Approx 100 items

Charleston family. Correspondence of James Adger, Sarah E. Adger, Margaret M.A. Smythe and Jane A. Adger. Letters of JA at Charleston, New York, NY and elsewhere mostly to SEA regarding family matters, overland travel (1830s) and some business concerns. Letters of SEA and MMAS regarding family matters. Letters from Thomas Smyth ad MMAS regarding shipwreck and being stranded near Cape Hatteras NC (1836). Letters (1874-1893) of Jane A. Adger regarding family matters and the Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston with some letters from Rev. E.A. Brackett. Also lottery ticket (1809). Adger family legal documents and news clippings.

24/1-2 Adger, James, 1777-1858

Estate receipt book, 1850-1897. 9 items

Charleston businessman. Receipt books (1850-1897) mostly related to the estate of James Adger (1777-1858). Receipt book (1859-1860) of Robert Adger, executor of the estate of James Adger, includes some litigation papers. James Adger (1812-1882) cash book (1875-1886) for groceries, dry goods, and toher expenses. William Adger's receipt book for general sundries and much regarding the estate of JA (1777-1858). Also accounts with James Adger & Co. of Margaret M.A. Smyth (1850-1860) with personal receipts (1879-1888); Jane A. Adger, 2 vols. (1850-1897); Susan A. Adger accounts (1850-1886); Robert and William Adger, trustees (1850-1876). (1850-1876).

24/2/6-8 Adger, John B., 1810-1899

Correspondence, 1830-1845. 1 letter book, 20 items

Charlestonian, student at Princeton Theological Seminary, Missionary to Turkey. Correspondence (1830-1845) of JBA with his fiancé and later, wife, Elizabeth K. Shrewsbury and his family regarding personal, family, and religious matters. Also includes JRA's letters regarding religion, linguistics, family matters, and the Near East, etc. from Smyrna Turkey to among others, Rev. R. Anderson, Lord Broughan, Rev. HGO Dwight, Rev. William Goodell Rev. WA Hallock, Henry Hill, Boston MA; HA Holmes, J. Jonett, PO Power, E. Riggs, and Thomas Smyth.

24/3/1-10 Smyth, Thomas, 1808-1873

Correspondence, 1834-1881. Approx 100 items

Charleston minister. Correspondence (1834-1881) of TS in Charleston and Ireland, and his wife Margaret MA Smythe from family members, many clergymen and others including Sarah A. Smyth, Samuel Smith, John B. Adger, Ann S. Plunkett, EK Adger, and Isabella Fauntleroy (regarding anti-secession in the North, 1861). Letters regarding family matters, Presbyterian Church matters and beliefs, TS' book Why Do We Live, 1857; The Well in the Valley, 1859; the deaths of George Moffet (8/24/1844) and TS (1873). Also correspondence (1846) and debate with member of the Scottish Anti-Slavery Society regarding slavery and a libelous statement by TS on Frederick Douglass' character, TS' apology, and an invitation to debate slavery. Also accounts, clippings, and notes of TS.

24/3/11-15 Smythe, Thomas, 1808-1873

Theological debate papers, 1837-1847. Approx 50 items

Charleston Presbyterian Minister. Correspondence, news clippings from the Charleston Observer, annotated pamphlets (1837-1847) regarding the theological debate regarding Presbyterianism between TS and William C. Dana.

24/4/1-10 Second Presbyterian Church, 1827-1902

Church papers, 1827-1902. 20 items

Charleston church. Misc. letters, sermons, books, etc. regarding the Second Presbyterian Church collected by Thomas Smythe and Louisa C. Stoney. Included are the last words of Thomas C. Henry (1827); Letter to the congregation from John Girardeau regarding inability to accept ministry of the Church; discourses (1861) of Rev. Ferdinand Jacobs; memoir of Artemus Bois; Thomas Smythe's annotate copies of the Second Presbyterian Church manual (1828, 1854);

choir hymnal selections (1862); account book of Thornwell Orphanage Society (1893); ms of memorial service for GB Brackett (d. 1902); recollections for jubilee celebration, sermon, history of Glebe Street church, temperance pledge list; officers and members (1874-1883) and Sabbath School Worship lists (1893) and other material.

24/4-5 Second Presbyterian Church, 1811-1938

Church organization papers, 181-1938. ¾ ft.

Charleston Church. Pledge book, annotated member list (1876), notes, annual meeting minutes (1870s), subscribers account books (1877-1892) and missionary reports of P. Frank Price in China (1926-1938) of the Church's missionary society. Also records of the Church including statistical reports (1811-1861), records of the Anson and Zion Churches, Charleston (pre-1876); memorials to the Pastors of the Church, a misc. sermon (pre-1860) and misc. notes and treasurers reports of the Ladies Educational Society (1903-1920).

24/6/1-6 Stoney, Louisa C., m. 1890

Notes, ca. 1914-1925. Approx 70 items

Granddaughter of Thomas Smythe. Notes of LGS regarding the Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, women in the church, the Church manual and correspondence regarding the autobiography of Thomas Smythe which LGS edited (1914). Also photographs of the Church.

24/6/7-14 Smythe, J. Adger, 1837-1920

Civil War letters, 1861-1865. 91 items

Confederate quartermaster. Letters of JAS to his wife Annie R. Smythe from James Island, Charleston and VA, mostly day by day accounts (March-August 1864) of movements of Company A of the 25th SC Volunteers, General Johnson Hagood brigade. Also family matters and a letter regarding the quartermaster position William Porcher Miles (7/10/64).

24/6/15-17 Smythe, Sarah A., 1846-1929

Cashbooks, 1862-1899. 6 items

Charleston daughter of Thomas Smythe. Cashbooks of SAS (1862-1899) listings of dry goods, food, clothing, and other items purchased during the Civil War and after. Also travel expenses in Europe (1895).

24/7-8 Smythe, Augustine T., 1842-1914

Civil War Correspondence, 1853-1865. ½ feet

Charleston soldier. Correspondence (1853-1865) of ATS with extensive Civil War correspondence (1863-1864). Correspondents include Margaret MA Smythe, Jane A. Adger, J. Adger Smythe, Susan Smythe, Robert Adger, Louisa McCord, Thomas Smythe from Pendleton, Charleston, Columbia and elsewhere. ATS' letters from military camps in Secessionville, James Island, and the observation post at St. Michael's Church Steeple, Charleston. Letters regarding war battles, news, bombardment of Charleston, family matters and other Civil War related material. Included are typescripts of most of the letters.

24/8-9 Smythe, Augustine T., 1842-1914

Family correspondence, 1866-1922. 1 ft.

Charleston lawyer. Correspondence (1866-1922) of ATS, Louisa M. Smythe, Janie Smythe with Louisa McCord and Sarah A. Smyth and other relatives regarding family matters, the 1886 earthquake, Charleston; notes on Civil War submarine Hunley (1898-1899), description of housework (1889); and the surroundings and Vanderhorst house on Kiawah Island (4/24/1900) the death of ATS with many condolence letters, including one from Benjamin Tillman. Letters, Charleston, Langsyne Plantation, Fort Motte, Pendleton and elsewhere.

24/10/1-9 Smythe, Augustine T., 1842-1914

Misc. papers, 1865-1930s. Approx 70 items

Charleston lawyer, Fort Motte planter. Plantation receipts, correspondence, contracts, cotton accounts, and other material (1866-1871) regarding ATS work on Langsyne Plantation. Papers regarding Woodburne house, near Pendleton. Papers regarding Cedar Grove Plantation, Clarendon County (1820-1924) concerning the cotton crop and effects of the boo-wevil. Family miscellany. Clippings regarding death of ATS Jr. (1884) and ATS Sr. (1914). Also miscellaneous notebooks, diaries, passports, account books and other material.

24/10/10 Smythe, Louisa M., 1845-1928

Autobiography ms., ca 1850-1920. 1 typescript vol.

Charleston daughter of Louisa McCord. "Recollections" of LMS include reminiscence regarding family, friends, and servants at Pendleton and Columbia before and during the Civil War and after at Langsyne Plantation, Fort Motte, Abbeville, Columbia, RI, VA, Paris France, and Europe (1858-1859). Among these mentioned are David J. and Louisa McCord, Langdon Cheves and family, Sophia Haskell, Joseph Dulles family, the William Preston Family and Leiber family. SC College, Columbia is also mentioned.

24/11-12 Smythe, Louisa M., 1845-1928

UDC Papers, 1884-ca. 1907

President, Charleston chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Letters, letter books, notes, and material regarding activities of UDC including the UDC constitutions, invitations, notes and letters regarding memorial to Jefferson Davis, notes regarding the Black Oak Relief Society (1905), membership list (1900); ms. of my Reminiscences of War & Reconstruction by Thomas Pinckney speech before the UDC. Also LMS diary (1904-1905) with appointments and other matters.

24/12-13 Smythe, Louisa M. 1845-1928

UDC notes & manuscripts., 1898-1903. 8 items

President of Charleston Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and writer. Ms and notes of women's work in the Confederacy. "Report of the Work of the Women of SC During the Confederate War," compiled and written by LMS and other for the UDC Convention of 1898, published 1903 as South Carolina Women in the Confederacy. Two bound vol. Also six notebooks with roles and reports of SC Women in the Confederacy regarding soldiers relief and other war matters.

24/14-18 Stoney, Louisa C., d. 1939

Family correspondence, 1872-1939. 2 ½ feet

Charleston family. Correspondence of Louisa C. Stoney and her husband Samuel G. Stoney Sr. with each other, their parents, children, and siblings including Harriett P. Stoney, J. Stoney Porcher, El Paso TX; SG Stoney, Jr., Sewanee TN (1907-1908); Augustine T. Smythe, Susan and John Bennett, AT Stoney, L. Cheves Smythe, Japan (1927-1933); Harriett P. Simons, Louisa S. Popham, Augustine T. Smythe Jr., SG Gaillard, Margaret Gist, York; and some letters from Yates Snowden, Ulrich B. Phillips and Archibald Rutledge regarding family and personal matters, marriage of LCS and SGS (1890), Charleston earthquake (1886), European travel (1888,1900, 1914) some politics, some business, petition (1901) to stop destruction of the Charleston market. Letters from Charleston, Pendleton, Flat Rock NC, and elsewhere. Chronologically arranged.

24/18-18A Stoney, Louisa C., d. 1939

Writings, 1915-1936. ½ ft.

Charleston poet. Writings of LCS. Included are essays: Abbeville's Secession claim disproved (1933) and prose regarding old age. Many poetry mss. Letters (1920-1936) to LCS regarding poetry from Alston Deas, Dubose Heyward, Josephine Pinckney, Hervey Allen regarding rumor of dinner attended by Josephine Pinckney and a black man (9/17/23), Julia Peterkin, Mary FW Porcher The Poetry Society of SC and others regarding LCS' poetry with poetry mss. of Dubose Heyward, Alston Deas and Mary F.W. Porcher.

24/18A/6-15, 33/26 Stoney, ATS b. 1894

Papers, 1914-1949. Approx 125 items

Charleston illustrator, cartographer and army officer. Letters of ATSS (1914-1949), mostly during World War I in the US and Europe regarding family and military matters. Journal of ATSS (1943) regarding his service in World War II in North Africa. Poetry of ATSS' military and employment records of ATSS. Maps drawn by ATSS include Middleton Place, Hitchcock Woods, Aiken, to Edisto Island, plantations along the Cooper River (1842) and others. Drawings, tracings, sketches, cartoons of ATSS including designs for book plates, a cartoon of a group traveling to Edisto Island and pen etchings of nature scenes. Material in 33/26 include photographs and a design for poster for the Society of the Preservation of Spirituals (n.d.).

24/18B/1-5 Stoney family, 1815-1903

Misc. account books & journals, 1815-1903. 5 items

Charleston family. Misc. account books and journals (1815-1903). Vol. of medicine and science notes (1815) of Russell McCord interleaved with notes on law (1817-1818). Accounts (1837-1838) of Charleston merchant John Stoney (?) for shipping, freight, wharfage, and commissions from, among others, GM Thompson, Wade Hampton II, William Cunningham, Robert E. Russell, Mary Hampton, Horace Osborne & Co., John Preston, and Nesbitt Manufacturing Co. Overseer's day book (1852) regarding rice, timber, & slaves for Medway Plantation in Berkeley Co. Time roll, cash accts, and general accounts with plantation hands and day book (1872) of rice planter John Stafford Stoney (?) of Medway. Records (1875-1914) of the Goslings, renamed (1876) Oaks Hunting Club, and the Medway hunts, founded by Samuel G. Stoney and others. Diary (1903) of Samuel G. Stoney Sr. (?) regarding his presidency of the West Point Mill Co., rice millers, Charleston.

24/19/1-11 Stoney family, 1775-1933

Family miscellany, 1775, 1873-1933. ½ ft.

Charleston family. Stoney family miscellany. Poetry book (1873) of TP Stoney. Household accounts (1890) of Louisa C. Stoney. Art sketches and notebooks of Scotland, water colors, and pastels of LCS. Sketch of the interior of the Cruet Stand, Sullivan's Island (1925). Misc. invitation, calling cards, programs, etc. Also material regarding the Charleston Light Dragoons, a sermon by Thomas Stoney, a blue print of Ararat plantation, Berkeley Co. (1909) and a diploma of Icabod Burnet (1775).

24/20-21, 33/26/1 Stoney family, 1880s-1930s

Family photographers, 1880s-1930s. 1 ft.

Charleston family. Photographs of the Stoney family, places and animals including scenes of 101 St. Philip's St., Charleston ironwork, the old Citadel, Charleston, Fort Moultrie, Sullivan's Island, Steamers, Medway Plantation, Middleton Place, Magnolia Cemetery, a Negro road crew (ca. 1900?), rural churches, upcountry and NC scenes, Mulberry Castle, Berkeley Co, 1906, cooking scenes, and a boy and girl in colonial dress. Photographs of various Stoney-Smythe family members including Samuel G. Stoney, Samuel G. Stoney Jr., and ATS Stoney. World War I and World War II photographs of ATSS. Oversized photographs in (33-26-1) of ATSS includes group photos, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, probably of the College of Charleston, and class photo Mayberry School, Charleston (?) ca. 1905. Many glass negatives fragile. The Charleston photographers represented are: Cook, WB Austin, H. Leidoff, FA Nowell, and Anderson.

24/22-23 Bennett, Susan S., 1878-1965

Genealogy notes, ca. 1920s-1930s. 1 ft.

Charleston genealogist. Genealogical and family notes, correspondence and other material compiled by SSB and her mothers, Louisa M. Smythe. Families included are: Adger, Adger-Turner, Broughton, Cheves, Cheves-Langdon, Courtonne, Dulles, Ellison, Heatley, Potts, Ragan, Russell-Sterling, Smythe, Sterland-Sterling, Stoney, Sweringen and Turquand. Also ms. on history of Calhoun Country.