



Blake family papers, 1794-1915
SCHS Call # 1007.00
Containers: 11/76-77

Creators: Blake family

Description: 1 linear ft.

Scope and Content: Papers primarily consist of correspondence and plantation and business papers. Included are the papers of Oliver Hering Middleton (1798-1892) and his son Oliver Hering Middleton, Jr. (1845-1864).

Correspondence (1870-1908) concerns family and business matters and travels, and includes letters of condolence to Blake family members on the death of Frederick Rutledge Blake, and letters and postcards from Edmund M. Blake and his wife Eleanor Farley Blake written during travels in the Western United States, Cuba, and elsewhere. Correspondents include Frederick Rutledge Blake, Daniel Blake (b. 1872), and Olivia Middleton Blake.

Plantation and business papers (1871-1915) are mostly those of Daniel Blake (b. 1872) but there are also papers of Frederick Rutledge Blake, including a contract (1868) for the sale of a crop of potatoes to Robert Lawless, and papers of Daniel Blake (1803-1873), including letters (1871-1872) regarding the sale of land in the San Antonio (Texas) area, and estate accounts (1874). Papers of Daniel Blake (b. 1872) consist of receipts and invoices for the purchase of hardware, farm equipment, fertilizer, cigars, and other items, tax receipts, bills, two check stub books (1892-1896), accounts for the sales of rice, U.S. weather maps (1902-1907), a tax return (1903) on property at Salkehatchie (S.C.), and business correspondence. Much correspondence with manufacturers in Charleston (S.C.) and elsewhere pertains to orders for mill and farm machinery (including boilers and balers), a buggy, and other items. There are also letters regarding the sale of rice straw.

Note: Formerly known as "Middleton-Blake papers."

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Biographical/Historical Note: South Carolina family. Daniel Blake (1803-1873) owned a plantation in St. Bartholomew's Parish (Colleton District, S.C.) and The Meadows Plantation in Fletcher, N.C. His first wife was Emma Middleton Rutledge (1812-1853); he married secondly Helen Elizabeth Craig (1826-1914). His children included Frederick Rutledge Blake (1838-1907), owner of Board House Plantation, who married Olivia Middleton (b. 1839). Among their children were Edmund Molyneux Blake (b. 1866) and Daniel Blake (b. 1872).

Series Outline and Container listing:

1007.01 FAMILY DOCUMENTS SERIES

11/076 Family correspondence, 1870-1908 (100 items).

11/077 Plantation papers, 1861-1915 (200 items).

1007.02 BLAKE ALLIED FAMILIES

1007.02.01 Middleton family.

1007.02.01.01 Middleton, Oliver Hering, 1798-1892. Oliver Hering Middleton papers, 1794-1881. Ca. 120 items.

11/076/01-05 Family correspondence, 1794-1862 (75 items).

11/076/11-12 Family papers, 1843-1881 (40 items).

1007.02.01.02 Middleton, Oliver Hering, 1845-1864.

11/076/06-10 Family correspondence, 1863-1884 (bulk 863-1865) Ca. 150 items.

Detailed Collection Inventory:

11/76/1-5 Middleton, Oliver Sr., 1798-1892
Family Correspondence, 1794-1862. Approx 75 items

Charleston and Edisto Island family. Letters regarding family matters, health, and travel from Henry Middleton, Mary Hering Middleton, Eliza Middleton Fisher, Maria H. Pringle, John Izard Middleton, Edward Middleton, C. Jane Norton, Oliver Middleton Jr., Mary Middleton Read, most to OHM Sr. and Susan (Mrs. Oliver) Chisolm Middleton from Charleston, Philadelphia, PA; Newport, RI; Rome, Italy; London, England; and New York, NY

11/76/6-10 Middleton, Oliver Hering Jr. 1845-1864
Family correspondence, 1863-1880. Approx 150 items

Charleston Light Dragoons soldier. Mostly correspondence between HM Jr. and his parents, Oliver H. Middleton Sr. and Susan Chisolm Middleton and other family members regarding OHM Jr.'s war service in Beaufort County and Matadequin Creek, VA and his death. Also including letters from Eliza M. Fisher, Philadelphia, PA.

11/76/11-12 Middleton, Oliver Hering, Jr. 1798-1892
Family papers, 1843-1881. Approx 40 items

Charleston and Edisto Island planter. Business receipts, bank books, business letters, one letter regarding OHM Sr's contention that he offered a viable contract to the people on his Edisto Island plantation (1866) and a document regarding abandoned lands restoration on Edisto Island (1866). Classroom exercises, notes, and essays of Oliver H. Middleton Jr. Misc. verse. School exercise books of OHM's daughter (1843-1846), Mary Julia Middleton.

11/76/13-17 Blake Family
Family correspondence, 1870-1908. Approx 100 items

Family letters mostly from Olivia Middleton Blake, to her son Daniel Blake, Salkehatchie planter and from Edmund and Eleanor Farley Blake regarding family matters and 1904-1905 trip to Western US. Letters are from Arden, NC; Charleston; Camp Columbia, Cuba and Newport, RI.

11/77/1-9 Blake Family
Plantation papers, 1861-1915. Approx 200 items

Colleton County Planters. Papers (1899-1908) mostly from Salkehatchie, Colleton Co. plantation of Daniel Blake (1803-1873), Frederick Blake (1838-1907) and Daniel Blake (b. 1872) including rice accounts, US weather maps, letters and receipts regarding plantation machinery, rice crop, hardware, and buggies from Charleston and other merchants, but includes letters, bonds, indentures, and checking account receipts (1861-1898) regarding lands and business of Blake family.