



Child family muniments, 1704-1801 SCHS 502.00

Description: 21 items total; (13 are oversize).

Biographical/historical notes:

Isaac Child (1675-1734) married Margaret Tunsted (1686-1738) on 1 June 1710 in South Carolina. Their children included James (died an infant), William (1713-1738), Sarah (1715-1756), Isaac (1717-1742), Hannah (1719-1763), Lydia (1721-1765), Mary (1724-1744), and Elizabeth (1727-1728). Sarah Child married Nicholas Harleston. Hannah Child married John Harleston. Lydia Child married George Chicken, Jr. in 1742. Lydia married Elias Ball, Jr. (1709-1786) after the death of Chicken, Jr. in 1746. George Chicken, Jr. (d. 1746) was the son of Captain George Chicken (d. 1727).

According to H.A.M. Smith, James Child, the brother of Isaac Child was the founder of Childsbury in 1707.

Scope and content:

Child family muniments include a copy of the Highway and Ferry Act of 1704 that established a ferry for the “defense of this colony” and other documents pertaining to the ferry at Strawberry Plantation; articles of agreement for sale of timber, accounts with merchants for household and farming goods, papers pertaining to lots in the town of Childsbury, a marriage indenture between George Chicken and Lydia Child (1742), and wills of William Child (1738) and Lydia Ball (1765). Names of enslaved persons are included among the bequests in both wills.

Also includes “An Act for settling a Fair and Markets in Childsbury Town in St. John’s Parish in Berkeley County” (1723) that contains elaborate rules and instructions for the creation of a weekly town market and twice-annual fair to be held Childsbury.

Provenance: Formerly 47-03; Original accession numbers 1030-1045; Gift of Cordes Prioleau Langley, 1922.

Folder list:

502/01

Highway and Ferry Act of 1704 that established a ferry for the “defense of this colony” and the “convenience of the inhabitants of the western and eastern branches of the Cooper River” at Strawberry Plantation owned by James Child.

502/02

Articles of agreement between James Child and John Bonoist for sale of timber, 1713

502/03

Indenture between Isaac Child and John Skinner for lot number 17 in the town of Childsbury, 1726.

502/04

Will of William Child, 1738.

Bequests:

Mother, Margaret Child- his plantation and enslaved men named Patrick and Sammey.

Sister, Sarah Harleston – enslaved man Cupid

Niece, Margaret Harleston – enslaved woman (“girl”) Lucindo

Sister, Hannah Child – enslaved men Jonathan and Michael

Sister, Lydia Child – enslaved persons Simon and Josey

Sister, Mary Child – enslaved persons Primus and Dido

Brother(in-law), Nicholas Harleston – silver watch

Friend, Richard Gough – gold ring

Friend, Henry Lawrence – 50 pounds sterling

Brother, Isaac Child – enslaved men Cato and Lannon; silver, plantation commonly called Luckings Farm, lots in Childsbury town.

William Child also gave money to Childsbury school.

502/05

Account of George Chicken with Isaac Child, 1739 - 1742.

502/06

An Act pertaining to fees for passage on Strawberry Ferry, 1748.

502/07

Elias Ball complaint regarding upkeep and repair of Strawberry Ferry, 1801.

502/08

Notes on Child and Ball family lineage, no date.

Oversize materials:

502/09

James Child memorial bequests, 1708

502/10

Indenture between James Childs (yeoman) and William Skinner (bricklayer), 1712

502/11

Indenture between James Child of Childsbury Town and William Waitts, Jr. and John Lawes, 1713. Waittes and Lawes were the executors of the estate of Thomas J. Hubbard. James Child married Hester Hubbard, widow of Thomas J. Hubbard. Property transferred from Hubbard to Childs by marriage included “Strawberry” and five lots in Childsbury Town.

502/12

Indenture between James Child of Childsbury Town and John Lawes, 1715.

502/13

Indenture between James and Isaac Child for St. John's Parish, Berkeley County lands, 1718.

502/14

"An Act for settling a Fair and Markets in Childsbury Town in St. John's Parish in Berkeley County, 1723."

Includes rules and instructions for the creation of a weekly town market and twice-annual fair to be held Childsbury. Market to take place on every Tuesday and Saturday of the week. Fairs to commence the third Tuesday in May and the last Tuesday in October, each "to end upon the Friday next following being in all four days inclusive." Instructions also indicate that "liberties and free customs of the fairs ought to or may appertain according to the usage and customs of fairs holden in that part of his Majesty's realm of Great Britain called south Britain or England." . Explicit instructions are laid out for exchange and sale of property including livestock and enslaved persons.

502/15

Isaac Childs in account with George Seaman, 1739 – 1740. List of goods and sundries purchased by Child from Seaman include Bohea tea, sugar, coffee, stockings, shoes, silver coat buttons, raisins, an umbrella, salt, pepper, currants, russian linen, lace, ribbon, bed tick, and much more. Very fragile.

502/16

George Chicken indentures for St. John's Berkeley Parish lands from Isaac Child, 1742.

Three indentures from January of 1742 for several parcels of land located in St. John's Berkeley parish conveyed from Child to Chicken.

502/17

Marriage indenture between George Chicken and Lydia Child, 1742

Lydia Child was the daughter of Isaac Child. The indenture includes the conveyance of both land and eighteen enslaved persons.

502/18

Land grant to George Chicken for seventy acres in Berkeley County, 1742. Includes survey.

502/19

Petition to transfer Elias Ball, Jr.'s role as co-commissioner of Strawberry Ferry to his wife Lydia Ball, 1748.

502/20

Elias and Lydia Ball right of inheritance for Berkeley County lands, 1752.

502/21

Will of Lydia Ball, 1765.

Includes bequest of land and several enslaved persons (Ratcliffe, Amey, and Sam) to her children. Executors included son-in-law Benjamin Simons, Capt. Francis LeJeu, and nephews John Harleston and Elias Ball.