



Combahee River Project papers, 1928-1974
SCHS 1018.00
Container 11/108

Description: ca. 1,000 items.

Historical/Biographical Note: The project involved 10,000 acres of old rice fields on the Combahee River and 1,900 acres on Wimbee Creek. A company bank was built sometime before 1860 to assist in water control for the area south of the Combahee. Up until the 1920s, rice was raised in the area but the bank was allowed to deteriorate. In the late 1920s it was rebuilt with the support of the area plantation owners to keep salt water from entering the Combahee and destroying rice fields and fresh water duck feeds. Attempts to keep the salt water from entering the area continued until the 1970s when the project was apparently abandoned.

Scope and Content: Papers of project to conserve rice lands on the Combahee River in Colleton County, S.C. Includes correspondence (1928-1974), reports (1951-1955) on the salinity and chemical quality of the river, and reports (1940-1955) of labor expenses. Correspondents and groups involved in the environmental project include U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, S.C. Soil Conservation Department, S.C. Fish and Game Commission, J. C. Lemack, T. W. Hutson, Remer Y. Lane, and Austin H. Inglehart.

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Search terms:

Hutson, T.W.
Inglehart, Austin H.
Lane, Remer Y.
Lemacks, Julius Charles, b. 1877.
South Carolina. State Game and Fish Commission.
South Carolina. Soil Conservation Dept.
United States. Dept. of the Interior.
Agricultural conservation -- South Carolina.
Conservation of natural resources -- South Carolina.
Plantations -- South Carolina.
Rice -- South Carolina.
Rivers -- South Carolina.
Saline water barriers -- South Carolina.
Saltwater encroachment -- South Carolina -- Combahee River.
Combahee River (S.C.)
South Carolina -- History -- 1865- -- Sources.

Wimbee Creek (S.C.)
Letters (correspondence).
Reports.

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Conservation Project papers, 1928-1974. ½ ft.**

Colleton County project to conserve rice lands on the Combahee River. Correspondence (1928-1974), reports on the chemical quality of the river (1951-1955) and reports of labor expenses (1940-1955). Correspondents and groups involved in the environmental project include the US Dept. of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, SC Soil Conservation Dept., the SC Fish and Game Commissions, J.C. Lemack, Walterboro; T.W. Hutson, Yemasee; Remer Y. Lane, White Hall, SC; and Austin H. Inglehart, White Plains, NY.