Creator: Courtenay, William Ashmead

Description: 0.25 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Charleston and Columbia, S.C. businessman and newspaper editor. He served as mayor of Charleston from 1879 to 1887.

Scope and Content: Papers chiefly consist of personal correspondence.

Correspondence includes letters (1897-1898) from Sallie Ogier Lynah and others regarding William J. Grayson and the publication of his writings; correspondence (1899-1901) concerning the Timrod monument in Trinity Church yard (Columbia (S.C.); letters (1902-1904) from Thomas Addis Emmett of New York (N.Y.) and Bishop H.P. Northrop regarding a medal and Courtenay's efforts to obtain a copy of a painting by Rubens for the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (Charleston, S.C.); letters (1904-1905) between Courtenay and Thomas Nelson Page about an advisory council for a University of Virginia endowment fund and Courtenay's objections to a "change in the management of the University"; letters (1905-1906) between Courtenay and Charles Francis Adams, president of the Massachusetts Historical Society, about a misunderstanding over the acknowledgement of a contribution by Courtenay; letters (1905) between Courtenay, Rev. Robert Wilson, Andrew Carnegie, and others regarding funding for a new building for the Charleston Library Society; and letters (1906) from Rev. Robert Wilson concerning portraits donated to the Charleston Library Society by Courtenay.

Other items include cartes-de-visite and other images of Courtenay family members.

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Search terms:
Adams, Charles Francis, 1835-1915.
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Courtenay, William Ashmead, 1831-1908.
Emmett, Thomas Addis, 1828-1919.
Grayson, William J. (William John), 1788-1863.
Lynah, Sallie Ogier.
Northrop, Henry Pinckney, 1842-1916.
Page, Thomas Nelson, 1853-1922.
Timrod, Henry, 1828-1867 -- Monuments -- South Carolina -- Colombia.
Wilson, Robert, 1838-1924.
Courtenay family.
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