W.C. Courtney papers, 1840-1868
SCHS Call # 1181.00
Containers 23/28-30

Creator: Courtney, W.C. (William Crocker), 1818-1885.

Description: 0.5 linear ft.; 2 v.

Biographical/Historical note: Charleston, S.C merchant.

Scope and content: Papers consist of business correspondence and records, estate records, and other items.

A letterpress copybook (1867-1868) contains letters from W.C. Courtney & Co. mainly concerning cotton prices and marketing. Some customer accounts are included. Correspondents include Campbell & Skinner of Green Pond (S.C.), M.C. Klugh of Cokesbury [England?], company agent J. Ward Motte in Laurens (S.C.), D.R. Sondley of Abbeville (S.C.), Arthur M. Manigault of Georgetown (S.C.), William Nettles of Sumter (S.C.), and John Wiley of Florence (S.C.). Other correspondence includes letters to Courtney, Tennent & Co. (formerly Courtney & Tennent); and letters regarding the estate of R.W. Hare, H.W. Conner, and others. Business records include a large bound volume (bulk 1860-1863) for Courtney, Tennent & Co. (importers of hardware, cutlery, and guns) containing accounts with various individuals and companies in South Carolina and elsewhere, accounts for merchandise and bills payable, and other financial records; financial statements of Morton & Courtney (1850-1851) and Courtney, Tennent & Co.; and legal documents, including articles of copartnership for Henry K. Harral, Philo C. Calhoun, Robert W. Hare, and William Harral (1843) and other agreements and indentures.

There are also papers (1850-1854) relating to the construction of a store at No. 35 Hayne Street (Charleston, S.C.) and its destruction by fire in 1854 including proposals and building specifications, a contract, and financial statements pertaining to fire losses. Other items include estate records; bank books; receipts; printed material; genealogical information on the Courtney and Conner families; and a letter (1876 Oct. 3) from C.B. Courtney in [England?] to Dr. Porter apologizing for declining a social visit.

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Search terms:
- Calhoun, Philo C.
- Conner, Henry Workman, 1797-1861 -- Estate.
- Courtney, C.B.
- Courtney, W.C. (William Crocker), 1818-1885.
- Harral, Henry K.
- Harral, William.
- Hare, Robert W. -- Estate.
- Klugh, M.C.
Motte, J. Ward.
Nettles, William.
Sondley, D.R., 1827-1870.
Conner family.
Courtney family.
Campbell & Skinner.
Courtney, Tennent & Co. (Charleston, S.C.)
Morton & Courtney (Charleston, S.C.)
Buildings -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Specifications.
Estates (Law) -- South Carolina.
Fires -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Stores, Retail -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Streets -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Hayne Street, 035.
Charleston (S.C.) -- History.
South Carolina -- Commerce.
South Carolina -- History.
Business records.
Estate records.
Financial records.
Legal documents.
Letters (correspondence)
Businessmen.

Container listing:

23/28-01 W.C. Courtney business correspondence, 1840-1859
23/28-02 W.C. Courtney Co. records, 1860-1864
23/28-03 Courtney, Tennett & Co. insurance claims re fire at 35 Hayne, 1850s
23/28-04 WCC papers, 1851-1855
23/28-05 WCC papers, 1857-1864
23/28-06 WCC business papers and bank books
23/28-07 WCC legal papers
23/28-08 WCC legal papers
23/28-09 WCC receipts
23/28-10 WCC receipts
23/28-11 WCC tax receipts
23/29 W.C. Courtney Co. account book, 1860-1866 (bound volume, wrapped)
23/30 W.C. Courtney Co. letterpress copybook, 1867-1868 (in box) FRAGILE