



Deas family papers and research, 1766-1976
SCHS 274.00

Creator: Deas, Alston, 1893-1985.

Description: 1 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: Charleston, S.C. soldier, preservationist, and author.

Scope and content: This collection consists of genealogical correspondence and research of Alston Deas (1893-1985) as well as Alston family correspondence and documents.

Correspondence (1919-1976) of Alston Deas and various individuals as well as genealogical, manuscript, art, and public record repositories in the U.S., England, and Australia, concerns his research on the Deas family and related families.

Genealogical notes and research of Alston Deas pertain to the Deas family and related families of Allen, Allston, Alston, Blamyre, Pawley, and Wigfall, and include notes on Mary Alston (1778-1841), William Alston (1756-1839), and William Algernon Alston (1782-1860). Also included are photocopies and transcriptions of Deas family documents (arranged roughly chronologically).

Deas family correspondence (1829-1922) includes letters of Mary Alston (1778-1841), William Algernon Alston (1782-1860), and Elias Horry Deas (1803-1867). Correspondence includes a series of letters from Henry Deas, Jr. (1844-1899) to his wife Frances Wigfall Deas concerning their move from South Carolina to San Francisco (Calif.) in the early 1870s.

Deas family documents (1766-1883) consist of estate, legal, and property records, and miscellaneous items, including a lease agreement (1826) between John Bowman Lynch and Henry Deas (1770-1846) for Bellevue Plantation; a conveyance (1847) of Chantilly Plantation (St. Thomas and St. Denis Parish, S.C.) as well as 23 slaves (named in document), sold by Susan M. Wigfall [Yates] to John L. Nowell; a mortgage (1858) between Dr. Seaman Deas and Alfred Raoul on land in Prince George Winyah Parish (S.C.) and six slaves (named in document); a contract [1866?] between Charles Alston, Sr. (1796-1881) and freedmen (named in document) working his Fairfield Plantation (Georgetown County, S.C.); lists (n.d.) of births, marriages, and deaths pertaining to the Deas family; an issue (1834) of the Southern Rose Bud featuring an obituary of Josephine Alston; and locks of hair of members of the Alston family.

Oversize Deas family papers include leases (1766) between John Deas (1735-1790) and Barbara Harrison for 500 acres on the Wateree River in Craven County (S.C.); and a mortgage (1827) between John Ashby Wigfall and Daniel Jennings Waring on Chantilly Plantation.

Note: Related photographs in the SCHS photograph collection.

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Search terms:

Alston, Charles, 1796-1881.
Alston, Josephine, d. 1834.
Alston, Mary Young, 1778-1841.
Alston, William, 1756-1839.
Alston, William Algernon, 1782-1860.
Deas, Alston, 1893-1985.
Deas, Elias Horry, 1803-1867.
Deas, Frances Milward Pogson Wigfall, d. 1919.
Deas, Henry, 1770-1846.
Deas, Henry, 1844-1899.
Deas, John, 1735-1790.
Deas, Seaman, 1810-1872.
Nowell, John Lascelles, 1798-1881.
Raoul, Alfred, 1815-1885.
Allen family.
Allston family.
Alston family.
Blamyer family.
Deas family.
Lesesne family.
Pawley family.
Wigfall family.
Freedmen -- South Carolina -- Georgetown County.
Plantations -- South Carolina.
Slave records -- South Carolina.
Bellevue Plantation (S.C.)
Chantilly Plantation (S.C.)
Fairfield Plantation (Georgetown County, S.C.)
Georgetown County (S.C.)
San Francisco (Calif.)
South Carolina -- Genealogy.
South Carolina -- History.
Estate records.
Genealogies.
Legal documents.
Letters (correspondence)
Property records.
Research (document genres)

Container listing:**Box 1**

274/01/01 Alston Deas correspondence, 1919-1927
274/01/02 Alston Deas correspondence, 1943-1959
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 274/01/06 Family research: Allen family
 274/01/07 Family research: Alston, Allston family
 274/01/08 Family research: Peter Allston
 274/01/09 Family research: Mary Alston
 274/01/10 Family research: William Alston, 1756-1839
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 274/01/12 /Family research: Blamyer family (Lesesne)
 274/01/13 Family research: Deas family
 274/01/14 Family research: Mary Alston Pawley
 274/01/15 Family research: Wigfall family
 274/01/16 Genealogical Research notes
 274/01/17 Research notes
 274/01/18 Research notes
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Box 2

274/02/01 Research notes: Heraldic material
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 274/02/03 Research notes: Miscellaneous materials
 274/02/04 Photocopies and transcripts of Deas family letters, 18th century
 274/02/05 1800-1849 letters
 274/02/06 1850-1864 letters
 274/02/07 1865-1914 letters (includes Henry Deas, Jr. letters)
 274/02/08 Photocopies and transcripts of Deas family documents
 274/02/09 Historical research: notes on Charleston history and shipping
 274/02/10 Deas family correspondence, 1829-1869
 274/02/11 Correspondence, 1871-1922, n.d.
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 274/02/13 Deas family documents, 1866-1883
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