



Doar-Middleton families papers, 1836-1949
SCHS 1247.00
Containers

Creator: Doar-Middleton Family

Description: Ca. 12.5 linear ft.

Scope and Content: Correspondence and other materials relating to members of the Doar and Middleton families of South Carolina, including Thomas Watts Doar (1837-1889), his wife, Maria (Middleton) Doar (1844-1906), children, Thomas W. Doar (1876-1919), Annie de Wolf Doar (1877-1955), Russell Middleton Doar (1879-1960) and his wife, Sallie Smith Doar, and in-laws, Nathaniel Russell Middleton (1810-1890) and Anna Elizabeth (de Wolf) Middleton.

Includes bills and receipts (1850-1870s) of Maria de Wolf Rogers, of Bristol, R.I., and account books and other records of Annandale Plantation, Woodside Plantation, and other properties near Georgetown, S.C. Other places represented include Columbia, Darlington, and Summerville, S.C., Porter Military Academy, Charleston, S.C., and South Carolina State Hospital. Post-Civil War correspondence includes a letter (12 July 1865) from Maria (Middleton?) in Darlington (S.C.) lamenting military occupation ("I should prefer death to passing my life here under Yankee rule"); and a letter (14 April 1865) describing conditions in Charleston (S.C.) and a ball celebrating Union victory ("would you believe that some Charleston ladies are going...most of those who have been insulted by invitations have refused.")

Also included is poetry, genealogical information, calling cards, and a sermon preached on 18 June, 1861 by B.M. Palmer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New Orleans (La.) entitled, "National Responsibility before God."

Note: Photographs have been removed to the SCHS Visual Materials Collection.

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Search terms:

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Doar, Sallie Smith.
Doar, Thomas Watts, 1837-1889.
Middleton, Anna Elizabeth de Wolf.
Middleton, N. Russell (Nathaniel Russell), 1810-1890.
Rogers, Maria de Wolf.
Dorr family.

Middleton family.
Porter Military Academy.
South Carolina State Hospital.
Military education -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Military occupation.
Plantations -- South Carolina.
Psychiatric hospitals -- South Carolina.
Real property -- South Carolina -- Georgetown.
Schools -- South Carolina.
Women -- Rhode Island -- 19th century.
Women -- South Carolina -- 19th-20th centuries.
Annandale Plantation (Georgetown County, S.C.)
Bristol (R.I. : Town) -- History.
Charleston (S.C.)
Columbia (S.C.) -- History.
Confederate States of America -- Sermons.
Darlington (S.C.) -- History.
South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
Summerville (S.C.) -- History.
Woodside Plantation (Georgetown County, S.C.)
Genre Letters (correspondence)
Poems.
Sermons.

Container listing:

25/150/1-2 Middleton-DeWolf family, 1853-1896

Land papers and wills, 1853-1936. Approx 25 items.

Charleston, Bristol RI family. Deeds, quit claims, title and other material (1853-1896) regarding Middleton-DeWolf family property in Bristol RI. Also wills of Annie E. Middleton, Charlotte M. DeWolf, and Alicia Middleton with an inventory of household effects (1936) of Alicia Middleton.

25/150/3-11 Doar family, 1847-1926

Account and land papers, 1845-1926. Approx 50 items.

Georgetown Co. family. Papers of Thomas Russell and Maria Doar include conveyance of land (1845) deeds and leases (1890-1902) for Woodside plantation, Georgetown Co. Also included are an anonymous volume with income and clothing, grocery, and sundry item expenses (1851) with lists of slaves, their owner, and rental charges of cash or barter (1863-1865). Also log book (1868) for employees and/or freedmen; Thomas W. Doar account books and employee time books (1873-1926) of TWD Sr., MMD, and RMD for personal accounts and rice plantations in Georgetown Co. run by RMD.

25/151/1-12 Middleton, Maria L., 1844-1905

Family letters, 1836-1869. n.d. Approx 75 items.

Charlestonian. Letters (1836-1869) mostly to MLM from her parents, Annie DeW. and Nathaniel R. Middleton, her brother Walter I. Middleton, her cousins Maria H. Middleton (b. 1841) and Mary "Helen" Middleton (b. 1839), several friends and other family members from Charleston, Darlington, Bristol RI, McClellanville, Summerville, Columbia, and elsewhere regarding personal, family, and civil war matters including the fall of Charleston (4/1865) and the difficulties of Northern and Southern relatives during the war (esp. 1864 letters from MHM to her grandmother). Also letters (1836-1869) of Annie DeW. Middleton from her aunt Maria (Mrs. Robert) Rogers, Bristol RI, regarding family matters, and of Thomas W. Doar from Thurston & Holmes, factors, Charleston; and Elias M. Doar in Louisiana regarding Cajun people and other matters.

25/151-154 Doar, Maria L.M, 1844-1905.

Family correspondence, 1870-1889. 1 ½ ft.

Georgetown Co. resident. Correspondence (1870-1889) of Maria L. Middleton Doar and Thomas W. Doar Sr., Woodside, Georgetown Co. and McClellanville, with Annie DeWolf Middleton, Charleston and Bristol RI, Nathaniel R. Middleton Sr., Arthur Middleton, Nathaniel R. Middleton Jr., Alicia and Charlotte (Lottie) Middleton, William C. Bee Co. (1871-1876), Maria H. and Mary "Helen" Middleton, E.S. Middleton, Middleton Place (1870's), Elias M. Doar, Sallie E. and George Tupper, Summerville, WJ Maxwell, Georgetown, Thomas W. Doar; and Annie DeW Doar. Letters regarding rice crops, freightage concerns, and other business matters of TWD and much Doar-Middleton family matters including births, wedding, death, health and the marriage of MMD & TWD Sr. (1873) over the objections of NRM Sr. and family, including NRM Jr. letters (1878).

25/154-160 Doar, Maria L.M. 1844-1905

Family correspondence, 1890-1905. 3 ¼ ft.

Georgetown Co. resident. Correspondence (1890-1905 + n.d.) between Maria L. Middleton Doar, Woodside, South Santee, Georgetown Co., Annie DeWolf Middleton, Bristol RI, and Charleston, Annie DeW. Doar, Greenville, Charleston and elsewhere; Thomas W. Doar Jr., Georgetown Co., Porter Military Academy, Charleston (1890's) and the SC State Lunatic Asylum (1899, 1905); Russell M. Doar, Georgetown Co., and Porter Military Academy (1890's). Letters regarding family matters, personal concerns, health, employment, education, social matters, and other concerns. Also letters to the Doar family from Arthur Middleton, Charleston and Atlanta GA, regarding death of Nathaniel R. Middleton Sr. (1890), care of mentally ill brother Henry I. Middleton, insurance agency jobs; Maria H. Middleton, Baltimore MD, Alicia Middleton, Charlotte M. DeWolf, Waukegan IL, Eureka Middleton, Lewis Herreshoff, Bristol RI (1902-1905) E.M. Heyward regarding Middleton Place and family matters (1903-1905).

25/161-168 Doar family, 1906-1919

Family correspondence, 1906-1919. 4 ft.

Georgetown Co. family. Correspondence (1906-1919) between Annie DeW. Doar, Thomas W. Doar Jr. and Russell M. Doar regarding family and personal matters, the estate of Annie E. Middleton including a dispute (1908) over the ownership of a Benjamin West painting of Thomas Middleton, family health, travel, and mental health and institutions. Letters also regarding A DeW.M in Georgetown, Bristol RI, Alameda CA (1909), Sacred Heart Academy, Greenville (for rest-1910), Baltimore MD (1911) occasionally at Middleton Place (1910-1911).

Doctor Corbett's Sanitarium, Greenville (1916) and Broad Oaks Sanitarium, Morganton NC (1919) with reports on her mental condition; TWD Jr. at Howard Hospital, RI and the SC State Asylum with letters from doctors and fellow patients concerning his mental condition; RMD at Woodside, Cat Island and elsewhere in Georgetown Co.; Seattle and Aberdeen, Washington (1907-1909); Managing plantations and working on engineering projects elsewhere; Benjamin H. Rutledge, family lawyer, regarding AEM estate dispute and guardianship of TWD Jr., Lewis Herreshoff, Bristol RI, Alicia H. Middleton, Bristol RI, and many other relatives, acquaintances and doctors.

25/169-172 Doar, Russell M., 1879-1960

Correspondence, 1920-1943 + n.d., 1 ½ ft.

Georgetown Co. plantation manager. Correspondence (1920-1943) between RMD, Woodside plantation, Georgetown Co., Annie DeW Doar at Broad Oaks Sanitarium, Morganton NC (1920), Appalachian Hall, Asheville NC (1920-1922) and the SC State Asylum; Maria H. Middleton, Baltimore MD, Sara W. Smith Doar (RMD's wife) and other concerns. Also a letter from Helen Keller (1936).

25/172/3-14 Doar-Middleton Family

Writings, 1861-1907. Approx 100 items

Georgetown, Charleston family. Writings (1860s-1907) of the Doar-Middleton family; calling cards, school, family photographs. Included are many family poems, student exercise books of Maria M. Doar, and Annie DeW Middleton, autograph book, of Thomas W. Doar Jr. (1907), photographs of Woodside Plantation house and many family members. Also sermon (1861) by B.M Palmer, New Orleans LA regarding "National Responsibilities before God." Also Doar-Middleton genealogy material.

25/173/1-5 Rogers, Maria DeWolf, fl. 1844

Receipts, 1844-1871. Approx 100 items

Aunt of Annie DeWolf Middleton. Receipts of MDR, Bristol RI for clothing, dry goods, grocery items, and specialty items and other material. Also a list of donations to charitable organizations (1870-1871)

25/173/6-16 Doar, Thomas W. d 1889

Receipts, 1870s-1890s. ½ ft. Approx 200 items.

Georgetown Co. planter. Receipts (1870s-1890s) of Thomas W. Doar and Maria M. Doar for grocery items, hay, grain, clothing, hardware, pharmacy items, taxes, from merchants including H. Kamanski & Co. and T.P. Bailey, druggist, in Georgetown and D Rhodes & Co., and J.E. Adger & Co Hardware, Charleston.

25/174/1-19 Doar, Russell M., 1879-1960

Receipts, 1900-1929

Georgetown business manager. Receipts of Russell M. Doar for grocery items, hardware, clothing, and other supplies from C.L. Ford Co., Carolina Hardware Co., Iseman Drug Co., Steele-Moses Co., Georgetown Provision Co., and H. Kamanski Co., Georgetown.