

Emily Ravenel Farrow Family Papers, 1878-2008 SCHS 523.00

Description: 11.5 linear ft. (21 boxes)

Biog./Historical Note: Emily Ravenel Farrow (1915-2011) was born in Charleston, S.C., a daughter of Charles Jervey Ravenel (1884-1964) and Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (1886-1971). Active in historic preservation and politics, she was a graduate of Ashley Hall School, an avid equestrian, and a member of organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Colonial Dames. Her first husband was Edward Noble Wilkes, Jr. (1898-1967), a native of Buffalo, New York. In 1948, she married John Ashby Farrow (1920-1984) of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Farrow owned an historic home in downtown Charleston (64 South Battery) and the farmland they called "Ashem" in St. Andrew's Parish where she was born and raised, and where the St. Andrew's Riding Academy was located. John Ashby Farrow (usually known by his second name, Ashby) was the grandson of Cornelia Witsell Farrow Roebling (1869-1942) of Walterboro, S.C., whose first husband was Ashby Stark Farrow (1863-1896), and whose second husband, Washington Augustus Roebling (1837-1926), was best known for his work on the Brooklyn Bridge. Shortly before John Ashby Farrow's death in 1984, he and Mrs. Farrow agreed to sell their residence at 64 South Battery to the Historic Charleston Foundation. Mrs. Farrow bequeathed her farm Ashem to the Lowcountry Open Land Trust, and its ownership was later transferred to the Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission for a park.

Mrs. Farrow's father Charles J. Ravenel was born in Pinopolis in Berkeley County, S.C. He moved to the Edisto River in 1903 and planted rice, working for his cousin Theodore Ravenel. In 1909 he married Emily Legare Simmons of Adams Run, S.C., and in 1912, he moved to St. Andrew's Parish, leaving the rice fields after a devastating storm of 1911. After truck farming at "Pleasure Grove" (a.k.a. Moreland) for a year, Charles J. Ravenel purchased part of Old Towne tract (on Old Towne Creek) from his cousin George Legare about 1913 or 1914. In 1915, the Ravenels moved into their farm new home and named it "Wehaken" (Indian for "welcome"). Along with his truck farm, he operated a riding academy for many years.

Scope and content: This collection is organized in five main subseries, consisting of the papers of Charles Jervey Ravenel, Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel, the Ravenel family, Emily Ravenel Farrow, and the Farrow family.

Papers (1915-1964) of Charles J. Ravenel chiefly consist of farming and business records. These include correspondence; bills; time and memo books; timesheets for farm workers; records of St. Andrews Nursery Company, including invoices, receipts, and banking and payroll records; and St. Andrews Riding Academy records. Farming records include an oversize bound volume containing time sheets (1918), accounts for Wehaken (1917-1919), and payroll accounts (1921); and a series of oversize sheets recording weekly payrolls for farm workers (1926-1927). Other business records include documents relating to Ravenel & Hyde (a timber and truck farming partnership of Charles J. Ravenel and Tristam T. Hyde, Jr.) and New Cut Plantation on Wadmalaw Island. Personal papers of Charles J. Ravenel include correspondence; property and insurance records; papers relating to dogs and dog breeding pedigrees; and papers relating to school board matters. Correspondence includes a letter (1926) from Tristam T. Hyde, Jr. to Thomas P. Stoney concerning Hyde's business dealings with Ravenel and their financial troubles. During World War II, Italian and German prisoners of war worked on Ravenel's farm, and his papers include numerous certificates (1943-1944) noting the number of POW workers and their time worked for him. There is also a "Contract for Prisoner of War Labor," and a letter (1947) to Ravenel from a former POW in Germany. The writer, possibly of Polish nationality, describes himself as "awfully poor" and asks for help from Mr. Ravenel, who was "always kind to us."

Papers (1886-1970) of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel consist of Simmons family papers, correspondence, a diary, a scrapbook, and miscellaneous material. Simmons family papers includes letters of her mother Mrs. Sarah L. Simmons, one of which is from Bishop Ellison Capers concerning an upcoming visit to Charleston in 1907. The scrapbook (1910-1915) chiefly contains clippings relating to alumnae of All Saints, a boarding school for girls in Germantown, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ravenel's diary (1927-1929) has a note by her daughter Emily Ravenel Farrow describing it as chronicling "part of a year on a truck farm." Miscellaneous papers include a copy of her will; a small pennant for Hannah More Academy (an Episcopal boarding school for girls in Maryland); and calling cards of Mrs. Charles Jervey Ravenel.

Ravenel family papers (1878-1982) include a recipe book (ca. 1920s); clippings; a photograph of a Confederate veteran reunion in Rockville, SC (ca. 1906); a typescript copy of "Christmas at Pooshee Plantation" by Samuel Wilson Ravenel; and papers relating to the death and estate of Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel. Also included are some papers of the related Legare family, among which are an autograph book (1878-1882) of Sarah S. Legare; and two poems (1890s) by Sydney Ashe Legare.

Papers (1924-2008) of Emily Ravenel Farrow consist of correspondence; papers relating to the Colonial Dames, Ashley Hall school, historic preservation, and equestrian activities; travel memorabilia; photograph albums; genealogical records; papers relating to her father Charles J. Ravenel; and papers relating to her first husband Edward N. Wilkes and his family. Her correspondence includes a series of letters between Emily and Ashby Farrow in 1947. Other correspondents include Edward N. Wilkes, Alicia Rhett, and members of the Hatcher family.

Photographs include an album (1969) containing color photos of a Farrow family trip to Six Flags Over Texas; and an album (1960) inscribed "the favorite horses in my life." Genealogical papers relate to the families of Foushee, Waring, Legare, Ravenel, Farrow, Simmons, and related lines. A short documentary film (2008) on dvd records an interview with Mrs. Farrow about her life and family, family friends such as Alfred Hutty, truck farming in Charleston, and her equestrian interests.

Farrow family papers (1896-2006) consist of the papers of John B. Farrow, Dorothy Farrow, John Ashby Farrow, and the related Roebling family. These include photographs of John Ashby Farrow as an infant; letters from John Roebling to his mother (ca. 1919); address books of Dorothy Farrow and Cornelia W. Roebling; a biographical sketch of Washington A. Roebling; a copy of the will (1941) of Cornelia W. Roebling; and a videotape (2006) titled "John A. Roebling, Muhlhausen Reunion."

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Subject Heading:

Farrow, John Ashby, 1920-1984.

Farrow, Emily Ravenel, 1915-2011.

Hyde, Tristam Tupper, 1887-1964.

Legare, Sydney Ashe, 1835-1907.

Ravenel, Charles Jervey, 1884-1964.

Ravenel, Emily Legare Simmons, 1886-1971.

Roebling, Washington Augustus, 1837-1926.

Wilkes, Edward Noble, 1898-1967.

Farrow family.

Ravenel family.

Simmons family.

Ashley Hall (Charleston, S.C.)

Confedederate States of America. Army -- Veterans -- Photographs.

St. Andrew's Riding Academy (S.C.)

Farmers -- South Carolina -- Charleston County.

Farms -- South Carolina -- Charleston County.

Historic preservation -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Horse sports -- South Carolina.

Horsemen and horsewomen -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Nurseries (Horticulture) -- South Carolina -- Charleston County.

Prisoners of war -- United States -- South Carolina -- 20th century.

Truck farming -- South Carolina -- Charleston County.

Women civic leaders -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

World War, 1939-1945 -- Prisoners and prisons, American.

New Cut Plantation (Wadmalaw Island, S.C.)

Pooshee Plantation (Berkeley County, S.C.)

St. Andrew's Parish (S.C.) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources.

Container listing:

BOX 1

Charles J. Ravenel Papers:

- 1 Correspondence and records, 1917-1920
- 2-14 Correspondence and records, January December 1921

BOX 2

1-13 Correspondence and records: letters and other records removed from an alphabetical file dated 1922, A – P

BOX 3

- 1-6 Correspondence and records: letters and other records removed from an alphabetical file dated 1922, R Y
- 7 Miscellaneous business records, 1922
- 8 Business records, 1923
- 9 Business records, 1924
- 10 Business records, 1925
- 11 Business records, 1926
- 12 Business records, 1927
- 13 Business records, 1927

- Records relating to the South Carolina Produce Association, 1927. Includes tomato shipment manifests; shipment records for produce such as cabbage, peppers, potatoes and eggplants; invoices for shipments of spinach and other produce; and related correspondence.
- 2 Business records, 1928
- 3 Business records, 1928
- 4 Business records, 1928

- 5 Business records, 1928: farming accounts containing records of workers and memos concerning checks and payments.
- 6 Check books, 1928
- 7 Check book, 1927-1928

- 1 Business records, 1929
- 2 Business records, 1929
- 3 Business records, 1929
- 4 Business records, 1920s
- 5 Business records, 1921-1939
- 6 Business records, 1940
- 7 Business records, 1940

BOX 6

- 1 Business records, 1940
- 2 Business records, 1950s and undated
- 3 Time and memo books, 1924
- 4 Time and memo books, 1924-1925
- 5 Time and memo books, 1925
- 6 Time and memo books, 1925-1926
- 7 Time and memo books, 1926

- 1 Time and memo books, 1926-1927
- 2 Time and memo books, 1927
- 3 Time and memo books, undated
- 4 Time sheets, 1924: weekly time sheets for March 29 July 26

- 5 Time sheets, 1928
- Produce or barter tickets, 1921-1923: cardboard tickets (some cancelled or marked out) marked "Good for 1 Basket Beans Chas. J. Ravenel." On the reverse, there is a note receipting (?) a load of compost, signed by C. J. Ravenel.
- 7 Produce or barter tickets, 1926: cardboard tickets marked "1 Load Compost Chas. J. Ravenel August 1926."
- Prisoner of war records, 1943-1944. These include a "Contract for Prisoner of War Labor" and numerous certificates noting the number of POWs and their time worked on Charles J. Ravenel's farm located "5 miles west of Charleston on Magnolia Garden Road, U.S. Hwy 61." Only one certificate is dated 1944. Some of these documents have been photocopied, and the originals of these are in box 8.

- 1 Prisoner of war records, 1943.
- Letter, 1947, to Charles J. Ravenel from a former prisoner of war in Germany. The writer, possibly of Polish nationality, describes himself as "awfully poor" and asks for help from Mr. Ravenel, who was "always kind to us." Included is an English translation of the letter and an envelope on which the name Herbert Malewski appears.
- 3 St. Andrews Nursery Company records: banking records, 1925-1927, mostly deposit slips and a bank account book.
- 4 St. Andrews Nursery records: banking records, 1926. Cancelled checks.
- 5 St. Andrews Nursery records: banking records, 1927. Cancelled checks.
- 6 St. Andrews Nursery records: invoices and receipts, 1925.
- 7 St. Andrews Nursery records: invoices, receipts, etc., 1926.
- 8 St. Andrews Nursery records: invoices, receipts, etc., 1926.
- 9 St. Andrews Nursery records: records of expenses and receipts, 1926.
- 10 St. Andrews Nursery records: invoices, receipts, etc., 1927.
- 11 St. Andrews Nursery records: payroll records, 1927.
- 12 St. Andrews Nursery records: inventory and affidavit, 1928; and a tax receipt, 1931.

- Ravenel & Hyde records, 1918-1922: records of this corporation (a timber and truck farming partnership of Charles J. Ravenel and Tristam T. Hyde, Jr.) include a charter, 1920, and property records relating to New Cut Plantation on Wadmalaw Island.
- 2 Ravenel & Hyde records: tax returns, 1921-1922.
- 3 St. Andrews Riding Academy records, 1927-1947: include a charter, 1927, and correspondence.
- Folly Beach Corporation records, 1918-1920: records relate to Folly Beach property purchased by Charles J. Ravenel.
- Miscellaneous property records, 1915-1933: these include a mortgage on part of Old Town Plantation; and a plat of 179.7 acres in St. Andrews Parish.
- 6 Insurance records, 1919-1960. Includes life insurance policy, and policies on real property and crops.
- Myrtle Beach hunting preserve records, 1935-1936. A letter indicates that Charles J. Ravenel was apparently in charge of a hunting preserve or club near Myrtle Beach operated by the Ocean Forest Country Club (aka Pine Lakes Country Club) during the winter of 1935-36. These records include correspondence as well as lease and hunting rights agreement forms.
- 8 Papers relating to dogs and dog breeding pedigrees, 1929-1959.
- 9 Papers relating to school board matters, 1940-1964.
- Miscellaneous papers, 1917-1953, including a few sheets of CJR's personal accounts (1917); and certificates of membership in the South Carolina Society and the Huguenot Society.

- 1 Charles J. Ravenel personal papers (mostly correspondence): 1921-1926. These include a letter (1926) from Tristam T. Hyde, Jr. to Thomas P. Stoney concerning his business dealings with Charles J. Ravenel and their financial troubles; and a few letters to CJR from his children.
- 2 Charles J. Ravenel personal papers (mostly correspondence), 1927.
- 3 Charles J. Ravenel personal papers (mostly correspondence), 1928.
- 4 Charles J. Ravenel personal papers (mostly correspondence), 1929.
- 5 Charles J. Ravenel personal papers (mostly correspondence), undated.

(See also CJR oversized material in boxes 20 and 21.)

BOX 11

Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel Papers:

- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): Simmons family letters, 1895-1935. These include a note (1895) to Morton W. Simmons from Governor Benjamin R. Tillman; a letter (1907) from Bishop Ellison Capers to Mrs. Sarah L. Simmons concerning an upcoming visit to Charleston; a letter (1918) to "Mother" (Mrs. Sarah L. Simmons?) from Waring in Austin, Texas, mainly concerning his military service; and a letter (1935) to Legare from Mrs. Sarah L. Simmons at Pisgah Forest, N.C.
- 2 Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): correspondence, 1886-1909.
- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): papers relating to her engagement and wedding, 1909.
- 4 Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): correspondence, 1910-1919.
- 5 Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): correspondence, 1920-1932.
- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): correspondence, 1933.
- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): correspondence, 1934-1936.
- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): correspondence, 1937.
- 9 Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): 1938-1939.

- 1 Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): postcards, 1930s.
- 2 Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): correspondence, 1940-1954.
- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): correspondence, 1964-1970.

- 4 Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): correspondence, undated.
- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): three letters (two dated 1900) from Sister Mary Raphael (an Episcopal nun) in Willsborough (Willsboro), New York, to "Miss Jeffers." They concern her candidacy for a teaching position at All Saints School (for girls) in Germantown, Pennsylvania.
- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): diary, 1927-1929.

 A note by Emily Ravenel Farrow describes this as a diary chronicling "part of a year on a truck farm." There are additional annotations by Mrs. Farrow. Most entries date 1927.
- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): All Saints School scrapbook, 1910-1915. Notebook contains clippings (1910-1911) relating to alumnae of All Saints, a boarding school for girls in Germantown, Pennsylvania. There are also notes on marriages of and births to friends of Emily L. S. Ravenel, and a record of her marriage and the births of her two daughters.
- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): loose items removed from All Saints School scrapbook, 1900-1940. These consist of photographs (1900-1940) of Emily L. S. Ravenel and friends, including Evetta Tupper Jeffers Schock, a teacher at All Saints School; memorabilia; and clippings.
- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): papers relating to the Colonial Dames of America, 1922-1965. These include dues receipts, printed material, correspondence, and clippings.
- Papers of Emily Legare Simmons Ravenel (Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel): miscellaneous papers, 1903-1966. These include a copy or draft (1940) of her will; a small pennant for Hannah More Academy, an Episcopal boarding school for girls in Maryland; and calling cards of Mrs. Charles Jervey Ravenel.

Ravenel Family Papers:

- 1 Ravenel family papers: notes on rice culture, n.d. Two pages are marked "notes from C. J. Ravenel."
- 2 Ravenel family papers: miscellaneous writings, mostly undated, including a short sketch entitled "The Ghosts of Old St. Andrews."
- Ravenel family papers: papers relating to the death and estate of Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel, 1971-1982, including correspondence, and a funeral book.

- 4 Ravenel family papers: Legare family papers, consisting of an autograph book (1878-1882) of Sarah S. Legare, and two poems by Sydney Ashe Legare, one of which, titled "The Curse of Darlington" and dated 1894, appears to concern Benjamin R. Tillman.
- Ravenel family papers: recipe book, undated, except for one entry on page 57 dated 1927. Contains recipes for cakes, pastries, pies, puddings, etc., written in more than one handwriting.
- 6 Ravenel family papers: loose items from recipe book.
- Ravenel family papers: notebook marked "Sketch Book Marie J. Ravenel."
- 8 Ravenel family papers: clippings, 1920-1961.
- 9 Ravenel family papers: miscellaneous printed material, including *The Memoirs of Madame de Remusat* (1884).
- Ravenel family papers: miscellaneous family papers, including photographs of Emily Ravenel Farrow; a photograph of a Confederate reunion in Rockville, SC, ca. 1906; a copy of the will of Dr. Henry Ravenel of Pooshee; and a typescript copy of "Christmas at Pooshee Plantation" by Samuel Wilson Ravenel.

- Ravenel family papers: scrapbook. An account book with clippings pasted over accounts dating 1880-1888. The cover reads "Cash Charleston B & L Assoc." Clippings (ca. 1890s) concern writers, artists, Stonewall Jackson, and other topics.
- 2 Ravenel family papers: loose items removed from scrapbook/account book, mostly clippings dating in the 1930s.

BOX 15

Emily Ravenel Farrow Papers:

- Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: papers, mostly correspondence, relating to ERF's first husband, Edward Noble Wilkes, Jr., 1936-1945.
- 2 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: Wilkes family correspondence, 1946-1964.
- 3 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: letters to Ashby Farrow, 1947.
- 4 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: letters to ERF from Ashby Farrow, 1947.
- 5 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: correspondence, 1947-1963. Includes a letter (1947) to ERF from Henry E. Allen of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

- 6 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: correspondence, 1964-2008.
- Farrow papers: papers relating to Emily Ravenel Farrow and her first husband Edward Noble Wilkes, Jr. (1898-1967), a native of Buffalo, New York.

- 1 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: papers relating to Virginia Gourdin, 1962-1978. Mostly correspondence.
- 2 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: papers relating to the Hatcher family, 1978-1980. Mostly correspondence.
- 3 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: papers relating to Alicia Rhett, mostly cards and correspondence.
- 4 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: papers relating to Charles Jervey Ravenel. These include clippings and a copy of his will.
- 5 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: scrapbook, 1924, containing clippings and notes mainly concerning musicians.
- Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: notes on "collections made from November 1954 until Summer of 1957 when I was Treasurer of St. Philip's Church School."
- Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: papers relating to the Colonial Dames of America, 1959-1960. These mainly relate to activities of the visual education committee and the creation of a slide show for school children about South Carolina history.
- 8 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: papers relating to historic preservation, mostly clippings and printed material
- 9 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: papers relating to Ashley Hall school.
- Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: papers relating to horse shows at St. Andrews Riding Academy, 1950-1957.
- Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: photograph album (photocopy) relating to horses, 1960. Inscribed "the favorite horses in my life." Originals have been removed to the Visual Materials Collection.
- Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: Christmas lists, 1962-1967. Some or all of these may have been written by Mrs. Charles J. Ravenel.

- Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: memorabilia, including photographs and postcards, relating to a trip to South America in 1981.
- Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: papers, 1980s, relating to ERF's apartment in Andorra, a country bordering France and Spain.
- 3 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: miscellaneous items, including ERF's passport.
- 4 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: handwritten, incomplete short story, "On Moon Hill," with no date, attributed to ERF.
- Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: photograph album, 1969, (photocopy) containing color photos of a trip to Six Flags (Texas); photos of Farrow family members; horses, etc. Originals have been removed to the SCHS Visual Materials Collection.
- 6 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: genealogical papers relating to the Foushee family.
- Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: genealogical papers concerning to the families of Waring, Legare, Ravenel, Farrow, Simmons, and other related lines.
- 8 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: bound genealogical volume, "The Record of My Ancestry." Book contains handwritten entries detailing ERF's genealogy. A number of small photographs have been pasted into the volume.
- 9 Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: loose items removed from genealogical volume.
- Emily Ravenel Farrow papers: short documentary film on dvd, 2008. An interview with Emily Ravenel Farrow about her life and family, truck farming in Charleston, and her equestrian interests. She mentions several family friends, including Alfred Hutty.

Farrow Family Papers:

- Farrow family papers: letter, 1896, to E. F. Farrow from William Perry Murphy, an attorney in Charleston, S.C., concerning his brother A. S. Farrow (Murphy's law partner).
- Farrow family papers: John B. Farrow papers, 1930-1938, including a bank account book and a plat of property on Venning Street in Mount Pleasant, S.C.
- 3 Farrow family papers: Dorothy Farrow address book.
- Farrow family papers: photographs (photocopies), including photos of John Ashby Farrow as an infant, and Roebling family members. Originals have been removed to the Visual Materials.

- Farrow family papers: John Ashby Farrow papers, 1941-1982, including a plat of property in Wappoo Heights; and a ledger containing notes (Jan. 1953-Oct. 1953) on SPCA investigations of animal neglect or cruelty, homeless and stray animals, etc.
- Roebling family papers: correspondence, 1919-1926, mostly letters from John Roebling to his mother.
- 7 Roebling family papers: address books of Cornelia W. Roebling.
- Roebling family papers: miscellaneous papers, including legal documents; a biographical sketch of Colonel Washington Augustus Roebling; clippings; and a copy of the will (1941) of Cornelia W. Roebling.
- 9 Roebling family papers: videotape (VHS), 2006, titled "John A. Roebling, Muhlhausen Reunion."

OVERSIZE FLAT BOXES:

BOX 19

Two account books of John Ashby Farrow (1943-1945; 1946-1948) containing personal accounts of family income and expenses, household expenses, and banking.

BOX 20

Charles Jervey Ravenel farming records: bound volume containing time sheets (March – June 1918); accounts for Wehaken farm (1917-1919); payroll accounts (1921); and on the last pages, some notes on chickens and pigeons (1921).

BOX 21

Charles Jervey Ravenel farming records: payroll records. Oversize sheets record weekly payrolls for farm workers detailing hours worked and wages. One dates July 1926; the rest are dated 1927. Other records were attached to many of these sheets including invoices, receipts, and letters.