



Caroline Howard Gilman papers, 1810-1880
SCHS 1036.00
Container 11/154

Creator: Gilman, Caroline Howard.

Description: 109 items.

Biographical/Historical Note: Author, editor, and wife of the Rev. Samuel Gilman, pastor of the Unitarian Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Scope and Content: Letters of Gilman from Savannah, Georgia and Salem, Massachusetts (1810-1819) and Charleston (1819-1838) to her sister, Anna Marie (Howard) White of Watertown, Mass. concerning family and religious matters, her husband, scattered mentions (1812-1815) of the War of 1812, publication of the magazine *Rose Bud* and later the *Southern Rose*, edited by Caroline Gilman, nullification crisis (1833), and other matters.

Also includes letters (1860-1880) of Gilman from Charleston (1860-1880), Sullivan's Island (1860-1861), and Greenville (1863-1865) to her children, some of whom were in the North, concerning secession in Charleston, movement of troops (1860-1861), civilian life during the war, rumors about war and secession, the blockade's lack of success, Lincoln, Federal attack on Fort Sumter, description of Union troops in Greenville (1865), announcement to free her slaves and other matters concerning the freedmen, her return to Charleston (1865), poverty, comments on the Unitarian Church in Charleston being taken over by Methodists and "yankees" (Dec. 1865-1866), and family matters.

Papers include transcripts of many letters. Papers also include a poem (1813) by Gilman, conveyance (1836) of lot in Unitarian cemetery to Rev. Samuel Gilman, and typescript transcripts of a letter (1844) and poems without originals.

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Note: Some letters published in: Saint-Amand, Mary Scott. "A Balcony in Charleston" (Va.: 1941).

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Search terms:

Gilman, Caroline Howard, 1794-1888.

Gilman, Samuel, 1791-1858.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.

White, Anna Marie Howard.
Howard family.
Rose, Bud.
Southern rose.
Unitarian Church (Charleston, S.C.)
American poetry -- South Carolina.
Freedmen -- South Carolina.
Nullification (States' rights)
Periodicals -- Publishing -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Secession.
Slaves -- South Carolina -- Emancipation.
Unitarian churches -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Women authors, American -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Fort Sumter (Charleston, S.C.)
Charleston (S.C.) -- History -- 1775-1865 -- Sources.
Charleston (S.C.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources.
Charleston (S.C.) -- Social conditions.
Greenville (S.C.)
Conveyances.
Letters (correspondence).
Poems.
Editors.

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Letters, 1810-1844. Approx. 75 items

Charleston author, editor. Letters (1810-1844) of CHG from Savannah, GA and Salem, MA (1810-1819) and Charleston (1819-1838) to her sister Anna M. White, Watertown, MA. Letters regarding family matters, religious matters, CHG's husband, Rev. Samuel Gilmon, Unitarian Church; paster in Charleston, scattered mention (1812-1815) of the War or 1812, publication of magazine Rosebud, edited by CHG (1833), nullification crisis (1833), a poem of CHG's (1813) and many other matters. Conveyance of lot in Unitarian Cemetery to Reverend Samuel Gelma (1836). Typescript of a letter (1844) and poems without original. Typescripts of originals also available.

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Letters, 1860-1880

Charleston author. Letters (1860-1880) of CHG from Charleston (1860-1880), Sullivan's Island (1860-1861) and Greenville (1863-1865) to her children, some of whom were in the North. Letters regarding secession in Charleston, movement of troops (1860-1861), civilian life during war, rumors regarding war and secession, the blockage's lack of success, Lincoln, the Fort Sumter attack and many other war matters. Description of federal troops in Greenville (1865), mention of announcement to free her slaves and other matters concerning the freedmen, her return to Charleston (1865), poverty, comments on her church (Charleston Unitarian Church) being taken over by Methodist and Yankees (Dec. 1865-1866) and other family matters. Typescript of most letters available.