



**Gooch family papers, 1754-1947**  
**SCHS 282.00**

**Creator:** Gooch family.

**Description:** 3.5 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical note:** South Carolina family. John Gooch (1780-1840), a plantation owner of Chester District, S.C., was the father of Henry H. Gooch (1811-1883) of Lancaster District, S.C., who married Martha Trusdel Gooch (1812-1892) in 1832. Their son, Henry H. Gooch, Jr. (b. 1842) married Mary J. McIlwain in 1869. Mary Lula Gooch (b. 1872), (daughter of Henry H. Gooch, Jr.?), married Halcott J. Beckham, who was the son of Lewis A. Beckham and Charlotte Massey.

**Scope and content:** These papers chiefly consist of correspondence, financial and estate records, and property records. Included are papers of John Gooch (1780-1840), Henry H. Gooch (1811-1883), Henry H. Gooch, Jr. (b. 1842), H.B. Gooch, W.H. Gooch, H.J. Beckham, and J.R. Massey; and estate records (1843-1869) of Dr. J.T. Walker.

Papers (1817-1872) of John Gooch (1780-1840) include business and financial records, some of which pertain to Gooch & Richardson; correspondence (1835-1839); and extensive estate records (1840-1872), among which are some bequests to slaves, and his will (1840) naming slaves bequeathed to his family.

A substantial portion of the collection consists of papers (1838-1894) of Henry H. Gooch, Sr. (1811-1883). Some material pertains to his duties as a commissioner of roads and bridges for Lancaster District. There are also accounts, slave hiring agreements, and other records relating to Gooch's guardianship of his minor half sisters and a niece, as well as receipts and vouchers pertaining to a Catawba River ferry operated by Gooch, some of which document the use of the ferry by Confederate and Union troops during the Civil War. Miscellaneous papers of H.H. Gooch, Sr. include requests (1864-1865) to him from the S.B.R., a relief organization, to distribute tithe corn and molasses to needy persons.

Papers (1865-1929) of Henry Gooch, Jr. (b. 1842) consist of financial and estate records. Papers (1895-1947) of H.J. Beckham include correspondence, financial records, property records, and farming records, among which is a day book (1895-1896) for Blue Lands Plantation (Lancaster County, S.C.).

Among the Gooch family documents is a series of muniments (1754-1930), including plats and conveyances, which pertain to lands in Chester and Lancaster districts in South Carolina on or near the Catawba River. Persons named in these property records include George Wade, Andrew Rembert, Orsamus Lanier, Andrew McIlwain, Daniel McDonald, George Dunlap (or Dunlop), and Samuel Alexander. Other family documents include a letter (Jan. 1865) written from James Island (S.C.) concerning the state's defenses and the possibility of Gen. Sherman's forces moving into the South Carolina lowcountry; and a bond (1853) issued to Calvin Usery and

others licensing him to keep a tavern near Taxahaw (S.C.) with restrictions on dispensing "spiritous liquors" to slaves.

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**Search terms:**

Beckham, Halcott J.  
Gooch, H. B.  
Gooch, Henry Hilliard, 1811-1883.  
Gooch, Henry Hilliard, b. 1842.  
Gooch, John, 1780-1840.  
Gooch, W. H.  
Massey, J. R.  
Walker, John T. (John Thomas), 1893-1955.  
Gooch family.  
Gooch & Richardson.  
Bridges -- South Carolina -- Lancaster County.  
Farms -- South Carolina -- Lancaster County.  
Ferries -- South Carolina -- Lancaster County.  
Guardian and ward -- South Carolina -- Lancaster County.  
Plantations -- South Carolina -- Lancaster County.  
Roads -- South Carolina -- Lancaster County.  
Slave records -- South Carolina -- Lancaster County.  
Slaves -- South Carolina -- Lancaster County.  
Taverns (Inns) -- South Carolina -- Lancaster County.  
Blue Lands Plantation (S.C.)  
Catawba River (N.C. and S.C.)  
Chester District (S.C.) -- History.  
James Island (S.C.)  
Lancaster County (S.C.) -- History.  
South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.  
Taxahaw (S.C.)  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Civilian relief.  
Estate records.  
Financial records.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Plats.  
Property records.  
Receipts.  
Tax records.  
Plantation owners.

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 282.02.01 (E) 01-08 Estate records: will of John Gooch, 1840

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282.03.01 (M) 01-02 Miscellaneous items

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282.03.02 J.R. Massey Papers

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282.03.03 John T. Walker Estate Records

282.03.03-01 Accounts, invoices, etc., 1843-1869

282.03.03-02 Miscellaneous items, 1848-1862

282.03.03-03 Receipts, 1849-1862

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282.01 (M) 01 Gooch Family documents: miscellaneous: CSA loan records

282.01 (M) 02 Gooch Family documents: oversize muniments, 18th - 20th century

282.02.02 (P) Henry H. Gooch, Sr. oversize property records

282.03.01 (P) 02 Papers of Mrs. H.J. Beckham: 2 legal documents, 1926, re Wateree Power Co. v. Gooch et al.; blueprint plats attached.