



Grimball family papers, 1756-1918
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Containers 24/247-249

Description: 1.25 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: South Carolina family. Isaac Grimball (d. 1752), who owned lands in Charleston, Edisto Island, and elsewhere, married as his second wife Rebekah Sealy. Their son John Grimball (d. 1804) was a plantation owner of St. Bartholomew Parish (and later St. Luke Parish). His widow Elizabeth B. Grimball married Rev. Andrew Flinn of Charleston. John Grimball's son John Berkley Grimball, a St. Paul Parish plantation owner and state senator, married Margaret Ann Morris. One of their ten children was John Grimball (1840-1922), a naval officer and attorney.

Scope and Content: Papers consist of financial and legal records, correspondence, and other items. Included are the family papers (1790-1843) of Elizabeth Berkley Grimball Flinn; papers (1868) of Caroline S. Geddes; and papers and correspondence (1853-1918) of John Grimball (1840-1922).

Papers of John Grimball (ca. 1750-1804) consist of financial records including cotton sales accounts (1802-1803) with Waring & Smith, accounts (1789) for purchases of general store goods from Bunker & Co. (Coosawhatchie, S.C.), receipts, bonds, and accounts (1795) of John Grimball with the Georgia Treasury for treasury certificates and interest payments; an agreement (1792) to buy John Smith's plantation near Coosawhatchie Bridge; a bill of sale (1800) for slaves of John Everingham of Charleston (S.C.); a plat (n.d.) of a lot on South Bay Street (Charleston, S.C); estimate and specifications for a double piazza (n.d.); a few letters; and estate accounts (1814).

Papers of John Berkley Grimball include receipts and invoices; a letter (1823) from Charles Besselleu at Spring Hill [Plantation] regarding plantation affairs; a list of slaves given cloth at Rock Spring [Plantation] in 1840, along with notes (1843) on Rock Spring crops and poultry; and a letter (1847) from Grimball to his sister Mrs. Wilkins concerning the division of their mother's estate.

Other items include bonds, receipts, a promissory note, and accounts (1756-1768) of Rebekah Grimball, including general store accounts with John Edwards & Co. and estate accounts; copies of testimonials for Prof. C.J. Hadermann (1832-1842); trust estate receipts (1892) for Berkley Grimball and others; a bond (1764) of John Davant, Jr. of St. Helena Parish to merchants Middleton, Liston & Hope; treasury certificates (1777) of Mrs. Ann Davant (d. 1786), who deposited 507 pounds in the Georgia Treasury "in order to receive the like sum again in Continental Dollar Bills"; and recommendations (1798) by a Georgia legislative committee regarding treasury certificates issued in 1778 to Joseph [Atkinson] by O'Bryan and Wade.

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Search terms:

Bessellue, Charles.
Davant, John, ca. 1741-1780.
Grimball, John, ca. 1750-1804.
Grimball, John Berkley, 1800-1892.
Grimball, Rebekah Sealy, d. 1767.
Hadermann, C.J.
Grimball family.
Georgia. Treasury.
Dwellings -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Money -- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783.
Plantations -- South Carolina.
Slaves -- South Carolina.
Beaufort District (S.C.)
Charleston (S.C.)
Coosawhatchie (S.C.)
South Carolina -- History.
Estate records.
Financial records.
Letters (correspondence)
Slave records.

Series Outline:

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