



**Harriott Middleton family papers, 1848-1917 (bulk 1880-1905)
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Description: 7 linear ft.

Scope and content: These papers are mostly correspondence of the daughters of Henry A. Middleton (1793-1887), owner of Weehaw Plantation and other properties in Georgetown County (S.C.) and Newport (R.I.).

Most of the correspondence consists of late 19th century letters to Harriott ("Harry") Middleton (1828-1905) at her home on South Battery in Charleston (S.C.) or in Flat Rock (N.C.). Letters to Alicia (Alice) Middleton (1840-1915) form the second largest group. Harriott Middletons's principal correspondents are her sister Anne M. Hunter (wife of John Hunter of Hunter's Island, N.Y.), her niece Anne Hunter Ellis, her sister Mary Esther Lowndes, and, to a lesser extent, her nephew Langdon Cheves, friend Maria Ellery MacKaye, and members of the Parker and Cheves families. Other correspondents include Elizabeth McPherson Ravenel and Dr. R.L. Brodie. The principal subject is family matters, and there are numerous references to literature, travel, current events, and politics. Correspondence of Alice (Alicia) Middleton is predominately found in the earlier correspondence (1848-1879) and in letters dating after the death of Harriott Middleton. The Alicia Middleton correspondence includes a number of wartime letters (1861-1865).

Anne M. Hunter's letters from Annieswood (Westchester County, N.Y.) and elsewhere often concern gardening and pets, but mainly deal with family, domestic, and personal affairs. The letters of her daughter Anne ("Annie") Hunter Ellis (Mrs. Augustus Van Horn Ellis) from Westchester County (Pelham), New York City, Indian Point (Maine) and elsewhere often comment on social matters and mention individuals and families who are part of New York high society, such as Mr. Vanderbilt and the Lorillards. Other names that appear in her letters are the Edwards and Waterbury families. A topic mentioned somewhat frequently in her correspondence is the game of golf, and sometimes horses and riding. Her letters constantly complain of headaches, some of which are incapacitating.

Langdon Cheves often writes of activities and conditions (weather, flora, etc.) in Flat Rock (N.C.) and Hendersonville (N.C.). Other letters concern family news and family property and financial affairs. A series of undated correspondence is arranged by correspondents, including Sarah Lewis Simons Lesesne, Harriott Lowndes, M.M. Lesesne, Harriott Horry Ravenel, Emma Middleton, and Eliza Pinckney Rutledge. Early correspondence dating from 1848-1879 includes wartime letters Francis Kinloch Middleton of the Charleston Light Dragoons and letters about his death and burial in Virginia in 1864. Also of note are postwar letters concerning trouble with freedmen, their attempted lynching of a plantation foreman, and intervention by U.S. Colored Troops. Other early correspondents include Isabella M. Cheves, Anna M. Parker (later Anna Huger), Adele Allston (Vanderhorst), and Eweretta E. Middleton.

Miscellaneous items include calling cards; financial records; plans of a house at Pelham Bay (N.Y.), with related letters from Anne Ellis; memorabilia; clippings; poetry; recipes; and slave records, including a list of 86 slaves (named) at Delta Plantation (1863).

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Search terms:

Barnwell, Harriott Kinloch Cheves, 1849-1900.
Cheves, Isabella Middleton, 1826-1912.
Cheves, Langdon, 1848-1939.
Ellis, Anne Hunter, d. 1949.
Huger, Anna Mary Parker, 1839-1881.
Hunter, Anne Manigault Middleton, 1831-1923.
Hunter, John, 1833-1914.
Lesesne, M. M. (Mary Marian), 1842-1913.
Lesesne, Sarah Lewis Simons, d. 1886.
Lowndes, Mary Esther, b. 1820.
MacKaye, Maria Ellery, 1828-1908.
Middleton, Alicia, 1840-1915.
Middleton, Emma, 1841-1913.
Middleton, Eweretta Elizabeth, 1840-1899.
Middleton, Francis Kinloch, 1835-1864.
Middleton, Harriott, 1828-1905.
Middleton, Harriott Kinloch, 1801-1878.
Middleton, Susan Matilda, 1830-1880.
Ravenel, Elizabeth McPherson, 1841-1928.
Ravenel, Harriott Horry, 1832-1912.
Vanderhorst, Adele Allston, d. 1915.
Cheeves family.
Hunter family.
Middleton family.
Parker family.
Freedmen -- South Carolina.
Gardening.
Golf.
Pets.
Slave records -- South Carolina -- Jasper County.
Upper class -- New York (State)
Women -- New York (State) -- Correspondence.
Women -- South Carolina -- Correspondence.
Charleston (S.C.)
Delta Plantation (S.C.)
Flat Rock (N.C.)

Flat Rock (N.C.) -- Social life and customs.
Hendersonville (N.C.)
Indian Point (Me.)
New York (N.Y.)
South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
Westchester County (N.Y.)
Letters (correspondence)
Recipes.

Collection overview:

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0373.01 (C) 03 Undated Miscellaneous Family Correspondence
0373.01 (C) 04 Undated Family Correspondence arranged by correspondent
0373.01 (C) 05 Letter fragments
0373.01 (M) 01 Miscellaneous Family Papers

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373.01 (C) 04 Miscellaneous correspondence, undated, arranged by correspondent. Letters from: Harriott Kinloch Cheves Barnwell, Langdon Cheves, Cheves family members, Anne Hunter Ellis, Anne Middleton Hunter, Sarah Lewis Simons Lesesne, M.M. Lesesne, “Lizzie,” and Harriott Lowndes.

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373.01 (C) 04 Misc. correspondence, arranged by correspondent. Letters from: Mary Esther Middleton Lowndes, Maria Ellery MacKaye, Emma Middleton, Eweretta Middleton, Harriott Middleton, Harriott Kinloch Middleton, Susan Matilda Middleton, Anna Parker, Elizabeth McPherson Ravenel, Harriott Horry Ravenel, and Elizabeth Pinckney Rutledge.

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373.01 (M) 01-05 Flag (silk U.S. flag or handkerchief, with note)

373.01 (M) 01-06 Hair clippings: of Alice Middleton Williams (1890), “Langdon’s hair,” “red hair,” and “Frank’s hair, Flat Rock, ‘63” (Francis K. Middleton).

373.01 (M) 01-07 House plans, with related letters from Anne H. Ellis, 1892-1893. Apparently a house on Pelham Bay, N.Y.

373.01 (M) 01-08 Invitations

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- 373.01 (M) 01-11 Necktie (in envelope marked “Frank’s necktye...”) of Francis K. Middleton, ca. 1863.
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- 373.01 (M) 01-17 Miscellaneous items

Notes on correspondence:

Overview

Most of the correspondence consists of letters to Harriott Middleton; letters to Alice or Alicia Middleton form the second largest group. Harriott Middleton’s principal correspondents are her sister Anne Manigault Middleton Hunter (wife of John Hunter of Hunter’s Island, New York), her niece Anne Hunter Ellis, sister M.E. Lowndes (Mary Esther Middleton Lowndes), and to a lesser extent, her nephew Langdon Cheves, friend Maria Ellery MacKaye (who usually signs her letters as M.E.M.), and members of the Parker and Cheves families. Other correspondents include Mary B. Dehon, Elizabeth McPherson Ravenel, Maria [Middleton?], Elise R. (Ravenel?), Alice Weston Rutledge, and Dr. R.L. Brodie. Letters to Alice or Alicia Middleton are predominately found in the earlier correspondence (1848-1877) and in letters dating after the death of Harriott Middleton in 1905.

Anne M. Hunter’s letters from Annieswood (Westchester County, N.Y.) and elsewhere often concern gardening and pets, but mainly deal with family, domestic, and personal affairs. She rarely mentions her husband John Hunter.

The letters of Anne Hunter’s daughter Annie Hunter Ellis (from New York City, Pelham (N.Y.), Indian Point (Me.), etc.) often comment on social matters and mention families and individuals who are part of New York high society, such as Mr. Vanderbilt and the Lorillards. Other names that appear in her letters include the Edwards and Waterbury families. A topic mentioned somewhat frequently in her correspondence is the game of golf, and sometimes horses and riding. Her letters frequently complain of headaches, some of which are incapacitating, and in 1900 she is hospitalized for an illness or injury. She often mentions a person named Gussie Sands.

Langdon Cheves often writes (from Flat Rock, N.C.) of trips to Hendersonville, and describes skies, the weather, trees, birds, etc. Other letters deal with family news and family property and financial affairs.

The undated letters are arranged by names of correspondents, and these include Sarah Lewis Simons Lesesne, Harriott Lowndes, Harriott Horry Ravenel, and Eliza Pinckney Rutledge.

Chronologically Arranged Correspondence:

[1848-1849] - notes and letters to Alicia (Alice) Middleton (one addressed to Weehaw); 1848 letter from Cleland K. Middleton to his father Henry A. Middleton from Rome describing sights, etc.

1852-1853 - letters to Alicia from family members, including cousin Eweretta (Eweretta Elizabeth Middleton, 1840-1899, daughter of Thomas Middleton), Sabina H. Lowndes, and Livy Middleton (Olivia Middleton Blake).

1854-1855 - letters from Anna M. Parker in Charleston regarding death and sickness in the family and other family matters; letters (1855) to Mama and brother from Francis Middleton in Troy (N.Y.).

1856 - letters to Alicia at Flat Rock, etc., from Maria [Elliott?], Anna, Katie (a friend), and Mary Cheves in Savannah.

1857 - letter from Mary Cheves in Paris; letter (Sept.) from Harriott K. Middleton about the death of Arthur Middleton.

1860-1861 - letters to Alicia from Anna Parker, Mary Cheves, Marie; and letters to "Harry" (Harriott); some unsigned fragments.

1862 - letter to Alicia from Adele about a recent fire in Charleston and the death of Anna's brother John Parker; letter to Alice from her brother Francis Kinloch Middleton in McPhersonville (S.C.) on "vidette" duty watching the Port Royal ferry; letters from Anna at Marden (Sumter County, S.C.).

1863 - letter to Harry (Harriott) from Alice; to Alice from Francis K. Middleton at Pocotaligo; letters from Anna [Parker?] at "The Wilderness" to Alice; from Alice to her sister discussing a "staff Ball" (dance) in Charleston; a letter about "round dancing" (of which Harriott seems disapproving); letter from Francis K. Middleton to Alice mentioning Frank Vizetelly ("a Frenchman") and a hunting expedition; letters to Harriott from Alice; letter to Isabella [Middleton Cheves] from M.E. Lowndes (Mary Esther Middleton Lowndes) at Covey Hill; letter to "aunt" from Sophie L. Haskell; letter (July 10) from Anna in Charleston to Alice, about fighting at Charleston harbor ("one of our batteries on Morris Island silenced"); letter from Adele Allston in Wilmington to Alice; letter (Aug. 28) from Anna at the Wilderness regarding the defenses of Sumter (S.C.); letter (Sept. 5) from F.K. Middleton to sister Alice about fighting on Morris Island and in Charleston harbor; letter to F.K. Middleton in Charleston from a Savannah firm regarding estate matters; and a letter to Alice from Mary C. Cheves in Abbeville.

1864 - letters to Alice from Louise; letter to Mrs. L. Cheves about a plantation; letters to Francis K. Middleton regarding business and financial affairs; letter to Alice from Francis K. Middleton about his "reserve horse"; letter to Isabella mentioning the deaths of Frank and Oliver (Middleton) in battle; letter (July 18) to "My dear Middleton" from Mr. Wm. B. Pringle about the death of Frank Middleton and Poinsett P[ring]le and their burial at Mrs. Newton's garden in Virginia (Poinsett was probably Joel Roberts Poinsett Pringle, son of J.J.I. Pringle, grandson of Wm. Bull Pringle); letters of consolation to Alice regarding Frank's death; a letter (Aug.) from Maria Dabney at Summer Hill, a witness to the death and burial of Francis K. Middleton.

1866-1868 - letter (ca. 1866) from C.L. Cheves at Savannah to Isabella, about conditions on a plantation, the "lawless and outrageous" behavior of the freedmen, and the high cost of living in

Savannah; letter to “Lang” from cousin A. De[L.] Middleton in Flat Rock, N.C., about a riot in Greenville involving African Americans, a mutiny and an explosion on board a cutter belonging to the H.M. Pylades at Newfoundland (with drawing); a letter to Alicia from Julia Rose Parker at Woodville; letter to Isabella (Mrs. Charles M. Cheves) from a cousin in Flat Rock; letters to Isabella from “RSC” (Rachel Bee Cheves?) and cousin R.I. Middleton, Jr.; letter to Alice about a flag (1868); letter to Aunt Harry from Langdon Cheves in Charleston, who writes of trouble with the freedmen on N. Heyward’s plantation, their attempted lynching of a plantation foreman, and intervention by U.S. Colored Troops, who “could hardly be prevented from slaughtering the negros, saying that they fought four years for their freedom and would fight four more to make them behave themselves.”

1870-1872 - a note to Langdon Cheves at the College of Charleston; etc.

1873 - letters to Alice; letter from M.E. Lowndes to Mama and Harriott; and letters to Aunt Harry from Annie Middleton Hunter (later Annie Ellis).

1874 - letters to Aunt Harry from Annie M. Hunter; etc.

1877 - letters from Alice to Harriott; etc.

1878-1879 - letters to Isabella, from her mother, etc.; letters from M.E. Lowndes to mother and sister; letter to Harriott from Amelia Parker; letter from Langdon Cheves to grandmother Mrs. H.A. Middleton and to Aunt Alicia; etc.

1880-1882 - letters to Harriott from Annie Hunter, Langdon Cheves, Amelia Parker, etc.; a letter from Langdon Cheves (Oct. 18, 1880) describes a fire on the Charleston wharves and mentions Ned (Edward) Wells trying to save papers.

1883 - letters to Harriott from Anne Hunter Ellis and her mother Anne Hunter; letters to Langdon Cheves from Lewis R. Gibbes concerning barometer readings (for altitude determination); Anne Ellis writes of socializing with the Ellis and Lorillard families, and horse riding and jumping (Oct. 23); letter (Nov. 20) to “Lewis” (R. Gibbes?) from Langdon Cheves about seed rice; letter (Nov. 26) from Anne Hunter regarding her husband’s business affairs; Anne Hunter letter (Dec. 2) mentions “Randolph,” and “Mr. Hunter” (Sr.) returning from Washington (D.C.) on a political mission for the Democrats.

1884 - letters to Harriott from her niece Annie Hunter in New York, from Sophie Haskell in Baltimore, and R.I. Middleton at Weehaw; etc.

1885 - letters to Harriott from sister in Flat Rock and at Annieswood (N.Y.) and from others; letter (Sept. 12) from a Parker, regarding a death in the Parker family; letter (Nov. 14) to Harriott, with attached plat of Henry A. Middleton’s remaining properties in Newport, Rhode Island; etc.

1886 - includes letters from Langdon Cheves.

1887 - includes letters to Harriott from M.E. Lowndes, Anne Hunter (her niece), Amelia Parker, Sophie L. Haskell, and Anne Middleton Hunter; letter (Dec. 14) from Anne M. Hunter concerns the engagement of her daughter Anne to Mr. Ellis (Augustus Van Horn Ellis, who is called "Gussie" or "Gusty"). Letter (May) to Harriott from cousin Sarah P. Gibbes. Letter (Aug. 19) from Anne Hunter about a young woman marrying beneath her social station. Letters (Oct.) from Anne Hunter at Annieswood about her gardening, social matters, etc. Letters (Oct.) to Harriott from niece Anne Hunter revealing interesting personal matters, and views (on marriage, religion, etc.). Letter (Oct. 28) from Anne M. Hunter about the alleged murder of a black cat.

1888 - letters to Harriott from Langdon Cheves (in Charleston and Flat Rock), describing social life in both places and family matters; letters to Harriott from Anne Hunter, Anne Ellis, cousin Mary B. Dehon in Georgetown (Feb.), M.E. Lowndes, Elizabeth [McP] Ravenel, "SC" (Sophie Cheves?); letters between Langdon Cheves and Sophie L. Haskell (June, and month unspecified letters); letter (July) to Harriott from Langdon Cheves regarding family financial affairs, etc.; letter (Jan.) about a kitten, from Anne Hunter.

1889 - letter from "Elise R" (Elise Ravenel?); letter from E. M. McCord to Harriott; letter to Harriott from Mary B. Dehon in Washington (D.C.), which mentions how Harriott does not like to hear about Yankees; letter (March 12) from Anne Hunter, about a child named "Louise," whom she says should be brought up "in a Southern atmosphere." Anne is appalled that Louise is to be sent up north to be raised. (Louise is probably Louise Gibert Lesesne Logan, daughter of James P. Lesesne and Harriott Kinloch Hunter, Anne's daughter.)

1890 – letter to Harriott from Anne Ellis at Indian Point, Maine, about Maine flora and fauna; letters from M.E. Lowndes; etc.

1891 - note (Nov. 20) to Langdon Cheves from Anne Hunter; letter (Nov. 23) to Harriott from Anne Ellis, about the supreme importance of money.

1892-1893 - letter (Jan. 5, 1892) to Harriott from Maria Ellery MacKaye (a writer and translator, widow of James Morrison MacKaye, 1805-1888) in Cambridge (Mass.); letter from Anne Hunter (Jan. 6, 1892) about her cat who is unwilling to go out into the cold after birds; Amelia N. Parker (Feb. 24, 1892); letter from Anne Hunter (Feb. 24, 1892), in which she calls herself a "pagan" and describes a meeting with a missionary; letters from M.E. Lowndes; Mary [A.] Elliott at Port Royal (Nov. 20, 1892); etc.

1894 - letter (Jan. 25) to Harriott from Aimee Parker; letters from Anne Hunter (March-April) en route and from Cairo (Egypt), Jerusalem (describing the oppression of Jews there), Rome, and Geneva; letter (May 26) to Harriott from Maria in Newport mentioning the insanity of William Henry King; letters from niece H.K. Barnwell; from Henry A.M. Smith to Harriott; etc.

1895 - letter (Jan. 9) to Aunt Harriott from Anne Ellis, who is reading a biography of Robert E. Lee and writes: "I cannot understand how anyone can be proud of having fought on the Northern side – I think it was a disgrace – for millions to murder thousands." Letter (Jan. 12) from Anne

Hunter, about her conversation with a clergyman, whom she tells she is a “pagan.” Letter (Feb. 1) from Anne Ellis mentions “strikers” in New York City destroying property, a letter (Feb. 5) mentions Mr. Vanderbilt and Winfield Scott Hoyt, and high society’s “idleness and restlessness and thirst for excitement,” a letter (Feb. 8) about the poor and class warfare. Letter (Aug. 3) to Harriott from cousin “EM” mentions [Mrs. or Miss] MacKaye. Crudely written note (Aug. 7) to Harriott from “Fillis Cokeley.” Letter (Sept. 5) from Anne Ellis mentions her cats walking with her like dogs and how she loves her pets “too much.” Letters (Oct.) from Anne Ellis about the Vanderbilt-Marlborough wedding, Mr. Vanderbilt, and how society is a “wicked siren luring people to destruction.” Letter (Oct. 15) from Eweretta. Letters (Nov.) from Anne Hunter on board ship near Gibraltar, and in Italy.

1896 - letters (Jan.-March) from Anne Hunter in Rome; she mentions Ella and Emma, both of whom are sick; her letters also talk of a [family] monument. Letter (June) from Belle de Jersey in Southampton (England); letter from SHC (Sophie Haskell Cheves?). Socialist party handout (Oct.). Letters (Nov.) discuss the presidential election (McKinley) and politics.

1897 - letters from Anne Hunter and Anne Ellis. Letter (April) from cousin C.G.M.; letter to Harriott from friend Maria E. MacKaye. Letter (May) from S.H.C. to Harriott. Letters (June) to “Mamma” from Langdon Cheves; letter (June 9) from Anne Hunter talks of health and happiness, playing golf, being married for nine years, etc.; letter to Mama from Henry C. Cheves, mentions conditions at Delta Plantation. A letter (Oct.) from Anne Ellis to Harriott attempts to explain the game of golf.

1898 - letters (April-May) from Anne Hunter, etc., about the Spanish-American War. Letter (June) to Harriott from niece Alice M. Williams; letter from M.E. Lowndes; etc. Letter (July) from Sophie Cheves (wife of Langdon Cheves); letter from Anne Ellis about Theodore Roosevelt and the Spanish-American War; letters from Langdon Cheves to his mother; letters from Anne Ellis mentioning Harriott’s anti-Americanism; letter (July 14) from Anne Hunter about how there is no longer any South, but that everything is America and American (“I feel rather lost”); letters to Harriott from Dr. R.L. Brodie in Charleston.

1899 - letter (Jan.) from M.E. Lowndes; letter from Mary B. Dehon about the death of Eweretta Middleton. Letter (Feb.) from Anne Ellis at Ellislea. Letter (March) from Anne Hunter in Paris to her daughter Anne Ellis. Letter (Aug. 22) to Mrs. MacKaye from Alice Williams, mentions the Dreyfus affair in France, and history of the Gourdin family.

1900 - letters (Feb.) about the death of Harriott’s niece Harriott Barnwell. Letter (Feb. 22) dictated by Anne Ellis to Harriott about the “blackguard” Stephen Bonsall. Letter (March 11) from K.R. Hunter about the illness and convalescence of Anne Ellis; letter from Anne Ellis about how her father-in-law Mr. Ellis treated her. Letter (Sept.) from (recovered) Anne Ellis.

1901 - letters to Harriott from Maria, Anne Ellis, etc. Letter from Anne Hunter at Annieseyrie about the attempted killing of Heyward [Hunter], who intervened in a [political] conflict between

two other men. Letter (Feb. 12) to Harriott from H.A.M. Smith. Letter (April) from Anne Ellis about the family. Letters (May) about the illness of Alice Middleton. Letter (Sept.) from Henry Cheves to his mother. Letter (Nov. 17) from Anne Hunter reports on a dachshund who rescues another dog.

1902 - note (April) to Harriott from niece H.K. [Minott]. Letter (June) from [?]. M. Pringle about Emma Middleton sailing for America in August. Several letters from Langdon Cheves, one (July 18) of which refers to the death of [Mr.] Nott. Letter (Sept.) to Harriott from Emma Middleton about a rough crossing to New York, her surprise at the number of negroes there, and "Yankee schoolmarms" on the voyage.

1903 - letters (Jan.) to Harriott from Anne Ellis (stationery marked "Westchester, NYC"). Letter (May) from Anne Ellis concerns an automobile ride. Letters (June) discuss death of Elizabeth Middleton Smith; letters from Langdon Cheves. Letter (July) from Harriott to Langdon Cheves mentioning family property and financial affairs. Letter (Nov.) from Katherine R. Hunter to Harriott, about a trip to Florida. Letter (Nov. 23) from Anne Hunter which begins: "Annihilate the Negro, No!" and later reports at length about a cat named Dixie.

1904 - Letter (Feb. 2) from Anne Hunter about a new puppy. Letter (May 9) to Harriott from "LPR" in Flat Rock. Letter (July 1904) to Harriott from Anne Hunter about a mother cat who subdues the dog and protects and teaches her kittens. Letter (Aug. 2) to Harriott from Maria at Newport (R.I.); letter (Aug. 14) to Harriott from Annie L. Sloan in Pendleton (S.C.), which mentions a reception given by the Daughters of the Confederacy in Anderson (S.C.); letter (Aug. 28) from A.L. Sloan mentions that a publisher is interested in a story she wrote. Postcard (Sept. 10) with a photo of "CJW" (a Williams?). Letter (Oct. 16) from Annie L. Sloan about reading galley proofs and help from a friend, a Baptist minister who "wants to write a history of Gen. Sumter but unfortunately most of the material for the work is in the Wisconsin State library"; letters from Maria in Europe. Note (Nov. 3) from J.B.E. Sloan regarding a cistern; letter from Anne Ellis mentions the election of Theodore Roosevelt. Letter (Dec.) from Anne Hunter in Naples, who writes of a Cuban family she met on board the steamship Carpathia (the steamer that later rescued some of the survivors of the Titanic); letters from Anne Ellis, with mention of the Waterbury family; letters from Anne Hunter describing her visit to Naples. Letters from 1904 which have an unspecified month include one marked "Wednesday, Indian Point, Me." from Anne Ellis. After describing a visit to a rich lady's garden with Mrs. Edwards ("who thinks that being rich, she can do as she pleases"), and writing about the [Delaney Kanes], a couple whose only child had to be put into a mental asylum, she muses on the rich, and laments, "Why do none of my brothers fall in love with heiresses?"

1905 - letter from Anne Hunter in Syracuse; letter (January, black borders) from E.M. Creighton in Newport to Harriott. Crude note (Jan. 20) from "Philius Cokely." Letter (Feb. 24) to Harriott from Anne Hunter in Florence. From March through November 1905, all letters are addressed to Alice (Alicia) Middleton. Letters (March-April) to Alice from Langdon Cheves; letter from Anne Hunter at Annieseyrie about Desbrosses (her son) packing his clothes for a train to Charleston.

1906 - letters to Alice from Langdon Cheves; letter to Isabella from M.E.L.

1907 - letter (Jan. 2) from Anne Hunter to Alice; letters from Anne Ellis; letter (May 9) from Anne Hunter mentions family relics (Huguenot?) which “the family will not hear of my giving them to a museum” and which she finds a burden to take care of. Letter (June 13) to Aunt Alice from Langdon Cheves about the sale of her Newport property, and later letters about how to use the proceeds, including one (June 20) about how men are more reasonable and experienced in business affairs, while women are “governed by their emotions and feelings...” Letters (July-Dec.) to Alice from Langdon Cheves in Paris, London, and Flat Rock; letters from Anne Hunter.

1908 - letters from Langdon Cheves.

1909 - letter to Aunt Isabella from [Sophie Cheves]. Letters to “Mama” from Langdon Cheves at Acton Briars (in or near Flat Rock). In these, as in many previous letters from North Carolina, Langdon Cheves makes mention of trips to Hendersonville, and describes skies, the weather, trees, birds, etc.

1910 – letter from Langdon Cheves to his mother.

1911 - letter signed “[S] D W” (a Williams?).

1912 - letters from Langdon Cheves to his mother.

1915 - letters to Alice, one (May 28) from M.E. Audobon and [DTA] Tyler in Brooklyn, N.Y.; also letters from Langdon Cheves and Anne Hunter. Letters to “Annie” (Ellis?) care of Alice Middleton at Flat Rock, from [J.] Lorillard in Great Britain.

1916 – letter from Anne Hunter, with a photo of “Bebe.”

1917 - letter to Harriott Williams from Anne Hunter.

Letters Arranged by Correspondent:

Harriott Kinloch Cheves Barnwell – “HKC” and “HKB”

Cheves Family – includes letters from Isabella Cheves, Mary C. Cheves, etc.

Langdon Cheves - mostly letters to aunt Harriott Middleton.

Anne Hunter Ellis – letter to Aunt Harry.

Anne Middleton Hunter – letters to Harriott, Alice, and Langdon; undated letter to her father about recovering some of his possessions from a General [Devin? Elwin?] in Boston.

M.M. Lesesne – Mary Marian Lesesne (1842-1913)

Sarah Lewis Simons Lesesne

Harriott Lowndes – a niece

Mary Esther Middleton Lowndes – “MEL”

Maria Ellery MacKaye – letter dated Aug. 17 mentions the Appalachian Club; other letters mention her writing for a magazine, also the names Elizabeth Ellery MacKaye and Dorothy (Newport, Rhode Island).

Alicia Middleton

Emma Middleton – “EM” (a cousin); many letters from abroad from her.

Eweretta Middleton – undated letters to cousins Alicia and Harriott, with some transcriptions.

Harriott Middleton – letters to Alice, Mrs. C.M. Cheves, and Isabella.

Harriott K. Middleton – letters to her children.

Susan M. Middleton – letters to Isabella Middleton.

Anna Parker – letters to Alicia Middleton.

E.M.R. – Elizabeth McPherson Ravenel (1841-1928)

H.H. Ravenel – Harriott Horry Ravenel

Elizabeth Pinckney Rutledge – “EPR”