Henry William Ravenel family papers, 1716-1891
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**Creator:** Ravenel, Henry William, 1814-1887

**Description:** ca. 100 items

**Biographical/historical note:** Plantation owner and botanist of Berkeley County and Aiken, S.C. His first wife was Elizabeth G. Snowden; he married secondly Mary H. Dawson. He was the son of Dr. Henry Ravenel (1790-1867), a physician and owner of Pooshee Plantation (Berkeley County, S.C.). Dr. Henry Ravenel (1790-1867) was the son of Rene Ravenel (1762-1822) of Pooshee, who had a brother named Henry Ravenel (1729-1785), known as Henry of Hanover (Plantation). Henry of Hanover also had a son named Henry Ravenel (1751-1823)

**Scope and content:** Papers consist of financial and estate records, genealogical material, and other items.

Papers (1716-1778) of Henry Ravenel (1729-1785) consist of accounts (for sales of rice and purchases of cloth, groceries, hardware, and other items); bonds; receipts; a plat (1775) of land at the fork of the Broad and Saluda Rivers (S.C.); a promissory note (1775); and a copy of the will (1716) of Rene Ravenel.

Papers (1772-1823) of Henry Ravenel, Jr. (1751-1823) include accounts for purchases of linen, tobacco, padlocks, and other items; a legal opinion (1798) of Lewis Trezevant regarding the division of the estate of Henry Ravenel (1729-1785); a list of hogs killed in 1807 and 1808 (listing date killed, names, weight, when smoked, and when and what pieces eaten); the will (1823) of Henry Ravenel, Jr.; and an inventory and appraisement (1823) of slaves at his plantation in St. John's Berkeley Parish (S.C.).

Papers of Henry William Ravenel include slave bills of sale (1840-1853); slave mortgages (1846-1858); notes (1851) on the history of the Catawba grape; letters written during a trip (1853?) to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and elsewhere; and a copy of his will (1885) with attached memoranda concerning the disposition of his estate, particularly his botanical collection and books.

Other family papers include an account book (1795-1796) entitled "An Acct. of Money expended for House Keeping;" slave lists; a scrapbook (1857) containing clippings and annotations concerning currency and banking; loose clippings of editorial letters (1858) addressed to Daniel Ravenel (1789-1873); genealogical notes and letters about the Ravenel family and related families; and a "copy of a confession made by John the Slave of Mr. Enslow the Cooper" concerning the planning of a slave insurrection in Charleston and surrounding areas by Denmark Vesey and others in 1822.

Search terms:
Ravenel, Daniel, 1789-1873.
Ravenel, Henry, 1729-1785.
Ravenel, Henry, 1751-1823.
Ravenel, Henry, 1790-1867.
Ravenel, Henry William, 1814-1887.
Vesey, Denmark, approximately 1767-1822.
Ravenel family.
Botanists -- South Carolina.
Decedents' estates -- South Carolina.
Grapes -- United States.
Plantation owners -- South Carolina -- Berkeley County.
Slave records -- South Carolina -- Berkeley County.
Slaves -- South Carolina.
Charleston (S.C.) -- History -- Slave Insurrection, 1822.
South Carolina -- History.
Clippings.
Estate records.
Financial records.
Letters (correspondence)

Container/folder listing:

11/331/1-10  Ravenel, Henry, 1729-1785
Papers, 1739-1823. 51 items.
Berkeley Co. planter, Accounts of HR and his son Henry Ravenel (1751-1823) for rice (1754), groceries, hogs killed, dry goods, and household expenses with George Ancrum, Thomas Giles, various Mazyck family members and others. Receipts, bonds, promissory notes, a survey plat of land at the fork of Saluda and Broad Rivers in Richland County and estate papers including wills, lists of slaves, and other possessions. Also a copy of a confession by slave John regarding his participation in the Denmark Vesey rebellion (1822) in Charleston. Chronologically arranged.

11/331/11-18  Ravenel, Henry W. 1814-1882
Papers, 1836-1885. 60 items