Hering family papers, 1674-1960  
SCHS 1211.00  
Containers

Creators:  Hering family.  
Rutledge, Anna Wells.

Description: 1.25 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: English family with connections in South Carolina, Jamaica, and elsewhere. Julines Hering (1732-1797) of Heybridge Hall (England) was a soldier and an owner of sugar plantations in Jamaica. In 1761 he married Mary Inglis, and their children included Julines Hering (b. 1767), Oliver Hering (b. 1768), and Mary Helen Hering (1772-1850), who married Henry Middleton (1770-1846), a U.S. diplomat and Congressman, South Carolina legislator and plantation owner, and governor of South Carolina. Middleton served as the U.S. foreign minister at the court of St. Petersburg (Russia) during the 1820's.

Scope and Content: Papers chiefly consist of correspondence, writings, genealogical material, and other items. Included is the correspondence (1791-1850) of Oliver Hering.

Correspondence (1791-1890) includes letters (1797-1818) of Mary Inglis Hering at Bath (England) to her daughter Mary H. Hering Middleton regarding family matters; and correspondence (1797-1847) of Mary Helen Hering Middleton with her children Henry Middleton (1797-1876), Edward Middleton, Elizabeth I. Middleton Fisher, Catherine Middleton, and Williams Middleton, and with relatives Mary Stead Pinckney, Septima Sexta Middleton Rutledge, Sarah McPherson Middleton, and John Izard Middleton, mainly regarding family matters.

Correspondence (1822-1882) of Elizabeth Izard Middleton Fisher includes letters (1830-1845) to her in Charleston (S.C.) and elsewhere from Helena Malewska (Szymanowska) at St. Petersburg (Russia) discussing personal, family and social matters; and letters (1839-1865) from Williams Middleton in Charleston (S.C.) regarding family affairs, the devastation wrought by the Civil War, and other matters.

Writings and genealogical materials (ca. 1940-1960) consist of notes and other material compiled by art historian Anna Wells Rutledge (a Middleton descendant) concerning the Hering, Inglis, Middleton, and related families, as well as notes on Middleton Place. Included are clippings, related correspondence, a copy of the will (1801) of Mary Inglis Hering, a pamphlet and other printed material about Essex (England), black and white photographs of portraits of Hering, Inglis, and Middleton family members, and color photos of family estates in Great Britain.

Other items include a fragment of a commonplace book (n.d.) containing poetry; calling cards; a poem of tribute (n.d.) to "Miss Middleton"; and a watercolor painting of a Russian man.
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Search terms:
Fisher, Elizabeth Izard Middleton, 1815-1890.
Hering, Mary Inglis.
Malewska, Helena.
Middleton, Catherine, 1812-1894.
Middleton, Edward, 1810-1883.
Middleton, John Izard, 1800-1877.
Middleton, Mary Helen Hering, 1772-1850.
Middleton, Sarah McPherson, d. 1878.
Middleton, Williams, 1809-1883.
Pinckney, Mary Stead, ca. 1751-1812.
Rutledge, Septima Sexta Middleton, 1783-1865.
Hering family.
Herring family.
English family.
Middleton family.
Genealogy -- South Carolina.
Bath (England)
Charleston (S.C.)
Essex (England)
Middleton Place (S.C.)
South Carolina -- History.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
Genealogies.
Letters (correspondence).
Notes.
Photographs.

Container list:

24/62/1    Hering Family
Genealogical Papers, 1674, 1783-1786, 1953. 13 items

24/62/2    Hering-Middleton families
Papers, 1801-1953. 150 items
20th Century notes of Charleston art historian and Middleton descendant, Anna Wells Rutledge notes and synopses of most of the correspondence in the Hering-Middleton papers. Photographs and notes on art work. Will of Mary Inglis Hering (1801), mother of Mary Hering Middleton.
Genealogy notes on Hering-Inglis Family. Notes on Inglis family house, Achindinny, near Edinburgh, and Hering family house, Heybridge Hall, Essex.

24/62/3-14  
**Hering-Middleton family**

**Historical notes and papers, ca. 1800-1953. Approx 150 items.**

Mostly 20th century notes of Charleston historian and Middleton descendent Anna Wells Rutledge regarding Hering-Middleton. Typescript copy of essay, “Middleton Place and Middleton of SC.” Typescript copies of news articles on Cedar Grove Plantation, St. George Dorchester, 1857, 15 pp; and “Cedar Grove and Middleton Place,” 1840, 12 pp. Annotated Middleton genealogy in SCH&GM July, 1900 vol. 1, no. 3. Also included are research notes and correspondence removed from the above magazine. Scattered research notes on Middleton family, Middleton art, Benjamin West, Russia in the 1820s, and the Otranto Plantation, Goose Creek. Misc. material (1800-1840) and family poetry.

24/63/1-4  
**Hering, Mary Inglis, d. 1819**

**Family letters, 1797-1818. 55 items**

Letters from MIH, Bath, England to her daughter, Mary Hering (Mrs. Henry) Middleton of Charleston regarding family matters. (1797-1818)

24/63/5-23  
**Hering, Oliver, b. 1768**

**Family correspondence, 1791-1850. 90 items**

Planter from Bermuda and Bath, England. Letters of OH to his sister Mary Hering (Mrs. Henry), Middleton, Charleston; Paris, France; Washington DC; and Philadelphia, PA; regarding family matters and current events (1791-1850) including the French Revolution and War of 1812. Letters (1824-1826) from Mary Hering Middleton, St. Petersburg, Russia; while her husband, Henry Middleton was U.S. Minister at St. Petersburg, Russia. One letter from OH, to niece Catherine Middleton (1823).

24/64/1  
**Middleton, Mary Hering, 1772-1850**

**Letters, 1797-1808. 16 items**

Wife of Henry Middleton. Letters of MHH, Paris, France; and Charleston to Mrs. C.C. Pinckney (Mary Stead), The Hague, Amsterdam, Harper Ferry, VA regarding families (1797-1808)

24/64/2-5  
**Middleton, Mary Hering, 1772-1850**

**Family correspondence, 1821-1826. 45 items**

Wife of Henry Middleton. Correspondence (1821-1826) regarding family matters of MHH and her children, Catherine, Eliza, and Williams Middleton. Mostly from St. Petersburg to America.

24/64/6-12  
**Middleton, Mary Hering, 1772-1850**

**Family Letters, 1794-1847. 25 items**

24/64/13-15  Middleton, Mary Hering, 1772-1850
Family Correspondence, 1839-1847. 44 items
Correspondence, 1839-1847 between MHM and her daughter, Eliza Middleton Fisher, Philadelphia PA regarding family matters.

24/64/16-22  Fisher, Eliza Middleton, 1815-1890
Family letters, 1822-1882. 69 items.
Daughter of Henry and Mary Hering Middleton. Letters mostly regarding family matters to EMF from Helene (Malewska) Szymanoffska, in French, St. Petersburg, Russia; (1830-1845); from Elizabeth P. Fisher, Philadelphia PA (ca 1839); from Williams Middleton regarding family matters and Civil War devastation (1839-1865), Charleston; Maria H. Pringle (ca 1837), J.F. Fisher (1853); Martha N. Seabrook, (1822) and one letter fragment to Anna Van Ness Middleton from EMF, St. Petersburg, Russia (1822).