David Jennings & Company records, 1865-1871
1180.00
Containers 23/023-026

Creator: David Jennings & Company (Charleston, S.C.)

Description: 1.5 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: Charleston, S.C. business. David Jennings & Company is listed in the 1867-1868 Charleston City Directory as a banking house. By 1875 the name of the company has changed to David Jennings & Son and is listed under shipping brokers and agents.

Scope and content: Records consist of correspondence, financial records, and other items. Letterpress copybooks (1865-1871) contain tissue copies of outgoing business and collections letters. Loose correspondence includes incoming letters (many in January and February 1866) mainly concerning the price and marketing of cotton. Companies and individuals represented include W.H. Cox, E.H. Perkins, Jr., W.H. Sanford, G.J. Seney, Condite, Sherman & Co. (New York, N.Y.), E.J. Scott (Columbia, S.C.), and Tunno & Co. (Savannah, Ga.). There are also bi-weekly letters (1869) from G.N. Oliver & Co. (Liverpool, England) regarding the cotton trade and cotton prices.

Financial records (1866-1869) include a petty cash book (1867-1868); a blotter (1868-1869); ledger (1867-1869); account books (1867-1869); a book containing quotes (on slips of paper pasted in) of gold prices and cotton stock values; tissue copies of bills (1867-1869); and draft stubs (1867-1869).

Other items include cotton market reports (1868-1869) for crops in the "uplands" by Boyce & Co., Pelzer, Rogers & Co., and Porcher & Henry; business journals (1866-1869); cotton production records (1867-1869); a fire insurance policy (1866); and a power of attorney (1888) of David Jennings.

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Search terms:
- David Jennings & Company (Charleston, S.C.) -- Records and correspondence.
- Brokers -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
- Cotton -- Prices.
- Cotton -- South Carolina -- Marketing.
- Cotton trade -- England -- Liverpool.
- Cotton trade -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Gold -- Prices.
South Carolina -- Commerce -- Charleston.
South Carolina -- History.
Accounts.
Financial records.
Insurance policies.
Letterpress copybooks.
Powers of attorney.
Brokers.

Collection Inventory:

1180.01  ORGANIZATIONAL RECORDS
1180.01.01  David Jennings & Company (Charleston, S.C.). David Jennings & Company records, 1865-1871 (1.5 linear ft.)
23/023  Cotton brokers correspondence, 1865-1871 (ca. 0.5 linear ft.)
23/024-026  Cotton business records, 1866-1869 (ca. 1 linear ft.)