



A.C. Kaufman papers, 1867-1914.
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Container 11/256

Creator: Kaufman, A.C.

Description: Ca. 70 items. 1 v.

Biographical/Historical Note: Charleston, S.C. banker, broker, and philanthropist. A graduate of the College of Charleston (1860), he was the son of Rev. Abraham C. Kaufman and Anna Dorothea Faber Kaufman. In 1873 he was one of the promoters of the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad. He was president of the South Carolina branch of the American Red Cross, a commissioner of public schools (1895-1903), and a trustee of Avery Normal Institute and the College of Charleston.

Scope and Content: Papers consist of invoices, printed material, clippings, a scrapbook, and other items.

Invoices from Charleston (S.C.) businesses such as Menke & Muller (tailors), G.W. Aimar (druggist), J.H. Lawton & Company (clothiers), and C.F. Pankin (apothecary), are for clothing, cologne, and other purchases. Printed material includes a report (1871) to the Board of Directors of the Bank of Charleston; and one page of the "Kaufman Star," a newspaper supplement (1875 June 17) published in Kaufman (Kaufman County, Texas) concerning a drawing held by the Texas Mutual Benefit Association.

Other items include receipts; orders to pay; clippings; ephemera; invitations, including one (1876 April 21) printed on cloth for the Mountain City Club Calico Ball at Beattie's Hall {?}; a notice (1874) to Kaufman from the German Rifle Club (Charleston, S.C.) informing him that he has been elected a passive member; and a few letters.

Scrapbook (1900-1914) contains clippings from the News and Courier (Charleston, S.C.) and other newspapers concerning Kaufman's involvement in the American Red Cross, the Vanderbilt Benevolent Association, Avery Normal Institute, state and national education conferences, the Spartanburg and Asheville (N.C.) railroad, the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and other concerns. Also included are clippings concerning African Americans, events in Texas, education, patriotic organizations, local and national politics, Kaufman's candidacy for Charleston (S.C.) postmaster and U.S. marshal, College of Charleston, Jenkins Orphanage, the German Rifle Club, the Hospital and Training School for Nurses, Star Gospel Mission, and the "Old Faber Place" on the Ashley River near Charleston (a country house and land owned by Kaufman which included picnic and pleasure grounds, an auditorium and dance hall, and farmland), as well as obituaries of politicians and other prominent citizens. A few clippings are from German language newspapers.

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Letters (correspondence)
Scrapbooks.
Philanthropists.

Collection Inventory:

11/256 Kaufman, A.C. 1839-1918

Papers, 1869-1876. Approx 70 items.

Charleston businessman. Receipts and business cards of some Charleston businesses.
Miscellaneous letters and banking material. Scrapbook with clippings on ACK and many on events in Charleston.