



**Lamb family papers, 1810-ca. 1875**  
**SCHS 1057.00**  
**Container 11/259**

**Creator:** Lamb, Mary Somers Buist

**Description:** ca. 200 items

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Mary Somers Buist Lamb, a resident of Charleston, South Carolina, was the wife of James Lamb. Their daughter was Constance D. Lamb.

**Scope and Content:** Papers consist of estate and business papers, correspondence, receipts, and other materials pertaining to the Lamb family and related families including the Ewings and Sinclairs.

Papers include bonds (1810-1817) of the Ewing family, bills of sale (1817-1856) of slaves, financial and estate papers (1817-1840) of Alexander Sinclair, the estate papers (1861-1862) of Margaret (Mrs. Alexander) Sinclair (d. 1861), and the estate papers (1850s) of James Lamb, as well as the business papers, correspondence, and estate papers (1852-1874) of Mary Lamb, and the records of Constance D. Lamb's investments (1862-1864) and her estate papers (1873).

Correspondence includes letters (1867-1873) to Mary Lamb from her daughter, Constance, at Burn-Brae, a mental hospital outside at Kellyville, Pennsylvania, about her confinement and treatment for "excitement" and other "mental" conditions. Also includes letters from Dr. R.A. Given about Constance's condition, letters from Archibald S. Johnston about financial matters, and correspondence of other family members.

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**Search terms:**

Given, R.A.

Johnston, Archibald Simpson, 1811-1893.

Lamb, Constance Decima, 1841-1873.

Lamb, James, d. ca. 1855.

Lamb, Mary Somers Buist, 1800-1872.

Sinclair, Alexander, d. ca. 1839.

Sinclair, Margaret, d. 1861.

Ewing family.

Lamb family.

Sinclair family.

Burn-Brae Hospital (Kellyville, Pa.)

Decedents' estates -- South Carolina.

Mentally ill -- South Carolina -- Correspondence.  
Psychiatric hospital patients -- Pennsylvania -- Kellyville.  
Estates (Law) -- South Carolina.  
Slaves -- South Carolina.  
Charleston (S.C.) -- History -- Sources.  
South Carolina -- History -- 1775-1865 -- Sources.  
South Carolina -- History -- 1865- -- Sources.  
Bonds (legal records).  
Letters (correspondence).  
Estate records.  
Financial records.

**Container list:**

**11/259/1-11 Lamb, Mary d. 1873**

**Papers, 1810-1875. Approx. 200 items.**

Charlestonian. Estate papers, business papers and other material of the family of Mary Lamb. Included are bonds of the Ewing family (1810-1817), sales of slaves (1817-1856). Financial and estate papers (1817-1840) of Alexander Sinclair and estate papers of Margaret Sinclair (1861). Business papers, correspondence and estate papers (1852-1874) of Mary Lamb. Letters to Mary Lamb from Constance Lamb from Burn-Brae Mental hospital outside Philadelphia, PA (1867-1873) regarding her confinement, and treatment for “excitement” and other “mental” conditions. Letters from Dr. R. Given regarding Constance Lamb’s condition and Archibald S. Johnston regarding financial matters. Also estate papers of Constance Lamb after her death at the Mental Hospital (1873). Also correspondence of other family members.