Creator: Legare, Colcock & Company

Description: 2.5 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Commercial wharf factors of Charleston, S.C. The company first went by the name Legare & Colcock, but is listed in the 1859 Charleston City Directory as Legare, Colcock & Company.

Scope and Content: Records consist financial records including accounts, sales books, and cashbooks.

Three bound volumes (1855-1864) contain accounts with Adger's Wharf and other commercial wharves, West Point Rice Mill and other rice mills, commercial vessels, and numerous companies and individuals. They also contain other accounts including those for interest and bills payable. A separate index is included. Another volume (1858-1863) contains entries for various accounts including "Sundries," "Merchandise," "Bills Payable," and "Account Sales."

Sales books (1856-1861) record monthly sales of rice and cotton for customers. Entries record the mode of transportation for goods (giving names of commercial vessels), the producer's name and mark (symbol) and sometimes the name of a plantation, and charges for freight, wharfage, commissions, milling, insurance, and other expenses. Records include four cashbooks (1856-1865).

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Search terms:
Legare, Colcock & Company (Charleston, S.C.) -- Records and correspondence.
Commission merchants -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
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South Carolina -- Commerce -- Charleston.
South Carolina -- History -- 1775-1865.
Accounts.
Cashbooks.
Sales records.

Container list:
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Business Records, 1855-1865 2 ½ ft.
Charleston commercial wharf factors. Ledgers (1855-1864), sales books (1856-1861), cash
books (1856-1865) and a journal (1858-1863) of L&C. Ledgers contain indexes. Entries for
painters (rice and Sea Island cotton) and businesses include accounts of Benjamin Bailey,
H.M. Drayton, William Edings, Richard Fuller, Gourdin Matthieson & Co., James Gregorie,
Theodore M. Hanckel, Daniel Heyward, Theodore H. Hutchinson, Richard W. Hutson, William
Ferguson Hutson, John Jenkins, James Legare, John B. Legare, Solomon Legare, Oliver H.
Middleton Sr., Ephraim Mikell, William Murray, rice mills (West Point and Chisolm’s among
them), S.M. Seabrook, G.W. Seabrook, F.Y. Simmons, William H. Trescot, and Isaac M.
Wilson. Also accounts for commissions, bills payable, insurance and other business matters.