McCutchen family papers, 1797-2013
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Description: 2.25 linear ft. (7 boxes)

Scope and content: This collection consists of original materials, including correspondence, photographs, and estate records; as well as genealogical data, photocopied family documents, and other material principally pertaining to the McCutchen family and the related families of McCottry, Fraser and Wilson of the South Carolina districts of Williamsburg and Sumter.

McCutchen family papers chiefly relate to George McCutchen II (1788-1865) of Indiantown (S.C.), and later Mill Grove (Sumter District, S.C.), and his son George McCutchen III (1821-1894). McCutchen family correspondence includes a letter (1813) from William Rutledge to George McCutchen (II?) written during the Creek War from Fort Strother (Alabama) in which Rutledge writes of battles and mentions that the "best warriors" were those who fought under a "prophet" ("he had made them believe that if whites killed them they would rise the third day and come to life..."). Correspondence of George McCutchen II includes letters (1840s) to him from his son George at New Jersey College (Princeton, N.J.) regarding his school and studies, and two letters (1862) from George, Jr. written while he was serving in the Confederate Army. Other letters relate to family and church affairs, and shipments and sales of cotton. An account book (1828-1865) of George McCutchen II includes many accounts and other records (1828 to ca. 1836) pertaining to the estates of his brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Nancy (Agnes) McCutchen, including estate inventories naming slaves. Additional papers include slave records, such as receipts (1864) for slaves (named) sent to work on coastal wartime fortifications; a sheet containing remedies for dropsy and other ailments, as well as a note about the birth of a slave named York; and records (1815-1831), mostly receipts, relating to George McCutchen II as postmaster at Indiantown (S.C.).

A family history album entitled "Hugh and Isabella McCutchen Family of South Carolina" traces the family from an immigrant ancestor, Hugh McCutchen, and includes photocopies of family documents and photographs, and copies of letters (1864) between George McCutchen II and his fiancee Hannah Atkinson Boone Fraser written while he was stationed at Battery White in Georgetown District with his artillery unit. There are also a number of original letters (1864; n.d.) between George McCutchen II and Hannah Fraser, one of which is a proposal of marriage.

Family photographs include images of George McCutchen II, George McCutchen III, Dr. William Rogers Johnson, Hannah Atkinson Boone Fraser McCutchen, and members of the related families of Mclver, Fraser, and Coker. Of note are papers and photographs relating to Leighton Mills McCutchen (1906-1936), a missionary to the Belgian Congo, including a letter (1936) written by him to his sister while he was in Africa.

Search terms:
Johnson, William Rogers, 1813-1893.
McCutch en, George, 1788-1865.
McCutch en, George, 1821-1894.
McCutch en, Thomas, 1783-1822 -- Estate.
Coker family.
Fraser family.
McCutch eon family.
McIver family.
College of New Jersey (Princeton, N.J.) -- Students.
Confederate States of America. Army -- Soldiers -- Correspondence.
Batteries (Ordnance) -- South Carolina -- Georgetown District.
Creek Indians -- Wars.
Creek War, 1813-1814.
Marriage proposals.
Medicine -- Formulae, receipts, prescriptions.
Missionaries -- Africa.
Missionaries -- South Carolina.
Plantation owners -- South Carolina -- Sumter District.
Postal service -- South Carolina -- Indiantown.
Presbyterians -- South Carolina.
Slave records -- South Carolina.
Georgetown County (S.C.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
Indiantown (S.C.)
Mill Grove (S.C.)
Battery White (Georgetown County, S.C.)
South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Participation, African American.
Sumter County (S.C.) -- History.
Williamsburg District (S.C.) -- History.
Photographs.

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BOX 1

483.01 McCutchen Family Papers

01 Information about the collection (“Ella McCutchen Family Archive”).
Correspondence, 1828: 30 June, Nicholas R. Morgan, Springville, SC, to George McCutchen II in Indiantown, SC, regarding church matters.

1830: 23 June, and 1 Nov., R. G. McCutchen at Ebenezer Academy, Statesville, NC, to his uncle George McCutchen II.

1831: 6 May, Joseph W. McCutchen, Statesville, NC, to George McCutchen II.

1832: 24 March, Joseph W. McCutchen, Statesville, NC, to George McCutchen II.


1835: 21 Feb., “R” at the University of North Carolina, to his uncle George McCutchen II; 26 Feb., John Kirkpatrick & Co. to George McCutchen II.

1836: 2 Feb., R. G. McCutchen, Chapel Hill, NC, to George McCutchen II in Indiantown, SC.

1837: 21 Aug., Joseph White McCutchen in Indiantown, SC, to George McCutchen II in Sumter District relating family news; and 27 Aug., Joseph W. McCutchen in South Hanover, Indiana, to George McCutchen II regarding South Hanover College.


1840s: 28 Sept., George McCutchen III at New Jersey College (Princeton) to his father George McCutchen in Sumter District, SC, regarding his studies; 26 Dec., ditto; April, ditto; and July, ditto.

1840: 13 April, George McCutchen III, Davidson College, NC, to his father, regarding the school, and mentioning the strange behavior of a “partially deranged” student.

1842: 13 April, George McCutchen III to his father giving his impressions of a visit to Washington, DC; 5 May, George McCutchen III to his father in Mill Grove, Sumter District, SC, regarding college; 28 May, ditto.

1843: 26 Jan., Joseph W. McCutchen to his uncle George McCutchen II, writing of leaving Indiantown; 1 Feb., printed circular letter and merit report (College of New Jersey) about George McCutchen III to his father.

1844: 4 June, George McCutchen III at the American Hotel to his father; 25 June, George McCutchen III, Princeton, to his father.

1845: 28 April, letter from [JWM] in Indiantown, SC, to his uncle George McCutchen II, regarding a “rupture” between JWM and Rev. James P. McPherson having to do with payment of his salary; 7 May, Joseph W. McCutchen to his uncle George McCutchen II.


1849: 5 May, Joseph W. McCutchen, Gadsden County, Florida, to George McCutchen II, regarding the death of his brother Tom (Thomas Carrelton McCutchen, b. 1819); 28 Sept., Joseph W. McCutchen to his uncle; 25 Oct., [J. W.] Hudson, Mount Zion Academy, to George McCutchen II regarding his nephew.

1850s?: 6 Sept., Elizabeth [McCutchen Williams] to her uncle George McCutchen II at Mill Grove, SC.

1850: 5 Aug., Robinson & Caldwell, Charleston, SC, to George McCutchen II regarding cotton crop.

1851: 19 Dec., Elizabeth [McCutchen Williams] to her uncle George McCutchen II regarding financial matters.

1852: 4 Jan., Elizabeth [McCutchen Williams] to George McCutchen II.

1853: 23 Feb., James McCutchen, Indiantown, to his uncle George McCutchen II in Bishopville, SC, regarding a medicine.

1862: 1 Jan., George McCutchen III, Charleston, SC, to his father regarding joining up with a Confederate military unit; 20 March, George McCutchen III to his father, asking for supplies for his company mess. This folder also includes an envelope addressed to George McCutchen, German Artillery, Georgetown, SC. (NOTE: the SC state roster lists a George McCutchen in several units, including Company B of the German Artillery.)

Letter fragments, and an envelope addressed to George McCutchen II.

Accounts, bills, and other documents relating to the estates of Thomas and Nancy McCutchen, 1828-1830.
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Will, 1822, of Thomas McCutchen.

Estate records: fragments.

Account, 1832, for Miss Mary Julina McCutchen’s expenses at the Salem Boarding School; and a list of pupils at the school from South and North Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia, 1832.

Tuition records (mostly receipts) for Mary, Martha, and Robert McCutchen, 1824-1830.

**BOX 2**

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Account book of George McCutchen II, 1828-1865, which includes many accounts and other records (1828 to ca. 1836) pertaining to the estates of his brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and (Agnes) Nancy McCutchen. One estate account is headed “[Articles] sold as the property of the estates of Thomas & Nancy McCutchen” and lists items such as furniture, dishes, linens, and books, as well as the names of the purchasers. Some estate accounts pertain to expenditures and disbursements for the care of the children of Thomas and Nancy McCutchen. In addition, there are transcriptions of related legal documents, and inventories of the estates of Thomas and Nancy McCutchen which include slaves (named in documents). The volume also includes later accounts (1840s-1860s) of George McCutchen II with various individuals, including a blacksmith.

Loose items removed from account book. Includes a “Measure of Negroes Corn for 1864” listing the names of individuals.

McCutchen family papers: letter, 1813, to George McCutchen from William Rutledge, written during the Creek War, from Fort Strother (Alabama). Very fragile; use transcriptions only.

McCutchen family papers: receipted bill from Johnston’s Hotel (Charleston, SC), 1828, to Thomas [M.?] McCutchen.

Miscellaneous McCutchen family papers: includes a letter, [1858] from Thomas M. McCutchen to his uncle regarding the “family record”; a subpoena, 1823, regarding a legal dispute between William Staggers and Nancy McCutchen; and a note, n.d., to “Brother George” from N. M. McCutchen.
06 Miscellaneous McCutchen family papers: draft of a business partnership agreement sent to George McCutchen III; and a religious essay, n.d., by [Hannah A. B. Fraser McCutchen].

07 McCutchen family papers: receipts, 1807-1864, mostly to George McCutchen II; and a receipt, 1853, to George McCutchen III for a guidon (flag) “to be made for cavalry company” (militia).

08 McCutchen family papers: slave records, including a fragment of a list of names; and receipts, 1864, for slaves (named) sent to work on fortifications on the coast.

09 McCutchen family papers: includes a subpoena, 1835; a sheet containing remedies for dropsy and other ailments, with a note about the birth of a slave named York; and a certificate of payment of duty on a carriage, 1815.

10 McCutchen family papers: bills and receipts, 1804-1849, mostly relating to George McCutchen II.

11 McCutchen family papers: records (mostly receipts) 1815-1831, relating to George McCutchen II as postmaster at Indiantown, SC.

BOX 3

483.01 (cont.)

01 Disbound family history album begins: “Hugh & Isabella McCutchen Family of South Carolina.” Immigrant ancestor Hugh McCutchen family group sheet; includes genealogical information and photocopies of family documents such as a land grant (1737).

02 Second generation: George McCutchen I family group sheet.

03 Third generation, etc.: family group sheets for Hugh McCutchen II, Thomas McCutchen I, William McCutchen, Robert Anderson McCutchen, etc. Includes copies of photographs of individuals, and transcriptions of family correspondence, 1862-1864, mostly letters of George McCutchen II to Hannah (“Kissin”) Atkinson Boone Fraser.

04 Family groups sheets for William Whilden McCutchen, Dr. Elias Gadsden McCutchen, and James Edmund McCutchen I, with copies of photographs of individuals.

05 Family group sheets for John Anderson McCutchen, William Othello Whilden McCutchen, and others, with photographs of individuals.

06 Family group sheet for George Henley McCutchen, Sr., with copies of photographs of his house “Waverly” and photos of individuals including his son Ladson Fraser McCutchen.
S. (1909-1991), and newspaper clippings about Ladson F. McCutchen’s participation in lancing tournaments.

Family group sheets for George Barr (husband of Jenette McCutchen), and George McCutchen II (1788-1865) and his wife Elizabeth White McCottry, with copies of photographs of individuals.

Family group sheet for George McCutchen III (1821-1894), with copies of photographs of individuals, etc.

George McCutchen III information, continued: photocopies of correspondence (1864) of George McCutchen III, mostly letters between him and Hannah (“Kissin”) Atkinson Boone Fraser. George McCutchen III mostly writes from Battery White on Winyah Bay, Georgetown District, SC, where he was stationed with his artillery unit.

Family group sheet for George McCutchen IV, with photocopies of photographs of individuals.

Family group sheet for Leighton Mills McCutchen (1906-1936), a missionary to the Belgian Congo, with a photocopy of his photograph, a letter, 1934, written by him in Africa to his sister Ella, and biographical information about him and his wife Rowena Dickey McCutchen.

Original material found in album: three letters, 1864 and undated, between George McCutchen III and Hannah (“Kissin”) Atkinson Boone Fraser. The undated letter is a proposal of marriage to her. End of album.

Wartime correspondence of Hannah (“Kissin”) A. Fraser and George McCutchen III: transcribed letters on cd, and introductory material.

Typewritten, annotated transcriptions of the Hannah A. Fraser and George McCutchen III correspondence, March 1864 – August 1864.

Typewritten, annotated transcriptions of the Hannah A. Fraser and George McCutchen III correspondence, September 1864 – November 1864.

**BOX 4**

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Photographs: photographs of McCutchen family members and relations, including George McCutchen V, Miss Jane McCutchen, George McCutchen III, Ella Johnson Mills (Mrs. George McCutchen IV), George McCutchen IV, and daughters of George McCutchen III.
02 Glass photograph of William McCutchen (1785-1864) in copper frame.

03 Photographs of McCutchen family members including George McCutchen II.

04 Photographs dating to the 20th century, including images of George McCutchen IV, Leighton Mills McCutchen, Chalmers Fraser McCutchen, Johnson McCutchen, and a photo of Binky (a black woman) sitting on a porch (1946).

05 Photograph of Leighton Mills McCutchen.

06 Papers relating to Leighton Mills McCutchen.

07 Photograph of Dr. William Rogers Johnson (“grandfather of Ella Johnson Mills McCutchen”), and (related?) photos of a house.

08 Photographs in cases: in full case, Hannah (“Kissin”) Atkinson Boone Fraser McCutchen (Mrs. George McCutchen III).

**BOX 5**

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01 Photographs in cases: including images of George McCutchen II and George McCutchen III.

02 Photographs of McCutchen family members and relations: 19th and possibly early 20th century photographs, including images of Keene Johnson, Arthur McIver, daughters of George McCutchen III, George Muldrow, Sallie Johnson, Edward Johnson, Maggie McIver, Allen Shaw, and Dr. Cheyne.

03 Photographs removed from red cloth album: includes images of A. M. Fraser, Ladson and Hannah Fraser, and children of the Coker and McIver families.

04 Photographs removed from red cloth album: includes photographs of members of the McIver family.

05 Photographs removed from red cloth album: includes images of Mame Fraser, Thomas Boone Fraser, Sr., and Robert Fraser.

06 Loose photographs: includes images of Thomas H. Coker, Sr., Frank Coker, Belva Thomas, Eliza Evans Cooper, Marie Crane Alford, Caro Moise, Robert Ervin, and Lila Junkin (“teacher Sumter institute, sister of Mrs. John Bradley, nee Agness Junkin”).

**BOX 6**

483.02 Fraser Family Papers
01 Disbound Fraser-Montgomery family history album begins: family group sheet for John Fraser (ca. 1720-1772); information on Fraser ancestors from Scotland; and a copy of the will of Thomas Fraser (1798-1862).

02 Family group sheet for Captain Ladson Lawrence Fraser (1804-1889); and correspondence (1960s-1970s) between Ella McCutchen and Horace Fraser Rudisill concerning Fraser family history.

03 Letter, 1897, from Ladson L. Fraser, Jr. to Mary Alice Spencer about Fraser family history.

04 Biographical information on Capt. Ladson Lawrence Fraser (1804-1889); copies of photographs of him and his wife Hannah Atkinson Boone Fraser; and information on his plantation Boone Land in Sumter District, SC.

05 Biographical sketch and copies of photographs of Judge Thomas Boone Fraser (born 1825); copies of photographs of Evelyn (Evie) Irene Fraser, Dr. Samuel Raffles Fraser, William W. Fraser, Booneland (or Boone Land) Plantation house, Jean Fraser Hart, and Claudia Fraser.

06 Copy of a photograph of Rev. Abel McIver Fraser; letter, 19 Jan. 1932, from Rev. A. M. Fraser to Irene McCutchen, which includes a description of a Union officer on the piazza at Booneland and the signing of freedmen’s contracts; letter, 14 April 1932, from Rev. Fraser to Mrs. Frank DesChamps concerning Fraser family history; a memoir (1931) by Rev. A. M. Fraser about his mother Sarah Margaret McIver Fraser, including details about her education at Barhamville Academy near Columbia, SC, and her life during the War Between the States; Fraser family correspondence; and information on the Lynch family.

07 Two photographs of Rev. Abel McIver Fraser.

08 Papers relating to a Fraser family reunion in 1924, including an invitation, newspaper article, and photographs of attendees.

09 Montgomery family material: family tree; family group sheets for John Witherspoon Montgomery and John Montgomery; copies of photographs of John Montgomery, Evelyn (Evie) Irene Fraser, and Ladson Fraser Montgomery; and photographs of the Ladson Fraser Montgomery home at McCutchens Crossroads south of Bishopville, SC.

10 Material relating to the Thomas Boone III cemetery in Kilsock Bay, Georgetown County, SC; “Genealogies of the Boone and Fraser Families” by Douglas D. Fraser; and a deed of sale of land in Georgetown District, SC, sold by Capt. L. L. Fraser to B. C. Fishburne.
Typescript family history entitled “Descendants of John Boone of Boone Hall, Christ Church Parish, South Carolina”; and a genealogy of the Boone family, descendants of John Boone and Elizabeth Paty (or Patey?).

Disbound scrapbook about Sumter Institute (a private school for girls in Sumter, SC, founded in 1867) begins: includes newspaper clippings; and a memorial pamphlet (1903?) for Mrs. Laura A. Browne (Laura Fraser Browne), one of the founders of the Institute.

Sumter Institute scrapbook: newspaper clippings.

Sumter Institute scrapbook: brochure about Sumter Institute, 1901, with a list of alumnae.

Sumter Institute scrapbook: typewritten essay about the Sumter Institute.

Sumter Institute scrapbook: clipping, 1976, about the McLaurin sisters; and a photocopy of a handwritten essay about the Sumter Institute.

Sumter Institute scrapbook: typewritten essay about the school, with additional information. End of scrapbook.

Autograph book, 1885-1888, of Martha (Mattie) Mills, signed and inscribed mostly by friends and classmates at the Sumter Institute, and by her father Leighton Cooper Mills.

Autograph book, 1886-1890, of Ella (Babe) Johnson Mills (1873-1946; later Mrs. George McCutchen IV), signed inscribed by her father Leighton Cooper Mills and others.

483.03 McCottry Family Papers

McCottry family papers: receipted bills, 1821-1827, of Mrs. Mary McCottry, one of which pertains to the estate of A. M. McKnight.

McCottry family papers: financial records of Robert McCottry (husband of Mary White McCottry), 1797-1803, mostly receipts and receipted bills. This material was removed from the McCottry family album, which follows.

BOX 7

Disbound McCottry family album begins: information on McCottry family genealogy; family group sheet for Robert McCottry (died circa 1752), “probably immigrant;” an inventory of his estate; photocopies of family documents; and a family group sheet for Captain Robert McCottry (1748-1805) of Williamsburg District (Prince Frederick Parish).
02 McCottry family album: photographic copy of the McCottry family Bible (original in the possession of the descendants of the 1st Captain Robert McCottry).

03 McCottry family album: includes a letter, 1957, regarding McCottry family history; a transcribed copy of a decree of the court of equity relating to the estate of Robert McCottry (1748-1805), probably copied by Irene McCutchen; and notes on the McCottry family compiled by Irene McCutchen.

04 McCottry family album: copies of estate records of Mary McCottry, including a transcript of her will, 1826; an inventory; and accounts.

05 McCottry family album: includes a family group sheet for Captain William McCottry (died 1789); and biographical information about him.

06 McCottry family album: information and photographs pertaining to the Revolutionary War in Williamsburg District, SC. Includes a copy of a photograph of a historical marker of the “Battle of Lower Bridge” (1781) in which Captain William McCottry participated; and photos of Fort Watson, and the “Mahan Tower” (“that McCottrys Rifles fired from at Fort Watson”).

07 McCottry family album: information and photographs relating to the McCottry-McCutchen Family Cemetery.

08 McCottry family album: photographs, an invitation, and other material pertaining to a “McCottry-McCutchen Cemetery Meeting” in 1997.

09 McCottry family album: letter, 1996, to the Indiantown Presbyterian Church Session regarding the restoration of the McCottry-McCutchen Family Cemetery (located three miles from the church); and a program, 1997, for a rededication service.

10 McCottry family album: transcription of a sermon, 1997, by Dr. Joe McCutchen entitled “Reconciling the Stones” preached on the occasion of the rededication of the McCottry-McCutchen Family Cemetery.


483.04 Wilson Family Papers

12 Disbound Wilson family album begins: description of contents of album.

13 Wilson family album: Wilson family genealogy.
Wilson family album: material pertaining to the Indiantown Presbyterian Church, including photocopies of 18th and 19th century church records; and newspaper clippings.

Wilson family album: material pertaining to the Salem Black River Presbyterian Church, including copies of photographs; and historical sketches.

Wilson family album: photographs pertaining to Mount Zion Presbyterian Church and its session house, etc.


Wilson family album: transcript copy of the will of Roger Wilson, 1821.

Wilson family album: material relating to John Leighton Wilson (1809-1886), a Presbyterian missionary who liberated his slaves and transported them to Liberia. Includes a copy of the title page of his pamphlet The Agency Devolving on White Men in Missions to Africa (1848), the original of which has been added to the SCHS pamphlet collection.

Wilson family album: photocopies of letters written by John Leighton Wilson to his sisters from Union College in 1828; and copies of letters he wrote from West Africa to his sisters in 1850 and 1851.

Wilson family album: photocopy of a committee report partly concerning John Leighton Wilson and his slaves [1842]; original at Special Collections Library, Duke University.

Wilson family album: correspondence between Ladson F. McCutchen, Jr. and Dr. Erskine Clarke concerning John Leighton Wilson.

Wilson family album: material relating to Dr. Thomas Reese English, including copies of photographs and a biographical sketch.

Wilson family album: material relating to Mount Zion Presbyterian Church including copies of photographs, clippings, and histories of the church.

Wilson family album: photocopy of minutes of the Mount Zion Presbyterian Church Bible Society (1855-1861; with appended accounts dated 1870).

Wilson family album: original documents relating to Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, 1838-1888, including a list of “amount and names of persons who were assessed & paid voluntary subscriptions to the Trustee” (1838).

Wilson family album: trustee financial report, 1839, for the Mount Zion congregation for the year 1838. Wilson family album ends.
Family chart: “The Ancestors of Mary McIver” including genealogical information on
the related families of Scott, Barringer, Munford, Gregg, Wilson, and others.