



**Read family papers, 1779-1923 (bulk 1824-1915)  
SCHS 267.00**

**Creator:** Read family.

**Description:** 1.5 linear ft.

**Biographical/historical note:** Read family of Charleston and Georgetown, S.C.

**Scope and content:** Papers primarily consist of correspondence of members of the Read family. Correspondents include William Read (1754-1845), James Bond Read, John Harleston Read (1788-1859), John Harleston Read, Jr. (1815-1866), John Harleston Read III (1843-1912), Benjamin Huger Read (1823-1887), Elizabeth Allston Read Parker (d. 1863), William Read (1824-1845), Anne E. Stoney Read (1847-1905), Robert Vaux Read (b. 1881), Edgar S. Read (1875-1935), Annie Stoney Read (1874-1892), and Elizabeth Fitzsimons Read Wood (1879-1961). Other correspondents include Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Henry Alexander DeSaussure, Mitchell King, and Alan Wood.

Correspondence (1799-1923), mostly to and from Charleston (S.C.) and Georgetown (S.C.), relates to family matters, financial and estate concerns, and title to Maryville Plantation (Georgetown County, S.C.). One letter (7 Feb. 1833) to John Harleston Read (1788-1859) from Christopher G. Memminger discusses political topics of tariffs and Nullification, and preparations for possible armed resistance to Federal revenue cutters (ships) in Charleston (S.C.). The later correspondence (1889-1923) is addressed primarily to Robert Vaux Read from various family members.

Other items include newspaper clippings, genealogical materials, receipts (many to Maurice H. Lance, 1850-1872), and legal papers relating to Maryville Plantation. The military papers of John Harleston Read III include a roll (ca. 1865) of the 21st South Carolina Infantry Regiment, with some notes on promotions, casualties, etc., and a "List of the Officers and Members of the Pee Dee Home Guard" (1861). Robert Vaux Read's French visa and other ephemera document his travels during World War I.

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**Search terms:**

DeSaussure, Henry Alexander, 1788-1865.

King, Mitchell, 1783-1862.

Lance, Maurice Harvey, 1793-1870.  
Memminger, C. G. (Christopher Gustavus), 1803-1888.  
Parker, Elizabeth Allston Read, -1863.  
Read, Anne Elizabeth Stoney, 1847-1905.  
Read, Annie Stoney, 1874-1892.  
Read, Benjamin Huger, 1823-1887.  
Read, Edgar S., 1875-1935.  
Read, James Bond, 1766-1841.  
Read, John Harleston, 1788-1859.  
Read, John Harleston, 1815-1866.  
Read, John Harleston, 1843-1912.  
Read, Robert Vaux, 1881-1968.  
Read, William, 1754-1845.  
Read, William, 1824-1845.  
Reed family.  
Read family.  
Wood, Alan.  
Wood, Elizabeth Fitzsimons Read, 1879-1961.  
Confederate States of America. Army. Pee Dee Home Guard.  
Confederate States of America. Army. South Carolina Infantry Regiment, 21st.  
Estates (Law) -- South Carolina.  
Nullification (States' rights)  
Plantations -- South Carolina -- Georgetown County.  
Tariff -- United States.  
Charleston (S.C.)  
Georgetown (S.C.)  
Georgetown County (S.C.) -- History.  
Maryville Plantation (S.C.)  
South Carolina -- History.  
Clippings.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Military records.  
Photographs.  
Visas.

**Series Outline:**

*267.01: Read Family materials, 1779-1870s*  
*267.02: John Harleston Read (1843-1912) Papers, 1861-1912*  
*267.03: Robert Vaux Read (b. 1881) Papers, 1889-1923*

**Container list:**

**BOX 1**

*267.01: Read Family materials, 1779-1870s*  
267.01 (C) 01: General family correspondence, 1799-1870s  
267.01 (C) 01 (1799-1831): General family correspondence, 1799-1831

267.01 (C) 01 (1832-1837): General family correspondence, 1832-1837  
267.01 (C) 01 (1838): General family correspondence, 1838  
267.01 (C) 01 (1843-1863): General family correspondence, 1843-1863  
267.01 (C) 01 (1870s): General family correspondence, 1870s  
267.01 (G): Genealogy  
267.01 (G) 01 (g): General materials  
267.01 (G) 01 (t) Family Trees (some oversize)  
267.01 (N): Newspaper Clippings  
267.01 (P): Photographs (copies)  
267.01 (R): Receipts  
267.01 (R) 01 (1779): Receipt (or certificate) of deposit to John Harleston from Continental Loan Office, 1779.  
267.01 (R) 01 (1850s): To Maurice H. Lance, 1850s  
267.01 (R) 01 (1863-1872): To Maurice H. Lance, 1863-1872  
267.01 (R) 01 (1872-1913): To Read family members, 1872-1913

*267.02: John Harleston Read III (1843-1912) Papers, 1961-1912*  
267.02 (C): Correspondence, 1898-1912

#### BOX 2

267.02 (L): Land records, relating to Maryville Plantation, 1888 (including plat)  
267.02 (M): Military papers, 1861-1865

*267.03: Robert Vaux Read (b. 1881) Papers, 1889-1923*

267.03 (C): Correspondence, 1889-1923 (NOTE: as grouped by RVR)  
267.03 (C) 01: General Correspondence, 1889-1915  
267.03 (C) 01 (1889-1904): General correspondence, 1889-1904  
267.03 (C) 01 (1908-1915): General correspondence, 1908-1915  
267.03 (C) 02: Correspondence from Anne Elizabeth Stoney Read (AESR), 1897-1905  
267.03 (C) 02 (1897): Correspondence from AESR, 1897  
267.03 (C) 02 (1898): Correspondence from AESR, 1898

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267.03 (C) 02 (1899)-01: Correspondence from AESR, 1899 (Jan.-May)  
267.03 (C) 02 (1899)-02: Correspondence from AESR, 1899 (June-Dec.)  
267.03 (C) 02 (1898-1899, transcripts): Correspondence from AESR, 1898-1899 (transcripts)  
267.03 (C) 02 (1900)-01: Correspondence from AESR, 1900 (Jan.-Aug.)  
267.03 (C) 02 (1900)-02: Correspondence from AESR, 1900 (Sept.-Dec.)  
267.03 (C) 02 (1901)-01: Correspondence from AESR, 1901 (Jan.-Feb.)  
267.03 (C) 02 (1901)-02: Correspondence from AESR, 1901 (March-Aug.)  
267.03 (C) 02 (1903)-01: Correspondence from AESR, 1903 (Feb.-June)  
267.03 (C) 02 (1903)-02: Correspondence from AESR, 1903 (July-Dec.)  
267.03 (C) 02 (1904)-01: Correspondence from AESR, 1904 (Jan.-April)

#### BOX 4

267.03 (C) 02 (1904)-02: Correspondence from AESR, 1904 (May-Dec.)

267.03 (C) 02 (1905): Correspondence from AESR, 1905  
267.03 (C) 03: Correspondence from Annie Stoney Read, 1889-1891  
267.03 (C) 04: Correspondence from John Harleston Read III, 1889-1912  
267.03 (C) 04 (1889-1901): Correspondence from JHR III, 1889-1901  
267.03 (C) 04 (1904-1905): Correspondence from JHR III, 1904-1905  
267.03 (C) 04 (1906-1908): Correspondence from JHR III, 1906-1908  
267.03 (C) 04 (1911-1912): Correspondence from JHR III, 1911-1912  
267.03 (C) 05: Correspondence from Elizabeth Fitzsimons Read Wood, 1899-1923  
267.03 (C) 06: Correspondence from Alan Wood, 1912-1917  
267.03 (C) 07: Undated Letters  
267.03 (C) 07-01: Undated letters, folder 1  
267.03 (C) 07-02: Undated letters, folder 2  
267.03 (M): Military papers, 1918-1920