



B.H. Rutledge, Jr. family papers, 1718-1932 SCHS 386.00

Creator: Rutledge, Benjamin Huger, 1861-1925.

Description: 4 linear ft.

Scope and content: Collection of papers relating to the family of Benjamin Huger Rutledge, Jr. includes papers of his father, Benjamin H. Rutledge, Sr., his wife Emma Craig Blake Rutledge, and the Rutledge family. Papers of B.H. Rutledge, Jr. consist of letters (1915-1919); militia records, including the "Constitution & Roll of the 2nd Battalion Infantry, S.V.T." (1885); and miscellaneous items, including a trust estate account book for the law firm of Rutledge & Rutledge. Rutledge family papers consist of correspondence (1894-1930), mostly that of the children of B.H. Rutledge, Jr., including Alice W. Rutledge (later Mrs. Tillman); miscellaneous items, such as an account (1860) of Oliver H. Middleton with Dr. E.E. Jenkins for the medical care of slaves (named in document); printed material; and a series of property and legal records. The Rutledge family property and legal records (mostly oversize documents) are muniments (1718-1848) chiefly pertaining to a plantation on Chehaw neck in Colleton County (S.C.) known as Middleton's, which included tracts known as Oak Hill and Buckner's. These records include a number of plats as well as a lease (1786) to Samuel and Benjamin Elliott; a conveyance (1805) of land on the Combahee River (next to Chisolm's and Thompson's, etc.) from Thomas and John Warren to Arthur Hughes; mortgage (1811) of a plantation belonging to the estate of Alexander Chisolm; and a title (1820) to land in St. Bartholomew Parish, conveyed by Benjamin H. Buckner and wife to William Murray. Another large group of muniments (indentures and plats) relate to land on the Edisto River, including a lease (1718) of Edisto Island land from John Whitmarsh to John Barnwell et al.; a lease (1736) of two tracts on the Edisto River, Ephraim and Elizabeth Mikell to William Tilly; a conveyance (1795) of land on the Edisto River from Paul Grimball, Jr. to William Evans; and a color plat (ca. 1820-30?) of "Dr. Robert Chisolm's plantation on Edisto Island" showing a house on the South Edisto River. There are also muniments relating to land on St. Helena Island and several other locations. Slave records within the muniments include the will (1735) of Joseph Pendarvis, and a marriage settlement (1824) between Benjamin Rutledge and Alice Weston, and Joshua Ward and Francis K. Huger, containing a slave schedule.

Papers of Benjamin H. Rutledge, Sr. consist of clippings; correspondence (1864-1889); papers (1844) pertaining to the Clay (Whig) Club of Charleston, namely, letters between Henry Middleton and club members regarding his honorary membership; papers (late 1860s to ca. 1875) concerning the South Carolina state debt and state-issued bonds; and speeches on various topics such as the patriots of the Revolution, the Confederate

memorial in Charleston, the death of Jefferson Davis, and the death of Captain Dawson. Also included are papers (1861-1862) pertaining to a proposed duel between B.H. Rutledge, Sr. and R. Jeffords (both Confederate Army officers). The dispute stemmed from a disparaging remark made by Rutledge about a third party, and repeated by Jeffords. The dispute was settled and the duel never took place. These papers include the "Rules to be observed and adhered to at the Hostile Meeting between Mr. R.J. Jeffords and Mr. Rutledge."

Papers of Emma Rutledge are mostly correspondence (1893-1932), mainly letters to her from her husband and children, some of which are addressed to her in Fletcher (N.C.).

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Biographical/historical note: Benjamin Huger Rutledge, Jr. was a Charleston attorney. In 1892 he married Emma Craig Blake, and their children were Eleanor Middleton (who married Ralph T. Hanson, Emma Blake (b. 1897), Alice Weston (who married Edwin H. Tillman), B.H. Rutledge (b. 1902), Amelia Van Corlandt (who married Asa Davis), Susan Middleton (b. 1906), and Anne Blake (b. 1910). Benjamin H. Rutledge, Jr. was the son of Benjamin H. Rutledge (1829-1893) and Eleanor Maria Middleton Rutledge.

Search terms:

Chisolm, Robert Trail, d. 1821.
Clay, Henry, 1777-1852.
Jeffords, Robert Josiah, 1834-1864.
Middleton, Oliver Hering, 1798-1892.
Pendarvis, Joseph, d. ca. 1735.
Rutledge, Benjamin Huger, 1829-1893.
Rutledge, Benjamin Huger, 1861-1925.
Rutledge, Emma Craig Blake, 1865-1935.
Rutledge family.
Confederate States of America. Army -- Officers.
Rutledge & Rutledge (Charleston, S.C.)
Debts, Public -- South Carolina.
Dueling -- South Carolina.
Militia -- South Carolina.
Plantations -- South Carolina -- Colleton County.
Slave records -- South Carolina.
Slaves -- Medical care -- South Carolina.
Slaves -- South Carolina -- Colleton County.
State bonds -- South Carolina.
Edisto Island (S.C.)
Middleton's (Plantation : Colleton County, S.C.)
Saint Helena Island (S.C.)

Letters (correspondence)
Plats.
Property records.
Speeches.

Series Outline:

386.01 B.H. Rutledge, Jr. Papers
386.02 Rutledge Family Papers
386.03.01 B.H. Rutledge, Sr. Papers
386.03.02 Emma Rutledge Papers

Container List:

BOX 1

386.01 *B.H. Rutledge, Jr. Papers*
386.01(C) 01 Correspondence, 1915-1919
386.01 (M) 01 Militia records
386.01 (M) 02 Miscellaneous items
386.02 *Rutledge Family Papers*
386.02 (C) 01 Correspondence, 1894-1931, and undated letters
386.02 (M) 01 Miscellaneous items
386.02 (P) 01 Printed material
386.02 (P) 02 Property and legal records (non-oversize), including muniments re Buckner's and Oak Hill tracts, and Combahee River lands

BOX 1a

(Note: Box 1a is a large flat box located near 33s in Rare Book Room)

386.02 (P) 03 Oversize property and legal records (listed below)
386.02 (P) 03.01 Muniments relating to Edisto River (and Island) land Indentures (oversize)

- 1718 – lease for a year, John Whitmarsh to John Barnwell et al., of land on Edisto Island.
- 1718 – release of land on Edisto Island, Whitmarsh to Barnwell.
- 1730 – indenture, Ephraim Mikell and wife, convey to William Tilly two tracts on the Edisto River.
- 1735 – lease for one year, Richard Stevens (and his wife) to Ephraim Mikell, land on the Edisto River.
- 1735 – release, Richard Stevens and Margaret his wife, conveying to Ephraim Mikell two tracts of land on the Edisto River (one on the east side).
- 1736 – lease for one year, Ephraim and Elizabeth Mikell, to William Tilly, two tracts on the Edisto River.
- 1744 – indenture between Paul Grimball, executor, John Jenkins of Edisto (executor) et al, and Richard Ash, conveying lands of the estate of William Tilly (document mentions John Whitmarsh).

- 1744 – indenture between Grimballs and Richard Ash concerning the lands mentioned in the above 1744 indenture.
- 1750 – indenture between Richard Ash and Paul Grimball, conveying to the latter two tracts on the Edisto River (one on the South Edisto River). Document mentions William Tilly.
- 1750 – indenture between Richard Ash and Paul Grimball concerning two tracts on the Edisto River (same land as above 1750 indenture).
- 1795 – indenture, Paul Grimball, Jr. conveys to William Evans the Whitmarsh grant land on the Edisto River.
- 1795 – commission and renunciation of dower, wife of William Evans to Grimball Robert. Concerns a tract of land originally granted to John Whitmarsh.
- 1796 – lease by William Evans to Grimball Robert, land on the South Edisto River originally granted to John Whitmarsh.
- 1796 – mortgage in fee for securing a debt on bonds, William and Mary Evans to Grimball Robert.
- [1803] – lease of land on Edisto Island, leased by Mary Evans to William Edings.
- 1803 – marriage settlement, Mrs. Mary Evans (widow of William Evans) and Dr. Robert Chisolm, and Mr. William Edings (in trust), concerning land on Edisto Island and some slaves (not named).

386.02 (P) 03.01 Plats (and indentures) relating to Edisto Island land

- 1795 – conveyance, Paul Grimball to William Evans, land on South Edisto River. Includes color plat showing the house.
- [ca. 1830?] – color plat by surveyor John Wilson. “A drawing of Dr. Robert Chisolm’s plantation on Edisto Island.” Shows the house on the South Edisto River.

386.02 (P) 03.02 Muniments relating to Chehaw Neck lands

Indentures (oversize)

- 1770 – release of acreage in St. Bartholomew’s Parish, Thomas Ladson to John Wells (fragile! use photocopy). This document was in a wrapper marked as pertaining to the Oak Hill tract.
- 1786 – lease for one year, several tracts on the Chehaw River to Samuel and Benjamin Elliott.
- 1786 – release in fee, Commissioners of Forfeited Estates to Samuel and Benjamin Elliott, several tracts on the Chehaw River.
- 1794 – release, Samuel MacKintosh [McIntosh] to William Warren, land on the Combahee River. Mentions Thompson’s land.
- 1795 – lease, Samuel Elliott and wife, to Alexander Chisolm, Sr., land between the Chehaw and Combahee rivers, St. Bartholomew’s Parish.
- 1805 – conveyance of land on the Combahee River (next to Chisolm’s and Thompson’s, etc.) from Thomas and John Warren to Arthur Hughes.
- 1811 – title deed, executors of estate of Alexander Chisolm, to Robert Chisolm, land between the Combahee and Chehaw rivers, St. Bartholomew’s Parish.

- 1811 – mortgage of a plantation, Robert Chisolm to George Chisolm and the executors of the estate of Alexander Chisolm, land between the Chehaw and Combahee rivers, St. Bartholomew’s Parish.
- 1816 – indenture pertaining to a plantation in St. Bartholomew’s Parish, estate of Col. William Skirving (“Combahee lands”).
- 1816 – “Titles from Mrs. Elizabeth Peeples formerly Elizabeth Warren for right of dower to a moiety of tract of land on Combahee River known by the name of Malbrook” (sold to Arthur Hughes).
- 1816 – bill of sale of Malbrook [Millbrook?], a plantation in St. Bartholomew’s Parish, sold by Arthur Hughes to Robert Chisolm.
- 1820 – title, Benjamin H. Buckner and wife, to William Murray, land in St. Bartholomew’s Parish, on Chehaw Neck.
- 1837 – mortgage, William Murray and wife, to the Bank of the State of South Carolina, of a plantation on Chehaw Neck, waters of Combahee River, Colleton District.

386.02 (P) 03.02 Plats (and indentures) relating to Chehaw Neck lands

- 1786 – release of a tract of land on the Combahee River, William Gilbert to Lachlan MacIntosh, with plat. Marked “Malbrook [Millbrook?] plantation.”
- 1788 – color plat of land “situate between Combahee and Chehaw rivers St. Bartholomew Parish.” Plat shows dwelling house. Attached to a release, 1795, Samuel Elliott and his wife, to Alexander Chisolm, Sr.
- 1802 – color plat of land of Arthur Hughes on the Combahee River, Chehaw Neck.
- 1817 – plat of “plantation commonly known as Thompson’s” on the Combahee River. Plat shows a “canal on the line” and dams. John Wilson, surveyor.
- 1820 – land of William Murray in St. Bartholomew’s Parish, Colleton District.
- 1835 – plat of land on “old Chehaw River,” “waters of St. Helena Sound.” Attached to grant to Captain William Murray.
- 1848 – color plat (resurvey) “by request of Capt. William Murray” of two tracts called Buckner and Oakhill [Oak Hill].

386.02 (P) 03.03 Muniments relating to St. Helena Island land and other properties

- 1735 – copy of will of Joseph Pendarvis, bequeathing land in Colleton County “near Green’s Savanna,” land on Charleston neck, and slaves (named). Will directs that friends Childermas Croft and John Hyrne hold the properties in trust for the children (named) of “a Negro woman named Parthena that lived with me.”
- 1763 – plat of 585 acres “commonly known by the name of Farr Neck situate upon St. Helena Island” surveyed “at the desire of Mr. John Evans.”
- 1767 – lease, John Evans to his son John Evans, Jr., of land on St. Helena Island.
- 1767 – release and conveyance of land on St. Helena Island and 26 slaves (named in document), by deed of gift, from John Evans to his son John Evans.
- 1824 – marriage settlement (tripartite) between Benjamin H. Rutledge and Alice Weston, and Joshua Ward and Francis K. Huger. Settlement concerns lands in Charleston and Christ Church Parish, and slaves. Includes a schedule of slaves.

BOX 2

<i>386.03.01</i>	<i>B.H. Rutledge, Sr. Papers</i>
386.03.01 (C) 01	Clippings
386.03.01 (C) 02	Correspondence
386.03.01 (M) 01	Miscellaneous items
386.03.01 (P) 01	Personal papers relating to the Clay Club, a duel, and the state debt
386.03.01 (P) 02	Printed material
386.03.01 (W) 01	Writings: speeches

BOX 3

386.03.01 (W) 01	Writings: speeches
<i>386.03.02</i>	<i>Emma Rutledge Papers</i>
386.03.02 (C) 01	Correspondence, 1890s-1932
386.03.02 (F) 01	Financial records