Rutledge & Young records, 1704-1887
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Creator: Rutledge & Young (Charleston, S.C.)

Description: ca. 14 linear ft.

Biographical/historical note: Benjamin H. Rutledge (1829-1893) and Henry E. Young (1831-1918) became law partners in Charleston in 1865. Their practice concentrated on estate administration and settlement, real estate transactions and disputes, debt collection, and other civil cases and procedures.

Benjamin Huger Rutledge was an attorney, a South Carolina state representative, and Confederate officer. He was born in Stateburg, S.C., and in 1858 married Eleanor M. Middleton. That same year he was chosen captain of the Charleston Light Dragoons. In the Confederate Army he obtained the rank of colonel. After the war he resumed the practice of law in Charleston in partnership with Henry Edward Young. Rutledge was also active in state politics postwar and was asked by Governor Wade Hampton to raise a mounted brigade to protect citizens and preserve order. He was later appointed senior major general of the South Carolina state troops.

Henry Edward Young was the son of Rev. Thomas John Young (1803-1852), the assistant minister of St. Michael’s Church in Charleston. He graduated from the College of Charleston in 1851 and subsequently studied law in Berlin. In 1855 he was admitted to the South Carolina bar. He obtained the rank of major in the Confederate Army and served on the staff of General Robert E. Lee as Judge Advocate of the Army of Northern Virginia. Young was a founding member of the American Bar Association and was president of the South Carolina Bar Association in 1889. He dissolved his law partnership with Benjamin H. Rutledge around 1887, but continued in active practice until 1916. Records of his law practice after 1887, which include additional interesting case documents, are cataloged as the Henry E. Young Papers.

After the American Civil War, especially during the Reconstruction era, the firm’s records reflect the financial difficulties of many businesses and individuals in numerous default and bankruptcy cases. Examples include bankruptcy case records for the Batesville Manufacturing Company of Greenville County (defunct in 1877), and records relating to the bankruptcy of the Charleston firms of James R. Pringle & Son and John Waties & Company.

Rutledge & Young handled war claims cases, many of which fell under the umbrella of the French and American Claims Commission. The commission dealt with claims by French citizens for war depredations. Louis Johnson, a Charleston grocer, Charles L. Dubos, Benjamin Mantone, and Josephine Lacassagne were among the French natives making claims against the U.S. Government for damage or acts of pillage committed against their property by Federal troops. Among these records is a deposition of a former officer of the 21st U.S. Colored Troops which describes conditions in Charleston on the first day of Federal occupation in February
1865. The Joseph Frank claim case records (1866-1871) concern the refund of a cotton tax sought by a Darlington District resident.

A number of cases illustrate how the war interrupted and otherwise affected the lives and legal affairs of individuals. Papers of Georgiana P. Heriot (1861-1877) are an example of a trustee breach of duty lawsuit affected by the war in many aspects. Her husband’s correspondence with B.H. Rutledge reflect Dr. Heriot’s bitterness and frustration over years of litigation, the alleged mishandling of estate trust funds invested in Confederate bonds, the loss of legal papers burned during the war, and his family’s financial straits in Georgetown after the war. Another case concerned Daniel Heyward Hamilton, a U.S. Marshal in Charleston. Hamilton left his post to become an officer in the Confederate Army, but after the war he made claims against the U.S. Government for compensation for services as a Federal marshal, in particular his charge of prisoners belonging to the crew of the slaver brig Echo, and its slave cargo, in 1858. In that year the Echo was captured by the Dolphin, a U.S. brig commissioned to suppress the slave trade. The Echo (later recommissioned as the privateer Jeff Davis) was brought into the port of Charleston and turned over to authorities there, and over 300 Africans on board were later returned to Africa. Rutledge & Young also handled claims of the 1860 census takers, who were seeking to collect wages due them for census work in several Southern states just before the war.

The postwar tribulations of once-prosperous plantation owners are represented in the papers of the Read family of Georgetown County, owners of several plantations including Belle Rive, Oakley, and Maryville; in Louisa A. Seabrook’s correspondence concerning difficulties paying money owed in taxes and to creditors on Brooklands Plantation on Edisto Island; and in the Thomas F. Drayton case records. Thomas Fenwick Drayton (1808-1891) was the administrator of the estate of Mrs. Mary Baynard Edings Pope, who died around 1857. On behalf of her heirs he made efforts to redeem Fish Haul Plantation on Hilton Head Island, a property which had been seized by the U.S. Government in 1862. Fish Haul Plantation, incidentally, was the site of Mitchelville, the first freedmen’s settlement, and the case records include a list of the names of the freedmen who resided there.

A substantial portion of the collection consists of records of estate settlements and lawsuits handled by Rutledge & Young. The person represented most extensively in the estate records is James T. Welsman (1813-1877), a Charleston merchant and alderman. Welsman was a merchant in the cotton trade and was also a co-partner in the firm of John Fraser & Co. The Paul Remley estate case (1861-1867), an interesting record of a Christ Church Parish plantation owner who bequeathed an annuity to a slave woman named Philis and her daughter, includes a well-written letter (1865) from Philis to Mrs. E.C. Hubbell, sister of Paul D. Remley. There are also estate records (1852-1879) pertaining to two African American families of Charleston, the Mottes, and the family of Joseph Parsons, a free person of color.

Another large part of the collection consists of property records for numerous plantations throughout South Carolina and real estate in Charleston, dating from 1704 into the 1880s. Of special value are early records of property transactions in Colleton County, since that county’s records were destroyed during the war. There is, for example, an 1806 conveyance of Gunstons Hall in St. Paul’s Parish, a title (1810) to a rice plantation called The Creek (on Cuckold Creek), and a series of property records pertaining to plantations in St. Bartholomew’s Parish, mainly lands of Benjamin Risher. The New Market property records (1772-1830) are a collection of legal documents, conveyances, leases, plats, and other papers concerning land owned by Joseph and Daniel Blake on Charleston neck, in the village of New Market (the site of a race course
established in the 1750s). These records include affidavits (1819) of individuals regarding the boundaries and tenants of the Blake land, as well as rent accounts (1816-1826) of John Robertson, proprietor of a rope walk. The affidavit of Catherine Davis, daughter of John Watson (died 1789), mentions a tenant named Mr. Creighton, who hired Blake land for a “nursery of young trees, to wit, the [Tallow], Sycamore and Pride of India.” Loan recommendations (ca. 1887) of Hutson & Company of Aiken, S.C., describe in detail several farms in the Blackville area.

In their civil practice Benjamin H. Rutledge and Henry E. Young dealt with a number of businesses and financial organizations including the Railroad Accommodation Wharf Company, the Enterprise Railroad Company, and Robertson Blacklock & Company, all of Charleston. Also found among the business related records is a minute book, 1855-1863, of the Planters’ and Mechanics’ Bank of South Carolina.

Rutledge & Young handled some of the legal affairs of Caroline Petigru Carson (1820-1892), the daughter of James Louis Petigru. Her legal papers chiefly pertain to the sale of China Grove Plantation in Abbeville District. Many of her letters to Henry E. Young are found in the law firm’s letter books. Her letters to attorney and friend James Lowndes in Charleston also reflect her personal and social activities in Italy. Other correspondents appearing in the law firm’s letter books are William Carson, Richard Dozier, [John] Sydney Ashe Legare, and T.W. Tallmadge. In the chronologically arranged loose correspondence, notable items include letters (1860) of Benjamin Brown French, writing as grand master of the Knights Templar to Samuel Hull about problems at the Charleston commandery; two letters (Nov. 1860) from the Charleston firm of Lucas & Strohecker to the New York firm of Tomes Son & Melvain, about money owed for purchases of pistols; and a letter (Oct. 1868) from William K. Bachman to Henry E. Young concerning Gen. Wade Hampton.

**Scope and content:** Records of the law firm of Rutledge & Young consist of case records (1841-1887), estate records (1818-1887), property records (1704-1887), correspondence (1842-1887), financial records (1839-1885), and miscellaneous items. The firm's practice concentrated on such matters as estate administration and settlement, real estate transactions and disputes, debt collection, and other civil cases and procedures. Many of the records reflect the financial difficulties of businesses and individuals during Reconstruction.

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308.01 (A) 01 A.V. Dawson v. James Perry (1874-1877): A suit concerning non-payment for supplies by Dawson in the construction of a tram road (horse-drawn railroad) “from Cooper Shop tract to Ashley River near Bacon’s Bridge.”

308.01 (B) 01 Barnwell R. Burnet v. J.H. Devereux (1875-1877): Dispute about a canal trunk built by Devereux for Burnet’s rice plantation in Colleton County on the Combahee River. Statements by the plaintiff and others. The land is probably Dalton or Woodburne plantation.

308.01 (B) 02 Benjamin Rhett case records (1871-1872): Dr. Rhett of Abbeville, S.C. Case involving a financial breach of trust and a “forced loan.”

308.01 (B) 03 Brookland Plantation correspondence (see catalog record)

308.01 (C) 01 Caroline Carson legal records (see catalog record)

308.01 (C) 02 Caw Caw Swamp dam case (1878): Affidavits regarding a dam at Caw Caw Swamp (Charleston Co.) and a dispute over swamp or rice lands including the “Roper Tract.” Principals are Edward B. Fishburne, C.T. Mitchell, and John D. Altman.

308.01 (C) 03 Census takers’ claims cases (1873-1875): Mostly letters between Rutledge & Young and individuals in S.C., Ala., Miss., Ga., N.C., and elsewhere regarding the collection
of pay due to census takers of 1860. Includes a list of the names of 1860 census takers for S.C., N.C., Ga., Fla., Miss., and W. Va.

308.01 (C) 04  Charles Parsons case records (1874-1875): Parsons v. Greenville & Columbia Railroad; involves railroad bonds.

308.01 (D) 01  Daniel Hand v. Savannah & Charleston RR et al. (1874-1881)

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308.01 (D) 02  Daniel H. Hamilton case records (see catalog record)

308.01 (E) 01  E. Scott Miles case records (1871-1877): Two or more cases pertaining to E. Scott Miles of Peake & Miles. Most papers pertain to his bankruptcy.

308.01 (E) 02  Edwin Parsons case records (1866): A. Foster Black v. Edwin Parsons & Co. (New York), a case concerning note protests.

308.01 (F) 01  F.N. Parker case records (1876-1880): A bankruptcy case. Parker’s letters are from Columbia, S.C.; some documents reference Newberry, S.C.

308.01 (F) 02  Freeman & McCown v. J. Somers (1869-1872): Some papers refer to the case as Freeman et al. v. Sowers, others say Sowers v. Freeman & McCown. Case begins with a suit brought by Mrs. Harriet L. Somers against Mr. C.L. Freeman of Timmonsville (Florence Co., S.C.) concerning a receivership of the partnership assets of Capt. James Sowers (her late husband; died 1865) and Joseph J. McCown in a saw and grist mill in Timmonsville.

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308.01 (G) 02  Georgiana P. Heriot case records (see catalog record)

308.01 (G) 03  Gourdin & DeSaussure v. Whiting (1878-1879): Henry Gourdin and Louis D. DeSaussure v. E. Butler Whiting, concerning rent default on Medway Plantation on the Back River.

308.01 (I) 01  Isaac W. Griffin case records (1881-1887): At least 2 cases involving Isaac W. Griffin heard in the Berkeley Co. Court of Common Pleas, concerning oyster banks off Edisto Island at Baileys Creek near Laurel Hill Plantation.

308.01 (J) 01  James Ferguson case records (see catalog record)
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<td>James J. Gregg v. Marcellus M. Seabrook et al. (1869-1877): Lawsuit involving a portion of a tract known as Seabrook’s Island (on or near John’s Island?), probably present-day Seabrook Island. James J. Gregg was the son of William Gregg (1800-1867).</td>
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<td>John Waties &amp; Co. bankruptcy records (1875-1876): Principal persons involved are J.W. Parker, William K. Bachman, and Mrs. Fanny Waties.</td>
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<td>Joseph Frank war claim case records (1866-1871): Darlington District case concerning refund of a cotton tax. Frank was a (Jewish?) farmer or factor who later lived in Charleston.</td>
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<td>Julian Fishburne v. Alva Gage &amp; Co. case records (1876): A bill of complaint, and related papers, for a case concerning an ice dealer in Summerville, S.C.</td>
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<td>Louis Dubos v. Charleston City Council case records (1870-1881): Case relating to the dismissal of Dubos as a French teacher at Charleston High School.</td>
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<td>Louisa Bart complaint and summons (1874-1875): Complaint and summons filed by Louisa Bart against her husband Caspar Bart, a Charleston grocer. She sought divorce on the grounds of desertion and abuse, and asked for the return of her property and support for her children.</td>
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<td>Oliver marriage settlement (1860): Document records a tripartite marriage settlement between Frances Mary Thompson of Charleston and Robert C. Oliver of Edgefield District, who are engaged to be married, and Louis H. Mouzon of Charleston. She was the daughter of Judge H. Thompson, and the marriage took place on Jan. 5, 1860.</td>
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<td>Prioleau v. Ingraham case records (1858-1883): Suit or suits brought by Dr. Thomas G. Prioleau, owner of the Hut Plantation, and Annabella Harleston Prioleau, against members of the Ingraham family. Concerns a dispute over reserve land between Prioleau’s land and Comingtee and Fishpond (rice) plantations in Berkeley County, S.C. There are letters of Dr. Thomas G. Prioleau, Sr. from the 1850s, and 1880s letters from Dr. Thomas G. Prioleau, Jr.</td>
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308.01 (S) 01  St. Philip’s Church v. Zion Presbyterian Church case records (1882-1884): Case involves a complaint for injunction and relief brought by St. Philip’s (Episcopal) Church in Charleston, S.C. against the Zion Presbyterian Church to restrain them from selling their Glebe St. property to the African Methodist Episcopal Church, specifically, a colored congregation which became the Zion A.M.E. Church. Documents include an opinion concerning whether an A.M.E. congregation would constitute a public nuisance because of “shouting and physical exultation” in their worship services.

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308.01 (S) 02  Schooner Dearborn case records (1869-1870): Case concerns a possible fraudulent claim about the wreck of the ship Dearborn. The schooner apparently ran ashore near Cuba and was sold at Grand Cayman renamed as the Norah (or Nora).

308.01 (S) 03  Sibley v. Fitzsimmons case records (1870-1871): Relates to the bankruptcy of Owen P. Fitzsimmons (Fitzsimons?) and his property claimed by Sibley & Sons or George R. Sibley. A letter mentions a plantation called Solitude (in Alabama?).

308.01 (S) 04  South Carolina v. Alexander Macbeth et al. case records (1879): Documents regarding the dissolution of the Batesville Manufacturing Co. (defunct in 1877). Court of Common Pleas, Greenville County, S.C.

308.01 (T) 01  Theodore Cordes case records (1870-1873): Correspondence and documents regarding Cordes’ financial and business affairs. Includes papers pertaining to a business partner, John L. Lachmund.

308.01 (T) 02  Thomas F. Drayton case records (see catalog record)

308.01 (W) 01  William C. Simmons v. Eliza Y. Baynard et al. case records (1884-1886): Case brought by William Clifford Simmons, husband of Sarah Glover Waring Simmons (b. ca. 1838; daughter of Paul Hamilton Waring, 1809-1863), involves Waring property of Yonges Island and a tract called Anna Vista (Colleton County?). Dr. Thomas Smith Waring (1832-1901) is also involved in the case.

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308.02 Estate Records

308.02 (A) 01  Ashe, John, 1760-1828. Estate records (1850-1872): Mostly legal documents, and two letters of Thomas S. Ashe.

308.02 (B) 01  Barkley, James B., 1817-1864. Estate records, 1866-1870.

308.02 (B) 02  Barrett, Jacob, 1792-1871. Estate case records, 1882-1885.

308.02 (B) 03  Berry, William E. (died 1872 or 1873) Estate case records, 1878.
308.02 (B) 04  Bremar, Henry, 1782-1835. Estate records, 1876-1877.

308.02 (C) 01  Carr, Augustus Thomas. Estate records, 1882-1885. Includes estate records of Frances Carr (died 1884). A.T. Carr probably died in 1882.

308.02 (C) 02  Clarke, P.S. Estate records, 1872-1884. Includes tax records on Keithfield Plantation (St. James Goose Creek Parish); rent or sharecropping accounts; and a letter (1884) which inquires about Mitten (Mitton) Plantation.

308.02 (C) 03  Coffin, Thomas Aston, 1795-1863. Estate records, 1864-1870.

308.02 (C) 04  Cole, Hagar, d. 1865. Estate case records, 1867-1868.

308.02 (D) 01  Dale, Thomas, 1700-1750. Estate inquiries, 1881. The executrix was his wife, Hannah Symonds Dale.

308.02 (D) 02  DeForest, Harriet S., d. 1878. Estate records, 1878. She was from New Haven, Conn.

308.02 (E) 01  England, Elizabeth, ca. 1780-1858. Estate records, 1858-1872.

308.02 (E) 02  Eustis, Patience Wise Blackett, d. 1860. Estate case records, 1870.

308.02 (F) 01  Folger, Edward J. Estate case records, 1872-1873.

308.02 (F) 02  Ford, Frederick Wentworth, 1817-1872. Estate case records, 1872-1875. Includes a little data on Peru and Cumbee plantations (Georgetown Co.).

308.02 (F) 03  French, Mary Moore, 1801-1870. Estate records, 1878. Her maiden name was Smith. She died in Algiers.

308.02 (G) 01  Gogarty, Thomas. Estate case records, 1878-1879. Gogarty (Gogerty?) was a resident of Georgetown, S.C.

BOX 8
308.02 (G) 02  Grayson, Sarah Matilda, 1797-1866. Estate records, 1867. Records concern a home and lot in Newberry, S.C. sold by Thomas Lewis Ogier (1810-1900).

308.02 (H) 01  Happoldt, David Christian, d. 1841. Estate records, 1841-1873. He was a butcher of Charleston, S.C.

308.02 (H) 02  Heyward, Edward Barnwell, 1826-1871. Estate case records, 1866-1871.
Higham, Thomas. Estate records, 1866-1875. Thomas Higham was probably of Charleston, S.C. and probably died in the late 1860s. His son was Baron Higham of New York.

Laurens, Margaret H. Estate records, 1860-1878. This was probably Margaret Harleston Corbett Laurens; she probably died about 1860. Includes slave records.


Livingston, John Ashe. Estate records, 1843-1877. Includes estate records of Sarah Postell (died 1857).

McDonald, Christopher. Estate records, 1841-1866. He was a Charleston grocer and probably died in late 1840 or early 1841. Gives some genealogical data and mentions his nephew Christopher McDonald (died 1844) of Savannah, Ga.

McKeegan, John, d. 1881. Estate records, 1882-1883.


Mitchell, Nancy, d. 1868. Estate records, 1876-1887. She was an African American woman.

Motte family. Estate case records, 1866-1879. This is an African American family of Charleston. Mentions Joseph J. Motte, Marion Motte, Jacob Motte, and Amelia Ann Parsons. Some were former slaves. Property mentioned is a house and lot on Nassau St. Includes letters from Robert N. Gourdin to Henry E. Young. These papers are apparently related to the Joseph Parsons estate records (see below).

Moultrie, James, 1793-1869. Estate records, 1818-1880. This case involves three estates, that of Dr. James Moultrie, and those of Sarah Louisa Shrewsbury Moultrie (1799-1874) and Stephen Shrewsbury (d. 1815).

Murray, James Ancrum, d. 1871. Estate case records, 1873-1884. Also involves the estates of William C. Murray (d. 1856) and Victoria Isabella Fillars (d. 1877), nee Davey, formerly Mrs. Murray.


BOX 10

Parsons, Joseph, d. 1849. Estate records, 1852. Includes a family chart showing children of Joseph Parsons and Ann Smith; and a statement (1852) by Robert N. Gourdin explaining his involvement in the estate. Joseph Parsons was a free person of color of Charleston, and his wife (Ann or Hannah?) was a slave.

Pinckney, Harriott, 1776-1866. Estate case records, 1851-1876. Regards the division of her estate.

Remley, Paul, d. 1861. Estate case records, 1866-1867. Records include data on the Whitley family of South Carolina and Massachusetts, including George and Mary Whitley of Jacksonborough, S.C., who came from England; information on Remley’s Point Plantation; and the Remley family. Case also involves the estate of Paul Remley’s son, Paul D. Remley (died 1863), who bequeathed an annuity to a slave woman named Phillis and her children.

Thompson, George, 1786-1859. Estate case records, 1860-1866. He was a Charleston bricklayer and a member of the Unitarian Church. Records include slave lists and other slave data; and data on the Threadcraft family.


Waring, Sarah W., d. 1876. Estate case records, 1876-1885. Case involving Anna Vista Plantation and a plantation on Yonges Island. Sarah W. Waring (nee Glover) was the widow of Paul Hamilton Waring (1809-1863), and her son was Thomas Smith Waring (1832-1901). Relates to case records (308.01 (W) 01) for Wm. C. Simmons v. Eliza Y. Baynard.


BOX 11

Welsman, James Thomas, 1813-1877. Estate records, 1865-1884. Includes seven bound volumes (letter books of W.G. DeSaussure and estate accounts), obituaries, and tributes to Welsman, a Charleston merchant and alderman.

BOX 12

Welsman, James Thomas, 1813-1877. Estate records, 1865-1884.

Whiting, Zelia Benoit, d. 1880. Estate case records, 1879-1882. Gustave Follin, executor of the estate of Zelia Benoit (Benoist?) Whiting, versus members of the Petit family et al. Includes a copy of the will (1831) of Marie Anne Sophie Brunet.

308.02.01 Wills

Betts, Charles (1872)
Cannon, Ellinor Martha (1862)
Cook, John A. (1869)
Cordes, Albert Theodore (1872)
Dawson, Carolina (1867)
Devineau, Emile (1864)
Ferrar, Samuel S. (1857)
Gaillard, Augustus Theodore (1834)
Gaillard, Mary Tertia (1875)
Gaillard, Tertius (1881)
Gardner, Mary Ann (1865)
Griffin, Elihu H. (1870)
Griffin, John D. (1881)
Heriot, Eliza F. (1866)
Holbrook, J. Edwards (1871)
Jackson, [Shirer] Thomas (1874)
Motte, Dorilla (1848)
Moultrie, Louisa (1871)
Pemberton, Mary M. (1884)
Rutledge, Arthur M. (1861)
Rutledge, Francis Huger (1866)
Shelton, Susan L. (1869)

BOX 13

308.03 Miscellaneous Records

308.03.01 Misc. Business Records

308.03.01.01 Planters’ and Mechanics’ Bank of South Carolina. Minute book, 1855-1863

308.03.01.02 Carolina Enterprise Association of Charleston, S.C. Constitution and minutes, 1877 (fragment)

308.03.01.03 Enterprise Railroad Company. Records, 1871-1872. Include bylaws and correspondence. An image on a pamphlet depicts a horse-drawn trolley car on rail tracks.


Cotton account book, 1883-1884. Small leatherbound ledger contains accounts for shipments of upland and Sea Island cotton. Accounts are with W.H. Comforth & Co., E. Springman & Co., and others. Also included are a few memoranda and a list of correspondents in Great Britain.

Thurston & Holmes agreement, 1866. Agreement between Thurston & Holmes (Charleston factors) and Benjamin P. and Paul W. Fraser of Georgetown District, regarding The Exchange, a plantation on the Pee Dee River.


Misc. Property Records

Sullivans Island property records, 1830-1871. Pertains to a house and lot on Middle St., town of Moultrieville. Includes an abstract of title; property mortgaged by Lucien Peyronnet.

Liberty Street property records, 1866-1885. Sales of lots on Liberty St. to Daniel Loeb of Charleston.

Mary Street property records, 1846-1866. Property on south side of Mary St. in Wraggborough.

Blackville property records, ca. 1887. Papers of Hutson & Co. (Aiken, S.C.) recommending loans on property in or near Blackville, S.C. Includes details on several farms in the area.

St. Bartholomew Parish property records, 1806-1859. (see catalog record) N.B.: Some of these records are oversize items which are boxed separately.

Charleston property records, 1805-1874 (see catalog record) N.B.: These records are mostly oversize items which are boxed separately.

Magnolia Umbra property records, 1855-1873. An abstract of title and related documents pertaining to lots located in the village of Magnolia Umbra on Charleston neck. Also, an equity title (1855) to lots in Magnolia Umbra conveyed to the South Carolina Railroad Co.

McClellanville tract property records, 1873. Papers relating to a tract on Jeremy Creek, in or near McClellanville, S.C.
308.03.02.09 Lease, 1887. Lease of a lot on the NW corner of Common and Ferry streets in Mount Pleasant, leased by town council to trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for a site for a church.

BOX 15
308.03.02.10 Plantation records (see detailed list at end of these notes)

BOX 15A
308.03.02.11 New Market property records (see detailed list at end of notes)

308.03.03 Miscellaneous Other Records

308.03.03.01 Charleston Club records, 1854-1870. Records concern claims by persons who invested money for the construction of a club house in Charleston.

308.03.03.02 Record of writs, 1791-1795. Volume lists writs, attachments, and subpoenas returned for cases heard in South Carolina court districts (court of common pleas). Georgetown and Camden districts are mentioned.

308.03.03.03 Slave records, 1825-1859. A mortgage (1825) on two male slaves (named in document) mortgaged by John Robertson of Charleston; and an account (1859) of sales of slaves for James Macbeth.

308.03.03.04 Robert N. Gourdin bank account books, 1879-1885. Five volumes containing Gourdin’s accounts with the S.C. Loan & Trust Co. One volume is marked “Pierpont” (a plantation).

308.03.03.05 Charleston Philharmonic Society mortgage and bonds, 1854. Bonds to various individuals, and a mortgage on a lot on Society Street in Charleston.

308.03.03.06 Peter Gourdin marriage settlement documents, 1861-1877. Includes a tripartite marriage settlement (1861) between Peter Gourdin, Constantia Harleston Moultrie, and Dr. James Moultrie, which names a number of slaves; and a supplementary document (1866) to the settlement mentioning her inheritance of part of the Bluff Plantation (Berkeley County, S.C.).

308.03.03.07 Political papers, 1870. Letter from Charles H. Simonton concerning W. [A.] Sneed, “an active and influential member of the Reform Party”; a certificate affirming that a section of St. James Santee [Parish] has been canvassed “in the interests of the Reform Party”; and a payment voucher for Warren A. Sneed “for services rendered Union Reform Party.”

308.03.03.08 Notes on Philip Clarke, n.d. Notes on Clarke and his family. He was a “free [colored?] man and died in 1861.” Clarke inherited land in Florida from his father George Clarke.
Articles of agreement, 1858. Henry Gourdin, Frederick C. Matthiessen, Robert N. Gourdin, and Louis G. Young rework a partnership as commission merchants; includes a balance sheet for the firm.

Trusteeship agreement, 1874. Indenture between H.E. Young, Benjamin H. Rutledge, and Elizabeth Underwood Rutledge Young.

Box 16

Law Firm Records

Bound Correspondence

Letterpress copybook of H.E. Young, 1866-1867. Outgoing letters of H.E. Young. Only about one third of the volume has been used. Cover is marked “H.E. Young Private.”

Letter book, 1877-1878 (disbound, as are all following letter books)

Letter book 1877-1879

Letter book, 1878-1879

Letter book, 1878-1880


Letter book, 1879-1880 (K-W)

Letter book, 1880-1881


Letter book, 1884-1886 (M-Y)

Box 25
308.04 (C) 02 Loose correspondence, 1840s-1860s

BOX 26
308.04 (C) 02 Loose correspondence, 1870-1873

BOX 27
308.04 (C) 02 Loose correspondence, 1874-1879

BOX 28
308.04 (C) 02 Loose correspondence, 1880-1887

308.04 (F) 01 Financial Records

308.04 (F) 01.01 Accounts, 1866-1868. Possibly estate accounts for a client. Persons and firms named include John G. Thurston, Chisolm Bros., Steinmeyer & Son, and Wappoo Mill.

308.04 (F) 01.02 Bank book, 1868. Rutledge & Young’s accounts with the People’s National Bank of S.C.

BOX 29
308.04 (F) 01.02 Bank book, 1877-1885. Rutledge & Young’s accounts with the People’s National Bank of S.C.

308.04 (F) 01.03 Blotter, 1858-1859 (wrapped volume on shelf with OVERSIZE) Volume contains entries and memoranda of [financial] transactions in the order of their occurrence; blotters were also called waste-books.

308.04 (F) 01.03 Blotter and receipt book, 1865-1866 (wrapped volume on shelf with OVERSIZE)

308.04 (F) 01.03 Blotter, 1867

308.04 (F) 01.04 Bond book, 1839-1865 (wrapped volume on shelf with OVERSIZE)

308.04 (F) 01.04 Bond book, 1844-1864 (wrapped volume on shelf with OVERSIZE) Lists accounts for bond transactions and assignments for numerous individuals (indexed).

308.04 (F) 01.05 Collections book, 1868. Lists names of persons (indexed) with notes concerning their indebtedness to Charles D. Carr & Co. (listed in the 1860 Charleston City Directory as “merchant tailors and furnishers”)

308.04 (F) 01.06 Receipt book, 1860-1868. Receipts to H.E. Young 1860-1861; to Rutledge & Young, July 1866-1868. Leather binding.

308.04 (F) 01.07 Check stub book, 1856-1860.
BOX 30
308.04 (M) 01 Miscellaneous Law Firm Records

308.04 (M) 01.01  Miscellaneous case documents, 1849-1886
308.04 (M) 01.02  Legal diaries, 1867-1868

BOX 31
308.04 (M) 01.02  Legal diaries, 1869-1872. Some are marked “H.E. Young.”

BOX 32
308.04 (M) 01.02  Legal diaries, 1874-1877

BOX 33
OVERSIZE items:

308.03.02.05  St. Bartholomew’s Parish property records
308.03.02.06  Charleston property records
308.03.02.10  Plantation records
308.03.02.11  New Market property records

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PLANTATION AND NEW MARKET RECORDS:

PLANTATION RECORDS  (Oversize items are boxed separately)

1. Bill of sale, 1704, for 100 acres bounded on the east by [Tubadoo] (Toogoodoo?) Creek, sold by Nath[aniel] Prichard to Abraham Eve.
3. Conveyance, 1806, of 382 acres to John Sydenham Fowke, a Charleston physician, and others. The land is “called Gunstons Hall, near Willtown on Ponpon River in St. Paul’s Parish.” Others named include Richard Henry Peyton and his wife Ann. Also, related release of dower, 1806. OVERSIZE
4. Title, 1810, to a rice plantation of 279 acres called The Creek, on a branch of the Combahee River called Cuckold Creek, sold by Arthur Hughes of St. Bartholomew’s Parish to Nathaniel Heyward; includes an 1859 plat. OVERSIZE
6. Deed, 1828, for sale of land “on the waters of Four Holes and St. James [Goose Creek] Parish,” Charleston District, sold by Joshua Joyner to Susana Martin. The document bears her codicil giving land to “last Badda hair” (last heir of body?).
7. Deed of sale, 1835, of 760 acres on the Pee Dee River, “on Cypress and Chapel creeks,” from the estate of John Parker, to Maurice H. Lance (sheriff’s sale). OVERSIZE
8. Title deed, 1836, to “two small islands” on the SW side of James Island, called Rivey, or Half-tide, and Jeffords, sold to Daniel C. Jeffords.
9. Abstract of title, 1840, to a rice plantation on the Black River (Georgetown District), sold to Dr. Francis [S.] Parker by Major Samuel Wragg.
10. Plat, 1846, of land on the Santee River; notes in pencil indicate it was sold by J.L. Nowell to William B. Pringle.
11. Conveyance, 1849, of Rock Spring Plantation (Colleton District), from Gouverneur Morris Wilkins of New York to John Henry Screven of Grahamville; and from J.H. Screven to Ralph I. Middleton, 1849. OVERSIZE
12. Grant, 1849, to Samuel E. Calvitt, of land in St. Stephens Parish, Charleston District; with plat dated 1848. OVERSIZE
13. Plat, 1852, of land in St. James Santee Parish “on Fox Branch waters of Echaw Swamp of Santee River,” surveyed for Peter D. Lincoln.
14. Abstract of title, ca. 1856, to a lot located near the “new village of [Hilliardsville]” in Christ Church Parish, part of a plantation adjoining Mt. Pleasant known as the Barksdale and Hart tracts.
17. Grant (1860), with plat, for 3,677 acres “on Hell Hole and Wambaw Swamps in St. James Santee Parish” to Richard T. Morrison.
18. Papers, circa 1860, concerning a plantation in Christ Church Parish “owned by the family of Bartons since the early part of this century,” sold by the master-in-equity in the early 1850s.
20. Mortgage, 1867, on Waverly Plantation in Georgetown District.
21. Mortgage, 1870, on Wythewood Plantation (St. Thomas & St. Denis Parish), which includes tracts called Wythewood proper, Cypress Hedge, Rice Hope, and [Willow Hall?], as well as The Grove in Christ Church Parish. Philip Schley to William T. Wragg, trustee. Also, a related title abstract and opinion. OVERSIZE
22. Conveyance, 1870, of the above-named properties, by William T. Wragg, trustee of Jonathan Lucas and his wife Mary Ion Lucas. OVERSIZE
23. Title, 1870, to three plantations in Colleton County, “Younghall,” “Litchfield,” and “Duhana”; plus “Fortune’s Corner,” “Chickee,” and “Prospect.” OVERSIZE
24. Title abstract, ca. 1870?, to 3,750 acres, a “tract of Pineland lying on both sides of Port Royal Railroad in Prince William Parish, Beaufort District; land of the Heyward family.
25. Papers (including above title abstract), 1871, concerning 3,750 acres of land lying on both sides of the Port Royal Railroad in Prince William Parish, once owned by Nathaniel Heyward, then William Henry Heyward. Called the “Pines Plantation.”
27. Mortgage, 1873, on Blue House Plantation on Edisto Island, Charleston County, mortgaged by Constantine Bailey. OVERSIZE
28. Mortgage, 1876, and related documents concerning Gowrie Plantation in Chatham County, Georgia; owned by the Manigault family. OVERSIZE
29. Lease, 1877, of “The Bluff,” leased by George H. Ingraham et al. to Isaac Ball; located on Cooper River, Charleston County.
30. Papers, 1883, concerning the “Fripp lot” in Beaufort County.
31. Title abstract, no date, to Burton Plantation in Beaufort County; Holmes and Broughton families.
32. Title abstract, no date, to Livingston Farm (formerly Fraser Farm) on Charleston neck, owned by Atlantic Phosphate Co.

NEW MARKET PROPERTY RECORDS (Oversize items are boxed separately)

1. Affidavits, 1819, including one by Catherine Davis, daughter of John Watson (died 1789), concerning Watson land bounding Blake lands (old race course), and Blake tenants, among whom was a Mr. Creighton, who hired Blake land for a “Nursery of young trees, to wit, the [Tallow], Sycamore and Pride of India” raised from seed; an affidavit of Sarah Johnson, daughter of Thomas Nightingale (died 1769), regarding her father’s tenancy in a house on land leased from Daniel Blake and later occupied by James Strickland and then destroyed by the British; and an affidavit of Keating Simons regarding Blake lands and “Watson’s Corner.”

2. Conveyances, grants, and related documents, including a conveyance (copy, 1819, of a document dated 1700), George Logan to Joseph Blake, 210 acres on the west side of the Cooper River formerly belonging to Robert Molloch or Mollock.

3. Leases and bonds

4. Legal notes (of Thomas Parker, Jr.?)

5. Papers concerning John Robertson, including an account, 1816-1821, John Robertson to Joseph and Daniel Blake, “To balance due by Potter & Robertson for [rent] of the Rope Walk in the Village of New Market assumed by John Robertson”; lease, 1821, for a parcel of land and a rope walk in New Market, parish of St. Philips; a mortgage, 1821, on two slaves; rent account statement, 1823-1824; rent settlement statement, 1824; rent account, 1823-1826; inventory of property (including two slaves) seized for rent arrears, 1826; etc.

6. Plats, including an undated plat showing land of Daniel Blake leased to William Holiday. The remainder of the plats are in the OVERSIZE items.