James M. Shackelford family papers, 1829-2005 (bulk 1925-1985)
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Description: 1 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: James Murdoch Shackelford was the son of Susan Macfarland Shackelford (1867-1948) and Willis Wilkinson Shackelford, Jr. (1858-1941) of Charleston, S.C. He attended Charleston High School, Washington and Lee University, and MIT, and also served in the U.S. Army. James M. Shackelford was the treasurer of the Johns-Manville Corporation for many years and later worked for the State of North Carolina as Assistant Treasurer. He died in Monterey, California, in 2005.

Scope and content: Collection consists of papers of and relating to James M. Shackelford, and to a lesser extent, other Shackelford family members. Papers of James M. Shackelford include school records, employment records, medical records, financial records, and correspondence concerning Shackelford family genealogy. Family papers include an account book (1829-1844) of Willis Wilkinson Shackelford, Sr. containing his accounts with "Effingham Wagner, Guardian" as well as a few genealogical notes; a memoir (1881) by Nancy Macfarland of West Virginia; notes on Shackelford and Barksdale family portraits; and photographs of James M. Shackelford and Shackelford family members, members of related families including McCrady and Fraser, and the "Ravenel house" (5 East Battery) after the 1886 earthquake.


Search terms:
Shackelford, Willis Wilkinson, 1823-1895.
Barksdale family.
Fraser family.
McFarland family.
McCrady family.
Shackelford family.
Streets -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- East Battery, 05.
South Carolina -- Genealogy.
Photographs.

Container list:
BOX 1
01) “Memoirs of our Grandmother – Nancy Macfarland” Glencoe, W.V., 1881
02) History of the Shackelford family in South Carolina prepared by Jane Shackelford McCrady.
03) Historical data on the Shackelford family, prepared by James Murdoch Shackelford (JMS),
    containing sections on the origin of the family in Europe; early history of the family in the U.S.;
    forebears of W. W. Shackelford, etc.
04) Shackelford family genealogy (continuation of material in folder 3).
05) Correspondence, 1960-1962, related to JMS’ preparation of Shackelford genealogy; includes
    handwritten letters from Archibald Rutledge.
06) Correspondence, 1963-1985 mainly related to Shackelford genealogy.
07) Papers of JMS: birth certificate; newspaper clipping re Charleston High School graduation
    exercises, 1925; divorce decree, 1943; biographical sketch of Lt. Col. J. M. Shackelford by
    JMS; certificate of marriage, 1945, to Laura Stevens Buckley, and related clipping; certificates
    and letters regarding JMS’ service in War Department at Aberdeen Proving Ground, 1940s; etc.
08) Correspondence, notes, and clippings relating to JMS’ employment by John-Manville
    Corporation, 1940s-1960s.
09) Biographical sketch of JMS, 1952; correspondence, notes, and clippings relating to JMS’
    employment by the State of North Carolina, 1968-1972; notes, 1970s, by JMS concerning his
    experience with depression; medical history; passport; wills, living wills, and power of attorney,
    1973-2001; letter, 1979, from Mrs. Stephen Shackelford to JMS congratulating him on the
    marriage to Josephine Price Ennis; death certificate, 2001, for Josephine Ennis Shackelford;
    notes on conversations with JMS made by Marian Ziebell, at Twinbrook Nursing Home in
    Louisville, Kentucky (background: when daughter Laurel moved to Monterey, Ca. in 1998 she
    hired Ms. Ziebell to help keep JMS’ mind active by engaging him in hour-long conversations
    several times a week. Ziebell lived in Louisville and later moved to New Albany, Indiana); JMS
    death certificate, 2005; program, 2005, for the service in memory of JMS.
11) Lock of JMS hair in envelope with note written by his mother, Susan Shackelford, no date;
    letter from mother of JMS, n.d.;

BOX 2
01) Letter, 1912, to Willis Shackelford related to his retirement from Charleston Bagging
    Manufacturing Company, signed by Julius M. Cater and others.
02) The Argus (yearbook), 1925, annotated by JMS with notes regarding students who went to
    college.
03) Diplomas, 1925-1932, JMS.
04) Account book, 1951-1986, kept by JMS.
05) Financial notes and accounts, 1980s-1990s, kept by JMS.
06) Information about Shackelford and Barksdale family portraits, prepared by Susan M.
    Shackelford; material on passing of Willis W. Shackelford sent by his wife to JMS, 1984; third
    and fourth codicils to will of JMS, 1983-1984; and checking account record kept by JMS, 1996.
07) Photograph, 1886? of the “Ravenel house, East Battery after earthquake”
08) Photographs of persons, some unidentified, late 19th century to early 20th century. Two
    photographs may depict Susan Macfarland Shackelford.
10) Photographs of Willis W. Shackelford and Susan Shackelford.
11) Photographs of the Shackelford brothers.
12) Shackelford family relatives, including members of the McCrady and Fraser families.
13) Shackelford family photo album, [1920s-1930s].
14) Miscellaneous photographs and postcards.