Stoney-Popham family papers, 1834-1995
SCHS 301.00

Description: 3.5 linear ft.

Scope and content: Families of Charleston (S.C.) and elsewhere. This collection is comprised primarily of family correspondence, the bulk of which dates from 1914 to 1960. Louisa McCord Stoney Popham, the daughter of Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney and Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Sr., forms the center of this material. The majority of letters are between Louisa McCord Stoney Popham and her parents, her brothers Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Jr., and Augustine Thomas Smythe Stoney (1894-1949), her sister Harriett Porcher Stoney Simmons (Mrs. Albert Simmons), her husband William Sherbrooke Popham, Jr., and her daughters Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul and Harriett Stoney Popham Rigney. Numerous other family members and friends are also included in this correspondence, such as Hannah McCord Smythe Wright (Mrs. Anton Wright), John and Susan Smythe Bennett, Albert Simmons, Jr., and William Gaston Raoul. Topics include family matters, travel, and the politics, arts, and social life of Charleston (S.C.). In particular, the activities of the League of Women Voters receive frequent mention. With her husband, an officer in the U.S. Navy, Mrs. Popham traveled extensively. A number of letters document their experiences in Japan, China, the Philippines, and elsewhere. Similarly, the letters from A.T.S. Stoney relate his experiences serving in the U.S. Army in both World Wars. A number of undated letters are included in this collection, and are arranged by author.

Also included in this collection are clippings, ephemera, photographs, and miscellaneous family items. A small amount of material concerns individual family members, including items from A.T.S. Stoney and Harriett Stoney Popham Rigney, as well as Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney's recipe book, compiled ca. 1900, and Louisa McCord Stoney Popham's travel diaries (1919-1936).

In the late nineteenth century the Stoney family intermarried with the Smythe family of Charleston. Forming an adjunct to this collection is a small group of Smythe family papers, dating from the years 1863 to 1880.

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Search terms:
Bennett, John, 1865-1956.
Bennett, Susan Smythe.
Popham, Louisa McCord Stoney.
Raoul, William Gaston.
Rigney, Harriet Stoney Popham, 1939-
Stoney, Louisa Cheves Smythe, 1868-1939.
Stoney, Samuel Gaillard, 1853-1926.
Stoney, Samuel Gaillard, 1891-
Wright, Hannah McCord Smythe.
Popham family.
Smith family.
Smythe family.
League of Women Voters of South Carolina.
United States. Navy -- Officers -- Correspondence.
Arts -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- 20th century.
Cooking -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
World War, 1914-1918.
World War, 1939-1945.
Charleston (S.C.) -- Politics and government -- 20th century.
Charleston (S.C.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century.
China -- Description and travel.
Japan -- Description and travel.
Philippines -- Description and travel.
Diaries.
Letters (correspondence)
Recipes.

Series Outline:

301.01: Stoney-Popham Family Papers
301.02: Papers of Individuals
301.03: Smythe Family Papers

Container listing:

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301.01(C) 01: Clippings
301.01(C) 02: Correspondence, 1834-1995
Box 1: 1834-1918
Box 2: 1919-1929
Box 3: 1930-1941
Box 4: 1942-1950
Box 5: 1951-1995
301.01 (C) 03: Correspondence, Undated (arranged by author)
301.01 (C) 03-01: From "John" (primarily S. G. Stoney, Sr., but also Mrs. S. G. Stoney, Sr.) to John (variable, but primarily Louisa McCord Stoney Popham).

Box 6
301.01 (C) 03-02: From Harriet Porcher Stoney Simons (Mrs. Albert Simons)
301.01 (C) 03-03: From Mrs. S. G. Stoney, Jr. (Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney)
301.01 (C) 03-04: From Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Jr.
301.01 (C) 03-05: From Louisa McCord Cheves Stoney Popham
301.01 (C) 03-06: From "Nannan" (Hannah McCord Smythe Wright, Mrs. Anton Wright)
301.01 (C) 03-07: From Serena (Mrs. Alexander Frederick Leonhardt)
301.01 (C) 03-08: From "Polly" (Mary Stevenson Riley, b. 1919, niece of William Sherbrooke Popham)
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301.01 (C) 03-10: From Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul (multiple folders)

Box 7
301.01 (C) 03-11: From William Sherbrooke Popham
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301.01 (C) 03-12: From Rosina Newport Popham
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301.01 (C) 03-14: From William Gaston Raoul
301.01 (C) 03-15: From Raoul children
301.01 (C) 03-16: Unidentified authors
301.01 (E): Ephemera
301.01 (F): Furniture lists
301.01 (G) 01: Genealogy (Stoney, Popham, and related families)
301.01 (G) 02: Greeting cards (undated)
301.01 (I): Invitations

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301.01 (M) 01: Memorial Record of Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Jr., 1968
301.01 (M) 02: Miscellaneous materials
301.01 (P) 01: Photographs
301.01 (P) 02: Poetry

301.02: Papers of Individuals

301.02.01: Harriet Stoney Popham Rigney Papers (b. 1939)
301.02.01 (E): **Ephemera**
301.02.01 (S): **Schoolwork**

301.02.02: **Louisa McCord Stoney Popham**
301.02.02 (A) 01: **Account Book**, 1930-1943 (includes 3 pages of an 1884 diary kept by Louisa McCord Smythe)
301.02.02 (A) **Address books** (two), ca. 1930s-1950s
301.02.02 (E): **Essay** (or speech?) on a garden party in Washington, 1939, attended by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth
301.02.02 (T) 01: **Travel** diary 1919-1921
301.02.02 (T) 02: **Travel** diary, 1930-1936

301.02.03: **Augustine Thomas Smythe Stoney** (1894-1949)
301.02.03 (N): **Notebook**, ca. 1940s?
301.02.03 (P) 01: **Photos**
301.02.03 (P) 02: **Printed** material
301.02.03 (R): **Receipts**
301.02.03 (W): **Will**, 1943

**Box 9**
301.02.04: **Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney** (1868-1939)
301.02.04 (R)-01: **Recipe** Book, ca. 1900-1910
301.02.04 (R)-02: **Loose** items from recipe book

301.03: **Smythe Family Papers, 1863-1880**
301.03 (A): Parisian **Address book** of Louisa Rebecca McCord Smythe?
301.03 (C): **Correspondence**, 1863-1880
301.03 (N): **Notebook**, inscribed A. T. Smythe, 1865.
301.03 (P) 01: **Pass** for Sgt. A. T. Smythe, dated Charleston, 10 April 1863, signed by E. F. Ruffin.
301.03 (P) 02: **Poetry/Lyrics** copied by Mrs. A. T. Smythe (Louis McCord Smythe) ca. 1865.

**Glossary of Pet Names**
**Admiral**   William Sherbrooke Popham, Jr. (1882-1977)
**Bedouin**   Louisa McCord Stoney Popham
**Bobbo**     Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Jr. (?)
**Boss**      William Sherbrooke Popham
**Commodore** William Sherbrooke Popham
**Duhweesa**  Louisa McCord Stoney Popham
**Fatty**     Louisa McCord Stoney Popham
**Fish**      Albert Simons, Jr. (1918-1997?)
**Gam**       Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney (Mrs. S. G. Stoney, Sr.)
**Gay**       Louisa McCord Stoney Popham
**Granny**    Mrs. S. G. Stoney
**Harry**     Harriet Porcher Stoney Simons, 1896-1971 (Mrs. Albert Simons)
Harriet Williams (Mrs. George W. Williams)
Harriett Stoney Popham Rigney
Harriet Porcher Stoney Simons
Louisa M. S. Popham and/or her parents
Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul
Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul
Mrs. A. T. S. Stoney
Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney (Mrs. S. G. Stoney Sr., 1868-1939)
Louisa McCord Stoney Popham
Harriet Porcher Stoney
Louisa McCord Stoney Popham
Hannah McCord Smythe Wright (Mrs. Anton Wright)
Harriet Stoney Popham McDougal Rigney
Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul
Louisa McCord Stoney Popham
Louisa McCord Stoney Popham

Questionable names
Youthful Harriet Stoney Popham McDougal Rigney
Samuel Gaillard Stoney, Jr.
?
?
Susan Smythe Bennett

Questions for Harriet:
Mrs. S. G. Stoney, Sr.?
Deas?

Genealogy:
Augustine Thomas Smythe (1842-1914), a Charleston, S.C., attorney and a South Carolina state senator, married Louisa Rebecca McCord (1845-1928). Their children included Augustine Thomas Smythe, Jr., Langdon Cheves McCord Smythe, Hannah McCord Smythe (who married Anton P. Wright), and Susan Smythe (who married writer and artist John Bennett), and Louisa Cheves Smythe (1868-1939).
