



**Thomas J. Tobias papers, ca. 1716-1968**  
**SCHS 1106.00**  
**Containers 11/417-424**

**Creator:** Tobias, Thomas J.

**Description:** 3.25 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Charleston, S.C. advertising executive, historian, and author.

**Scope and Content:** Papers chiefly consist of research material for an unfinished book on the history of Charleston (S.C.) as a port, 1670-ca. 1865; and photocopies and transcriptions of documents (ca. 1716-1773) of the British Records Office relating to shipping in Charleston, Georgetown (S.C.), and elsewhere. Research notes concern topics such as shipbuilding in Charleston, ships, ship ownership, descriptions of Charleston harbor, port services, Charleston's Sons of Liberty, general shipping statistics, shipping statutes, merchants and factors, privateers, Colonial commerce and merchants, trade in the West Indies, the Indian trade, Colonial Philadelphia (Pa.) commerce, North Carolina commerce, and the trade in slaves, indigo, and rice. There are also notes on lectures at the Munson Institute of Maritime History (Mystic, Conn.); photostats of articles concerning Rhode Island commerce, Massachusetts trade with Charleston, colonial American commerce, and naval stores; clippings; printed material; bibliographies; transcriptions of extracts (1732-1771) from the South Carolina Gazette relating to shipping; and photographs of ships and other subjects.

Also included are typewritten drafts of Tobias's writings on Charleston shipping, with outlines and notes for a book; and his correspondence (ca. 1958-1968) with historians, librarians, and others concerning shipping and commerce.

Photocopied and transcribed documents (ca. 1716-1773) of the British Records Office include records of ship entries and clearances, port of Charleston (1716-1767); records of ship entries and clearances, port of Georgetown (1733-1737); customs reports for goods entering Charleston and other major American ports (1768-1773) including New York (N.Y.), Boston (Mass.), and Savannah (Ga.); ship cargo manifests, Charleston (ca. 1733-1767); and general trade statistics.

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**Search terms:**

Tobias, Thomas J. (Thomas Jefferson), 1906-1970.

Harbors -- South Carolina.

Imports -- United States -- 18th century.

Indians of North America -- Commerce.

Indigo.

Maritime law.

Naval stores.

Ports of entry -- United States.

Privateering.

Rice trade.  
Shipping -- South Carolina.  
Shipping -- United States -- Statistics.  
Ships.  
Slave trade.  
Transportation -- South Carolina.  
Charleston (S.C.) -- History.  
Georgetown (S.C.) -- History.  
South Carolina -- Commerce.  
South Carolina -- History.  
United States -- Commerce -- 18th century.  
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.  
West Indies -- Commerce.  
Bibliographies.  
Clippings.  
Lecture notes.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Photographs.  
Research (document genres)  
Shipping records.  
Writings.  
Great Britain. Public Records Office Ch.

**11/417-419 British Public Records Office**

**Shipping Documents, ca. 1716-1773. 1 ft.**

Photocopies of documents regarding shipping in Charleston and Georgetown. Included are reports of ship entries and clearances, Port of Charleston (1716-1767); entries and clearances, Port of Georgetown (1767); custom reports for goods entering port of Charleston (1768-1773); manifests of Cargo, Charleston (ca. 1733-1767); records, notes, and statistics regarding trade, export, imports, population in Charleston and other material. Notes of Thomas J. Tobias. Most of the photocopied material is available on microfilm (45-197/199A).

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**Writings and notes, 1950s-1968, 2 ½ ft.**

Charleston historian. Research and fragments of writings for an unfinished book on the history of the port of Charleston (1670-ca.1840s). Included are mss on colonial and Charleston shipping; outlines for the book; notes on trade in the west Indies, up the American Coast, trade in RI and PA, trade with Indian and trade for rice, indigo and slaves. Notes on shipping includes shipbuilding in Charleston, ship ownership, ships, descriptions of Charleston harbor; port services, Charleston's Sons of Liberty, notes on Charleston shipping from a Robert F. Haggerty speech, general shipping statistics, and misc. shipping notes. notes taken from various secondary sources regarding Charleston shipping and the Lowcountry, shipping statutes, merchants and factors, lecture notes from the Munson Maritime History Institute, privateers, colonial commerce, colonial merchants, England, Urban America (1743-1776); maritime commerce, news clippings and photographs of Charleston harbor and ships. Also included are abstracts from the SC Gazette (1732-1771) regarding shipping in Charleston; and extensive bibliographic material regarding shipping during the Colonial and post-Revolutionary era. Correspondence (ca. 1958-1968) regarding shipping, commerce with historians, librarians, and authorities. Arranged in order mentioned.