Bacot Family Papers, 1752-1973

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Description: 6.5 linear ft.

Creator: Bacot family.

Biographical/Historical Note: South Carolina family. Thomas Wright Bacot (1765-1834) was a banker and Postmaster at Charleston (S.C.). His first wife was Jane deSaussure; he married secondly Elizabeth Sarah Wainwright (1777-1842). Among his children were: Richard Wainwright Bacot (b. ca. 1790); Peter Bacot (1788-1836), who married Mary Eugenia Cochran, daughter of Charles Burnham Cochran; and Thomas Wright Bacot (1795-1851), who married Harriett Susannah Wainwright (1797-1858). Robert Dewar Bacot (1821-1903), son of Thomas Wright Bacot (1795-1851), married Julia Amanda Huger (b. 1825), daughter of Daniel Huger (1779-1858), and their children included: Thomas Wright Bacot (1849-1927); Julius Motte Bacot (1859-1899); and Daniel Huger Bacot (1847-1920), who married Josephine Rhett (1859-1932). Thomas Wright Bacot (1849-1927) married Louisa DeBerniere McCrady (1859-1924), daughter of attorney Edward McCrady (1802-1892). Daniel Huger (1779-1858), a Charleston attorney and South Carolina Secretary of State, was the son of John Huger (1744-1804) and Charlotte Motte (d. 1836); he married Sarah Louisa Lance, daughter of Col. Lambert Lance (1758-1804). Charlotte Motte Huger's sister-in-law was Rebecca Brewton Motte (1737-1815).

Scope and content: This collection contains the papers of members of the Bacot, Huger, Cochran, Wainwright, Lance, McCrady and allied families including those of: Thomas Wright Bacot (1765-1834), Thomas Wright Bacot, Jr. (1795-1851), Robert Dewar Bacot (1821-1903), Thomas Wright Bacot (1849-1927), Julius Motte Bacot (1859-1894), Daniel Huger Bacot (1847-1920), Josephine Rhett Bacot (1859-1932), Daniel Huger Bacot, Jr. (b. 1888), Harriett Susannah Wainwright Bacot (1797-1858), Richard Wainwright Bacot (b. ca. 1790), Daniel Huger (1779-1859), John Huger (1744-1804), Charlotte Huger (d. 1836), Samuel Wainwright (d. 1780), Robert Cochran (d. 1824), Lambert Lance (1758-1804), Rebecca Brewton Motte (1737-1815), and attorney Edward McCrady (1802-1892) and his son Edward McCrady (1833-1903). In addition, there are records of the law firm of McCrady, Sons & Bacot, records of the Vestry of Christ Church, Wilton (Adam's Run, S.C.), and documents pertaining to the Cainhoy Riot (1876). Collection also includes correspondence, estate papers, legal documents, business and financial papers, diaries, journals, writings, genealogical materials, photographs, ephemera, and other items.

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Detailed Collection Inventory:

11/48/1-7  **Huger, Daniel, 1779-1859**  
Personal and family correspondence, 1802-1836. Approx. 100 items

Charleston lawyer and planter. Correspondence of Daniel Huger, his family and others including David Ramsey, Sara Lance, Sarah L. Huger, Julia A. Huger Bacot, Thomas W. Bacot I, Alfred Huger, E.K. Huger, Maurice Lance, J.S. Dawson, visiting Pendleton area, regarding the up-country and Methodist ministers (1822); Marquis de Lafayette to T.W. Bacot (typescript copy) regarding St. Philip’s Church; T.W. Bacot Jr.; reports from Miss Datty’s school regarding Daniel Huger’s daughters’ education; and others regarding family matters, business, rural life, and religion. Chronologically arranged.

11/48/8-32  **Bacot-Huger Family**  
Family correspondence, 1836-1867. Approx 300 items


11/48/33-38  **Bacot-Huger Family**  
Family correspondence, 1867-1890. Approx 70 items


11/49/1-27  **Huger, Daniel, 1779-1858**  
Business papers, 1798-1864. Approx 300 items

Charleston planter and lawyer. Receipt books, some letters, tax receipts, bills for slaves in work houses, deed of gift of slave, slave sales, and mostly receipts regard dry goods, sale of furniture, groceries, estates of Charlotte Huger and Lambert Lance, land, clothing, and other expenses. Rice accounts (1811-1836) with receipts, accounts of sales, and rice shipped to Liverpool. Includes typescript
lists of cabinetmakers Daniel Huger employed, subscription lists and some Charleston merchants he frequented. Chronologically arranged except for papers regard rice which are at the end of the series.

11/50/1-7 **Huger, Daniel, 1779-1858**
Legal papers, 1772-1841. Approx 100 items

Charleston lawyer and SC Secretary of State. Appointments of Daniel Huger as private secretary to Gov. John Drayton (1800, 1808), notary public certificates and other legal documents of the secretary of state including a list of bonds held, affidavits and court orders, mortgages, plats, land grants, estate accounts, summorses, powers of attorney, certification to the bar, writs of indictment, notices for new trial, notes, court of common pleas documents. Letters to clients and legal work for John Dawson. Chronologically arranged.

11/50/8-9 **Huger, Daniel, 1779-1858**
Estate papers, 1856-1886. 12 items

Charleston lawyer. Will, correspondence, bonds, receipts, and litigation regarding estate in Lowndes v. Bacot

11/50/10 **Huger, John. 1774-1804**
Estate papers, 1804-1826. 11 items

Father of Daniel Huger. Estate accounts kept by Daniel Huger, will, letter from Robert Turnbull, receipts, bond accounts and other legal documents regarding estate of JH.

11/50/11-12 **Huger, Charlotte, d. 1836**
Business and estate papers, 1810-1841. 20 items

Sister of Daniel Huger. Note from Hugh Rutledge, receipts, bonds, will and deed of gift regarding estate of Charlotte Huger.

11/50/13-21 **Lance, Lambert, 1758-1804**
Business and estate papers, 1754, 1784-1832. Approx 175 items

Charleston lawyer. Receipts, bonds, lease, power of attorney, will, and other legal papers, deed of gift of slaves, marriage settlement, and bill for not supplying slaves for roadwork, and summons. Estate papers include accounts of groceries, dry goods, and other items, sales, and listing of slaves, expenses of the estate and deed of settlement. Opinion (1819) of Robert Y. Hayne on estate questions of Lambert Lance and (W.) Harvey. Family letters include Lambert Lance regarding his decision to study law (1803) and Daniel Huger to Maurice Lance (1817) regarding religion.
11/50/22-24  Cochran family
Typescripts, letters, and biography, 1752, 1778, 1782, 1814. 20 items

Charleston family typescript. Correspondence between Capt. Robert Cochran, Mary Cochran, Charles B. Cochran and others from Paris, France; Philadelphia, PA and Charleston regarding Charles B. Cochran’s schooling in Paris, family matters, the British occupation in Charleston, Robert Cochran’s imprisonment in St. Augustine, FL. The family’s removal to Philadelphia, with mention of Lafayette, Benjamin Franklin, the continental Congress and indigo. Other correspondents include Artemis Elliott regarding 1752 hurricane and the death of 10 people during a storm on Sullivan’s Island, a copy of a 1779 letter from Benjamin Franklin regarding Charles B. Cochran’s education, and John Quincy Adams, Ghent, Belgium regarding memories of school with Robert B. Cochran and peace negotiations (1814). Biographical sketches of Captain Robert Cochran regarding his role in the revolution and of Charles B. Cochran regarding life in Paris during the American Revolution with Franklin and Layfayette.

11/50/25-28  Wainwright Family
Family papers, ca. 1822-1823. Approx 50 items

Charleston family. Ann Wainwright will, 1822 land sales paper, deeds, leases, Samuel Wainwright’s will, estate papers of Elizabeth S.W. Bacot, and bonds. Family notes, biographical and genealogical material of Samuel Wainwright’s descendants.

11/51/1-2  Bacot, Thomas W., 1765-1834
Marriage settlement and pew documents, 1788-1871. 12 items

Charlestonian. Marriage settlement (1788) between Henry DeSaussure and Thomas W. Bacot regarding Thomas W. Bacot’s marriage to Jane DeSaussure, includes list of slaves. Pew documents of the DeSaussure and Bacot family regarding pews in St. Philip’s Episcopal Church.

11/51/3-5  Bacot, Thomas Jr. 1795-1851
Personal and estate papers, 1824-1854. Approx 50 items


11/51/8-10  Bacot, Robert Dewar, 1821-1903
Phoenix Fire Co. papers, 1853-1861. Approx 50 items

President of the Phoenix Fire Co. Notes regarding administration and regulations of the Fire Co. Letters, news clippings, and other material regarding Fire Co.’s
trip to Memphis and ladies of Memphis, printed matter regarding use of the fire nozzle, listing of fire company’s political beliefs, lists of members at meetings, memorial regarding the history of the company, petition, printed roll of active members.

11/51/11-12 Bacot, Robert Dewar, 1821-1903
Confederate Papers, 1860-1865. Approx 25 items

Charleston officer. Correspondence, receipts, notes, and lists regarding formation, service, uniforms, supplies, and collection of fees regarding the Phoenix Rifles regiment. Also letters of Robert Dewar Bacot, misc. confederate receipts, lists of engineers in CSA corps (1865), permission slips to visit restricted areas and map of the “Seat of War”

11/51/13-21 Bacot, R. Dewar. 1821-1903
Family receipts, 1830-1902. Approx 125 items

Charleston businessman. Receipts for clothing, furniture, medical bills, taxes, dry goods, paper supplies, gas lighting, groceries, many bills of sale for slaves, bonds of Edward Newhall, Christmas expenses of 1860, and household account for groceries (1884-1885), family members include Henry H., Harriett W., Peter, and R. Wainswright Bacot and Daniel Huger. Chronologically arranged.

11/51-52 Bacot, Robert Dewar, 1821-1903
Brokerage Business Papers, 1839-1880. Approx 300 items

Charleston cotton broker. Papers mostly of the cotton crop accounts of William C. Murray and his sons, including accounts, invoices for sales of cotton, power of attorney, shipping receipts, telegraph messages, and Liverpool price listings, and correspondence regarding sales for Murray and others. Correspondents include L. Trapman & Fraser, Trenholm & Co. (Charleston), Molyneaux, Taylor & Co. (Liverpool), James Donaldson & Co. (Glasgow) and others. Also some papers (1840-1860) regarding sales of rice for William C. Murray and some lumber sales. Also misc. estate and real estate papers of EDB. Papers regarding cotton chronologically arranged, followed by rice papers.

11/53/1-2 Bacot, Thomas W., III, 1849-1927
Misc. Writings and speech mss., 1908-1924. 4 items

Charleston lawyer and public speaker. Writings include speech ms. To the members of the Societe Francaise regarding French heritage in SC; an introduction for Marshal Foch (1921); ms. Regarding US Supreme Court practice, “An Amusing and Singular and Memorable Incident in the Supreme Court of the US” (1924); and a ms. Draft of a lecture regarding the history of the Powder Magazine, Charleston (1908)
11/53/3-4  Bacot, Thomas W., III, 1849-1927
St. Philip’s Church Papers, 1897-1923. 20 items

St. Philip’s Church, Charleston, vestryman. Notes, mss, news clippings, and other material including “statement of facts” regarding history of St. Philip’s (1906); plat of St. Philip’s and surrounding property; list of rectors; scheme for Lay cooperation; constitution and by-laws for the lay association; opinion of Theodore G. Barker regarding legality of standing committees of the Diocese of SC. Letters to the The News and Courier regarding theological question between Thomas W. Bacot III and Zaccheus and others in the “36 Articles” debate; St. Philip’s annual report (1523) misc. letters, clippings, and some material regarding blacks at St. Philips. Also by-laws and minutes (1897-1902) and accounts (1897-1899) of the St. Philip’s Parish Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews, Charleston Chapter #1502.

11/53/5  Bacot, Thomas W., III. 1849-1927
Political papers, 1876-1883. 13 items

SC legislator. Petition by SC legislators to get Thomas W. Bacot to serve as head of a tax reform committee, accusation of Communism in elements of the Democratic party, draft of bill to keep children under 14 from some jobs and Thomas W. Bacot political broadside.

11/53/6-7  Bacot, Thomas W., III, 1849-1927
Misc. business papers, 1882-1926. Approx 30 items

Charleston lawyer. Misc. business and real estate papers including accounts, stocks, conveyances, and letters (1882-1926)

Genealogical papers, 1894-1928. Approx 125 items

Charleston genealogist. Notes, clippings, letters, biographies, tombstone inscriptions, and other genealogical material regarding American and French branches of the Bacot, Lance, Huger, and other related families. Correspondence concerning genealogical, family, and business matters. Genealogical papers also include notes and colonial Dame papers of Josephine Rhett Bacot and D. Huger Bacot, Jr. with Rhett, Horry, and other family connections. Arranged by record type.

11/54/1  Bacot, Thomas W., III, 1849-1927
Letterbook, 1895-1905, 1926. 2 bound vols.

Charleston lawyer, planter, genealogist. Tissue copies of letters of T.W. Bacot III to relatives, overseers, lawyers, city officials and others regarding genealogy, SC politics, St. Philip’s Church, legal clients, plantation affairs at Roadside
plantation, Ashepoo; a brother’s health at mental institutions and personal letters. Index of correspondence included. Also, a 192 travel journal regarding cruise to England.

11/54/2-3 Bacot, Thomas W., III, 1849-1927
Letterbooks, 1892-1922. 2 bound vols.

Charleston lawyer. Tissue copies of letters to Mary Jane Ross regarding finances, real estate, some personal matters and legal affairs from her agents and attorneys Edward McCrady Jr., Louis DeB. McCrady and Thomas W. Bacot III. Some letters to Charleston city officials and others regarding Mary Jane Ross’s accounts. Letter (11/03) from Louis DeB. McCrady regarding death of Edward McCrady Jr. Index of correspondents included.

11/54/4 Bacot, Thomas W., III, 1849-1927
Legal letterbook, 1871-1876. 1 bound vol.

Charleston lawyer. Tissue copies of letters from law firm of Walker & Bacot regarding estate, real estate, and various litigation. Index of correspondents included. Some letters to W.H. Trescot.

11/55/1 McCrady, Edward Sr., 1802-1892
Legal day book, 1867. 1 bound volume.

Charleston lawyer. Summary of daily legal work, expenses, fees, regarding various clients including Hyatt, McBurney, & Co. Index included.

11/55/2 McCrady, Edward Jr., 1833-1903
Legal letter and day books, 1859-1873. 2 bound vols.

Charleston lawyer. Abstract of judicial decisions and annotations regarding litigation Edward McCrady was involved with (1866-1873). Cases include W.H. Trescot vs. State; Valley River Mining Co. v. Ramson; Hyatt, McBurney, & Co. v. Wilson; and Davie V. Heyward. Index on legal terms, the cases McCrady worked and the results. Legal practice daybook of Edward McCrady Jr. with summary of daily work and cases.

11/56/1-17 McCrady, Sons & Bacot
Legal papers, ca. 1820-1900. ½ foot

Charleston lawyer. Legal work for real estate clients and others, mostly abstracts of titles, but includes TW Bacot-Edward McCrady Jr. Correspondence, notes, legal papers, wills, and plats. Papers regarding land in Charleston include properties on the following streets and corners: Ashley, Archdale, Bee & Thomas, Boundary, Bull, Bull & Lynch, Calhoun, Cannon & Rutledge, Chalmers, Church, Clifford, Coming, Coming & Pinckney, Concord & Pritchard, Doughty, East Bay,
Elliott, Friend, Hassell (Jewish Congregation and Church papers), George, Gillon, Hudson, King, Logan, Lynch, Market, Meeting, Montagu & Pitt (James Moultrie), Pinckney & Elliott, Philadelphia, Queen, Rutledge, Smith, Society, South Bay, St. Philip’s, Tradd, Vanderhorst, Wentworth and West. Outside Charleston includes: St. Bartholomew’s Parish, Prince William’s Parish, Coosaw Island, Colleton Co; St. Paul’s Parish, William’s Island, St. John’s Berkeley, St. James Santee, Waccamaw Island, Christ Church Parish, Mt. Pleasant; St. James Goose Creek, Orangeburg, Sullivan’s Island, and the Charleston Neck.

11/57/1-4  **Bacot, Julius M. 1859-1899**
Personal papers, 1883-1886, 3 vols.

Charleston lawyer. Private diaries of Julius M. Bacot (1883-1886) regarding life of bachelor in Charleston, includes daily routine, weather, comments on funerals, Charleston ladies, social events, organizations, legal and family matters. Some material regarding 1886 Earthquake Charleston.

11/57/5-7  **Bacot, Julius M., 1859-1899**
Gun Club papers, 1887-1889. 20 items

Charleston lawyer, trustee of the Carolina Gun Club. Title to real estate, petitions, receipts, abstract of title, committee reports, abstract of minutes, letters, mortgages, legislation to renew club charter, and a will regarding property and status of the Carolina Gun Club (1887-1889).

11/58/1  **Bacot, Daniel Huger, Sr., 1847-1920**
Writings, 1869. 4 items


11/58/2-6  **Bacot, Daniel Huger, Sr., 1847-1920**
Papers, 1870-1893. 40 items


11/58-59  **Bacot, Josephine Rhett, 1859-1932**
Writings, ca. 1897-1932. Approx 100 items
Charleston writer. Verse, clippings, non-fiction, screenplays, fiction and writing notes of Josephine Rhett Bacot, some written under pseudo. Hulda Leigh. Notebooks with clippings of poetry and genealogical and biographical notes on the Rhett family. Non-fiction subjects include Charleston, Fenwick Hall, St. Philip’s Church, climate and character, and various editorials. Silent movie screenplays (1924). Fictional subjects include orphans, Jewish girls, romance and war. Arranged alphabetically within each unit.

11/59/4-10 Bacot, Daniel Huger, Jr., 1888-1974
Writings, 1908-1960. 50 items


11/60-61 Bacot, Daniel Huger Sr., 1847-1920
Family correspondence, 1848-1905. Approx 300 items

Charlestonian. Correspondence of Daniel Huger Bacot and Josephine Rhett Bacot, Charleston and Saluda NC, regarding family and social matters and their marriage. Letters (1873) to Josephine Rhett Bacot from her grandfather Robert Barnwell Rhett, Sr. (1800-1876) regarding family matters and Republican rule in New Orleans, LA; many from to Josephine Rhett Bacot’s father R. Barnwell Rhett, Jr. (1827-1905), Huntsville, Ala. regarding family matters, politics, the antebellum era, an unfought duel of his father’s, Walter Rhett’s suicide (1894), women’s role, gossip, farming, business, social life to Josephine Rhett Bacot’s writing, accusations regarding the marriage of John Grimball (1903) and other subjects; JRB’s brother (?) Walter Rhett, Julius M. Bacot, William A. Courtnay, Innisfallen, England; D. Huger Bacot, Jr; and others regarding family matters and to Josephine Rhett Bacot’s writings. Also letters to Daniel Huger Bacot, Sr. from R. Dewar Bacot, Julia Huger Bacot, and Dan Talmadge & Co. regarding rice sales and family matters. Also letters (1848-1860) from Josie Horton Rhett, Fanny H. Cokock, Walter Horton and others regarding family matters.

11/62/1-18 Bacot, Josephine Rhett, 1859-1932
Family correspondence, 1906-1932. Approx 300 items
Charleston writer. Correspondence of Josephine Rhett Bacot, Charleston and Saluda, NC, with family, editors, publishers and others including J. Franklin Jameson (1908) regarding family matters and attempts at publication; D. Huger Bacot, Jr. Charleston, Raleigh, NC Cambridge, MA and elsewhere regarding his education at Harvard, his teaching and sales jobs and his attempts to obtain teaching and newspaper jobs; B. Rhett Bacot, Clemson and elsewhere, regarding sports, family, school, and railroad work; and Marie Thomas Bacot, Alabama and Charleston, regarding her education and teaching career in Alabama and Ashley Hall, Charleston. Also letters of John V. Bacot, Utica, NY regarding bacot genealogy. Chronologically arranged.

11/63-64  
**Bacot, Daniel Huger Jr., 1888-1974**  
Family Correspondence, 1933-1973. 400 items

Charleston journalist. Letters of Daniel Bacot Huger, Jr. regarding search for jobs, family matters, personal and social concerns and the Charleston News and Courier; and of his wife, Marie Thomas Bacot (m. 1956), from Connie and Louis Brown, Pearl Wade and others from Ft. Valley, GA, Montgomery, Al, and Smithfield, WV; Also letters from Mary Vardrine McBee, principal of Ashley Hall School, Charleston, regarding MTB’s teaching, news letters, school reports, and activity plans for Ashley Hall (1933-1942). Material regarding Marie Thomas Bacot’s education in Tennessee and at Columbia University, summer camp counseling, and other material.

11/65/1-8  
**Bacot-Huger family**  
Misc. notebooks, ca. 1827-1910. 7 volumes, 50 items


11/65/9  
Vestry Committee investigation, 1854. 6 items

Papers of the vestry committee’s investigation of the Rev. Richardson Graham of Christ Church, Wilton Bluff, regarding his failure to turn a slave accused of murder over to the proper authorities (1854).

11/65/10  
Racial disturbance papers, 1876. 5 items
Papers of committee investigating racial disturbance during political rally at Cain Hoy (10/16/1876)

11/65/11

Auction-estate records, 182401827. 1 bounded

Sales records of public auctions for slaves, furniture and other property from various estates, including Rebecca Motte’s and those of some Bacot-Huger family relatives.