



**West Point Rice Mill Company records, 1860-1925**  
**SCHS 1201.00**  
**Containers 23/339-343**

**Creator:** West Point Rice Mill Co.

**Description:** 2 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** The West Point Rice Mill was located on the Ashley River, at the west end of Calhoun Street in Charleston, S.C. The West Point Rice Mill Company was granted a charter by the State of South Carolina in 1861. In 1888 the company purchased the machinery, equipment, and property of Chisolm's Mills (built in the late 1820's), rice and lumber mills located at the west end of Tradd Street; this property was purchased in 1914 by the U.S. Government for use as a depot. West Point Rice Mill Company ceased operations in 1926.

**Scope and Content:** Records of West Point Rice Mill Company and Chisolm's Mills consist of correspondence, receipts, leases, and other items.

Chisolm's Mills records include a "Report of Water taken by Boats from Hydrant at Chisolm's Mill" (1889); notebooks (1889-1910), mostly of Chisolm Mill's agent Robert E. Mellichamp, which are partly business journals but which also contain miscellaneous memoranda, accounts, and other information; a cashbook (1892-1896); leases and other legal documents, with related correspondence and sketches showing the locations of buildings on Chisolm's Mills property (1889-1912); loose receipts and receipt books (ca. 1889-ca. 1914) for wage payments, lumber, wharfage, rice shipments, and other transactions; delivery orders; bills; business correspondence (1889-1914) of Robert E. Mellichamp with J.L. Sheppard, president of the Planters' & Merchants' Rice Mill (Charleston, S.C.), Samuel G. Stoney, president of West Point Rice Mill Company, and many customers; rice accounts; and an inventory (n.d.) of the "affixed and unaffixed property at Chisolm's Mill, other than residences & outhouses."

West Point Rice Mill Co. records include a receipt book (1860-1864) and loose receipts; lists of stockholders (1866-1925); stockholders' proxies; company reports to stockholders and profit and loss statements; correspondence, mainly that of Samuel G. Stoney; papers pertaining to the purchase (and later the sale) of Chisolm's Mills, including a mortgage (1888), bonds (1888), reports (1914-1916), and related correspondence; and a checkbook (1915-1916) for dividend payments (mostly stubs).

Other items include printed port regulations (1851-1895) of the Charleston Harbor Commissioners; and a pamphlet (1891) entitled "Rules and Regulations of the City of Charleston Water Works Company."

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**Search terms:**

Mellichamp, Robert E.  
Sheppard, John L., 1842-1922.  
Stoney, Samuel Gaillard, 1853-1926.  
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Pamphlet.  
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Chisolm's Mills (Charleston, S.C.)

**Container listing:****23/339/1-2 West Point Mills, 1860-1885****Business Papers, 1860-1885. 7 items**

Charleston rice mill. Receipt book (1860-1964) of West Point Mills for wages, operations, expenses, and other accounts. Stock certificate receipts (1866-1882) of West Point Mills and list of stockholders (1866). By-laws of West Point Mills (1885).

**23/339-340 Chisolm's Mill, 1888-1910****Business Papers, 1888-1912. ½ ft**

Charleston Mill. Cash book (1892-1896), memo books (1889-1910) many of Robert E. Mellichamp, agent for Chisolm's Mill regarding daily accounts, repairs, labor expenses, rental accounts, rice accounts, an inventory (n.d.) of Chisolm's Mill property; and accounts with Charleston Water Works (1888-1889). Receipt books (1892-1899) of Chisolm's Mill for wages, expenses, and sales receipts of many Charleston businesses. Printed matter regarding Charleston wharves. Also many leases (1889-1912) for Chisolm's Mill land and buildings.

**23/340-342 Chisolm's and West Points Mill, 1886-1925****Business papers, 1886-1925. 1 ¼ ft**

Charleston rice mills. Correspondence and business papers of Chisolm's and West Point Mills. Correspondence of Robert E. Mellichamp, agent for Chisolm's Mill with J.F. Sheppard of the Planters & Merchants Rice Mill (1890s), Samuel G. Stoney Sr., president of West Point Mills, and many customers. Many letters and receipts regarding daily operations, wharfage, repair of machinery, expenses, the sale of Chisolm's Mill, the sale of both mills, accounts with the Great

Southern Fibre Co. (1890s) records of rice delivery (1890), dividend accounts with the Miners and Merchants banks, Charleston (1915), material regarding a fire at Chisolm's Mill (1900), cotton, rice and other accounts, bond accounts, rental accounts and other material regarding daily operation of the Mills (mostly Chisolm's Mill). Balance sheets, yearly accounts, stockholders reports, value of asset, lists of stockholders, proxies, letters of I.G. Ball, Thomas D. Leiby and others, and other material (1905-1920) regarding West Point Mills. Chronologically arranged.

**23/343/1-12 Chisolm's Mill, ca. 1889-1910**

**Receipts, ca. 1889-1910. ½ ft**

Charleston mill, Receipts for wharfage, rice shipments, delivery orders, general operations expenses of Chisolm's Mill and West Point Mills. Orders from Wilmot D. Porcher, Dan Talmadge, and receipts from Palmetto Brewing Co., William Burmeisler, C.P. Poppenhiem, the Bailey-Leiby Co., and many other business (mostly 1890s)