



George W. Williams papers, 1845-1907
SCHS 1185.00
Containers 23/161-162

Creator: Williams, George W.

Description: 1 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Charleston, S.C. merchant, banker, and railroad executive. Williams began his career as a merchant in Augusta, Ga. In 1852 he established the wholesale grocery firm of George W. Williams & Co. in Charleston, S.C. He was founder and president of the Carolina Savings Bank of Charleston (chartered 1874) and a director of the South Carolina Railroad and the Charleston and Savannah Railroad (later called the Savannah and Charleston Railroad). His son George W. Williams (1860-1923) was a Charleston businessman and banker.

Scope and Content: Papers consist of financial and property records, legal documents, estate records, and other items.

Property records (1890-1897) include mortgages, bonds, conveyances, foreclosure sales notices, and other material pertaining to tracts of land in "a certain addition to the Town of Florence [S.C.] known as Homeland" originally sold by the Carolina Real Estate and Investment Co. to individuals whose mortgages were assigned to the Carolina Savings Bank; there are also mortgages and conveyances of the buildings and equipment of the Manufacturing Company of Florence (S.C.); and an abstract of title and other documents (1850-1873) pertaining to property at No. 10 Meeting Street (Charleston, S.C.) owned by Samuel G. Barker. Other items include a petition, correspondence, and other material (1865-1900) pertaining to Williams' claims against the Federal government for cotton seized by U.S. troops during the Civil War; papers (1874-1875) concerning the incorporation of the Carolina Savings Bank of Charleston; an indenture (1869) between the Savannah & Charleston Rail Road Company and James Robb, George W. Williams, and William Aiken; and a bound volume (1872-1873) attributed to George W. Williams & Co. containing cotton sales records, listing names of sellers and amounts of cotton sold and on hand.

Estate records of George W. Williams, Sr. and George W. Williams, Jr. include wills, accounts, and other items.

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Search terms:

Barker, Samuel Gaillard, 1799-1863.

Hand, Daniel, 1801-1891.

Williams, George Walton, 1820-1903.
Williams, George Walton, 1860-1923.
Carolina Real Estate and Investment Company.
Carolina Savings Bank (Charleston, S.C.)
George W. Williams & Co.
Manufacturing Company of Florence (S.C.)
Savannah and Charleston Railroad.
Cotton trade -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Real property -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Real property -- South Carolina -- Florence County.
Charleston (S.C.)
Homeland (Florence, S.C.)
South Carolina -- History.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Claims.
Estate records.
Financial records.
Legal documents.
Letters (correspondence)
Property records.
Wills.
Businessmen.

Container list:

23/161-162 Williams, George W. 1820-1902

Business papers, 1850-1906. Approx 150 items

Charleston banker, businessman, cotton broker. Letters, petitions and other material (1865-1900) regarding George W. Williams & Co.'s claims for cotton confiscated by the US during the Civil War. Account book (1872-1873) of cotton sales attributed to George W. Williams & Co. Titles to real estate handled by GWW in Florence County (1890-1897). Business and incorporation papers for the Carolina Savings Bank, Charleston (1874-1906). Misc. legal and business papers (1869-1902) including articles of partnership (1891-1893) of Langston and Woodson Deeds, abstract of titles, letters and other material regarding the ownership of 10 Meeting St., Charleston (1850-1870s) by Theodore G. Barker and George W. Williams.

23/161-1/6 Williams, George W., 1820-1902

Business papers, 1845-1886. Approx 100 items

Charleston factor, banker & businessman. Letters and legal papers regarding Daniel Hand, new Haven CT, business with George W. Williams & Co. Letters (1857-1886) regarding financial, business matters, partnerships and loan payments. Also letters from Daniel H. Wilcox, Augusta GA. Legal paper includes agreements to disband partnerships, mortgage accounts, bonds, power of attorney and other legal matters.

23/162/5-13 Williams, George W., 1820-1902

Estate papers, 1872-1907. 20 items

Charleston businessman. Wills of George W. Williams and Edward C. William (d. 1877) and estate accounts and of estate papers of George W. Williams.