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Robert S. Lafaye research papers, 1960-2005 **SCHS# 0603.00**

Creator: Robert S. Lafaye, 1934-2017

Description: 0.75 linear feet (2 boxes)

Biographical/Historical Note: Robert S. Lafaye, the son of Robert S. Lafaye, Sr., and Nell Murray Lafaye, was born in Columbia, S.C., and was educated at the University of South Carolina and Columbia Business College. He worked as the manager of general maintenance for the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) until his retirement in 1986. He had a lifelong interest in Native American culture and artifacts, as well as South Carolina history and archaeology.

Scope and Content: Collection mainly consists of research materials compiled by Robert S. Lafaye, as well as related notes and correspondence. Research pertains to the early exploration and settlement of the Port Royal area, early forts, Indian mounds in Berkeley County and elsewhere, Native American artifacts, the Yamasee War, and other topics. One file is labeled: "Early Santee Cooper Geological & Archaeological Matters, Pictures." The collection includes some photographs, and several files contain copies of early maps of the Carolinas and the Southeast. Also included is a copy of the memoirs of William Elliott (1872-1943) of Beaufort, part of which concerns a quarantine station at Port Royal.

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Search Terms:

Elliott, William, 1872-1943.
Santee Cooper Hydroelectric and Navigation Project.
Creek Indians -- South Carolina.
Fortification -- South Carolina.
Indians of North America -- South Carolina -- Antiquities.
Mounds -- South Carolina.
Quarantine -- South Carolina -- Beaufort County.
Yamasee War, S.C., 1715-1716.
America -- Discovery and exploration -- French.
America -- Discovery and exploration -- Spanish.
Charles Fort Site (S.C.)

Parris Island (S.C.) -- Antiquities.
Port Royal (S.C.) -- Antiquities.
Port Royal Region (S.C.) -- History.
Santee River (S.C.)
South Carolina -- History -- 16th century.
South Carolina -- Maps -- Early works to 1800.

BOX 1

- 1 "Miscellaneous articles concerning early European exploration and settlement efforts in Beaufort Area." Includes undated articles about Ribault's colony, William Hilton, Robert Sandford, and Port Royal.
- 2 "Johan de Verrazano letter to King, from Dutch account of exploration in 1524." A letter from the manuscript collection of the St. Augustine Research Library (MC-63, file #12), translated from the Dutch by Marie Copella in 1524.
- 3 "Maps of Spanish Possessions in U.S., 1502-1820 (Lowery list)." A list of maps found in the Library of Congress.
- 4 "Early maps – file no. 1 (begins 1482)." Mostly photocopies of maps.
- 5 "Early maps – file no. 2 (begins 1700)." Mostly photocopies of maps.
- 6 "Early explorer travel distance study."
- 7 "The River Jordan and its location – study." Research material relating to a river in the Carolinas (Santee River?).
- 8 "Juan Pardo." Research material on Juan Pardo and his expeditions.
- 9 "Early written opinions of A. S. Salley & Howard Danner & A. R. Kelly – Charlesfort location." Photocopies of letters by Salley and others.
- 10 "John Morrall – writings, opinions, etc." Copies of letters and notes about early settlement and forts in the Beaufort area.
- 11 "16th century French ceramics & glass, coins." Includes photographs of "possible French artifacts from Santa Elena."
- 12 "Coronas Spanish Document, Account by Pedro de Salazar, 1566." Copy of a translation of an account about an expedition led by Captain Pedro de Coronas on the St. Johns River.
- 13 "Saint Helena – Romans, Roman coins."
- 14 "Parris Island Museum Files, Negatives." Mostly photographs of the Parris Island Quarantine Station.

- 15 "Parris Island Museum: Pamphlet files, negative files, flat files, library." Notes on museum holdings.
- 16 "S.C. Archaeology Material." Includes information about Indian mounds at Pinopolis; and a partial inventory of Lafaye's "Indian Relic" collection.
- 17 Article "The Old Quartz Industry of Piedmont Georgia and South Carolina." (1954)
- 18 "Indian Relics."
- 19 "Indian village, tribe, locations." Includes maps and notes.
- 20 "Leneuds Ferry mounds." Notes on mounds in Williamsburg County.
- 21 "Limerick Plantation (Mt. Catherine Mound)."
- 22 "Indian Mounds – S.C., Ga., N.C., and sites (U.S.)"

BOX 2

- 1 "Cofitachequi: A Distinctive Culture." Gene Waddell article, 2005, about a native American culture in the U.S. southeast; and a related letter, 2009.
- 2 "Photo: South Carolina Paleo Type Projectile Points."
- 3 "‘Death Cult’ Rattlesnake Gorget Found in Richland County near Columbia." Includes photograph and related letters.
- 4 "Aboriginal Tobacco Pipes."
- 5 "The Santees." Letters and writings by Wesley D. White.
- 6 "The Santees." Includes photographs of pottery.
- 7 "Santee Indians, Siouan Family."
- 8 "Site Location Study: Capes, Indian Villages, Forts, Missions, etc." Includes numerous maps.
- 9 "Indian Tribes: S. C. Traders & Trading Posts."
- 10 "Indian Shell Midden, Shell Rings, etc., Stallings Island."
- 11 Copy of "An Account of the Breaking Out of the Yamassee War, in South Carolina extracted from the Boston News, of the 13th of June, 1715."
- 12 Copy of a "Letter from a Gentleman in Charles Town to the Carolina Agents in London." The letter, dated July 19, 1715, concerns the Yemassee War.
- 13 "Fort Watson – Clarendon Co., Scott's Lake – Area Mounds, Area Relic Finds." Mostly photographs.

- 14 "Fort Watson." Notes and photographs.
- 15 "Report to Gen.. R. Tryon, General Battaglini Letter." Letter to the commander at Parris Island concerning early fortifications on Parris Island. Also, a 1998 letter to Robert S. Lafaye from J. R. Battaglini, commander at Parris Island.
- 16 Miscellaneous research on native American archaeology.
- 17 "Research Assistance: Gene Waddell." Includes correspondence, 1999-2005, and Waddell's article "Why Cofitachiqui Disappeared" (1999).
- 18 "Early Santee Cooper Geological & Archaeological Matters, Pictures." Includes correspondence, 1961-1976 (and a copy of an earlier letter), some of which concern artifacts.
- 19 "William Elliott Memoirs." Copy of a typescript (1934?) by William Elliott (1872-1943). Page 70 and following relates to a quarantine station at Port Royal. Elliott, a lawyer, was a native of Beaufort, S.C.