



Margaretta Pringle Childs family papers, 1841-2000
SCHS Call # 456.00

Creator: Childs, Margaretta Pringle, 1912-2000

Description: 6 linear ft.

Scope and content: Collection consists of papers of Margaretta P. Childs, her husband St. Julien Ravenel Childs, her father Ernest H. Pringle, and other family members, as well as papers of the related families of Pringle, Childs, McColl, and Ravenel. Papers (1919-2000) of Margaretta P. Childs chiefly consist of personal and professional correspondence, papers relating to her social activism, research material, employment records, writings, and miscellaneous personal papers. Her correspondents include Horace B. Davis, a progressive activist and labor historian, and numerous friends and family members. Her papers include records relating to her house at 82 Pitt Street in Charleston (S.C.), records of the sale or donation of books from the estate of her husband, school records, early records of efforts to preserve the Joseph Manigault House, and files on topics such as Avery Institute, historic preservation, Harriott Horry Rutledge, the Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment, and women's history. Also of note are records (1961) of the Old Calvary Preservation Society, and papers (1980s-1990s) concerning J. D. Gleaton, a South Carolina black death row inmate, including Mrs. Childs' correspondence with him and related clippings, photographs, and transcripts of court testimony. Research file topics include black churches, Eyre Crowe (an artist), Charles Henry Hall, and Portia Trenholm (a South Carolina artist). Writings of Margaretta P. Childs include a biographical sketch of Mary Chesnut, an essay about Charleston City Hall, and book reviews. Professional papers and correspondence reflect Mrs. Childs' archival work the City of Charleston, the College of Charleston, and the South Carolina Historical Society.

Papers of St. Julien Ravenel Childs include correspondence (1920-1982), papers concerning a farm on Johns Island, papers concerning his military service in the Marine Corps, writings, records of Craver Industries (1960s), papers (1940s) concerning 73 King Street, including receipts for repairs and renovations, and an inventory of furniture, china, paintings, and other belongings of his mother Elizabeth (Lise) R. R. Childs. Papers of E. H. Pringle include correspondence, writings about banking, economics, and related subjects, and letters to Mrs. E. H. Pringle (Nell McColl Pringle) from her brother D. D. McColl, Jr.

Papers of the Pringle family include papers (1926-1990) of Dorothy Duncan McColl Pringle, Pringle family photographs, and miscellaneous items. Childs family papers include a few letters of Frederick L. Childs and his obituary. McColl family papers are chiefly genealogical and include records of the Stewartville Cemetery Association and information on the related Thomas family. Ravenel family papers include a poem (1876) by George H. Sass entitled "The Pisgah Expedition," correspondence (1874-1927) of Elizabeth (Lise) Rutledge Ravenel Childs, and Ravenel family correspondence (1841-1904), which includes letters (1840s)

from Harriott Horry Rutledge (Childs) to her mother Mrs. Edward Rutledge, a letter (1853) from Harriott P. Rutledge to Harriott H. Ravenel, and letters (1860s) to Dr. St. Julien Ravenel.

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Childs, Frederick Lynn.
Childs, Lise Ravenel, b. 1857.
Childs, Margaretta Pringle, 1912-2000.
Childs, St. Julien Ravenel, 1897-1983.
Crowe, Eyre, 1824-1910.
Davis, Horace B.
Gleaton, J. D.
Hall, Charles H. (Charles Henry), 1820-1895.
Pringle, Ernest Henry, 1881-1955.
Ravenel, Harriott Horry, 1832-1912.
Ravenel, St. Julien, 1819-1882.
Rutledge, Harriott Horry Rutledge, 1832-1912.
Sass, George Herbert, 1845-1908.
Trenholm, Portia Ashe Burden.
Childs family.
McCall family.
Pringle family.
Ravenel family.
Thomas family.
Avery Center (Charleston, S.C.)
Calvary Episcopal Church (Charleston, S.C.)
Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment.
City Hall (Charleston, S.C.)
Joseph Manigault House (Charleston, S.C.)
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Series outline:

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Series 1: Margaretta Pringle Childs Papers

Subseries 1.1 Correspondence

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- 11 Berger, Margaretta
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- 01 Davis, Horace
- 02 Davis, Horace
- 03 Derrick, Anya
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- 05 Fenhagen Family
- 06 Gallagher, Marty
- 07 File marked "Gifts" (1970s-1980s)
- 08 File marked "Gifts" (1990s and undated)
- 09 Giles Family
- 10 Gleason, Francesca
- 11 File marked "H – misc."
- 12 Hart, Becky
- 13 Hart, Eleanor
- 14 Hart Family

- 15 Holland, Robert and Sarah
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- 17 File marked "K – misc."
- 18 Johnson Family
- 19 Kofler Family
- 20 File marked "L – misc."
- 21 Langston, Catherine

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- 01 Lehmann-Haupt
- 02 File marked "M – misc."
- 03 Mazyck, Arthur
- 04 Mazyck, Arthur
- 05 Myers Family
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- 07 File marked "O – misc."
- 08 File marked "P – misc."
- 09 Pease, William and Jane
- 10 Pierce, Lewis and Felicia
- 11 Pinckney, Carol
- 12 Pipkin
- 13 Pollack
- 14 Pringle Family
- 15 File marked "R – misc."
- 16 Reed, Henry
- 17 Rogers, George C.
- 18 File marked "S – misc."
- 19 Smith, M. Gregg
- 20 Swallow
- 21 File marked "T – misc."
- 22 Thompson, Ken and Eve
- 23 File marked "U – V"
- 24 Wegman
- 25 File marked "W – Z"

BOX 4

- 01 Correspondence, arranged chronologically, 1919-1970s
- 02 Correspondence, 1980s
- 03 Correspondence, 1990s
- 04 Correspondence, undated

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Subseries 1.2 Topical Files

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- 02 82 Pitt St.: blueprint and plats, with garden plan
- 03 82 Pitt St.: yard work records, 1990-96

- 04 82 Pitt St.: ceramic tiles
- 05 82 Pitt St.: collectibles
- 06 82 Pitt St.: Wedgewood china
- 07 82 Pitt St.: records of a burglary theft, 1982
- 08 82 Pitt St.: clippings
- 09 82 Pitt St.: sale of house to Historic Charleston Foundation, 1989
- 10 82 Pitt St.: appraisal
- 11 82 Pitt St.: records concerning HCF
- 12 Papers concerning State of SC v. Gilbert & Gleaton: Margaretta Pringle Childs' notes
- 13 State v. Gilbert & Gleaton: testimony transcripts and notes
- 14 State v. Gilbert & Gleaton: transcript of record
- 15 Papers concerning J.D. Gleaton : testimony and notes re Gleaton's childhood and health
- 16 Papers concerning J.D. Gleaton: clippings, miscellaneous

BOX 6

- 01 Papers concerning J.D. Gleaton: correspondence, 1986-89
- 02 Papers concerning J.D. Gleaton: correspondence, 1990-92
- 03 Papers concerning J.D. Gleaton: correspondence, 1993-98, and undated
- 04 Papers concerning J.D. Gleaton: greeting cards and photographs
- 05 Papers concerning J.D. Gleaton: papers re death penalty
- 06 Papers concerning J.D. Gleaton: papers re prisons and death row inmates
- 07 Papers concerning Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment (CAFÉ): publications, etc.
- 08 Papers concerning CAFE: records re workplace injuries, doctors, etc.
- 09 Papers concerning CAFE: miscellaneous items
- 10 Papers concerning CAFE: records re labor laws, SC Senate Bill 540, Federal workers
- 11 Papers concerning CAFE: membership records, etc.
- 12 Papers concerning CAFE: records re food service workers, ARA
- 13 Papers concerning CAFE: papers re Charleston Naval Base clean-up and conversion

BOX 7

- 01 Records concerning Working Assets & Radcliffeboro Neighborhood Association
- 02 Records concerning Wellesley College
- 03 Records concerning Johns Hopkins University
- 04 Records concerning books bought, sold, or offered to libraries
- 05 Records concerning books bought, sold, or donated to libraries
- 06 "Books sold"
- 07 "Books – gifts"
- 08 "Socially Responsible Investments" file
- 09 Expenses, 1995; and will, 1996, etc.
- 10 Telephone and address books
- 11 Interlibrary loan records
- 12 Photographs
- 13 Records concerning a silver and cruet set
- 14 Vital records, school records, grade transcripts, juvenilia, etc.
- 15 "Greek class notes"
- 16 Honors, awards, memberships, etc.

17 Clippings

BOX 8

- 01 File on Avery Institute and African-American studies
- 02 File on Barbados
- 03 Alexander Marchant essay about colonial Brazil
- 04 Historic preservation
- 05 File on the Joseph Manigault House: early records concerning its preservation
- 06 Joseph Manigault House
- 07 Mazyck family and Mazyckboro
- 08 Moffett china
- 09 David Moltke-Hansen
- 10 Museums
- 11 Old Calvary Preservation Society records
- 12 Pendleton Historic Restoration
- 13 James L. Petigru
- 14 Rockefeller Foundation grant
- 15 Harriott Horry Rutledge
- 16 Women's history

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- 01 Research file: "Blacks in art"
- 02 Research file: black churches project
- 03 "Black history"
- 04 Free persons of color
- 05 Slavery
- 06 Charleston City Hall
- 07 Research on Eyre Crowe (artist): correspondence
- 08 Eyre Crowe: bibliography
- 09 Eyre Crowe: biographical and family data
- 10 Eyre Crowe: drawings and paintings
- 11 Eyre Crowe: with Thackeray in America
- 12 Research on Charles Henry Hall (1820-1895)
- 13 Research on 182 Meeting Street and Market Street, Charleston
- 14 Research on Portia Trenholm (artist): Legareville painting
- 15 Portia Trenholm: Old White Meeting House painting
- 16 Research on 1788 U.S. constitution

BOX 10

- 01 Margaretta Pringle Childs' writings: miscellaneous
- 02 Margaretta Pringle Childs' writings: Mary Chesnut sketch
- 03 Margaretta Pringle Childs' writings: reviews, etc.
- 04 Margaretta Pringle Childs' writings: letters to the editor
- 05 Correspondence, etc. re Margaretta Pringle Childs' work at Charleston City Hall
- 06 Papers concerning Margaretta Pringle Childs' work at Charleston City Hall
- 07 Correspondence, etc., re Margaretta Pringle Childs' work at the College of Charleston

- 08 Correspondence, etc., re Margaretta Pringle Childs' work at South Carolina Historical Society (SCHS)
- 09 Margaretta Pringle Childs' employment records
- 10 Margaretta Pringle Childs: miscellaneous papers

BOX 10A

Index card file: notes concerning research on Mary Chesnut

BOX 11

Series 2: Papers of St. Julien Ravenel Childs

- 01 Outgoing letters, 1920-1933
- 02 Outgoing letters, 1934-1942
- 03 Correspondence, 1925-1931
- 04 Correspondence, 1932-1933
- 05 Correspondence, 1934-1941
- 06 Correspondence, 1942- 1977, and undated letters
- 07 Letters from St. Julien R. Childs to his mother, 1935-1936
- 08 Fenhagen correspondence, 1950s
- 09 Davis correspondence, 1965-1982
- 10 Correspondence, etc., re Huguenot Society
- 11 Papers concerning a farm on Johns Island

BOX 12

- 01 Papers concerning the estate of Harriott Ravenel McLain
- 02 Papers concerning military service in Marine Corps, 1922-1936
- 03 Papers concerning Marine Corps Institute
- 04 Miscellaneous items
- 05 Records concerning Craver Industries, 1960s
- 06 Book reviews by St. Julien R. Childs
- 07 Papers concerning article "How South Carolina Began"
- 08 Compositions by St. Julien R. Childs
- 09 Compositions by St. Julien R. Childs

BOX 13

- 01 Inventory of furniture, china, paintings, etc. of Elizabeth R. R. Childs
- 02 Papers concerning 73 King Street, including receipts for repairs and renovations, 1940s

Series 3: Papers of Ernest H. Pringle, Jr.

- 03 Correspondence, 1915-1942
- 04 Correspondence, 1943-1951
- 05 McColl and Pringle correspondence, 1937-1942
- 06 Letters to Mrs. E.H. Pringle (Nell McColl Pringle) from her brother D.D. McColl, Jr.
- 07 Writings by E.H. Pringle
- 08 Writings by E.H. Pringle
- 09 Writings by E.H. Pringle

10 Miscellaneous items

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Series 4: Pringle Family Papers

- 01 Dorothy Duncan McColl Pringle papers, 1926-1990
- 02 Pringle family photographs
- 03 Miscellaneous Pringle family papers

Series 5: Childs Family Papers

- 04 Miscellaneous Childs family papers
- 05 Papers of and relating to Frederick L. Childs (1831-1894)

Series 6: McColl Family Papers

- 06 Miscellaneous McColl family papers
- 07 McColl family genealogical papers: Stewartsville Cemetery Association records
- 08 McColl family genealogical records: papers relating to Thomas family

Series 7: Ravenel Family Papers

- 09 Elizabeth (Lise) Rutledge Ravenel papers, 1874-1927
- 10 Ravenel family correspondence, 1841-1904, and undated letters
- 11 Miscellaneous Ravenel family papers
- 12 Papers of the related Sass family

Series 8: Ravenel-Pringle-Childs papers

- 13 Miscellaneous Ravenel-Pringle-Childs papers
- 14 Miscellaneous Ravenel-Pringle-Childs papers