



Childs family papers, 1842- ca. 1975
SCHS Call # 1224.00
Containers 24/276-329, 33/25

Creator: Childs family.

Description: 22 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: South Carolina family.

Scope and content: Papers consist of correspondence, writings, notes, photographs, and other items. Included are the papers of St. Julien R. Childs, Margaretta Pringle Childs, William Wallace Childs, Lise Ravenel Childs, and the Pringle family (1896-1940).

Correspondence includes letters (1901-1908) of Ernest Henry Pringle (1881-1955) written to his fiancée (later his wife) Nellie McColl while he was working as a traveling salesman for a Charleston (S.C.) drygoods store. Letters from Baltimore (Md.), Columbia (S.C.), Bennettsville (S.C.), and elsewhere in South Carolina and North Carolina concern personal and family matters, courtship, Ernest H. Pringle's job, and other matters.

Papers of Frederick Lynn Childs include a letter (1842) from him to his father Major Thomas Childs regarding family matters; and letters (1867-1912) to Frederick Lynn Childs from Jennie Anderson, Annie Childs Rees, his son William W. Childs at the Carolina Military Institute (Charlotte, N.C.) and elsewhere, and letters from other family members at Stateburg (S.C.) and other locations concerning family matters, Frederick L. Childs' job, William W. Childs' education, and other matters. There is also correspondence and papers (1890-1912) of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Saunders, including a letter from Mary M. Childs; and papers (1890s, mostly letters) of W.W. Anderson. In addition, there are Childs family financial records including accounts, bills, and receipts, as well as certificates and diplomas.

Photographs (1870s-1970) are those of the family of St. Julien Ravenel and friends, and members of the Childs family and the allied families of Rutledge, Pinckney, Pringle, and Hayne. Also included are photographs (1917-1925) of St. Julien Ravenel Childs and family in St. Thomas (V.I.) and the Dominican Republic and scenes of those countries, with some picture postcards; reproductions of photographs (ca. 1914-1915) of The Citadel (Charleston, S.C.); a silhouette of W.W. Childs; a photograph (ca. 1920) of Borough House; negatives; some oversized photographs; and a drawing of William W. Childs by his sister Mary Childs.

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Search terms:

Childs, Frederick Lynn.

Childs, William Wallace, 1857-1927.
Pringle, Ernest Henry, 1881-1955.
Anderson family.
Childs family.
Childs family -- Photograph collections.
Hayne family.
Pinckney family.
Pringle family.
Saunders family.
Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina.
Dominican Republic.
South Carolina -- History.
Saint Thomas (V.I.)
Drawings.
Financial records.
Letters (correspondence)
Photographs.
Postcards.
Silhouettes.
Traveling sales personnel.

Series outline:

1224.01 Family document series
1224.02 Papers of Individual Childs family members
1224.03 Childs allied families

Container listing:

1224.01 Family document series

24/328-329 Childs, Pringle, and Ravenel family photographs, 1870s-1970s
33/25 (1 linear ft.).

1224.02 Papers of Individual Childs family members

1224.02.01 *Childs, Lise Ravenel, b. 1857.*
Lise Ravenel Childs family letters, 1883-1939. 4.25 linear ft.
24/276-284 family letters, 1883-1939

1224.02.02 *Childs, William Wallace, 1857-1927.*
William Wallace Childs papers, 1867-1927. 7 linear ft.
24/285-294 Family letters, 1867-1927 (5 linear ft.).
24/295-299 Writings, 1911-1925 (2.5 linear ft.)
24/300/01-07 Writings & inventions, 1872-1922 (0.5 linear ft.).
24/301/01-02 Family letters, 1870s-1880s (c. 50 items)

1224.02.03 Childs, Frederick L., 1831-1894.
24/301/03-13 Family letters, 1842-1912 (150 items).

1224.02.04 Childs, St. Julien Ravenel, 1897-1983.
St. Julien Ravenel Childs papers, 1902-ca. 1975. 6.5 linear ft.
24/302-307 Letters, 1902-1940s (3 linear ft.).
24/308 Military papers, 1914-1923 (0.5 linear ft.).
24/309-315 Historical writings and research, 1930s-1970s (3.25 linear ft.).
24/315-317 History notes and sources, 1930s-1970s (1.25 linear ft.).

1224.02.05 Childs, Margaretta Pringle, b. 1912.
Margaretta Pringle Childs papers, 1922-ca. 1975. 2.25 linear ft.
24/326-327 Letters, 1926-1970s (0.5 linear ft.).
24/322-323 Writings and research, 1930s-1970s (0.75 linear ft.).
24/323/15-23 Preservation papers, 1952-1959 (175 items).
24/324-326 School writings and notes, 1922-1962 (1.25 linear ft.).

1224.03 Childs allied families

1224.03.01 Pringle family.
24/321/01-15 Pringle family papers, 1896-1940. 0.5 linear ft.

1224.03.01.01 Pringle, Ernest H., 1881-1954.
24/318-320 Letters, 1901-1908 (1.5 linear ft.).