



Lucas family papers, 1780-1915 SCHS 447.00

Creator: Lucas family.

Description: 1.75 linear ft.

Scope and content: This collection chiefly consists of photocopies and transcriptions of papers relating to Jonathan Lucas (1754-1821) of South Carolina and his descendants. Papers include correspondence, business, financial, property, and legal records, slave records, and other items. Principal persons represented include Jonathan Lucas, Jr. (1775-1832), his son William Lucas (1789-1878), and William's sons Robert Hume Lucas (1825-1915) and Alexander Hume Lucas (1838-1914). Correspondents include Charles Baring (1774-1865), Thomas Grange Simons Lucas (1847-1916), William Washington, Plowden Weston, John Hume, Anna Camilla Cordes (1802-1874), and Lizzie Doar (Mrs. Alexander H. Lucas). Properties that figure in the papers include the Wedge Plantation and Harrietta Plantation. Most of the letters of Robert H. Lucas originate from California, where he moved in 1867, and concern his financial struggles, his wife's health, family matters, and some property in South Carolina. Some correspondence of the 1880s pertains to Lucas family history and genealogy. Correspondence of Alexander H. Lucas includes letters he wrote during Confederate service, some from Sullivan's Island (S.C.). He served as an officer on the staff of Gen. James H. Trapier.

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Search terms:

Baring, Charles, 1774-1865.
Cordes, Anna Camilla, 1802-1874.
Lucas, Alexander Hume, 1838-1914.
Lucas, Elizabeth Ann Doar, 1845-1921.
Lucas, Jonathan, 1754-1821.
Lucas, Jonathan, 1775-1832.
Lucas, Robert Hume, 1825-1915.
Lucas, William, 1789-1878.
Trapier, James Heyward, 1813-1865.
Weston, Plowden, 1739-1827.
Dorr family.
Lucas family.
Confederate States of America. Army -- Officers -- Correspondence.
Mills and mill-work -- South Carolina.

Rice -- South Carolina -- Milling.
Slaves -- South Carolina.
Harrietta Plantation (Charleston County, S.C.)
Wedge Plantation (St. James Santee Parish, S.C.)

Container list:

Note: This collection was originally organized in ten ring binders. It has been removed from the binders, but kept in original order, and the pages (sheets) have been numbered consecutively. Any original documents were removed and placed in separate folders.

BOX 1

(Box/Folder)

- 1/1 Mostly copies of documents dating from the 1780s to 1821. Includes correspondence of Jonathan Lucas, Sr. with rice planters concerning rice mills and equipment.
- 1/2 Documents dating 1802-1821. Includes a patent on Jonathan Lucas, Jr.'s "machine for cleaning rice" (1808), slave records, and letters of Charles Baring.
- 1/3 Some documents dating 1820-1821, but mostly correspondence of Robert H. Lucas (1825-1915) writing from California in 1892.
- 1/4 Correspondence of Robert Hume Lucas, 1892-1894. Correspondence concerns his financial struggles, his wife's health problems, family matters, property in South Carolina, etc.
- 1/4a Two manuscript letters removed from 1/4.
- 1/5 Mostly correspondence of Robert H. Lucas, 1892-1899, writing from San Rafael and San Francisco. Also some papers of Alexander H. Lucas (1838-1914) and Thomas Grange Simons Lucas (1847-1916).
- 1/6 Papers of Thomas G. S. Lucas, 1899-1915; some undated items; and correspondence, 1902-1903, of Alexander Hume Lucas (Oley, or Olie), Robert Hume Lucas, and members of the Doar family of Harrietta Plantation.
- 1/6a Original documents removed from 1/6.
- 1/7 Papers and correspondence of Jonathan Lucas, Sr., 1792-1821. Correspondents include Plowden Weston, John Hume, and Gen. William Washington. Also included are slave records and papers of William Lucas (1789-1878).
- 1/8 Mostly papers and correspondence of William Lucas (1789-1878) dating 1821-1831.

BOX 2

- 2/1 Papers and correspondence of William Lucas, continued, dating 1830-1857.
- 2/2 Papers and correspondence of William Lucas, continued, dating 1823-1828.
- 2/3 Papers and correspondence of William Lucas, continued, dating 1825-1828. Includes a bill of sale, 1828, for a slave named Diana and her child, sold by Harriott Horry to William Lucas, with an accompanying note by Frederick Rutledge stating that Diana "has permission to choose a master."
- 2/3a Original mss removed from 2/3 and 2/4. Includes slave bill of sale, 1828.
- 2/4 Papers and correspondence of William Lucas, continued, dating 1828-1831.
- 2/5 Papers and correspondence of William Lucas, continued, dating 1831-1853.
- 2/6 Mostly papers and correspondence of William Lucas, 1853-1860s.

- 2/7 Papers and correspondence of Alexander H. Lucas (1838-1914), dating 1892-1901.
- 2/8 Papers of A. H. Lucas, 1901-1904; and his earlier correspondence, 1859-1861.
- 2/9 Papers and correspondence of A. H. Lucas, 1861-1863. Includes letters written by Lucas during his Confederate service.

BOX 3

- 3/1 Papers and correspondence of A. H. Lucas, continued, dating 1863-1868. Some of his war letters originate from Sullivan's Island. Includes a letter to Lucas from Joseph P. Carr in Aberdeen, Mississippi, dated Aug. 27, 1863, concerning military conditions in Charleston and Mississippi, criticism of Gen. Pemberton, etc. This folder also contains some papers of William Lucas, including his oath of allegiance, 1865.
- 3/2 Papers and correspondence of A. H. Lucas dating 1868-1869. Includes letters between Lucas and his fiancée Miss Lizzie Doar, as well as letters of other Lucas family members and relations, including Robert H. Lucas (1825-1915), and Anna Camilla Cordes (1802-1874) in Pineville, S.C.
- 3/3 Mostly letters between A. H. Lucas and Lizzie dating 1869 (the year in which they married).
- 3/3a Mss removed from 3/3.
- 3/4 Lucas family papers and correspondence, 1870-1875. Correspondents include Robert H. Lucas (writing from California), Lizzie Doar Lucas, and A. H. Lucas (who is often addressed as "Oley" or "Olie").
- 3/5 Lucas family papers and correspondence, 1875-1877. Mostly correspondence of A. H. Lucas and Robert H. Lucas, with some letters addressed to their father William Lucas. Also includes copies of a patent issued to Robert H. Lucas for improvements in refrigeration devices.
- 3/6 Lucas family papers and correspondence, 1877-1880. Mostly letters of A. H. Lucas and Robert H. Lucas.

BOX 4

- 4/1 Lucas family papers and correspondence, 1881-1888. Some papers of the 1880s pertain to Lucas family genealogy and history.
- 4/2 Lucas family papers and correspondence, 1883-1884. Correspondents include J. J. Lucas (Society Hill, S.C.).
- 4/3 Lucas family papers and correspondence, 1884-1885.
- 4/4 Lucas family papers and correspondence, 1885-1888. Some letters of 1886 mention the Charleston earthquake.
- 4/5 Lucas family papers and correspondence, 1888-1891.
- 4/5a Mss removed from 4/2 and 4/7.
- 4/6 Lucas family papers and correspondence, 1891.
- 4/7 Lucas family papers and correspondence, 1871-1882. Much of this material pertains to legal and financial matters.