



Gadsden family papers, 1703-ca. 1955
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Creator: Gadsen Family.

Description: 2 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: South Carolina family. Christopher Gadsden (1724-1805) was a Charleston, S.C. merchant, Revolutionary War general, state legislator, and U.S. Continental Congressman. His son Philip Gadsden (1761-1824) was the father of Rev. Philip Gadsden (1798-1870), Rev. Christopher Edwards Gadsden (1785-1852), James Gadsden (1788-1858) and Thomas Gadsden (1796-1871). Rev. Philip Gadsden, an Episcopal minister, married Susan B. Hamilton, daughter of Gov. Paul Hamilton (1762-1816), and their children included John Gadsden (1833-1902) of Summerville (S.C.), who was the father of John Blacklock Gadsden (1860-1944). Rev. Thomas F. Gadsden (1839-1891), rector of Grace Church (Anderson, S.C.), was the son of Christopher Edwards Gadsden.

Scope and Content: Papers consist of correspondence, estate records, writings, and other items. Included are the papers of John Gadsden (1833-1902) and Gadsden allied families.

Correspondence includes letters (1854-1857) of Philip Gadsden (d. 1857) in Mexico City (Mexico) to his mother and sister regarding experiences there with his uncle James Gadsden (a U.S. foreign minister); topics include social life, social conditions, and family matters. In addition, there is correspondence (1840-1852) of Christopher Edwards Gadsden and Thomas Gadsden regarding family matters, religion, politics, and education.

Papers of Thomas F. Gadsden (1839-1891) include correspondence with W.B.W. Howe and other clergy concerning affairs of the diocese and an essay (1851) on war. Estate records (1829-1895) of Philip Gadsden (1798-1870) include accounts, copies of his will, and other items.

Personal and business correspondence (1877-1940) of John B. Gadsden (1860-1944) includes letters regarding his service as superintendant of the 6th Lighthouse District (headquarters at Charleston, S.C.) and his management of the Oakland Hunting Club. Papers (ca. 1920-1950) of Jeanne Gadsden, daughter of John B. Gadsden consist of a Gullah story about Brer Wolf and Brer Rabbit, poems, and correspondence regarding financial and social matters, genealogy, and other topics.

Other items include biographical materials about Christopher Gadsden (1724-1805); photographs of Gadsden family portraits; and genealogical materials, including a Gadsden family chart, correspondence, wills, family Bible records, clippings, and other items pertaining to the Gadsden family and related families including the Farr and Hamilton families.

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Gadsden, Christopher, 1724-1805.
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Gadsden, John Blacklock, 1860-1944.
Gadsden, Philip, 1798-1870 -- Estate.
Gadsden, Philip, d. 1857.
Gadsden, Thomas Fisher, 1839-1891.
Gadsden, Thomas, 1796-1871.
Howe, William Bell White, 1823-1894.
Farr family.
Gadsden family.
Gadson family.
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Episcopal Church -- South Carolina -- Clergy.
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11/140/1-3 Gadsden, Christopher, 1724-1805

Biographical Material, 1805-1930s. Approx 50 items

Charlestonian. Revolutionary war general. Papers regarding Christopher Gadsden include biographical notes and sketches, news clippings, copies of portraits, copies of some Christopher Gadsden letters and letters from RH Woods, Duke University, researcher of Christopher Gadsden.

11/140/4-6 Gadsden, Christopher E., 1785-1852

Correspondence, papers. 1840-1852. Approx 35 items.

Charleston Episcopal Bishop. Correspondence (1840-1852) between Christopher E. Gadsden and his brother Thomas Gadsden in Florida and Washington DC and others regarding family, religious, political, and educational matters. Resolution of the vestry of St. Philip's Church, Charleston (1840) and letters regarding death of Christopher E. Gadsden (1852). Also notes and copies of portraits by Christopher E. Gadsden.

11/140/7-12 Gadsden, Philip Jr., 1837-1857

Letters, 1854-1857. Approx 50 items.

Charlestonian. Letters of Philip Gadsden Jr. to his mother and sister from Mexico City, Mexico regarding his experiences in Mexico with his uncle James Gadsden, US Minister. Included are

material of John Gadsden, President and Mrs. Santa Ana, life, poverty, social life, a Protestant marrying a Catholic (7/19/1854) and comments on family in Charleston. Also letters from Henry C. Lay, Huntsville AL regarding Philip Gadsden's final illness and death (1857). Typescript of many of the letters available. Chronologically arranged.

11/140/13 Gadsden, Philip Sr., d. 1870

Estate papers, 1829-1895. 28 items.

Charleston and Summerville minister. Estate papers (1870-1895) of Philip Gadsden Sr. and some material from the vestries of St. Philip's, Charleston and St. Paul, Summerville churches (1829-1863)

11/140/14 Gadsden, Thomas F. 1839-1891

Papers, 1877-1891 11 items.

Anderson and Charleston area minister. Letters of Thomas F. Gadsden fro Bishop WBW Howe regarding diocese matters. Obituary material. Essay against war.

11/140-142 Gadsden, John 1833-1902

Correspondence & Papers, 1852-1902. 1 ¼ ft.

Principal of the Holy Communion Church Institute in Charleston and Summerville resident. Family letter to John Gadsden from Uncle Thomas (in Washington), brother Thomas Jr., C.P., C. Shulz (from an engineering camp), Jonathan and other Gadsdens regarding family matters, education, religion and politics. Also letter from Uncle Thomas Gadsden to Jane? (6/3/1865) from Charleston regarding conditions in Charleston and plights of many families at the end of the Civil War. Letters to John Gadsden from parents of students from Bluffton, Orangeburg, Anderson, Spartanburg, Beaufort, Charleston, Oakley Depot, and elsewhere in SC and from PA, FL, AL, MO and elsewhere. Personal and professional correspondence with Anthony T. Porter, Bishop WHW Howe, N.R. Middleton, M.E. Hutchinson, F.A. Mitchell, Barnwell R. Heyward, Rev. E.S. Miles, Emma Rhett, Jane Petigru (1862) and many others from Summerville, Aiken, Union College, Schenectady, NY, Charleston and elsewhere. Chronologically arranged. Also biographical material regarding John Gadsden and a holograph copy of John Gadsden's Civil War diary (1864-1865) [11-142-17]

11/143/1-3 Gadsden, John B.

Business and personal correspondence, 1877-1940. Approx 50 items.

Summervillian. Business and personal correspondence of John B. Gadsden. Papers include letters regarding John B. Gadsden's service as chief clerk of the 6th Light House District, Charleston (1902-1906) and his management of the Oakland (hunting) Club in Dorchester County including letters from Henry Stimson.

11/143/4-5 Gadsden, Jeanne, d. 1902

Papers, 1920s-1950s. Approx 50 items

Summervillian. Writings of John Gadsden including one story in Gullah and poetry mss. John Gadsden personal correspondence regarding personal matters and Gadsden family history.

11/143/6-16 Gadsden family, 1818-1950s

Family history notes, 1818-1950s. Approx 100 items

Summerville and Charleston family. Notebook with various family trees of the Gadsden, Hamilton, Farr, Waring and other families. Bible records of Gadsden family. Notes on Thomas Gadsden (d.1741), General James Gadsden (d. 1858) , the English branch of the Gadsden family, the Mighall, and Daniel families and the Paul Hamilton family. Copies of wills of James Gadsden, Eliza Youngblood, and Mary M. Braly (1818). Also other notes and clippings. Also undated letter from a mother to her child regarding the mother's concern that the daughter be pious, but also develop intellectually (ca. 1790-1840)

11/143/17 Dehon, Theodore, 1776-1817

Sermon ms. nd. 1 item

Charlestonian, Bishop of SC. Sermon ms. of Theodore Dehon (ca. 1795-1815)

11/144/1-4 Farr Family, 1703-1832

Muniments, 1703-1832. Approx 30 items

St. Paul's parish family. Receipts, plats, indentures, sales, and manumission papers for slaves, bonds, a marriage settlement, a will and other Muniments of Thomas Farr Sr., Nathaniel Farr, Catherine Farr and other Farr family members regarding lands in St. Paul Parish (Dorchester Co.), Charleston and Colleton counties. Also (1804) agreement to have a slave apprentice as a carpenter. Chronologically arranged.

11/144/5-7 Boyle family, 1822-1888

Family papers, 1822-1888. Approx 50 items

St. Paul's parish and Charleston family. Letters, a mortgage of slaves and receipts for clothes, food, and a piano of John and Elizabeth Boyle. Letters from JF Blacklock to Elizabeth Boyle regarding the care of her children. Also order to build a canal in St. Paul's Parish (Dorchester Co.) and ms. regarding the phrenological character and talents of John Boyle with a phrenology chart.

11/144/8-11 Trapier family papers, 1832-1839

Family history papers, 1832-1839. Approx 30 items

Charleston family. Typescript and ms of Paul Trapier memoir "Notices of Ancestor and Relatives..." and another account of Paul Trapier's family during and after the Civil War. Letters (1832-1860) of Paul Trapier and Mary T. Gadsden regarding family matters with a mention of nullification (1832). Also family history notes, photographs and copies of portraits.

11/144/12-17 Hayne Family, 1861-1886

Family papers, 1861-1886. Approx 75 items.

Charleston family. Letters (1862-1863) of ET Shrubrick Hayne regarding his service during the Civil War and letters of condolence to his family after his death. Letters of Mary M. Hayne regarding family and personal matters. Biographical notes on Paul H. Hayne. Papers of Isaac Hayne (1839-1880) including an essay on Napoleon III (1888), a law certificate, a letter to the editor of the Charleston News & Courier (1870s) regarding IH's dispute with James B. Campbell over disputed state finances. Also family history notes.

11/144/18 Frost, Mary Deas

Journal, n.d. 4 items.

Wife of Dr. Henry R. Frost. Journal (n.d.) of Mary Deas Frost's trip to Cincinnati, Ohio to attend her husband's medical convention. Other Frost family papers.