



Arthur Mazyck papers, 1840-1914
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Containers 23/287-295

Creator: Mazyck, Arthur

Description: 3.25 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Charleston, S.C. attorney and author. Arthur Mazyck served as Secretary and Treasurer of the College of Charleston Board of Trustees, Treasurer of St. Philip's Church Vestry, and Treasurer of the Huguenot Society (of SC), and was Librarian for the Charleston Library Society. He was the author of a book about Charleston, S.C. entitled "Charleston in 1883."

Scope and Content: Papers consist of financial records, legal documents and correspondence, papers pertaining to the College of Charleston, St. Philips Church, and the Carolina Rifle Club, and other items. Included are the papers of James Petigru Lesesne (1848-1892) and Charles Richardson Miles (b. 1829).

Financial records include account books containing Mazyck's personal and household accounts as well as accounts for his salary and fees as Librarian of the Charleston Library Society and for his legal work for clients; and receipts (1899-1903) for salary disbursements for College of Charleston employees.

Papers pertaining to St. Philips (Episcopal) Church include a letterpress copybook (1900-1914) containing letters from Mazyck regarding church finances, and an account book (1908-1913) for pew rent, salaries, and other income and expenditures. There are additional church financial records contained in other volumes. Papers (1840-1877) regarding the South Carolina Rifle Club (later a state militia battalion) include lists of members and rallying points, records of team shooting, correspondence with officers, orders, and other items.

Correspondence (1877-1914) in fifteen letterpress copybooks chiefly consists of Mazyck's letters to his partner William St. Julien Jervey and others regarding civil law cases, property transactions, estates, timber rights, and other legal affairs, but also letters (1888-1889) to Lyman C. Draper concerning historical manuscripts of South Carolina, accounts (1885-1886) of Mazyck as treasurer of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina, and letters (1897-1905) from Mazyck regarding affairs of the College of Charleston Board of Trustees.

Four letterpress copybooks (1889-1914) contain legal documents and other papers pertaining to real estate transactions, phosphate mining in Berkeley County (S.C.), the estate of Charles R. Miles, and other matters. Three letterpress copybooks (ca. 1882-1913) contain abstracts of title to properties in Charleston and Berkeley counties.

Other items include a plat (n.d.) of Wraggsborough (Charleston, S.C.); notes (ca. 1875-1910) on South Carolina laws, courts, religion, government, and counties; and notes and articles (ca. 1880) written or collected by Mazyck for his book "Charleston in 1883."

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Search terms:

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Jervey, William St. Julien, 1847-1915.
Mazyck, Arthur, 1850-1914.
Miles, Charles Richardson, b. 1829 -- Estate.
Carolina Rifle Club (Charleston, S.C.) -- Records and correspondence.
College of Charleston. Board of Trustees.
St. Philip's Church (Charleston, S.C.) -- Records and correspondence.
Lawyers -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Real property -- South Carolina.
Charleston (S.C.) -- History.
South Carolina -- History.
Financial records.
Legal documents.
Letterpress copybooks.
Letters (correspondence).

Container list:

23/287-288/1 Mazyck, Arthur. 1850-1914

Legal letters, 1877-1892. 7 ms. vol.

Charleston lawyer. Letter books of AM to partner William St. Julien Jervey, clients, and others regarding civil law cases and handling of mostly routine property transactions, primarily land purchases and rentals and estates. Includes many letters to Mrs. Robert Witherspoon (Susan Mazyck) Meminger, other Mazyck family, Susan Sarah Pinckney Magwood, and Gabriel Edward Manigault. Other correspondents include Henry Alexander DeSaussure and Benjamin Tillman. But includes letters to Lyman C. Draper regarding SC historical manuscripts (1888-1889) and AM's accounts (1885-1886) as treasurer of the Huguenot Society of SC. Chronologically arranged, indexed by name.

23/288-290/3 Mazyck, Arthur, 1850-1914

Legal letters, 1894-1914. 8 ms. vols.

Charleston lawyer. Letter books from AM to clients and others regarding civil law cases and handling of mostly routine property transactions, primarily land purchases, and rentals including timber rights and estates. Includes many letters to GJ Cherry of the North State Lumber Company in Charleston and to the Officers of the Dorchester Land and Lumber Co of Boston, MA (1903-1914); to GE and LA Beckman of McClellanville, tenants respectively of Romney Plantation and Mazyck family land in Georgetown Co. (1896-1914); and Rev. Andrew Ernest Cornish in Abbeville, the executor of several estates (1910-1913). Also some letters to Mrs. Robert Witherspoon (Susan Mazyck) Meminger and other Mazyck family. But includes occasional letters to Harrison Randolph and others from AM as Acting Secretary of the College of Charleston Board of Trustees (1897-1905).

23/290/4, 23/291 Mazyck, Arthur, 1850-1914

Abstracts of title, ca. 1882-ca.1892 and 1898-1913. 3 ms. vol.

Charleston lawyer. Letterpress books of over 50 abstracts of title prepared from extant menses conveyance records to Charleston city lots and to Charleston and Berkeley Co. lands. Includes abstracts (1902-1913) for tracts owned or leased by the Dorchester Land and Luber Co. of Boston, MA. Indexed by name of owner at end of a volume and street, parish, or plantation. Abstracts for 1898-1901 consists mostly of Charles Richardson Miles's legal accounts and registers for 1882-1888 and 1892.

23/292/1 Lesesne, James Petigru, 1848-1892.

Legal papers and abstracts of title, 1880-1888. 1 ms. vol.

Charleston lawyer. Abstracts of title for Charleston City and Colleton County land and some letters as well as occasional petitions to Charleston City Council regarding financial status and holdings (1883) of Henry Augustus Middleton, disputed land claim of SC Jockey Club (1887), and JPL's assistance (1887) in recovering a Cooper River Plantation for the Harleston family. But mostly copies of papers filed in common pleas and probate court. Arranged chronologically, indexed by name.

23/292/2 Miles, Charles Richardson, b. 1829

SC Attorney-General's opinions, 1883-1885. 1 ms. vol.

SC Attorney-General. Letterpress copy of official opinions from CRM to state and Charleston City Sinking Fund Commissions, SC Railroad Commission, and Governor Hugh Smith Thompson regarding legal status of Beresford Bounty lands in Berkeley Co., regulation of passenger rates and freight, racial discrimination in train accommodations, and the tenure of trial justices in several counties. Chronologically arranged, indexed by name.

23/292-293 Mazyck, Arthur, 1850-1914

Legal, college and church papers, 1889-1914. 4 ms. vol.

Charleston lawyer, acting secretary of the College of Charleston board of trustees and treasurer of St. Philip's Church vestry. Letter books, mostly of land leases, conveyances, other contracts, legislative bills and petitions regarding handling of land or estate matters for legal clients. Includes papers regarding phosphate mining on marsh lands of Simon John Magwood and Susan Sarah Pinckney Magwood in Berkeley Co., grant of exclusive oyster rights to Laurens North Chisholm in Charleston Co., timber interests of the Dorchester Land and Lumber Co. of Boston, MA and estate of Charles Richardson Miles. Other clients include Berkeley Chemical Company and Sylvia Dangerfield. Also includes financial statements, accounts, and schedules of rental property for St. Philip's; and financial statements, accounts, and lists of Board Committee members for the College of Charleston. Chronologically arranged, indexed by name. First vol. begins with James P. Lesesne's legal papers, and abstracts of title. Second vol. begins with letters of Charles R. Miles as SC Attorney-General.

23/294/1-5 Mazyck, Arthur, 1850-1914

Accounts, 1875-1907. 5 ms. vol.

Charleston lawyer, acting Secretary of College of Charleston Board of Trustees and treasurer of St. Philip's Church Vestry, ledgers, and journals regarding AM's household accounts and land,

estate, or financial accounts of legal clients including the Dorchester Land and Lumber Co. of Boston, MA, Sylvia Dangerfield, Mrs. Robert Witherspoon (Susan Mazyck) Meminger, the estate of Susan Sarah Pinckney Magwood, and the Mazyck family. Also, routine accounts (1898-1901) for the College of Charleston and St. Philips showing fuel, maintenance, and petty office expenses. Various arranged, but indexed by name.

23/294/6-9 Mazyck, Arthur 1850-1914

College secretary's receipts and accounts, 1896-1913. 60+ items

Mostly receipts (1899-1903) regarding salaries, furniture and furnishings, and petty office expenses. Also includes scattered accounts, and other papers regarding equipment purchases and building repairs. Chronologically arranged.

23/295/1 Miles, Charles Richardson, b. 1829

Master-in-Equity letters, 1888-1892. 1 ms. vol.

Charleston master-in-equity. Copies of letters from CRM to Governor Benjamin Ryan Tillman, other officials, and the public, mostly regarding handling of information and other requests from Direct Tax claimants, conflicting interpretations of the Master's authority, and routine office operations. Rough chronological arrangement, indexed by name.

23/295/1 Mazyck, Arthur, 1850-1914

College secretary's letters, 1897-1904. 1 ms. vol.

Acting secretary of College of Charleston Board of Trustees. Letter book of AM regarding exams; preparation of school calendar; Boyce and other scholarships; faculty appointments, promotions, and resignations; new professorships and departments; honorary degrees; salary problems; and information requested for commencements and the College's budget. Correspondents include Charles H. Simonton, John F Ficken, Virgil C. Dibble, Thomas della Torre, and Gabriel Edward Manigault, and students. Chronologically arranged, indexed by name. Begins with letters of Charles R. Miles as Master-In-Equity.

23/295/2-3 Mazyck, Arthur, 1850-1914

Church letters and accounts, 1900-1914. 2 ms. vol.

Treasurer of St. Philip's Episcopal Church vestry, Charleston. Letter book regarding church finances. Includes letters to Bishops Richard Ellison Capers and William Alexander Guerry and rectors John Johnson and Samuel Cary Beckworth. Also accounts (1908-1913) showing pew rents, assessments of members, alms collected by and salaries paid to the rector, the sexton, and others. Chronologically arranged. Letters indexed by name.

23/295/4 Mazyck, Arthur, 1850-1914

Historical notes, ca. 1875-1910. 2 items.

Charleston author. Historical notes regarding SC laws and courts, religion, government, and counties.

23/295/5 Mazyck, Arthur, 1850-1914

History notes, ca. 1880s. Approx 50 items

Charleston lawyer. Notes collected by AM for Charleston, South Carolina in 1883. Notes and articles regarding Charleston, Charleston City Hal, The College of Charleston, the Washington

Light Infantry, Grace Church, St. Paul's Church, St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church, Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, Holy Communion Church Institute, The Battery, William Pitt Statute, and St. John's Lutheran Church.

23/295/6-7 Mazyck, Arthur, 1850-1914

Papers 1840-1877. Approx 50 items.

Charleston lawyer. Lists of members, rallyers and rallying points, records of team shooting, correspondence with officers, orders and other materials (1875-1877) of the Carolina Rifle Club, and later a state militia battalion in Charleston. Also included is the passport of William N. Lucas (1840), misc. receipts (1864) from various bases around Charleston Harbor. Plat of Wraggsborough, Charleston, n.d.

23/295/8 Miles, Charles Richardson, b. 1829

Legal accounts and registers, 1879-1888 and 1892.1 ms. vol.

Charleston lawyer. Mostly accounts of estate, business, personal and financial transactions for CRM's clients, including Harriott Horry Rutledge Ravenel, the estate of St. Julien Ravenel, and various members of the Izard family. Also includes registers (1879-1882) of CRM's meetings with and transactions for the Pacific Guano and Charleston Calcined Marl Companies regarding litigation over damages to the public and other matters; payment of taxes on corporate income, especially the proceeds of phosphate mines; manufacturing operations; and land conveyances. But includes letterpress copy of advisory letter (1882) to James Petigru Lesesne regarding SC election laws. Rough chronological arrangement, indexed by name.