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News and Courier records, 1881-1986 (bulk 1913-1970) SCHS# 1206.00

Creator: News & Courier.

Description: 9 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Charleston, S.C. newspaper. The newspaper began as the Charleston Courier in 1803. After a consolidation with another newspaper, its name became the News & Courier in 1873. W.W. Ball, who became editor in 1927, was influential and nationally-known. He supported segregation and the repeal of prohibition and was an outspoken opponent of "big government" and the New Deal.

Scope and Content: Records consist of correspondence, financial records, circulation records, and minutes. Correspondence (1913-1952, mostly carbon copies) is between editors of the News & Courier and staff, contributors, news correspondents, readers, government officials, politicians, publishers, and others, mostly reflecting the editorial direction of William W. Ball. Correspondence up to the early 1930s includes many in-house notes between editors and staff concerning topics such as daily operations; employees; articles, editorials, and other features; subscriptions; telephone and telegraph services; typography; and reporting; as well as letters to the editor regarding politics, prohibition, and other matters. Topics of later correspondence include state and national politics; the New Deal; the Santee-Cooper hydroelectric project; highway safety in South Carolina; state taxation; book reviews; Charleston and South Carolina history; poetry; a Charles Pinckney memorial (1939); Wendell L. Wilkie; race relations; the attack on Pearl Harbor; wartime rationing (1940s); antisemitism; religion; and other matters. Clippings and printed materials are interspersed throughout the correspondence.

Correspondents include Robert Lathan (editor, 1910-1927); The McClure Newspaper Syndicate; K. Foster Murray (Washington, D.C.); Chlotilde R. Martin (a local correspondent); D.A.G. Ouzts; Mitchell & Horlbeck (Charleston, S.C.); The Associated Press; the S.C. Federation of Women's Clubs; Thomas P. Lesesne (managing editor); Laura C. Hemingway (Kingstree, S.C.); Susan P. Frost; and Charles Parsons.

One group of letters and other materials (1918-1952) pertains to African Americans, racism, segregation, and civil rights. Also included is a manuscript (fragment) of a story (21 p.) by Snowden Yates set in the last days of the Confederacy; and other writings including poems.

Early material (1881-1904) includes two letters (1885) to editor F.W. Dawson regarding political nepotism; and new year's addresses of newspaper carriers.

Financial records (1882-1970s) include account books, cash books, stock ledgers, stock certificate books, and treasurer's statements for the News & Courier and the Evening Post newspapers. Minutes (1882-1934) include a stockholders minute book (1882-1908) and the Evening Post Co. "original" stock ledger and minute book (1894-1896). Circulation records (1921-1973) are for the News & Courier and the Evening Post newspapers. Among the miscellaneous items are two notebooks containing clippings of ownership statements for the newspapers (1915-1986).

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Search Terms:

Ball, W. W. (William Watts), 1868-1952.
Dawson, Francis Warrington, 1840-1889.
Lathan, Robert, 1881-1937.
Lesesne, Thomas Petigru, 1882-1942.
Evening Post (Charleston, S.C.)
News and courier (Charleston, S.C.)
African Americans -- Social conditions.
Antisemitism.
Editorials -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Journalism -- South Carolina.
New Deal, 1933-1939.
Newspaper carriers.
Newspapers -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Prohibition.
Taxation -- South Carolina.
Traffic safety -- South Carolina.
World War, 1939-1945.
Charleston (S.C.) -- Newspapers.
South Carolina -- History.
South Carolina -- Politics and government.
United States -- Politics and government -- 20th century.
Clippings.
Financial records.
Letters (correspondence)
Minutes.
Pamphlets.
Poems.
Writings.
Editors.
Added Author Snowden, Yates, 1858-1933.

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Papers, 1885-1952. 2 ft.

Charleston newspaper. In-house correspondence, between publisher, editors and staff, news sources, contributors, and readers. Papers chiefly reflect editorial direction of William W. Ball (1927-1946) but also deal with Robert Lathan's editorship (1918-1923). Correspondents include the Associated Press in Columbia, New York NY, and elsewhere; GA Buchanan (Columbia), John Cauthen, B.F. Fishburne, and K. Foster Murray (Washington DC); Susan P. Frost, Thomas D. Lesesne, McClure Newspaper Syndicate (NYC); H.T. McGee, L.H. Wanamaker, Robert Manigault, Edward Marshall syndicate (London, England); Clothilda Martin (Allendale), Julian Mitchell and others regarding general editorial matters, employee matters, newspaper errors, and editorial content. Also included are letters from the Klu Klux Klan (10/15/29, Charleston and 12/12/39, Greenville); regarding labor & Communism Bernard Baruch (n.d.), some material pre-1913 including letters to editor F.W. Dawson regarding political nepotism (1885); a ms of Yates Snowden regarding the last days of the Confederacy; and misc. mss regarding Charleston and SC history. Also included is a file on Negroes with John Bennett letters regarding Gullah and other letters regarding civil rights, segregation, the N&C's policy toward Negroes and some mention of violence against Negroes. Chronologically arranged except for the Negro file and the mss which are placed at the end of the file.