



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## **Porcher family papers, 1740-1967** **SCHS# 1082.00**

**Creator:** Porcher family.

**Description:** Ca. 3 linear ft. (8 boxes)

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Berkeley County and Charleston, S.C. family descended from Isaac Porcher (1660-1727), a native of France. His grandson, Peter Porcher (1726-1781) of Peru Plantation, was the father of Thomas Porcher (1766-1835) and Samuel Porcher (1768-1851). Thomas Porcher (1766-1835) of Ophir Plantation was the father of fourteen children including Charlotte Porcher (b. 1794), Thomas Porcher (1796-1843), Anna Maria Porcher (b. 1811), Peter Cordes Porcher (1814-1853), and William Porcher (1800-1833). William Porcher (1800-1833) was the father of Dr. Francis Peyre Porcher (1824-1895), whose children included Walter Peyre Porcher (1858-1919), Virginia Leigh Porcher (1866-1940), Anne Alston Porcher (1882-1970), and Louise de Cherigny Porcher. Samuel Peyre (1715-1758) is related to the Porcher family through Francis Peyre Porcher's mother Isabella Sarah Peyre Porcher (1803-1890).

**Scope and Content:** Papers consist of correspondence, writings, land and legal papers, commonplace books, genealogical material, school papers, estate records, and other items. Included are the papers of Frederick A. Porcher (1809-1888), Walter Peyre Porcher (1858-1919), Francis Peyre Porcher (1824-1893), and Virginia Leigh Porcher (1866-1940), and a commonplace book of Samuel Peyre (1715-1758).

Papers of Anne Alston Porcher consist of diaries, notebooks, and a scrapbook. Diaries (1898-1932) concern Porcher's life at Pinopolis (S.C.), Flat Rock (N.C.), Rock Hill (S.C.), Greenville (S.C.), as a student at Winthrop College, and her friends, family, and social life. Included is a travel diary (1907) of Porcher's trip to Europe which also contains drawings, clippings, letters, photographs, postcards, and other mementos. A notebook (1906-1907) contains a travel itinerary and notes on expenses and places of interest. Another notebook (1909) contains notes on palmistry and includes clippings with diagrams of palm lines. Scrapbook (1893) mostly contains prints and engravings depicting landscapes, famous persons, domestic and religious scenes, horses, and other subjects; there are also pencil drawings and watercolor paintings.

Papers (1936-1967) of Louise de Cherigny Porcher mainly consist of notebooks, photocopies of clippings, lists, notes, photographs, advertisements, and other items pertaining to silverware, china, and silversmiths of Charleston, S.C.

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**Search terms:**

Porcher, Anne Alston, 1882-1970.  
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Clippings.  
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Photographs.  
Scrapbook.

11/314/1      Peyre, Samuel, 1715-1758

Journal, 1715-1817. 1 item.

Berkeley Co. planter. SP's book of "Direction, Counsels and Cautions Tending to Prudent Management of Affairs in Common Life," with notes on "The Way and Manner of an Excommunication," an interest "at 10%;" musical settings for psalms and notes on births, deaths, and marriages in the Peyre family (1715-1817). Genealogy portion published in O52T 1956, pg. 35.

11/314/2-7      Porcher Family, 1783-1872

Misc. bound volumes, 1783-1872. 6 items

Charleston, Berkeley Co. family. Geometry and trigonometry exercise books, illustrated with some diagrams (1783) of Samuel Porcher. Copybook (1823) of Anna Maria Porcher's handwriting exercises. Plantation journal (1822-1823) of Thomas Porcher, Pineville, regarding

weather conditions, cotton crop and general farming conditions. Scrapbook 91872) regarding the death tributes of Francis James Porcher. Microscopic studies of Julius T. Porcher.

11/315/1-8 Porcher, Frederick A. 1809-1889

Correspondence, Muniments 1831-1922. Approx 60 items.

Charleston historian. Correspondence of FAP's family. Letters (1862-1865) mostly from FAP in Charleston or Abbeville to his wife, Caroline S. Porcher, regarding the Civil War, personal matters, guard duty in Charleston, the local and national military and political situations, and the College and Charleston. Other letters (1865-1922) of FAP, Clelia P. Missroon, Peter Porcher and other family members. Letter (5/25/1865) to Clelia Porcher from her cousin regarding the Yankee occupation at Otranto plantation, Berkeley Co. Also copies regarding war deaths (1863-1864) of Edwin C. Dubose, Clarence Palmer and Dubose Snowden. Muniments of FAP (1831-1870).

11/315/9-22 Porcher, Frederick A. 1809-1889

Memoirs, 1859. Approx. 250 pages

Charleston historian. Memoir of FAP (1859) regarding childhood on Cedar Springs plantation, Berkeley Co. and his summer home, Pineville. Reminiscences of his education at Yale and elsewhere, his life in politics, as a planter, his travels abroad and his teaching at the College of Charleston. Holograph version with Chapter 12 in typescript.

11/315-316 Porcher, Frederick A. 1809-1889

Writings, 1857- ca. 1880. 4 items.

Charleston historian. Historical writings of FAP including "A History of the Administration of D.H. Chamberlain, the last Radical Governor of SC" read before the SC Historical Society regarding construction politics in SC, approx 200 pgs. Also essays on John C. Calhoun, "A History of the Santee Canal." (1875, see PAM 906); a synopsis of the lectures' delivered by FAP at the College of Charleston (1859) on the Roman Empire; and an address before the SCHS (1857) regarding Western civilization and the history of SC.

11/316/3-7 Porcher, Frederick A. 1809-1889

Writings and notes 1826-1881. 20 items.

Charleston historian. Writings and notes of FAP. Notes on the Catawba Indian language. Diary (Feb-March, 1865) of FAP's journey from Charleston to Abbeville. Commonplace book with poetry, philosophy, religion, politics and European history. Misc. writings on the price of gold and other subjects. Photographs of FAP and others. Speech ms (1881) by William M. Porcher, some printed matter and a plat of Pineville (1826).

11/316/8-11 Porcher Family, 1808-1873

Muniments, 1808-1883. Approx 40 items

Charleston, Berkeley Co. Family. Will, letters of administration, letters, testamentary, mortgages and other muniments of Thomas Porcher, will of Charlotte Porcher (1828) and Joanna D. Ward (1879), plats of John Ainslie's land in Berkeley Co. (surveyed 1771); conveyance (1852) regarding New Hope Plantation, Berkeley Co. Abstract of title and other papers regarding Porcher land for 87 Broad Street and a South Bay Street property, Charleston and Mexico Plantation, Berkeley Co.

11/316/12-15 Porcher, Walter P., 1858-1919

Papers. Ca. 1871-1919. Approx. 30 items

Charleston doctor. Memoir of WPP, "Personal Reminiscence of a Doctor's Life." Typescript of WPP's nature articles regarding "Duck Hunting Under Difficulties," woodcraft; honesty and a Southern Christmas in the country and a foxhunt. Clippings by and about WPP. Commonplace book (ca. 1871-1919) of WPP with moral sayings, clippings, letters and other materials.

11/317/318 Porcher, Francis P., 1824-1893

Papers. 1856-1888

Charleston doctor and author. Notes, letters, biographical information, regarding FPP. Prescription books (1856-1861) of FPP's patients, including slaves. Commonplace book of FPP, student SC college (1843-1845) with notes and extracts from geography, philosophy, fiction, politics, criticism, and biographies. Family commonplace book (1874- ca.1903) of FPP, his wife Margaret Ward Porcher, and others with poetry, phrases in Latin and French, family letters, drawings, photographs, clipping and some genealogy. Letters, notes, printed matter, clippings regarding medical botany and useful properties from trees, shrubs, plants and other materials for

medicine in southern forest for FPP's book, *Resources of the Southern Fields and Forests* (1869-1888). Correspondence with Henry W. Ravenel, Aiken (1874), and J.A. Mayes, Mayesville. Also much biographical material regarding FPP.

11/318/3-11 Porcher, Francis P. 1824-1893

Family Letters, 1801-1888. Approx 100 items.

Charleston doctor. Letters (1801-1888) to the family of FPP. Correspondents include Isabelle S. Porcher, Sarraizan Winnsboro; FPP, Charleston, Columbia, New York, NY; Peter Cordes Porcher and H. Faber, Paris, France; Julian H. Porcher, Julia Leigh, New York, NY. Richmond, VA. Virginia Leigh Porcher and others regarding family matters, education, and the Civil War. Some letters from the North to the South during the War. Letter (1/11/1861) regarding coming of Republican rule. FPP (1864) to his sons, from Petersburg, VA regarding behavior for young men, manners, duties, and advice. Application letter (1866) of FPP for a faculty position at the Medical University of SC, Charleston. Letter regarding Peyre Family genealogy (n.d) Also letters to Francis Peyre regarding family matters (1801) and letter from Robert Y. Hayne to Col. William Dubose regarding Columbia Convention (1833).

11/318/12-15 Porcher, Virginia, 1866-1940

Family letters. 1889-1961. Approx. 100 items

Charleston regent in the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association. Letters 1889-1961) to Virginia, Louise, Anne Porcher and others from Yates Snowden, Columbia; Julia P. Wickham, Moultrie Brailsford in France during World War I (1918); letters from Europe (1930) and other letters regarding property matter, family matters, and the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association.

11/319/1-13 Porcher, Virginia L., 1866-1940

Writings, 1896-1930's. ½ ft.

Charleston and regent of the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association. Non-fiction, poetry, fiction, and notes of VLP. Subjects written on include tales of Charleston Houses, The Confederate Home, Charleston; Mary F. Wickham; botanist Thomas Walters; Robert Mills; Miniature exhibits; The preservation of spirituals, the French Huguenot Church, Charleston; Mt. Vernon Ladies Assn (1925-1933); Negro Character sketches; Journal of a European trip (1896), the Life of Isabella S. Porcher, Kenmore Plantation, Fredericksburg, VA, Asheville NC and blue-grass Kentucky.

11/320/1-6 Porcher, Anne A., 1882-1970

Papers, 1898-1907. 7 items.

Winthrop College student. Journals of AAP from Pinopolis, Greenville, Winthrop College (1898-1904) and from Europe (1907) regarding travel, social life, education, personal and family matters. Memo books (n.d) regarding palmistry and Europe. Large scrapbook (11-310-6) of prints and places and prominent people from drawings ca. 1840's.

11/320/7 Porcher, Louise. 1891-1869

Papers. 1913-1956. Approx 30 items

Charlestonian. Notes on antiques, silver, and porcelain of LP.

11/321/1-8 Porcher family. 1870's-1940's

Genealogical notes and photographs. 1870's-1940's. ½ ft.

Charleston family. Genealogy and family history notes of the Porcher, Dubose, Ward and allied families. Photographs of Francis P. Porcher, his family, related families and others. Information also on Hezekiah Maham.