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Elizabeth W. A. Pringle Family Papers, 1858-1981 (bulk 1858-1920) **SCHS# 0508.00**

Description: 0.75 linear feet (3 boxes)

Scope and content: Collection consists of personal papers of Elizabeth W. A. Pringle, miscellaneous papers of the related families of Allston, Moore and Petigru (or Pettigrew), and personal papers of Caroline Petigru Carson.

Biographical/historical note: Elizabeth (“Bessie”) W. Allston Pringle was the daughter of R. F. W. Allston and Adele Petigru Allston. She was an author and plantation owner of Georgetown County, S.C. Elizabeth married John Julius Pringle (1842-1876) in 1870, and after she was widowed she and some of her family moved to the Allston plantation called Chicora Wood. Her mother Adele Petigru Allston was the sister of James L. Petigru, who was the father of Caroline Petigru Carson.

Elizabeth W. A. Pringle Papers:

BOX 1

- 01 Typescript story or memoir by Patience Pennington about family dogs. Includes family incidents during the war in 1865.
- 02 Handwritten manuscript entitled “The Orphans” (a rough draft of “Rab & Dab”), 101 pages.
- 03 Typescript manuscripts of “Rab & Dab” by Patience Pennington, 1910-1914.
- 04 Correspondence relating to “Rab & Dab,” 1914.
- 05 Handwritten manuscript by Patience Pennington about rice planting, no date.

- 06 Miscellaneous writings, including a short story entitled “Their Crystal Wedding;” an article about sheep farming entitled “The Golden Hoof;” and a typewritten article about the historical significance of the South Carolina Council Journals, and their publication.
- 07 Approximately 40 proof printings of illustrations by Alice Ravenel Huger Smith for *A Woman Rice Planter*.

BOX 2

- 01 Handwritten manuscript of a play entitled “A Situation Saved.”
- 02 Newspaper clippings of installments of *A Woman Rice Planter*.
- 03 Handwritten manuscript about a trip to Chicago, Illinois.
- 04 Clothbound notebook containing a journal of a visit to the 1890 Chicago World’s Fair.
- 05 Correspondence, 1917-1921, including a letter (1917) of rejection from a New York publisher; and a fragment or draft of a letter from Elizabeth W. A. Pringle to the News & Courier newspaper concerning her subscription.
- 06 Diary, signed “Bessie Allston,” ca. 1860. It is written in French and mentions walks on the Battery in Charleston and the St. Cecilia Society ball.
- 07 Memo book containing notes and copies of correspondence by Elizabeth W. A. Pringle relating to her office as vice-regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association.
- 08 Clippings and correspondence concerning the Mount Vernon Ladies Association and its activities, 1912.
- 09 Miscellaneous papers of Elizabeth W. A. Pringle, including a contract of sale (1920) for a lot on Folly Beach, S.C.; and blank copyright registration forms.

Family Papers:

- 10 School scrapbook of Charlotte Allston (later Mrs. Maurice A. Moore), 1890s. Contains clippings, calling cards and other ephemera, as well as school memoirs and writings. She was a student at St. Mary’s School in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 11 Notebook entitled “Notes Genealogical & Biographical with Anecdotes of the Pettigrews and Petigrus” (1892). Includes biographical and anecdotal material about James Louis Petigru, Caroline Petigru Carson, and Susan Petigru King.
- 12 A “birthday book” containing notes on family births, deaths, and marriages. Entries go up to 1935. An entry for April 7 notes the death of “Papa” (Robert F. W. Allston).

- 13 Deed of conveyance, 1871, for ten acres in Georgetown County, S.C., sold by Benjamin Allston to Caroline Locust; with attached plat dated 1876.
- 14 Miscellaneous family material, including a letter [1981], from Adele Moore to Mrs. C. A. P. Moore regarding her work in Zurich, Switzerland, and a related photograph.
- 15 Cabinet photographs of two unidentified girls (by a photographer in Augusta, Ga.).

Caroline Carson Papers:

BOX 3

- 01 Writings, including handwritten copies and/or drafts of two poems.
- 02 Letters which were in an envelope marked "Letters of 1858 from CC to EE." One letter, dated August 5, 1858, from Caroline Carson to Edward Everett, appears to be incomplete, and the others are also fragmentary.
- 03 Two letters from Edward Everett in Boston, Massachusetts, to Caroline Carson. One of them, dated Feb. 12, 1858, concerns an upcoming visit to Charleston. A letter of May 9, 1860, partly concerns national politics.
- 04 Two letters or copies of letters to Edward Everett. The first, dated Dec. 21, 1859, is from Lord Macaulay, and concerns Everett's son, a student at Cambridge. The second, dated Dec. 30, 1859, is from George Trevelyan, and concerns the death of his uncle Lord Macaulay.
- 05 Two letters and a note from James Johnston Pettigrew to his cousin Caroline Carson, written while he was a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware, Del. The first letter, dated July 2, 1862, partly concerns her friends and relatives in the Confederate Army. In his second letter, dated July 28, 1862, Pettigrew refers to a letter in which Caroline Carson attempted to "convert" him to the Union cause.
- 06 Three letters by Caroline Carson dated 1863. Two dated August 4, 1863, to "My Dear Sir," concern her efforts to communicate with family members in the South, the death of General James Johnston Pettigrew, and the whereabouts of her son serving in the Confederate Army.
- 07 Letters to Louise Gibert North Allston, 1890-1892. An undated to her from her cousin Caroline Carson concerns Carson's correspondence with Edward Everett. A letter dated Oct. 29, 1890, from Caroline Carson to Louise, concerns the same subject, as well as Carson's relationship with Everett. Another letter dated Aug. 2, 1892, from William Carson, concerns the illness of his mother, Caroline Carson.

- 08 Two undated letters and an enclosed note. The letters (probably 1860s) from Caroline Carson in Staatsburg, N.Y., to “Mrs. Wm. Young” in New York City, are about procuring some morphine and opium. The note, undated, is to a druggist at Hegeman & Company.
- 09 Undated letter in French, from Caroline Carson to “Monsieur M de Sibourg” in New York City. This is possibly a Monsieur de Sibourg who was a French diplomat in Charleston in the 1860s.
- 10 Miscellaneous items, including a postcard (1892) to Mrs. Benjamin Allston in Union, S.C., quoting a letter of William Carson about his mother’s failing health; and a copy of an obituary of Caroline Carson.