



**Pinckney-Means family papers, 1701-1983**  
**SCHS Call # 208.00**  
**Containers 208/1-9**

**Creators:** General Charles Cotesworth Pinckney papers  
Mrs. Mary Stead Pinckney  
Thomas Pinckney  
Rev. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney  
Edward B. Means  
Mrs. Robert Martin Means  
Mary Pinckney Means deMerell

**Description:** Manuscripts - approximately 6 linear feet; Visual Materials – 2.5 linear feet

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**Scope and content:** Correspondence, property and financial records, estate records, writings, clippings, genealogical information, and other papers of the Pinckney and Means families of South Carolina. Included are papers of Charles Cotesworth Pinckney (1746-1825), Mary Stead Pinckney (ca. 1751-1812), Thomas Pinckney (1750-1828), Edward Barnwell Means (1821-1898), and Mary Barnwell Pinckney Means (1857-1939).

Pinckney-Means family property records include a land grant, plats, conveyances, a will, and other muniments (1701-1843; some oversize) chiefly pertaining to lands originally granted to John Seabrook and Richard Godfrey and later acquired by George Austin, James Moultrie, and eventually the Means family. These lands, including a tract called Seabrook's Island and land known as Shifnal (or Shefferal, variously spelled) Plantation, are located on the Ashepoo River in Colleton County (S.C.). There are also muniments (1774-1833) pertaining to acreage on Beaver Dam [Beaverdam] Creek in Craven (later Laurens) County (S.C.); papers (1805-1870) pertaining to Pinckney family property in Charleston (S.C.), including documents (1805-1806) regarding land acquired for the establishment of a public market in Charleston (S.C.); conveyances (1844-1854) of lots in Beaufort (S.C.); a conveyance (1890) of Toppin (or Toppen) Plantation (Beaufort County, S.C.); transcriptions of documents (1868) pertaining to Pinckney Island (S.C.); and other items.

Oversize items include a marriage settlement (1841), a tripartate indenture of Eliza Means, James Moore Rhett, and James Smith Rhett, part of which is a schedule of personal property including a list of 25 slaves (named in document).

Papers (1781-1795) of Thomas Pinckney (1750-1828) consist of correspondence, mostly transcriptions and photostats, including letters between Pinckney and President George Washington concerning an appointment to a federal judgeship.

**Note:** There are two Beaverdam Creeks in Laurens County, S.C. The one mentioned in these muniments is off the waters of the Saluda River, probably the Beaverdam Creek located in or near Cross Hill, S.C.

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**Series Outline:**

**208.01 Pinckney Family Documents**

- 208.01 (C) Pinckney Family Correspondence
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- 208.04 (C) Correspondence
- 208.04 (M) Miscellaneous Items
- 208.04 (P) Property Records

**Container list:**

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- 208.01 (C) Pinckney Family Correspondence
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- 208.01 (F) Pinckney Family Financial Records

**BOX 2**

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- 208.01 (M) Pinckney Family Miscellaneous Papers
- 208.01 (W) Pinckney Family Writings

**208.02 Papers of Individual Pinckney Family Members**

- 208.02.01 General Charles Cotesworth Pinckney Papers
  - 208.02.01 (C) Correspondence
  - 208.02.01 (D) Draft of deed in trust
  - 208.02.01 (F) Financial Records

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- 208.02.01 (F) Financial Records
- 208.02.02 Mary Stead Pinckney Letters
- 208.02.03 Thomas Pinckney Correspondence
- 208.02.04 Rev. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney Papers
  - 208.02.04 (C) Correspondence
  - 208.02.04 (F) Financial Records

**BOX 4**

- 208.02.04 (Misc.) Miscellaneous Items
- 208.02.04 (O) Obituaries, etc.
- 208.02.04 (P) Printed material
- 208.02.04 (W) Writings

**208.03 Means Family Papers**

- 208.03 (C) Means Family Correspondence
- 208.03 (E) Means Family Estate Records
- 208.03 (F) Means Family Financial Records

**BOX 5**

- 208.03 (G) Means Family Genealogical Material
- 208.03 (M) Means Family Miscellaneous Papers
- 208.03 (W) Means Family Writings
  - 208.03.01 Papers of Individual Means Family Members
    - 208.03.01.01 Edward B. Means Papers

**BOX 6**

- 208.03.01.02 Mary Barnwell Pinckney Means Correspondence (Mrs. Robert Martin Means)
- 208.03.01.03 Mary Pinckney Means deMerrell Papers
  - 208.03.01.03 (C) Correspondence

- BOX 7**
  - 208.03.01.03 (D) Diaries and journals
  - 208.03.01.03 (D) Diaries and journals
- BOX 7A**
  - 208.03.01.03 (D) Diaries and journals
- BOX 7B**
  - 208.03.01.03 (G) Genealogical research
  - 208.03.01.03 (M) Miscellaneous material
  - 208.03.01.03 (P) Property records
  - 208.03.01.03 (P) Property Records
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- BOX 7C**
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  - 208.04 (C)02 Correspondence
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- BOX 8A** (Includes notes on collection by Mary P. Brady)
- BOX 9** Oversize Items (flat box)

Collection	Box	Folder Number	Folder Title	Item #	Description of Contents	Keywords	Notes
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0001			MARC records for Pinckney-Means collection.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0002		7	Photos of Means children. Robert Means ca. 1890. Mam Means ca. 1900. Ester Means ca. 1888. Edward Means ca. 1896. Hennetta Means ca. 1885. Cotesworth Means ca. 1892. Family photo ca. 1903-1914.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0003		35	Miscellaneous photos. Includes photos of various locations in the city of Charleston (i.e.: J.H. Heyward House, Colonial Lake, French Huguenot Church and St. Michael's Church.) Includes some postcards. Ca. 19th century.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0004		19	Includes slides from 1962 of Adams plaque in London and photos and photos of home of Robert Means (1790) and home of Edward Means (1850). Beaufort, SC ca. 1964, also photos of Robert Means plantation now Parns 1st Manne base.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0005		11	A short family lineage. Photos of the Barnwell family. Some photos on scrapbook paper. Ca. late 1800's- early 1900's.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0006		2	Photograph of Rita Pinckney ca. 1908 and a clipping of a photo of Dr. William H. Kilpatrick ca. 20th century.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0007		1	Photo of "Aunt Rita" and "Uncle Heard" with others.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0008		27	Photos of mostly Means family members. Includes some exterior landscape shots. Ca. 1911. 2 envelopes - 20 items in one and 5 items in another + a note from the donor.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0009		22	Family photos and photos of friends from the Pinckneys, Means and others. Other photos are of places in Charleston and Holland. Includes some postcards and newspaper clippings. Ca. late 19th - early 20th century.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0010		5	Photos of Rita Pinckney or "Aunt Rita" ca. early 20th century.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0011		27	Photos mainly of Mary Pinckney Means. Ca. early 20th century.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0012		39	Photographs and envelopes from a trip to Europe in 1924 take by Mary Pinckney Means. Includes negatives.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0013		54	Miscellaneous photos from the Means family. Ca. early 20th century.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0014		45	Miscellaneous photos mainly of Mary, Isabelle and Edward Means from "Caroline's scrapbooks." One letter is included which discusses the origins of these photos. Some items are still pasted on the scrapbook pages. Ca. early 20th century.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	1	2000.093-0015		45	Prioleau Family photos including 1 set of negatives. Ca. 20th century.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	2	2000.093-0016		7	Large photographs of Means and Prioleau families. Ca. 20th century.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	2	2000.093-0017		36	Photos and a list of photos from Mary P. Means' trip to England ca. June-July 1924.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	2	2000.093-0018		1	Album owned by Mary P. Means. Ca. 1914.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	2	2000.093-0019		20	Family photos ca. early 20th century. Some were taken at Medway. 20 items including envelope.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	2	2000.093-0020		1	Photo album owned by Mary P. Means, ca. 1917-1923.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	3	2000.093-0021		20	Photos of the Means family especially of Mary and Isabelle. One photo is of an aunt's home at Blowing Rock, NC. Ca. 20th century.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	3	2000.093-0022		33	Photos of friends and family of Mary P. Means. There are also several photos of an unknown parade circa 1910 (?)		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	3	2000.093-0023		1	Album with photos of Mary P. Means at age 18. Ca. 1915.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	3	2000.093-0024		1	Album with photos of Mary P. Means at age 20. Ca. 1917.		MISSING
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00		2000.093-0025		1	Album of Mary P. Means at age 13. Ca. 1909.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	3	2000.093-0026		1	Album of Mary P. Means, age 16. Ca. 1913.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	3	2000.093-0027		1	Photograph of Mary Pinckney de Merell and family. Note: Also could be placed in 2000.093. Ca. 1932.		MISSING
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	3	2000.093-0028?		6	Photograph of Miss Josephine Pinckney; Greetings from Malaysia, Diane and Reedy; Merry Christmas Happy New Year, Reedy and Diane; Merry Christmas		

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					Happy New Year from Pat, Bob, and Charlie Prioleau; photo of Caroline, Tommy, and Billy Haydock; photo of house with poem on back		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	3	2000.360 (1)		14	Miscellaneous photographs: Photograph Album from trip to St. Augustine, Florida; 5 photos from Oaks Plantation, Berkley County; 2 photos of wedding at St. James Church, Goose Creek; photo of two children at the beach; carte de visite of woman; portrait of unidentified man with tie; portrait of two children on wicker chair; 2 portraits of cadets		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	O/S Box 1 (14x18)	200.360 (2)		9	B/W prints mounted on O/S board, all circa Mid-1920's. Four views of the intersection of East Bay Street and Vendue Range in Charleston, focus appears to be the S. Hirschmann & Sons business located on the NE corner. Three views that appear to be documenting trolley tracks in Charleston - intersection of King and Queen Streets (looking North on King); Intersection of Broad and State Streets (looking West on Broad). One print of an unidentified boy wearing a Mohawk wig. One print of J.E. Seabrook House on Edisto Island (view from the wharf) attributed to photographer H.P. Moore.	Mural, flags, banners, trolley tracks, soldiers, D.C. Barbot	
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	3	2002.180-1		68	Pinkney/Means Family. Family and Friends. Mr. Robert Martin Means (father of Mary P. Means Demerell, caption indicates year to be 1880, "the year of his marriage to Mary Barnwell Pinkney." Photo of Mr. Means circa 1890, caption indicates. Portrait, colored with paint or ink, of Edward B. Means, died in Charleston 1873 at age 15. Mary Barnwell Pinkney in 1879, photo colored with ink or paint. Women and children playing in field near a stream, and sitting on a log. Unidentified group of young women sitting on porch of house and posing for other portraits. View of Means family circa 1910, showing young Mary or Isabel and Mrs. Mary Pinkney Means, all with garden tools. 4 unidentified women along fence with parasols. Group gathered around electric pole. Means family from youngest to oldest in line with readable, but not intelligible, note on reverse. Means family against side of house in 1905. Family group photos from circa 1905, then later without Henrietta circa 1919, includes R.M. and Ma.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00		2002.180-2		6	Pinkney/Means Family. Houses of Family, Relatives and Friends. "Cousin H & C Barnwell's and ___ Rhett's on right," showing two houses on marsh front lots side by side. Large house with two level wrap around porches on side, situated in mountains, with snow on the ground, possibly relating to another photo, a landscape captioned "Black Mountain". House on Sullivan's Island after large storm, possibly early 20th century, house missing roof and other major parts. Large brick house showing side and front entrance and dual chimneys, captioned "E.B. Means, Beaufort, SC".		(duplicate photo of storm damage found in 2002.180-4)
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	3	2002.180-3		11	Pinkney/Means Family. Misc. Photo captioned "Mr. Zen and E-an Zen, (the boy, 6 ½ years old) - my study", of Asian man and boy, presumably son. Christmas card from Antoinette Rhett featuring gates of St. Michael's Church. Two unidentified infants on front of Christmas card, unsigned. Large oak tree on Runnymede Plantation, a Pinkney plantation, colored with ink or paint. Card from J.M. and A.W. Howells. Postcard featuring Roberta Aldrich, Agnes Haynesworth, Elizabeth Green, Anne Cain, Kathleen Earnes, Minna Robertson and Charlotte Cain at Wayeh Camp, Springdale, NC. Driveway to Hope Farm, in Verbank NY. Some sort of card, with bible verses and a landscape painting, captioned, Henrieta Means, Feb. 26 1893, Miss Lucy Huger- First of its kind, invented, I have heard by Mrs. Grimke." Photo of Chatham Episcopal Institute. 1875-1920.		
VMA Pinckney-Means, 208.00	3	2002.180-4		23	Photos of 1911 Hurricane damage to buildings and places on Sullivan's Island.		(duplicate photo found in 2002.180-2)