



**Alston family papers, 1846-1902**  
**SCHS 1002.00**  
**11/16**

**Description:** 0.75 linear ft., 3 v.

**Creator:** Alston family.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Family of Charleston and Georgetown County, South Carolina, descendants of William Alston (1756-1839), the first of the Alstons to use a single "l" (instead of Allston). Thomas Pinckney Alston (1795-1861) married Jane Ladson Smith (1800-1823), daughter of John Rutledge Smith and Susan Elizabeth Ladson in 1820. After her death Alston married Susan Elisabeth Smith (sister of Jane Ladson Smith, Alston's first wife) in 1825. He and his first wife had one son, Jacob Motte Alston (1821-1909). By his second wife he had ten children, including Mary Brewton (b. 1827) who married James J. Waring in 1856; John Rutledge Smith Alston (b. 1835), Capt. Co. H, 21st Texas Cavalry; and Rebecca Hayne.

**Scope and Content:** The collection includes family letters, a cookbook, and genealogical and biographical materials on the Allston, Alston, Petigru, Pinckney, and Smith families of Georgetown and Charleston area.

Included are the family letters (ca. 1846-1902) of Thomas P. Alston (1795-1861) and his children with many letters by Alston to his daughter Mary Brewton Alston Waring. The letters concern family matters with scattered comments concerning politics, travel, and health concerns. Also included are other letters to Mary Brewton Alston Waring from Rebecca B. Hayne, sister of Thomas P. Alston, and Sue Alston, and letters of George H. Waring and John R. Alston including one (August 20, 1863) concerning the death of John R. Alston's child. Letters are from Pawley's Island, True Blue Plantation (Georgetown Co., S.C.), Charleston, S.C., Ga., Va., New York, and elsewhere.

The collection also includes Jacob Motte Alston's reminiscences written in the form of a letter (ca. 1890s) to his grandson, Motte Alston Read. The recollections center mostly on the Georgetown area but also include descriptions of visits to Charleston, S.C.

Other items include a copy of Thomas P. Alston's will (1859); a cookbook (ca. 1851-1871) of Emma Clara Pringle Alston of Fairfield Plantation (Georgetown Co., S.C.), the wife of Charles Cotesworth Pinckney Alston and sister-in-law of Thomas P. Alston (1795-1861).

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## **Detailed Inventory:**

### **1002.01 Family Document Series**

1002.01.01 Alston family papers, 1846-1902  
Letters and Genealogical Notes, 1846-1902. ¼ ft.

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Original and holograph copies of letters (1846-1902) mostly of Thomas P. Alston, but also of Rebecca B. Hayne, Sue Alston and others to Mary B. (Alston) Waring and others regarding family matters, some political comment, travel, and health concerns. Letters from Pawley's Island, True Blue Plantation (Georgetown), Charleston, GA, VA, NY and elsewhere. Letters of George H. Waring and of John R. Alston, including one regarding death of JRA's children. Will of T.P. Alston, genealogical notes regarding Alston, Pinckney, and Smith families. Also cookbook 9ca.1851-1871) of Emma P. Alston of Fairfield Plantation, Georgetown Co.

### **1002.02 Papers of individual Alston family members**

1002.02.02 Alston, Jacob Motte, 1821-1909  
Autobiography 1821-1890 3 ms.vols; 2 typescript vols.

#### **Containers 11/16A-16B**

Waccamaw River, Georgetown Co. Plantation. Autobiography of Jacob Motte Alston includes personal and family history of the Motte and Alston families of SC. (Published under the title *Rice Planter and Sportsman*, Arney R. Childs, ed.)