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Holliday family papers, 1794-1979 **SCHS# 0613.00**

Description: 0.5 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Prominent family of the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. Joseph William Holliday (1827-1904), a native of North Carolina, established a turpentine distillery in Horry County in the 1850s, and in the 1860s engaged in the naval stores business in Cool Springs. He later also became a store owner, planter and tobacco farmer, and served as a commissioner for Horry County and as the postmaster of Galivants Ferry, Savage, and Kingsburg. He was married twice, and among his children were Mollie Holliday Johnson (1866-1953), Joseph W. Holliday, Jr. (1867-1938), and George Judson Holliday (1875-1941). George J. Holliday expanded his father's mercantile business and tobacco farming interests and also served as a state senator. In 1979, the Holliday Highway was named in honor of Joseph William Holliday, George J. Holliday, and other family members "for their contributions to the civic, business, and political life of Horry County and South Carolina's Great Pee Dee Region."

Scope and content: Collection consists of property records, estate records of Joseph W. Holliday (1827-1904), papers of George J. Holliday, and miscellaneous items. Property records consist of a grant and plat (1794) of 124 acres in Georgetown District, surveyed by Francis Bremar, granted to Jacob Anderson, Jr.; a grant and plat (1794) of 240 acres in Georgetown District granted to John Beaty; and an 1854 copy of a 1789 grant of 750 acres in Georgetown District to William Dawsey, Sr. Correspondence, 1905-1924, of George J. Holliday includes letters, 1914, from J. M. Johnson relating to legal matters; and a letter (1907) to G. J. Holliday from D. D. Harrelson in Loris, S.C., pertaining to land "in Green Sea." His other papers, 1906-1940, include accounts; tax receipts; a memorandum of agreement (1907), between Holliday and George Huggins of Horry County, a tenant working "the Johnson place on Coal Spring Road;" a "confidential statement of Geo. J. Holliday, Merchant" dated 1925 and detailing his financial status; and a life insurance policy. Other items of note include Pee Dee Farms Corporation coupon books and receipts dating in the 1940s and 1950s.

Note: Three OVERSIZE items are located in a box shelved with the 33s.

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Search terms:

Holliday, George Judson, 1875-1941.

Holliday, Joseph William, 1827-1904 -- Estate.

Holliday family.

Pee Dee Farms Corporation.

Company stores -- South Carolina -- Horry County.

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Tenant farmers -- South Carolina -- Horry County.

Georgetown District (S.C.)

Horry County (S.C.) -- History.

Pee Dee Region (N.C. and S.C.)

BOX 1

Property records:

- 1 Plat, 1794, of 124 acres in Georgetown District, surveyed by Francis Bremar.
- 2 Plat, 1794, of 240 acres in Georgetown District, surveyed by Francis Bremar.
- 3 Grant, 1794, of 124 acres in Georgetown District, to Jacob Anderson, Sr. Signed by Governor William Moultrie. OVERSIZE item.
- 4 Grant, 1794, of 240 acres in Georgetown District, to John Beaty. Signed by Governor William Moultrie. OVERSIZE item.
- 5 1854 copy of a 1789 grant of 750 acres in Georgetown District to William Dawsey, Sr.

Joseph W. Holliday estate records:

- 6 Joseph W. Holliday estate records, 1884-1912. Papers relating to the settlement of the estate of J. W. Holliday by executors J. W. Holliday and G. J. Holliday, including accounts of expenses, bonds, correspondence, property appraisals, a mortgage on a tract of land in Horry County, and a typescript copy of a letter (May 11, 1905) from R. B. Scarborough to J. M. Johnson pertaining to the estate of J. W. Holliday, estate account statements, 1906-1908 ("in account with Johnson & Quattlebaum"), an estate account statement, 1907, from Johnson & Buck, attorneys, assignment, 1906, of bonds to Mrs. Flora J. Holliday, and related documents, papers relating to the appraisal of the estate, and a letter, 1912, to George J. Holliday from J. M. Johnson in Marion, S.C.
- 7 Joseph W. Holliday estate records, no date.

George J. Holliday papers:

- 8 George J. Holliday papers: correspondence, 1905-1924. Includes letters, 1914, from J. M. Johnson relating to legal matters; and a letter (1907) to G. J. Holliday from D. D. Harrelson in Loris, S.C., pertaining to land “in Green Sea.”
- 9 George J. Holliday papers, 1906-1940: accounts, tax receipts, etc. Includes a memorandum of agreement, 1907, between Holliday and George Huggins of Horry County, a tenant working “the Johnson place on Coal Spring Road,” and a “confidential statement of Geo. J. Holliday, Merchant” dated 1925 and detailing his financial status, and a life insurance policy.

Miscellaneous papers:

- 10 Pee Dee Farms Corporation records, consisting of Pee Dee Farms Corporation coupon books and receipts dating in the 1940s and 1950s.
- 11 Certificate of notary public, 1894, issued to George M. Johnson at Gallivants Ferry, and signed by Governor B. R. Tillman. OVERSIZE item.
- 12 Miscellaneous items, including a scrap of paper, no date, bearing the presidential seal and an autograph of President Ronald Reagan; a brochure and flyer advertising medicinal products; and an issue of a newspaper, *The Field*, dated December 28, 1933, which includes a tax sale notice of lands owned by Holliday family members.
- 13 Miscellaneous: 1939 South Carolina Legislative Manual, signed on cover by Joseph W. Holliday.
- 14 Miscellaneous: program, 1979, for a ceremony “officially naming U.S. 501 between Gallivants Ferry and Conway as the Holliday Highway in honor of Joseph William Holliday, 1827-1904, and George Judson Holliday, 1875-1941, and other members of the family.”