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## **Benjamin H. Rutledge family papers, 1675-1867** **SCHS# 1097.00**

**Creator:** Rutledge, B.H.

**Description:** 0.5 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Charleston, S.C. attorney. He was the son of Benjamin Huger Rutledge and Eleanor Maria Middleton Rutledge.

**Scope and Content:** Papers consist of property, legal, and estate records, letters, and other items. Included are property records (1675-1826) of the Pinckney family and a group of Pinckney family documents (1749-1867).

Property records include a grant of 500 acres in Colleton County (S.C.) to John Whitmarsh, with plat (1698); a survey plat (n.d.) of a plantation of Joseph Elliott (d. 1767?) on St. Helena Island (S.C.); a release (1770) of a plantation on Wassamassaw Swamp from John Harleston to Peter Manigault; and a release (1771), Daniel Heyward to his son Daniel Heyward, of 565 acres situated on a branch of the Port Royal River.

Correspondence includes copies of two letters (1739) from James Oglethorpe in Savannah (Ga.) recommending Andrew Rutledge for chief justice of Carolina; and a copy of a letter (1794) from South Carolina governor William Moultrie in Charleston (S.C.) to the Secretary of War regarding the lawfulness of the capture of a Spanish brig by French privateers.

Other items include a dedimus potestatem (1736) commissioning Richard Woodward to bring Richard [Howard?] and his wife Margaret to court in Charleston (S.C.); a bond (1736/7) of Richard Stevens of Granville County (S.C.) to Ephraim Mikell of Colleton County (S.C.); an indenture (1744) in which Michael Gyger binds himself as a servant to [Culcheth] Golightly; an indenture (1760) in which Henry Middleton purchases a pew in St. Michael's Church (Charleston, S.C.); and the will and codicil (1784) of Henry Middleton.

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**Search terms:**

Elliott, Joseph, d. 1767.  
Golightly, Culcheth, d. 1749.  
Harleston, John, 1733-1793.  
Heyward, Daniel, 1720-1777.  
Heyward, Daniel, 1750-1778.  
Manigault, Peter, 1731-1773.  
Middleton, Henry, 1717-1784.  
Moultrie, William, 1730-1805.  
Oglethorpe, James Edward, 1696-1785.  
Rutledge, Andrew, d. 1755.  
Rutledge, Benjamin Huger, 1861-1925.  
Stevens, Richard, d. 1747.  
Whitmarsh, John, d. 1718.  
Indentured servants -- South Carolina.  
Plantations -- South Carolina.  
South Carolina -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.  
South Carolina -- History -- 1775-1865.  
Legal documents.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Property records.

11/383/1-11 Bull, Stephen, 1635-1706

Land papers, 1679-1708/1709, n.d. 11 items

Charlestonian. Grants of land and other land transactions of Stephen Bull and others regarding land on Oyster Point, Charleston (1680-1695) and elsewhere. Included is an indenture (1679) of Thomas Norris; A bill of sale of land (1684), Robert Quirck to William Sadler; sale of land on Oyster Point (1695) of John Jackson to Isaac Mazyck, plat of and granted to John Pendarvis (1696); grant of land (1698) in Colleton Co. to John Whitmarsh; sale of land (1708-1709) of Magdelainne Garnier to John Pendarvis. Also map of plantation on St. Helena's Island (n.d.) plat (n.d.) of unidentified land near "Jackson's Wall."

11/383/12-21 Pinckney, Charles, 1699-1758

Papers, 1736-1753

Lowcountry planter. Plantation, land and legal papers of CP and others. Included is a grant of land in Colleton Co. (1736) of Richard Woodward; bond (1736/37) of Richard Stevens to Ephraim Mikell; interpretation (1736) of the estate of Joseph Pendarvis; Lease (1736) of Joseph Pendarvis estate to CP; copies of two letters (1739) of James Oglethorpe recommending Andrew Rutledge as Chief Justice of SC; plats (1743) of Pendarvis land on Oyster Point; indenture

(1744) to Culcheth Golightly; debt (1749) owed William C. Croft possibly by CP; letters (1749) to CP from Andrew Rutledge; bill of sale of land, slaves and livestock in Antigua (1752) to CP from Andrew Rutledge, attorney for Charles Alexander; account book (1753) of CP includes rental rolls, listings of slaves, lists of titles and deeds of much real estate and other material.

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Papers, 1760-1794

Misc. mss. include the sale of a pew in St. Michael's Church, Charleston (1760); to Henry Middleton of John Horleston to Peter Manigault for land on Wassamsaw Swamp in Berkeley Co; indenture (1771) of Daniel Heyward to his son, Daniel Heyward Jr.; a will (1784) of Henry Middleton; and copy of letter (1794) from Gov. William Moultrie to Secretary of War Henry Knox regarding federal policy and the constitution issues surrounding the holding of a Spanish ship in Charleston harbor by French privateers.

11/383/27-38 Pinckney, Charles C., 1748-1825

Papers, 1787-1867. 20 items

Charleston planter, politician. Estate and other papers of CCP including wills (1787,1807); a letter, lease and indenture (1786-1787) from Edward Rutledge to CCP; lease (1795) of Harriott Horry land, estate papers (1807-1867) regarding CCP's daughter Eliza L. Izard. Including an account of Ralph Izard's estate (1824), a list of slaves (1824); indenture (1824) of CCP to Thomas Pinckney, a letter of Thomas B. Middleton regarding CCP's estate (1825); and lease (1825) of land by the guardians of the lunatic Robert Roper; and other material.