



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## **Stuart family papers, 1823-ca. 1900** **SCHS 1248.00**

**Creator:** Stuart family.

**Description:** ca. 0.5 linear ft. (ca. 450 items).

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Residents of South Carolina.

**Scope and Content:** Chiefly correspondence of Claudia Smith Stuart (1802-1876); her children, Julius Walker Stuart (1828-1856), Thomas Middleton Stuart (1830-1873), Edmund Rhett Stuart (1842-1862), Albert Rhett Stuart (1846-1902), and Claudia (Stuart) Thomson (1832-1875), and her brother, Robert Barnwell Rhett (1800-1876); receipts; and other items. Topics include family matters, social affairs in Aiken, Beaufort, and Charleston, S.C., schooling at Harvard, West Point, and seminaries in Spartanburg, S.C., and Fairfax County, Va., secession, Civil War, emigration to Brazil, and related families, including Fuller, Heyward, Rhett, and Taber.

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**Search terms:**

Fuller family.

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Rhett family.

Stuart family.

Taber family.

Tabor family.

Harvard University.

United States Military Academy.

American Confederate voluntary exiles -- Brazil.

Emigration and immigration.

Military education -- United States.

Secession.

Theological seminaries -- South Carolina -- Spartanburg.

Theological seminaries -- Virginia -- Fairfax County.  
Universities and colleges -- Massachusetts -- Cambridge.  
Aiken (S.C.) -- Social life and customs.  
Beaufort (S.C.) -- Social life and customs.  
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Charleston (S.C.) -- Social life and customs.  
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South Carolina -- Social life and customs.  
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Rhett, Robert Barnwell, 1800-1876.  
Stuart, Claudia Smith, 1802-1875.  
Stuart, Edmund Rhett, 1842-1862.  
Stuart, Thomas Middleton, 1830-1873.  
Thomson, Claudia Stuart, 1832-1869.  
Stuart, Albert Rhett, 1846-1902.

25/182/1-2     Stuart Family

Correspondence. 1823-1847. 21 letters

SC Lowcountry Family. Mostly letters to Claudia Smith Stuart from her children; with one (1842) from her brother Robert Barnwell Rhett advising her to leave her alcoholic husband, John A. Stuart, which she did. With letters to her daughter Claudia Stuart and from her son Julius Walker Stuart regarding riots at Harvard College, 1846-1847; with his description of Thanksgiving Celebration, 1846.

25/182/3-5     Stuart Family

Correspondence. 1848-1853. 64 items

SC Lowcountry family. Mostly letters to Claudia Smith Stuart and her daughter, Claudia Stuart from various family members including Edmund Rhett, Thomas M. Rhett, Eliza Barnwell Heyward regarding Rhett family matters, Thomas Middleton Stuart regarding schooling at West Point (1849), Julius Walker Stuart regarding teaching in Camden and joining a Temperance Society (1852) and from Benjamin R. Stuart. Topics include social life in Charleston and elsewhere, courtships, secession (1851), "table-tipping" (1853) and the death of alcoholic John Stuart.

25/182/6-9     Stuart Family

Correspondence, 1854-1859. 82 items.

SC Lowcountry Family. Mostly letters to Claudia Smith Stuart and her daughter Claudia Stuart from various family members, including Robert Barnwell Rhett (1857), Arthur Rhett Stuart, Julius Walker Stuart regarding being a tutor at Whitehall Plantation, Thomas Middleton Stuart as a doctor (in Pocotaligo, 1856) and other Stuart family members regarding social life in Camden, Charleston, Beaufort, and elsewhere, family marriages and courtships, etc. With a reference to Susan Petigru King (1855), description of accident at and speech by W.P. Miles at Magnolia Cemetery (1858), and an invitation to a “Union Festival” held in Charleston by the YMCA (1857).

25/182/10     Stuart Family

Correspondence, 1861-1865. 25 items.

SC Lowcountry family. Mostly letters to Claudia Smith Stuart from her children, including those from Edmund Rhett Stuart regarding military life in SC Volunteers (First Regiment, Co. H); from her son Albert Rhett Stuart in Spartanburg and in the Marion Artillery; and son Thomas Middleton Stuart after the war. With letters to her daughter, Claudia Stuart Thompson. Including an inventory of items at Belleville Plantation (1862), a poem regarding war (1862) and a description of John’s Island (ca. 1864). With some typed copies.

25/182/11-13     Stuart Family

Correspondence, 1866-1888. Approx 75 letters

SC Lowcountry family. Mostly letters to Mrs. Claudia Smith Stuart from Albert Rhett Stuart, regarding studying in seminary in Greenville and the birth of his children (1866-1868); from son Thomas Middleton Stuart regarding unfulfilled desire to emigrate to Brazil (1866), being a doctor and removal to California (ca. 1873); from brother Robert Barnwell Rhett regarding war losses; from his sister Eliza Barnwell Heyward; with letters to her daughter Claudia Stuart Thompson; and other from other relatives in Beaufort (1871-1875) and Chillicothe, Ohio (1873-1878).

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Stuart Family

Correspondence and Misc. n.d. Approx 75 items.

SC Lowcountry family. Undated letters regarding social and family affairs, health matters, etc. including a letter regarding duel between George Cuthbert and John Verdier over whipping a slave. With receipts, essays on various subjects and poetry, including a poem, partially in Gullah, in answer to freeing of slaves.