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Betty Stringfellow family papers, 1907-2004 SCHS# 0627.00

Description: 1.25 linear ft. (3 boxes)

Creator: Elizabeth H. Stringfellow

Biographical/Historical note: Elizabeth (“Betty”) Hamilton Stringfellow (1921-2017) was the daughter of William Manley Hamilton (1886-1979) and Marie Andell Hamilton (1895-1969), and the granddaughter of William Andell (1845-1932) and Margaretha S. Andell (1854-1946). She was born on John’s Island, S.C., and married William Archibald Stringfellow (1909-1981), a lawyer and insurance executive. Betty Stringfellow authored several works on local history and folklore including *A Place Called St. John’s: The Story of John’s, Edisto, Wadmalaw, Kiawah and Seabrook Islands of South Carolina* (published 1997), and *Betty Stringfellow’s Stories and Legends of John’s Island, South Carolina* (2004).

Scope and content: Collection contains personal and family papers as well as Betty Stringfellow’s research on John’s Island and nearby sea islands. Personal papers of Betty Stringfellow include correspondence, school records, papers relating to her career as an insurance agent and her retirement, and records relating to lands owned by her and other family members. One group of papers documents opposition to clam pens near Haulover Creek operated by the Atlantic Littleneck Clamfarms. There are also papers of and relating to the families of Andell and Hamilton, including estate records of Margaretha Andell. Other records relate to an Andell house on John’s Island, and the sale of Andell Bluff Plantation on Seabrook Island for a residential community to be called Andell Harbor. Research material on John’s Island and other sea islands include notes, plats, and information on jury lists, plantations, and land grants. Other research pertains to Brick House Plantation on John’s Island, and the families of Stanyarne, Shoolbred, Legare, Chaplin, and Freeman.

Note: Photographs have been removed to the Visual Material collection.

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Brick House Plantation (John's Island, S.C.)
Johns Island (S.C.) -- History
Johns Island (S.C.) -- Social life and customs

Container list:

BOX 1

- 1 Miscellaneous family and personal papers, 1923-1984, including school records, and information on an antique bed that may have once been in the Sosonowski or LaRoche family.
- 2 Personal papers: correspondence, 1946-1996.
- 3 Scrapbook, 1938-1940, mostly clippings, about William Stringfellow's band "Bill Stringfellow and the Buccaneers."
- 4 Photocopies of John's Island High School memorabilia, 1936-1938.
- 5 "The Stranger" (a school publication, 1930s?).
- 6 Papers relating to the retirement of William Stringfellow, including congratulatory letters, 1974.
- 7 Papers relating to the retirement of Betty Stringfellow and her work as an insurance agent, 1972-1975.
- 8 Correspondence relating to a clam farm, 1993-1995. Includes letters relating to Betty Stringfellow's objections to the placement of clam pens near Haulover Creek by the Atlantic Littleneck Clamfarms, and efforts by her and others opposing these plans.
- 9 Papers relating to the clam farm, including clippings and plats.
- 10 Two dvds: "The American Revolution, John's Island, Kiawah and Seabrook Islands," and "Betty Stringfellow's Seabrook Island, Then and Now."
- 11 Drafts, notes, galleys, and other papers relating to a book about sea island folklore authored by Betty Stringfellow and Dr. Philip J. Bach, 2003-2004. Includes an agreement about a related documentary, 2003.
- 12 Script, 1989, of a slideshow talk by Betty Stringfellow pertaining to Seabrook Island and the Andell family.
- 13 Research on the Andell family and the related Hamilton family.

- 14 Photocopy of a diary, 1927-1932, of Lila Beckett Andell.
- 15 Papers of and relating to Andell family, 1907-1948, including clippings and correspondence (1916-1948).
- 16 Estate records of Margaretha Andell, including a copy of her will (1944), and tax receipts for property on John's Island, 1974-1975.
- 17 Records relating to the Andell house on John's Island, located on property bequeathed to Betty Stringfellow.
- 18 Records, 1973-1979, relating to Betty Stringfellow's property on Seabrook Island and her home there.
- 19 Records, 1962-1975, relating to Brick House Plantation, property of Marie Andell Hamilton. Includes a copy of her will.

BOX 2

- 1 Records, 1974-1980, relating to restoration work on the Andell house on Bohicket Road, John's Island.
- 2 Records, 1967-1981, relating to lands on John's Island and Seabrook Island leased to a farmer, Henry Rast, Jr.
- 3 Records, 1980-1989, relating to the sale of Andell lands on Seabrook Island to a partnership intending to develop the property into a residential community called Andell Harbor, and a marina.
- 4 Promotional material and newsletters about Andell Harbor, 1991-1993.
- 5 Records. 1981-1983, relating to property on Long Island, an island adjacent to Seabrook Island, which the Seabrook Island Company wished to purchase from Betty Stringfellow and other family members. Includes correspondence, legal documents, and an appraisal booklet with maps and photographs.
- 6 Records relating to a road on Seabrook Island, 1974-1982.
- 7 Records, 1952-1975, relating to right-of-way through the Andell property, including correspondence and a grant of easement (1974).
- 8 Records relating to a proposed shopping center on Kiawah Island, 1979.
- 9 Records, 1977-1978, relating to the sale of land on Bohicket Road, John's Island, to the Board of Missions of the Lutheran Church in America.

BOX 3

- 1 Maps and plats, chiefly of John's Island and Wadmalaw Island showing plantations, roads, etc.

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- 3 Research on John's Island including census information and copies of runaway slave advertisements.
- 4 Research on John's Island churches.
- 5 Research on John's Island jury lists and land grants.
- 6 Research on John's Island plantations, including Mount Pleasant, Belvedere, Blacklock, Back Pen, and Bugby.
- 7 Research on Brick House Plantation and the Stanyarne family.
- 8 Maps and plats of several sea islands.
- 9 Research on the Shoolbred family of Kiawah Island, as well as the families of Legare, Chaplin, and Freeman.
- 10 Records, 1983, relating to the John's Island Study Committee.