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Robert B. Cuthbert research papers, ca. 1970-2016 **SCHS# 0635.00**

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Biographical/Historical Note: Robert B. Cuthbert, a native of Summerville, S.C., was a staff member of the U.S. Vegetable Laboratory in Charleston for more than forty years. He is the editor of *Flat Rock of the Old Time*, and the co-editor of *Northern Money, Southern Land*. He is a member of the South Carolina Historical Society, and spent many years researching Lowcountry planter families, their plantations, and their connections with Flat Rock, N.C.

Scope and content: This collection chiefly consists of Robert B. Cuthbert's research for his two books, *Flat Rock of the Old Time* and *Northern Money, Southern Land*. It also includes his research on other topics as well as related photographs. Flat Rock material consists of notes on Langdon Cheves (1848-1939) and his family, the families of Middleton, Rutledge, and Pinckney, Heyward, and other families and individuals including Captain Thomas Pinckney, Mitchell King (1783-1852), and the Count de Choiseul; photocopies and transcriptions of correspondence of Langdon Cheves, his mother Isabella Cheves, members of the Henry A. Middleton family, and others; and notes and research on properties in Flat Rock, the French Broad River area, and other nearby locations in North Carolina; as well as letters and other papers relating to the publication of the book *Flat Rock of the Old Time*. Material pertaining to the book *Northern Money, Southern Land* consists of research on numerous plantations in Beaufort, Hampton, Jasper, and other South Carolina counties, as well as notes on the Heyward family and other planter families of those areas, and the landscape architect Robert Marvin. There is also research material, including notes and clippings, concerning agriculture in South Carolina, African American culture, and the artists William Halsey, Corrie McCallum, David Halsey, Louise Halsey, and Nancy Gray.

Photographs have been removed to the Visual Material Collection.

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Cheves family -- Correspondence
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African Americans -- South Carolina
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Plantations -- South Carolina -- History -- 20th century
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Flat Rock (Henderson County, N.C.)

Container listing:

BOX 1

- 1 Biographical notes on Langdon Cheves (1848-1939).
- 2 Biographical notes on Langdon Cheves: young engineer and lawyer.
- 3 Biographical notes on Langdon Cheves: married life.
- 4 Biographical notes on Langdon Cheves: death of John Sanders; life after Sophy's death.
- 5 Langdon Cheves: notes on his wife Sophy, her last illness and will.
- 6 Langdon Cheves: last will and testament.
- 7 Langdon Cheves: Henry Conner letters to LC.
- 8 Langdon Cheves: letters from Frank and Emmie Haskell.
- 9 Langdon Cheves: miscellaneous correspondence.
- 10 Langdon Cheves: letters regarding a misunderstanding about the division of the contents of the Acton Briars (house in Flat Rock).
- 11 Langdon Cheves: Flat Rock letters, Acton Briars.
- 12 Langdon Cheves: letters to his Aunt Alice Middleton.
- 13 Langdon Cheves: letters to his mother.
- 14 Langdon Cheves: letters to his Aunt Harriott Middleton.
- 15 Langdon Cheves: letters to his brother Henry Cheves.
- 16 Langdon Cheves: notes on his Middleton uncles.
- 17 Langdon Cheves: notes on plantations and planters.
- 18 Langdon Cheves: notes on the Weehaw Plantation house and garden.
- 19 Langdon Cheves: notes on historic gardens.

- 20 Langdon Cheves: Weehaw correspondence.
- 21 Langdon Cheves: Weehaw correspondence with Thomas Mitchell.
- 22 Langdon Cheves: Weehaw Plantation
- 23 Langdon Cheves: letters of Louly Heyward and Louise Rutledge, 1901-1922.
- 24 Langdon Cheves: Louly Heyward letters, 1923-1924.
- 25 Langdon Cheves: Louly Heyward letters, 1925-1928.

BOX 2

- 1 Langdon Cheves: Louly Heyward letters, 1929-1930.
- 2 Langdon Cheves: Louly Heyward letters, 1931-1935.
- 3 Langdon Cheves: notes on Louly Heyward (Anne Louise Heyward, 1865-1942).
- 4 Langdon Cheves: Heyward letters and notes on Betty Williamson.
- 5 Langdon Cheves: Newport (or Nieuport) Plantation on the Combahee River: planting and land records, 1901-1929.
- 6 Langdon Cheves: Nieuport Plantation: early history of Middleton-Cheves ownership.
- 7 Langdon Cheves: Louis Haskell correspondence concerning rice planting at Delta Plantation. Louis (or Lewis) Wardlaw Haskell (1848-1920) was a cousin from Abbeville, S.C.
- 8 Langdon Cheves: correspondence with Anton P. Wright (Upper Delta and Red Knoll).
- 9 Elizabeth Middleton Smith (1822-1903) letters, and notes and letters pertaining to Henry A. M. Smith.
- 10 Letters of Henry Augustus Middleton and sons.
- 11 Henry A. Middleton family: gardens, plants and seed lists for Weehaw Plantation garden (includes a letter from Pomaria nursery owner).
- 12 Henry A. Middleton property at Newport, Rhode Island; letters from Maria McKay.
- 13 Henry A. Middleton property records.
- 14 Acton, Stateburg, and Old Kinloch House in Essex County, Va.
- 15 Henry A. Middleton miscellaneous correspondence (Esther Heyward).
- 16 Mary Esther Middleton Lowndes (1820-1907) family: notes and letters.
- 17 Henry A. Middleton letters to family, and letters of Harriott Kinloch Middleton.

- 18 Susie Minott Middleton letters, also Esther Minott and Gustavus Middleton, and notes.

BOX 3

- 1 Harriott and Susan Middleton correspondence, 1862 January – June.
- 2 Harriott and Susan Middleton correspondence, 1862 July – December.
- 3 Harriott and Susan Middleton correspondence, 1863 February – July.
- 4 Harriott and Susan Middleton correspondence, 1863 August – December.
- 5 Harriott and Susan Middleton correspondence, 1864-1875.
- 6 Governor Henry Middleton, Middleton Place, family information.
- 7 Henry Augustus Middleton family.
- 8 Isabella Cheves, Flat Rock letters, 1850s.
- 9 Isabella Cheves, letters to her son Langdon Cheves, 1865-1889; letter to Sophy Haskell, 1863.
- 10 Isabella Cheves, Flat Rock letters, 1870s.
- 11 Isabella Cheves, Flat Rock letters, 1880s.
- 12 Isabella Cheves, Flat Rock letters, 1890s.
- 13 Isabella Cheves, letters to her son Langdon, 1890-1897.
- 14 Isabella Cheves, Flat Rock letters, 1900-1912.
- 15 Isabella Cheves, Flat Rock letters to Langdon Cheves, 1900-1912.

BOX 4

- 1 Isabella Cheves, letters to Langdon Cheves, no date.
- 2 Isabella Cheves, letters to Langdon Cheves, no date.
- 3 Cheves, Williams, Gaud: biographical notes.
- 4 Caroline T. Williams letters, 1900-1936.
- 5 Isabel Williams Gaud, letters to Langdon Cheves.
- 6 Isabel Gaud letters to Langdon Cheves, 1922-1923.
- 7 Isabel Williams Gaud correspondence with Langdon Cheves, Flat Rock, 1924-1929.
- 8 Isabel Gaud letters to Langdon Cheves, 1930-1934.

- 9 Isabel Williams Gaud (1879-1974), Flat Rock letters to Langdon Cheves, 1935-1939.
- 10 Harriott Williams letters to Langdon Cheves.
- 11 Williams family letters to Langdon Cheves and others.
- 12 Harriott Pinckney, "Aunt Hal," (1776-1866) and Pinckney Island.
- 13 Pinckney, Rutledge at Flat Rock and French Broad.
- 14 Pinckney and Rutledge families: biographical notes. Includes material on the murder of Thomas Pinckney (died 1899).
- 15 Elise Rutledge, Flat Rock letters.
- 16 Elizabeth Rutledge Ravenel Childs, letters to W. W. Childs, 1890-1918.
- 17 Pinckney and Rutledge families, and Rebecca Motte: biographical notes.

BOX 5

- 1 Reminiscences of Captain Thomas Pinckney.
- 2 Eliza Rutledge, Flat Rock letters.
- 3 Elizabeth Pinckney Rutledge letters to Harriott Middleton, Charleston and Flat Rock.
- 4 Mary Stead Pinckney (died 1812).
- 5 Elizabeth Pinckney Rutledge ("Aunt Lise") letters to Harriott Middleton, Flat Rock and Charleston.
- 6 Elizabeth Pinckney Rutledge letters to Harriott and Alice Middleton.
- 7 Rutledge tomb, Christ Church Parish, Mount Pleasant.
- 8 Pinckney family: photographs and an etching.
- 9 Lise Rutledge's wildflower prints.
- 10 Papers relating to a portrait of George Washington in the Pinckney family.
- 11 Lise Pinckney: horticultural writings.
- 12 Flat Rock biographies: Langdon Cheves, "An eccentric of the first water."
- 13 Acton Briars deed.
- 14 Flat Rock: Allston, Beatrice Allston, "The Camp."
- 15 Flat Rock: Charles and Susan Baring, and Constance Baring.
- 16 French Broad: Blake, Hayfield, Fletcher, N.C., Walter Blake (1804-1871).

- 17 Flat Rock: Major Theodore Gaillard Barker (1832-1917), Brooklands.
- 18 Flat Rock: Henry Tudor Farmer and Singleton Farmer.
- 19 Baring and Farmer families at Combahee.
- 20 Rev. John Drayton Grimke, Ravenwood.
- 21 French Broad: Heyward, William Heyward (1800-1871), Rugby Grange.
- 22 Flat Rock: Huger, Far Away.
- 23 Flat Rock: Mitchell King (1783-1852) and his descendants, Argyle and Glenroy.
- 24 Flat Rock: Mary Middleton Lee ("Sis Lee"), 1874-1959, "Enchantment."
- 25 Flat Rock: Lowndes letters to Langdon Cheves.

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- 1 Flat Rock: Rawlins Lowndes (1838-1919), "Valley Home."
- 2 Flat Rock: Allston, Arthur Parker, Susan Lowndes Allston (1879-1970), "Wildwood" and Oak Noll (Knoll).
- 3 Flat Rock: Alice Middleton's watercolor sketch of a Flat Rock party, 1866.
- 4 Simonton, Wood, Alan Wood (1875-1955), Pine Crest.
- 5 Mazyck.
- 6 Flat Rock: William D. McAdoo (1878-1947).
- 7 French Broad: Alexander Robertson (1804-1888), "Straun."
- 8 Flat Rock: Dr. John Gibbes Shoolbred (1796-1860), Lewis Reeve Gibbes, Teneriffe.
- 9 Singleton, Kensington.
- 10 Flat Rock: Gen. Rudolph Siegling (1839-1894), Saluda Cottages.
- 11 French Broad: Joshua Ward (1827-1867), "Rock Hall," Arden, N.C.
- 12 Flat Rock: Lowndes family, Dolce Farniente, "Diamond in the Desert."
- 13 Von Dreyhausen, Glassy Mountain.
- 14 French Broad: Daniel Blake, The Meadows, and Newington.
- 15 Trenholm, Mountain Lodge.
- 16 Flat Rock: A. J. Bane letters to Langdon Cheves, 1897-1901.
- 17 Flat Rock: Charles C. Bane letters to Langdon Cheves, 1911-1916.

- 18 Flat Rock: Charles C. Bane.
- 19 Pringle, Barnwell, Smythe, Many Pines.
- 20 Bennett, Gordon, Burgess, Waties, "Greenlawn."
- 21 Flat Rock: Glassy Mountain.
- 22 Count de Choiseul, Chanteloup.
- 23 Flat Rock: O. M. Drake correspondence with Langdon Cheves, 1922-1939.
- 24 William Elliott, Far Niente.
- 25 Hanckle (Hanckel), Willett House.
- 26 Flat Rock: Dr. Arthur Rose Guerard (1851-1937), Heidelberg.
- 27 Highland Lake.
- 28 Jervey, Sherwood.
- 29 Flat Rock: Johnstone, Beaumont, Frank Hayne.
- 30 Flat Rock: Henry McAlpin (1771-1851).
- 31 Memminger, Gregg, Smyth, Rock Hill.
- 32 Flat Rock: Memminger, Rock Hill.
- 33 Norman Reed.
- 34 Flat Rock: Rutledge, Pinckney.
- 35 Jane Louise Allston Hill, Teneriffe, the Hugh Vincents, Wildwood.

BOX 7

- 1 St. John in the Wilderness (Episcopal church in Flat Rock).
- 2 Langdon Cheves' notes on Flat Rock.
- 3 Photocopy of pages from William W. Malet's 1862 book, *An Errand to the South*.
- 4 Notes on maps of Flat Rock and French Broad.
- 5 Early Flat Rock letters, 1830s-1840s.
- 6 Historic Flat Rock.
- 7 Edward R. Memminger, notes from "An Historic Sketch of Flat Rock," 1922.
- 8 Map of Flat Rock and French Broad roads and rail.

- 9 Flat Rock: furniture.
- 10 Louise H. Bailey: "Little Charleston of the Mountains."
- 11 Flat Rock properties: miscellaneous accounts, deeds, etc.
- 12 Flat Rock: miscellaneous biographies.
- 13 Miscellaneous papers relating to Flat Rock and the Flat Rock book.
- 14 Alex Moore: speech about Flat Rock.
- 15 Flat Rock letters, 1837-1852.
- 16 Flat Rock letters, 1870-1889, and undated.
- 17 Flat Rock letters, 1890-1899.

BOX 8

- 1 Flat Rock letters, 1900-1912.
- 2 Flat Rock letters, 1913-1919.
- 3 Flat Rock letters, 1922-1939.
- 4 Flat Rock material: photographs, etc. (copies)
- 5 Flat Rock Preservationist, newsletters, etc.
- 6 Beaumont and Beaumont estates.
- 7 Papers relating to the publication of RBC's Flat Rock book.

Papers relating to RBC's book *Northern Money, Southern Land*:

- 8 Beaufort County booklet.
- 9 Beaufort County: St. Helena's Parish plantations, Fripp (Orange Grove), Cuthbert Point.
- 10 Beaufort County: miscellaneous histories of plantations.
- 11 Colleton County booklet.

BOX 9

- 1 Colleton County: notable persons.
- 2 Colleton: Combahee River plantations, Middleton (Chisolm Middleton), Woodburn (Burnett, Smith, Bryan, Chaplin, O'Neill), Rose Hill, Longbrow, Paul and Dalton.

- 3 Colleton: St. Bartholomew's Parish, Combahee River plantations, Smithfield, Cypress, Oakland, Laurel Spring, Cockfield, Hughes.
- 4 Colleton: Cheeha Neck plantations, March or Thomaston (Countess Elizabeth Oldsfield Tadini), Brick House and Riverside (Verdier, Farmer, Warren, Pratt), Minott, Montezuma, Hopewood, Warren Island, Hazelwood, Palmetto (Minott, Shaffer, Warren, Farmer, Fripp, Rhett, Parker), Fields Point, Walnut Hill, Dunham (Chaplin, Cowl, Pratt), Hickory Hill (Chaplin, Warren, Adger, Bissell), Social Hall, Bluff, Middle Place, Tea Farm, Hutchenson, Stack, Concert Hall, Smilies, Bellview, Andalusia.
- 5 Colleton: histories.
- 6 Colleton: Combahee River plantations.
- 7 Colleton: Cheeha Neck, Cheeha-Combahee, Whaley, Brick House, Magwood, Riverside, Tar Bluff, Woodburne, Field's Point. Walnut Hill, Middleton, Oak Hill.
- 8 Colleton: Cheeha Neck, Combahee-Cheeha, John Henry Rice, Jr., Thomas Rhett Smith's rose garden at the Bluff, Hutchinson family, Count Tadini, Ballouville, Lowndes and Mullally.
- 9 Colleton: churches and cemeteries, Edmundsbury, Pon Pon Chapel, Stock Cemetery, Salkehatchie, Presbyterian church Yemassee, Sheldon.
- 10 Edmund and Amelia Cuthbert, Porcher family.
- 11 St. Bartholomew and Prince William parishes, Colleton and Beaufort counties, Combahee River and Cheeha Neck plantations: timber deeds, etc.
- 12 Colleton: ACE Basin.
- 13 Colleton: miscellaneous plats.
- 14 Colleton: Ashepoo River plantations, Beach Hill, Dawn of Hope, Poco Sabo, Airy Hall, Lavington, Bear Island.
- 15 Robert Marvin (1920-2000).
- 16 Notes on Heyward and Middleton families' properties, etc.
- 17 Heyward family wills and deeds.
- 18 Colleton: St. Bartholomew's Parish, James Barnwell Heyward's history of the Heyward rice plantations on the Combahee.
- 19 Heyward family biographical notes.
- 20 Colleton and Beaufort: St. Bartholomew's and Prince William parishes, Combahee River plantations of Captain Nathaniel Heyward and his descendants.
- 21 St. Luke's Parish, Jasper, White Hall at the Euhaws and Old House.

BOX 10

- 1 Colleton: Combahee River plantations, Nathaniel Heyward, Bluff, Savannah No. 1, Middlehouse No. 5, Rose Hill,, Pleasant Hill, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Antwerp, Lewisburg, Amsterdam, Vinyard Reserve, Myrtle Grove, Rotterdam, Harrison tract, Berry tract, Pine (Pynes).
 - 2 Captain Nathaniel Heyward: biographical account by Dr. Gabriel Manigault.
 - 3 Captain Nathaniel Heyward (1766-1851): biographical notes.
 - 4 Civil War letters from Stephen H. Boineau to Charles and Edward Barnwell Heyward, and Charles Heyward's reply.
 - 5 Prince William's Parish plantations: Clay Hall, Blandford, Green Point, Williman's Island, True Blue, Newbury.
 - 6 Agricultural and horticultural topics: phosphates.
 - 7 Agricultural and horticultural topics: Michaux, and Adelgids, Beechtree fungus.
 - 8 Mr. Van Haselt, Dutch engineer.
 - 9 African American culture: Charleston, Mosquito Fleet, Oarsmen's chant.
 - 10 African American culture: lists of slaves and freedmen from Cheves, Middleton, Pinckney, and others.
 - 11 African American culture: Stono Rebellion, Charleston, Parker's Ferry.
 - 12 African American culture: black cemeteries, Bulow, "Plum Patch," Ramsey's.
 - 13 African American culture: treatment of blacks.
- Papers relating to William Halsey and other artists:
- 14 William Halsey.
 - 15 William Halsey: clippings.
 - 16 David Halsey.
 - 17 Louise Halsey.
 - 18 Corrie McCallum.
 - 19 Nancy Gray.
 - 20 RBC letters, 1995, 2016.

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- 1 Photographs of Robert B. Cuthbert.
- 2 Photographs of Flat Rock properties and properties in nearby North Carolina locations. Includes images of Glassy Mountain, Ambersley (or Dunroy), Wildwood, Rutledge Cottage, Hemlocks, Oak Knoll, Beaumont, The Meadows, Acton Briars, Pine Crest, and Heidelberg.
- 3 Images relating to Alice Middleton's watercolor sketch of a party at Flat Rock, 1866.
- 4 Photographs of people including Mary Esther Middleton Lowndes, Benjamin Huger Rutledge, Lise Pinckney, Langdon Cheves, Isabella Middleton Cheves, Caroline T. Williams, R. B. and Eloise Cuthbert, Captain Thomas Pinckney, and Josephine Pinckney.
- 5 Properties in the counties of Colleton, Beaufort, Jasper, etc., including White Hall, Lavington, Plum Hill, Cotton Hall, Delta, Retreat, Newington, Chelsea, Seaside, Coffin Point, and Rose Hill.
- 6 Photographs of properties in Berkeley and Hampton counties, including Mepkin, Pompion Hill, and the Pineland Club.
- 7 Photographs of properties in the counties of Dorchester, Charleston, and Georgetown.
- 8 Miscellaneous photographs.
- 9 Negatives.