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Ethel Trenholm Seabrook Nepveux papers, 1933-2008 (bulk 1974-2000) SCHS# 0638.00

Description: 5 linear ft. (12 boxes)

Biographical/Historical Note: Ethel Trenholm Seabrook Nepveux was born in Georgetown, S.C., in 1912. She was the daughter of Alfred Glover Trenholm and Ethel Moore Lofton Trenholm, and the great-granddaughter of George Alfred Trenholm (1807-1876). After her mother's death in 1922, Ethel was raised by her aunt and uncle Gertrude and Julius Seabrook and took their name. She attended Winthrop and graduated from the College of Charleston, where she met her future husband Felix J. Nepveux. She was a teacher, writer, and historian, and her writings included two books about her ancestor George Alfred Trenholm and a book about Sarah Henry Bryce (Mrs. Campbell Bryce). Mrs. Nepveux passed away in 2017.

Scope and content: This collection chiefly consists of research and correspondence relating to Ethel Trenholm Seabrook Nepveux's books about George Alfred Trenholm and his companies John Fraser and Company of Charleston, S.C., and Fraser, Trenholm of Liverpool, Nassau and Bermuda. Correspondents include Thomas M. Boaz, John Howells, and Bob Thorp. Specific areas of research include various blockade runners and their captains, as well the Fraser, Trenholm and Company Business Archive at the Merseyside Maritime Museum, including copies of the correspondence of Charles K. Prioleau. These papers also reflect Mrs. Nepveux's interest in the submarine *H.L. Hunley* and Charleston's wartime history of the 1860s. Related items include some of her articles and lectures and related illustrations on transparencies. Other papers consist of genealogical research on the families of Bryce, Holmes, Lofton, Nepveux, Rhame, Seabrook and Trenholm, including memoirs of Josephine Trenholm Lyman and Eliza Florence Trenholm Macbeth. Personal and family papers include letters of Felix J. Nepveux written during his Korean War service, family photographs, and correspondence and records relating to Nepveux property on Goat Island and the Goat Island Corporation.

Photographs have been removed to the Visual Material Collection.

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Search terms:

Blockade

South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Blockades

Bryce, Campbell, Mrs

Lyman, Josephine Trenholm, 1875-1957

Macbeth, Eliza Florence Trenholm, 1847-1926

Nepveux, Ethel Trenholm Seabrook
Nepveux, Felix Joseph, 1921-2010
Trenholm, George Alfred, 1807-1876
Bryce family
Lofton family
Rhame family
Trenholm family
Fraser, Trenholm & Co. (Liverpool, England)
H.L. Hunley (Submarine)
John Fraser & Co. (Charleston, S.C.)
Merseyside Maritime Museum

Container listing:

BOX 1

Research on George Alfred Trenholm

- 1 Research on George Alfred Trenholm: papers relating to real estate holdings.
- 2 Research on George Alfred Trenholm: research and copies of wartime correspondence.
- 3 Research on George Alfred Trenholm: papers and correspondence mainly concerning GAT's presidential pardon.
- 4 Research on George Alfred Trenholm: papers relating to the phosphate industry.
- 5 Research on George Alfred Trenholm: research and correspondence relating to phosphates.
- 6 Research on George Alfred Trenholm: copies of GAT's correspondence, mostly letters to his wife, and related notes.
- 7 Research on George Alfred Trenholm: papers relating to *Gone With the Wind*.
- 8 Research on George Alfred Trenholm: copies of GAT correspondence.

BOX 2

Research on blockade running

- 1 Research on blockade running: correspondence (emails) with David Hamilton and Keith Miller, 2003-2004, with related research.
- 2 Research on blockade running: mostly research on Clyde steamships.
- 3 Research on blockade running: notes on various vessels, 1850s-1860s.
- 4 Research on blockade running: CSS *Florida*, research and correspondence.
- 5 Research on blockade running: CSS *Leila*.
- 6 Research on blockade running: CSS *Hope*.
- 7 Research on blockade running: research and correspondence mainly relating to the CSS *Nashville*.

- 8 Research on blockade running: extracts from Hull newspapers, 1861-1865.
- 9 Research on blockade running: extracts from Charleston and Greenock (Scotland) newspapers, 1862-1865.
- 10 Research on blockade running: lists of ships, copies of newspaper articles, etc.
- 11 Research on blockade running: notes on ships connected with GAT's company.

BOX 3

Research, including notes and correspondence, removed from folders arranged alphabetically by topic or author (files covered A through T)

- 1 A: CSS *Alabama*, etc.
- 2 B: blockade, etc.
- 3 C: Thomas Cochrane, Clyde steamers, etc.
- 4 D: Jefferson Davis, *DeBow's Review*, etc.
- 5 E: Robert Eklund article, 2003.
- 6 F: Flat Rock, Gustavus Fox, etc.
- 7 G: Josiah Gorgas, Eugene Genovese, etc.
- 8 H: Hampton, Hazzard, article by E. Don Herd, etc.
- 9 J-K: Robert G. Hill Kean, Duncan F. Kenner, etc.
- 10 N-R: nullification, railroads, etc.
- 11 S: Robert Smalls, SC Statutes, etc.
- 12 T: Peter Tecklenburg, Trenholm family, etc.

BOX 4

Research on various topics

- 1 The *Alabama* claims.
- 2 Charles M. Fauntleroy.
- 3 William Cowley Miller, the CSS *Florida*, and Captain James A. Duguid.
- 4 CSS *H. L. Hunley*.
- 5 Color printouts of photographs relating to the CSS *H. L. Hunley*, related activities and ceremonies in Charleston, and a movie about the submarine.
- 6 "'So Clear in My Memory': A Memoir" by Josephine Trenholm Lyman, written in the 1930s, 1986.
- 7 Memoir by Eliza Florence Trenholm Macbeth (typescript copy, no date), about wartime experiences of her family and her father's imprisonment at Fort Pulaski.

- 8 Folder originally marked "Mariners." Notes on the captains of GAT's ships.
- 9 Folder originally marked "Mariners."
- 10 Inventory of the Fraser, Trenholm & Company Business Archive at Merseyside museum, with copies of Charles K. Prioleau correspondence.
- 11 Research relating to Charles K. Prioleau, including a detailed listing of his letters in the Fraser, Trenholm & Company Archive.

BOX 5

- 1 Original folder was marked "Book Additions." These are revisions or additions to the book *George Alfred Trenholm: Financial Genius of the Confederacy*, chapters 1 – 4.
- 2 Book additions, chapters 5 – 10.
- 3 Book additions, notes and index.
- 4 Notes and research on events of 1862 relating to blockade running, etc.
- 5 Notes and research on events of 1863 relating to blockade running, etc.
- 6 Notes and research on events of 1864 relating to blockade running, etc.
- 7 Notes and research on events of 1865 relating to blockade running, etc.

BOX 6

- 1 Writings and research by Ethel Nepveux, including an article (2000) on the ship *Economist*.
- 2 Lectures by Ethel Nepveux.
- 3 "Bob Thorpe's talk" on the CSS *Florida*; and "Ryan's talk" on GAT.
- 4 Transparencies of illustrations for lectures.
- 5 Illustration transparencies.
- 6 Illustration transparencies.
- 7 Illustration transparencies.
- 8 Illustration transparencies.

BOX 7

- 1 Mostly Ethel Nepveux's correspondence concerning her book, *George Alfred Trenholm and the Company That Went to War*, 1974.
- 2 Mostly Ethel Nepveux's correspondence concerning her book on GAT and related topics, 1975-1981.
- 3 Ethel Nepveux correspondence with Thomas M. Boaz, 1995-1997.
- 4 Ethel Nepveux correspondence with John Howells, 1972-1973.

- 5 Ethel Nepveux correspondence (mostly emails) with Bob Thorp and others, 2001-2005.
- 6 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1957-1969, mainly relating to her books and research.
- 7 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1970-1971.
- 8 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1972-1974.
- 9 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1980-1985.

BOX 8

- 1 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1986, mainly relating to her books and research.
- 2 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1987.
- 3 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1988.
- 4 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1989.
- 5 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1990-1995.
- 6 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1996.
- 7 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1997.
- 8 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1998-1999.
- 9 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 2000.

Box 9

- 1 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 2001, mainly relating to her books and research.
- 2 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 2002-2003.
- 3 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 2004.
- 4 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 2005.
- 5 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 2006.
- 6 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 2007.
- 7 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 2008.
- 8 Ethel Nepveux correspondence, 1984-1992, including some family correspondence.
- 9 Ethel and Felix Nepveux correspondence, some concerning family reunions, 1993-2002.

BOX 10

Genealogical research, correspondence, and notes

- 1 Bryce family.
- 2 Bryce family.
- 3 Bryce, Henry, and McKinley families.

- 4 Holmes family.
- 5 Lofton, Morrison, and other families.
- 6 Miller family.
- 7 Nepveux family.
- 8 Nepveux family.
- 9 Nepveux family.
- 10 Seabrook family.
- 11 Nepveux and Rhame families.
- 12 Rhame and related families.
- 13 Trenholm family.

BOX 11

Personal and family papers

- 1 Miscellaneous items including clippings.
- 2 Letters from Felix Nepveux to Ethel, 1950, during his Korean War service.
- 3 Letters of Felix Nepveux, 1943-1949 and undated.
- 4 Miscellaneous family correspondence, 1933 and undated.
- 5 Papers of and relating to Felix J. Nepveux, including his commission, 1948, in the U.S. Dental Corps of the Navy.
- 6 Lists and notes relating to family reunions.
- 7 Correspondence, 1984-1997, relating to Nepvuex property on Goat Island.
- 8 Maps and plats of Goat Island.
- 9 Records relating to Goat Island, including minutes of meetings of Goat Island Corporation, 1960s-1970s.
- 10 Records relating to Goat Island, 1980s, including correspondence and minutes.
- 11 Records relating to Goat Island, 1990s, including correspondence and minutes.
- 12 Goat Island records, including lists of shareholders.

BOX 12

Miscellaneous items

- 1 Papers relating to the South Carolina Civil War Roundtable, 1983-1988, including bulletins and lists of members.

- 2 Papers relating to Second Presbyterian Church (Charleston, S.C.), including a list of burials in the church graveyard.
- 3 Papers relating to William Gilmore Simms and a seminar in 2000.
- 4 Papers relating to James T. Welsman.
- 5 Miscellaneous items, including an article about Legareville by Robert Seigler (2007), article about Abercromby Square, a map of Legareville, and a map of graves of Confederate soldiers at Magnolia Cemetery.
- 6 Photocopies of photographs removed to the Visual Material Collection. These include Nepveux family photographs.
- 7 Photocopies of images including portraits of Captain Duguid and William C. Miller, and a cenotaph monument to Stonewall Jackson which was presented to the City of Charleston in 1864.
- 8 Copies of wartime images of Charleston from Harper's Weekly, etc.
- 9 Videocassette tape labelled: "Civil War Journal, spies, ghost walk"