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Chisolm Family Photograph Album, 1860-1891 **SCHS #: VM 0649.00**

Description: 0.25 linear ft. (1 box)

Biographical/Historical Note: Alexander Robert Chisolm was born in Beaufort, S.C. in 1834. His parents were Edward Neufville Chisolm and Mary Elizabeth Hazzard. Edward N. Chisolm died in 1836, and in 1838 his widow and her children, Alexander Robert Chisolm and Sarah Chisolm, made a trip to New York, where Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Chisolm died in an accident. Afterwards, an aunt and uncle in New York took care of Alexander and his sister.

When he was eighteen, A.R. Chisolm returned to South Carolina to visit his relatives and see property that he and his sister had jointly inherited, which included part of Coosaw Plantation, also called Chisolm's Island. Chisolm purchased his sister's share of the property and also acquired more land in South Carolina.

Just before the war, A. R. Chisolm assisted with the defenses of Charleston, and was made a lieutenant colonel in March 1861. During the war, Chisolm became aide de camp to General Pierre G. T. Beauregard and went with the general wherever he was ordered.

After the war, Chisolm obtained a pardon from President Andrew Johnson. He sold his Beaufort lands and worked as a shipping merchant in Charleston. In 1870, he moved to New York, serving as commander of the Confederate Veterans camp there. In 1875, he married Helen Margaret Schieffelin. He passed away in 1910.

Scope and content: Photographs removed from an album mainly consist of cartes de visite and cabinet photographs of Chisolm family members and relations and friends. There is also a tintype of an African American man identified as "Faithful John Sanders." The cartes de visite include images of Alice Cuthbert Chisolm Prioleau, Mrs. A.R. Chisolm, Alexander R. Chisolm, General P.G.T. Beauregard, G.R. Schieffelin, and Richard Schieffelin Chisolm. Cabinet photographs include images of John Jay Vandemoer, Frederick Fraser Chisolm, General Thomas Jordan, Charles D. Fredricks, Bradish Johnson, Samuel J. Tilden, and General Stephen Dill Lee.

Search terms:

Beauregard, G. T. (Gustave Toutant), 1818-1893 – Photographs

Chisolm, Alexander Robert, 1834-1910.

Chisolm, Helen Margaret Schieffelin, 1841-1895.

Jordan, Thomas, 1819-1895 – Photographs

Lee, Stephen D. (Stephen Dill), 1833-1908 – Photographs

Vandemoer, John Jay, 1848-1925 -- Photographs

Chisholm family.
African Americans -- Photographs

Container listing:

BOX 1

Folder 1

Sheet one:

Tintype, "Faithful John Sanders." African American man.

James [Delavan], "Virginia City, Nev, July 22nd/79"

Unidentified young man in graduation garb. Rockwood & Co., N.Y.

Lady identified as "Mrs. E. N. Chisolm, mother of A. R. Chisolm." (NOTE: A R. Chisolm's mother was Mary Elizabeth Hazzard, who died in 1838, so this is not Mrs. Edward Neufville Chisolm.)

Seated lady, identified as "Mrs. Chisolm," June 13th, 1866." This may be Helen Margaret Schieffelin before her marriage to Alexander R. Chisolm.

Lady identified as "Miss Alice C. Chisolm," and "Mrs. Alice Prioleau." This is Alice Cuthbert Chisolm (1848-1910), who married Dr. Arthur P. Prioleau.

Lady identified as "Mrs. A.R.C." Photographer: Sterry, Saratoga Springs. Mrs. Alexander R. Chisolm?

Photograph of a portrait of a gentleman wearing a white wig. Possibly Jacob Schieffelin (1757-1835).

Seated man with a dog. "R. B. Lowry & Jack." This may be Reigart Bolivar Lowry (1826-1880).

Sheet two:

CDV of Alexander Robert Chisolm, "New York, Jan. 20th, 1866."

Unidentified lady. Possibly Mrs. A. R. Chisolm.

Gentleman identified as "G. R. Schieffelin." Probably George Richard Schieffelin (1836-1910).

Family group, composed of a couple and three children, unidentified. Possibly A. R. Chisolm and family.

Lady in a costume, unidentified.

CDV of a man and two ladies. In the album, the picture is labeled "Mrs. A.R.C." who is likely the lady seated on the left. Written on the reverse: "Amelia [D.] Van Doren, Wm. [Emlerbresson?], Long Branch, Aug 12th 1864. (Amelia Dyckman Van Doren Ripley, 1845-1931?)

CDV of General Pierre G. T. Beauregard.

Infant, identified as "R. S. C. 8 months old May 15th 1877." This is Richard Schieffelin Chisolm (born 1876).

Folder 2

Larger (cabinet) photographs:

Man in western attire with a rifle, labeled in album as "John [J.] [Vandemoer." This may be John Jay Vandemoer (1848-1925). Photographer: J. Collier, Denver, Colorado.

Man identified as "Fred. F. Chisolm." This is Frederick Fraser Chisolm (1854-1910). Photographer: Rinehart, Omaha, Nebraska.

General Thomas Jordan (1819-1895). Photographer: Duryea, N.Y. Dated 1885.

Tinted photograph of Louisa I. Chisolm (Mrs. William Marion Chisolm, 1856-1913).

Infant girl, identified as "Julia Graham." Probably a daughter of Helen Margaret Schieffelin Chisolm, whose first husband was William Irving Graham (died 1873).

Man identified as "Charles Whitney." Photographer: Gurney & Son, N.Y.

Lady identified as "Mrs. Whitney."

Unidentified woman, dated 1873. This appears to be Mrs. Alexander R. Chisolm.

Folder 3

Unidentified woman, who may be Mrs. Alexander R. Chisolm. Photographer: Sterry.

Man identified in album as "[Daniel?] Heyward. Photographer: Falk, N.Y.

Unidentified man, possibly Alexander R. Chisolm. Photographer: Sterry, Saratoga Springs.

Man identified as C. D. Fredricks. This was Charles D. Fredricks (1823-1894), a noted photographer.

Man identified as John J. Vandemoer. Photographer: Rockwood, N.Y.

Unidentified man, possibly Richard Lawrence Schieffelin (1801-1889). Photographer: Myers, Saratoga Springs.

Unidentified woman, possibly Mrs. Richard Lawrence Shieffelin, Margaret Helen McKay (1813-1892).

Man identified as Bradish Johnston. This was Bradish Johnson (1811-1892).

Folder 4

Man identified as “Dr. Euer” (Ever?). Photographer: Sarony, N.Y.

Photograph of a man. A signature is at the bottom: “F. M. T. Parzin” (?).

Unidentified man. Photographer: R. A. Lewis, N.Y.

Man identified as “Saml. J. Tilden.” This was Gov. Samuel J. Tilden (1814-1886).

Little boy in a sailor suit. This may be Richard Schieffelin Chisolm (born 1876).

Little girl in a shepherdess costume. This may be Margaret Schieffelin. Photographer: Lacy, N.J.

Two little girls with toys, identified as “Margaret and Constance Schieffelin.”

Folder 5

Man in Confederate uniform; photograph of a portrait painting? signed by Lt. Gen. “S. D. Lee.” This was Stephen Dill Lee (1833-1908).

Stephen Dill Lee, with signature. Photographer: [Burnitt], Mississippi.