



SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Photographs from the William Cain Family Papers, 1850-1940 (bulk 1870-1920) SCHS# 0281.00 VM

Description: 0.75 linear feet (2 boxes)

Scope and content: Photographs chiefly consist of images of members of the Cain family and their relations, as well as various plantations mainly in Berkeley County. Most of the images date from about 1870 into the 1920s. Of note are portraits of Samuel Wilson Ravenel, Richard Yeadon Macbeth, Dr. Joseph Palmer Cain, Meta Heyward, Mary Cain Ball, Elizabeth Porcher Ravenel, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Porcher Ravenel (ca. 1850). Plantations depicted include Somerset, Mulberry, Pooshee, Ophir, Woodlawn, Snee Farm, Bluford, Walnut Grove, Walworth, Somerton, Cedar Spring, Hampton, Dean Hall, Bossis, Lawson's Pond, The Wedge, Hanover, Wampee, Quinby, Indianfield, Springfield, Fairspring, Eutaw, Pond Bluff, White Hall, Gippy, and Bossis. Also included are images of Pinopolis, and churches including St. Michael's (Charleston), St. James Santee, chapels in Pineville, Pinopolis, and Black Oak, St. Andrew's Mission, Strawberry Chapel, and James Island Presbyterian Church (1912). Other subjects include members of the Means family, scenes in Texas during the Punitive Expedition into Mexico (1917), tournaments (ring jousts), members of the St. John's Hunting Club, animals, and beach and boating scenes. Included are seven photograph albums which chiefly date to the early 20th century.

Note: Dates are approximate. Manuscripts from this collection have been catalogued separately.

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Content outline:

BOX 1

- 1A Portraits, Men (mostly identified): includes photographs of Samuel Wilson Ravenel, Henry F. Porcher, Henry Ravenel Lucas, Richard Yeadon Macbeth, Dr. Joseph Palmer Cain, William Cain, Thomas Porcher Ravenel, John St. Clair White, Jr., Samuel Munro Wilson, Joseph Palmer Cain, Jr., Bishop Albert Sidney Thomas, E. M. Ravenel, Samuel W. Ravenel, Louis L. Lucas, and Stephen Deveau.

- 1B Portraits, Men (unidentified).
- 2A Portraits, Women (identified): includes photographs of Mrs. R. Y. Macbeth, Margaret Deas Ravenel Porcher, Anne Palmer Cain, Meta Heyward, Julia Anne Cain, Catherine Cordes Prioleau, Caroline Porcher Cain, Mary Macbeth Cain Ball, Florence LeNoble Lucas, Mrs. Samuel Wilson Ravenel, Mary Cain Ball, Nina Gaillard, and Elizabeth Porcher Ravenel.
- 2B Portraits, Women (unidentified).
- 3 Portraits, Children.
- 4 Photographs of groups and couples (some unidentified): includes photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Porcher Ravenel (ca. 1850), and the Cain family.
- 5 Photographs of churches, including St. James Goose Creek, St. Michael's, the Pinopolis chapel (Trinity), St. James Santee, St. Stephen's, St. Andrew's Mission, the Pineville chapel, Strawberry Chapel, and Trinity at Black Oak.
- 6 Plantations, Somerset: includes photographs of the plantation house at Somerset, and interiors.
- 7 Plantations, White Hall: includes photographs of the plantation house at White Hall, interiors, and fields.
- 8 Plantations (and houses): includes photographs of exteriors and interiors of Mulberry, Pooshee, Ophir, Woodlawn, Snee Farm, Bluford, Walnut Grove, Walworth, Somerton, Cedar Spring, Hampton, Dean Hall, Bossis, Lawson's Pond, The Wedge, Hanover, Wampee, Indianfield, Springfield, Fairspring, Eutaw, Pond Bluff, the Santee Gun Club, the Cain house in Pinopolis, and "Century Cottage."

BOX 2

- 9 Buildings and dwellings (unidentified).
- 10 Photographs of animals, including horses, dogs, and chickens.
- 11 Miscellaneous photographs, including images of oak avenues, a barn, Stoney Landing, a drug store, and lancing tournaments (or tilts) at the Rocks and at Gippy.
- 12A Photo album (1 of 7): includes images of Ophir, White Hall, Elizabeth Ravenel Cain and other members of the Cain family, R. Y. Macbeth's yard and garden, horses, a house at 631 Pickens Street (Columbia, S.C.), and a boat race.
- 12B Photographs removed from 12A: includes images of Eutaw, Walworth, Indianfield, Woodlawn, the Rocks, Belmont, Hanover, Lewisfield, the Pineville chapel, Mulberry, Dean Hall, and North Hampton.

- 13 Photograph album (2 of 7): includes images of people and scenes at Sullivan's Island (1906), Florence Lucas, Mary Cain Ball, Cain family members, horses, scenes in Pinopolis, Bossis, a picnic, a Cain family house in Pinopolis, Mexico Plantation, members of the Gribben family, Alice Preston Yates, the members of the St. John's Hunting Club, and "Chichan on the river."
- 14 Photograph album (3 of 7): includes images of Somerset, Orange Grove, tennis players, and a house at 165 Rutledge Avenue.
- 15 Photograph album (4 of 7): includes images of Quinby Plantation, Pennyworth Island, Winthrop College, the Church Home Orphanage (Yorkville, S.C.), Saluda, and a James Island Presbyterian Church on James Island (1912).
- 16 Photograph album (5 of 7): includes images of a boat race.
- 17 Photograph album (6 of 7): includes images of scenes in Texas during the Punitive Expedition into Mexico (1917), members of the Means family, the Carolina Yacht Club, Burton's Farm ("near Charleston"), members of the Cain family, the Charleston Country Club (1919), and a horse race after a tournament (1928).
- 18 Photograph album (7 of 7): includes images of ladies in swimsuits at the beach (ca. 1900), and scenes at Wampee Plantation.