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Spillers family papers, 1826-1969 SCHS# 0666.00

Description: 1 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: James Heyward Harvey (1906-1969), the son of C. Fred Harvey (1867-1951), was a South Carolina attorney and magistrate. He married Rosa Virginia Seymour (1907-1966), and they were the parents of James Heyward Harvey, Jr. (1939-2015) of Charleston, and Roseann Harvey Spillers Frampton (1933-2013). Rosa Virginia Seymour Harvey (1907-1966) was the daughter of Robert William Seymour (1872-1918), a native of Charleston, and Rosina Anne Wienges Seymour (1873-1954), the daughter of Jacob C. Wienges (died 1895) of Charleston and Rosa Louisa Knauff Wienges (1852-1883), whose mother was Rosina (or Rosa) Anna Knauff (1823-1901). Jacob C. Wienges may have been the son of Conrad Matthias Wienges (1815-1882), who is buried in Camden, S.C., and Christina Augusta Wienges (1821-1893). There was also a Conrad Wienges (1822-1855) who is buried in Charleston.

In 1952, Roseann (or Rosina Ann) Harvey married William Robert (Bob) Spillers, the son of Willum H. ("Harry") Spillers (1890-1969) and Ethel Robertson Spillers (1894-1995), who were residents of Macon, Georgia. Willum H. and Ethel R. Spillers were also the parents of Willum H. ("Harry") Spillers (1925-2015), Jr. William Robert ("Bob") Spillers attended Fishburne Military School in Virginia in the 1940s and was later an officer in the U.S. Air Force, dying in service in Vietnam. His second wife was Joanne Howard Spillers. Willum H. Harry Spillers, Jr., attended the Citadel and Georgia Tech, and later entered the U.S. Army Air Forces aviation cadet program, but before completing that program, he received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in 1949. He served in Vietnam as a pilot, and by the end of his military career he had attained the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force.

Scope and content: Collection consists of papers and photographs pertaining to the related families of Harvey, Spillers, Seymour, and Wienges. Papers include a small amount of scattered correspondence and memorabilia as well as a commonplace book and a volume of sheet music. Early correspondence includes a letter, 1846, from C. Wienges (Christina Augusta Wienges?) in Charleston to Conrad M. Wienges in Camden, mainly relating to family matters; and a letter, 1888, from J. M. Harvey in Grays to his son Fred (probably C. Fred Harvey, the father of James Heyward Harvey). Another early document which is written in French, appears to be dated 1826, and is apparently a list of the children of Francois Roye (1790-1844?) witnessed by three persons including Jean Godet. One of the children listed is John Francois Roye (1815-1848). Other

correspondence includes a few letters (1952 and undated) to Roseann (or Rosina Ann) Harvey Spillers; and a letter and postcard (1940s) from William Robert (Bob) Spillers to his parents.

A commonplace book, 1867-1883, kept by Rosa Louisa Knauff Wienges contains inscriptions and poetry. There is also an oversize bound volume of sheet music, 1831-1847, compiled by Christina Ann Teresa Wienges of Camden, S.C. Most of the sheet music is printed and includes "A Favorite Overture for the Piano Forte" and "The Swiss Maid," both published by John Siegling of Charleston. The volume also includes about forty pages of copied manuscript sheet music.

Photographs, which have been removed to the Visual Materials (0666 VM), mainly consist of images of members of the Spillers family dating from about 1900 into the early 1960s. Persons depicted include Willum H. Spillers, Sr., Willum H. Spillers, Jr., Ethel Robertson Spillers, and Roseann Harvey Spillers. Included is an oversize photograph album dating from the 1930s into the 1960s (0666 VM O/S).

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