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Sara Cheves Fair genealogical papers, 1837-2016 **SCHS# 0674.00**

Description: 0.75 linear ft. (2 boxes)

Biographical/Historical note: Sara Cheves Fair is an artist who resides in New York City. She is the great-granddaughter of Langdon Cheves Haskell (1831-1882), a native of Abbeville, South Carolina, who later lived in Arkansas.

Scope and content: Collection chiefly consists of genealogical material collected by Sara Cheves Fair pertaining to the families of Cheves, Haskell, Calhoun, Dulles, West, Wardlaw, and some related lines. Some research pertains to a few family plantations including Zante and Lang Syne, as well as the burial site of Langdon Cheves Haskell in Arkansas. The collection also contains some family documents, including a copy of the will, 1854, of Langdon Cheves; a legal decree, 1858, in the case of Langdon Cheves (executor of the estate of Robert Hayne Cheves) versus Charles T. Haskell and others; a plat, 1838, of 947 acres in Abbeville District on Calhoun Creek, surveyed for William E. Haskell; correspondence of Langdon Cheves Haskell, including two lengthy letters (1855) to his sister Mary concerning a trip to Florida, and later letters from Arkansas; correspondence (1880s-1900s) of Langdon Cheves Haskell, Jr.; a letter, 1861, from Hannah Margaret Wardlaw Patterson concerning the last illness and death of her brother Francis Hugh Wardlaw (1800-1861); and a letter, 1918, of James Carlisle Fair (1890-1963), written during his military service in World War I. A few oversize items include a land grant and plat (1837) of acreage in Abbeville District; and the presidential pardon (1865) of Charles Thomson Haskell.

Photographs have been removed to the Cased Photograph Collection (VM 660) and the Visual Material Collection (0674 VM). These include a cased daguerreotype (ca. 1850?) of a young man identified as Charles Manly Cheves; a carte de visite (ca. 1860?) of a young man that may be Langdon Cheves Haskell; a carte de visite (ca. 1870) of Lewis Wardlaw Simkins (1854-1903) taken while he was a student in Lexington (Va); a photograph of James Carlisle Fair in uniform; and color photographs of the grave of Langdon Cheves Haskell, Zante Plantation, and Midway Plantation.

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Search terms:

Cheves, Charles Manly, 1825-1855.
Fair, James Carlisle, 1890-1963.
Haskell, Charles Thomson, 1802-1873.
Haskell, Langdon Cheves, 1831-1882.
Simkins, Lewis Wardlaw, 1854-1903.
Wardlaw, Francis Hugh, 1800-1861.
Calhoun family.
Cheeves family.
Cheves family.
Dulles family.
Haskell family.
Wardell family.
West family.
Farms -- Arkansas
Plantations -- South Carolina -- Abbeville District
Plantations -- South Carolina -- Calhoun County
World War, 1914-1918
Florida -- Description and travel -- 19th century
Lang Syne Plantation (S.C.)
Midway Plantation (Calhoun County, S.C.)
Zante Plantation (Calhoun County, S.C.)
South Carolina -- Genealogy

Container listing:BOX 1

- 1 Genealogical research on the Calhoun family: these consist of photocopies of published sources, including an offprint of a family history by A. S. Salley.
- 2 Genealogical research on the Calhoun family: these include newspaper clippings and extracts from a book about the related family of DeGraffenreid.
- 3 Genealogical research on the Cheves family: includes research on Langdon Cheves's residence in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
- 4 Research on a photograph of a Cheves family member identified as "Uncle Charlie Cheves." This refers to Charles Manly Cheves, 1825-1855. (The original photograph has been removed to the cased photograph collection.)
- 5 Genealogical research on the Dulles family: includes a family history by Heatly Courtonne Dulles; and a map of lands in Calhoun County, S.Ca. owned by "Dulles ancestors."
- 6 Research on Avery Dulles (1918-2008), a Jesuit priest and cardinal.
- 7 Research on Charles Thomson Haskell (1802-1873) at Harvard.

- 8 Research on Abbeville (S.C.) and family graves at Long Cane Cemetery and at Elmwood Cemetery.
- 9 Genealogical research on the Haskell family and descendants of Elnathan Haskell (1724-1825).
- 10 Genealogical research on the Haskell family: photocopy of book, *Chronicles of the Haskell Family*, 1943.
- 11 Genealogical research on the Haskell family: pamphlet, "Genealogy of the Descendants of Elnathan Haskell 1725-1783 and Dorothy (Robinson) Haskell 1723-1810" (2008).
- 12 Genealogical research on the Haskell family: includes various family charts and a photocopy of Charles Thomson Haskell's presidential pardon (1865).
- 13 Genealogical research on the Haskell family: includes copies of photographs of Col. William Thomson's grave, and a letter relating to Thomson family research.

BOX 2

- 1 Genealogical research on the Haskell family: includes information on the related Alexander family.
- 2 Genealogical research on the Langdon Cheves Haskell (1831-1882) and his burial place in Arkansas.
- 3 Genealogical research on Eleuthera DuPont Smith (1806-1876), a friend of Mrs. Sophia Cheves Haskell.
- 4 Genealogical research on the Wardlaw family.
- 5 Genealogical research on the West family.
- 6 Genealogical research: miscellaneous research on the Haskell family and related families including the West family.
- 7 Genealogical research on Lewis Wardlaw Haskell (1868-1938); and copies of the correspondence (1936-1948) of his wife Aleta Geddes Haskell.
- 8 Correspondence, 2002-2016, between Sara Cheves Fair and Robert B. Cuthbert mainly concerning the Haskell and Cheves families.
- 9 Copies of Haskell family correspondence, with annotations by Robert B. Cuthbert.
- 10 Copies of correspondence from the Cheves and Wagner Family Papers (in the Southern Historical Collection, UNC, Chapel Hill). Correspondents include Charlotte McCord Cheves, Mrs. Charles West, and Langdon Cheves.
- 11 Research on Zante Plantation (Fort Motte, in Calhoun County).

- 12 Research on Lang Syne Plantation (Calhoun County); copy of an image of the Haskell home near Abbeville; and information on a tour of family houses in the St. Matthews area, including Midway Plantation.
- 13 Correspondence, 1996-2015, of Sara Cheves Fair, mainly relating to genealogical research.
- 14 Cheves family documents: these include a copy of the will, 1854, of Langdon Cheves; and a legal decree, 1858, in the case of Langdon Cheves, Executor (of Robert Hayne Cheves), versus Charles T. Haskell and others.
- 15 Haskell family documents: these include a plat, 1838, of 947 acres in Abbeville District on Calhoun Creek, surveyed for William E. Haskell; a slave bill of sale, 1858, for six slaves (named in document) sold by William Whaley, administrator of the estate of Dr. G. W. Morris, to Charles T. Haskell; and a newspaper clipping, 1861, "Muster Roll of the Abbeville Volunteers."
- 16 Haskell family documents: three include two letters of Langdon Cheves Haskell to his sister Mary, 1855. He writes from "Pilatka" (Florida) and from St. Augustine describing his journey from Charleston by ship and his journey on the steamboat Seminole to St. Augustine, and gives descriptions of Palatka and St. Augustine. His letter of 1857, addressed to Gen. M. L. Bonham in Edgefield, S.C., asks Bonham to help him obtain an appointment as secretary to the "Legation to Spain."
- 17 Haskell family documents: these include a letter, 4 March 1859, from Langdon Cheves Haskell at Boscobel in Arkansas to his brother Charles T. Haskell, concerning planting his land, and his slaves and overseer; a letter, 5 Dec. 1859, from Sophia Cheves Haskell to "Dear Sir" concerning her son Langdon's departure for Arkansas, giving his address there as Pastoria in Jefferson County; and a letter, 17 Feb. 1881, from Langdon Cheves Haskell in Pastoria to W. H. Parker, mainly relating to a mortgage on some land in "Missouri" (on the Little Missouri River in Arkansas?) belonging to the estate of Judge Wardlaw. The 1881 letter also mentions his family and the "terrible season" the Arkansas farmers are having. (W. H. Parker was married to Lucia Garvey Wardlaw, the sister of Ella Wardlaw Haskell.)
- 18 Haskell family documents: miscellaneous papers, including a conveyance, 1881, James D. Neel and Joseph L. Pressly of Abbeville County, to B. F. Smith, of a plantation of about 416 acres on Long Cane Creek; letters testamentary (1900?) granting the administration of the estate of Sophia Cheves Haskell to Joseph C. Haskell; and a mortgage, 1903, of Kate C. Haskell, on 335 acres in Abbeville County.
- 19 Haskell family documents (provided by Louisa Haskell Stone, with some transcriptions and summaries): This folder and several following were in a gathering marked "Papers that belonged to my uncle Langdon Cheves Haskell (1891-1956) were left to my father, Allen Wardlaw Haskell (1897-1963). When my mother, Louisa Norwood Haskell (1904-2004) died, they came to me. Louisa Haskell Stone." These include letters, 1871, from

Langdon Cheves Haskell concerning Judge Wardlaw's estate and the value of some lands in Arkansas; and letters, 1883-1896, from Alexander C. Haskell to his brother Langdon Cheves Haskell mainly regarding the rental of some land and sometimes regarding family matters.

- 20 Haskell family documents (provided by Louisa Haskell Stone, with some transcriptions and summaries): These consist of letters, 1886-1903, from John Cheves Haskell to his nephew Langdon Cheves Haskell, Jr., mostly concerning family and financial matters. In the first letter, dated 3 Dec. 1886, John C. Haskell asks his nephew to send him his old army saddle. Later letters concern furnishings in his mother's home.
- 21 Haskell family documents (provided by Louisa Haskell Stone, with some transcriptions and summaries): These include letters, 1888-1902, to Langdon Cheves Haskell, Jr. from his sister Sophia Haskell in Baltimore, from his uncles Paul T. Haskell and Lewis Wardlaw Haskell, and from Allen Wardlaw Haskell.
- 22 Haskell family documents (provided by Louisa Haskell Stone, with some transcriptions and summaries): miscellaneous letters and documents, 1888-1901, including a letter, 1888, from H. A. McKay in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, partly concerning the moving and care of the grave of Langdon Cheves Haskell; and a plat, 1898, of acreage in Abbeville County surveyed for W. H. Parker.
- 23 Calhoun family documents: these include a letter of condolence to Kate Calhoun Haskell regarding the death of "Mrs. Haskell" (Ella Coulter Wardlaw Haskell, who died in 1887, widow of Langdon Cheves Haskell); two letters of condolence, 1911, to Kate Calhoun Haskell (1861-1916) regarding the death of her mother, Mrs. Edwin Calhoun (Sarah Smarr Tilman Calhoun, 1843-1911); obituaries; newspaper clippings; and an invitation, 1910, to the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Calhoun.
- 24 Wardlaw family documents: these include an invitation, 1858, to the wedding of Ella C. Wardlaw to Langdon Cheves Haskell; a clipping relating to the death of Judge F. H. Wardlaw (1800-1861); a letter, 1861, from Hannah Margaret Wardlaw Patterson (1821-1879) concerning the last illness and death of her brother Francis Hugh Wardlaw (1800-1861); an invitation, 1874, to the wedding of Mary L. Wardlaw and Fletcher T. Snead; and a letter, 1876, to David Lewis Wardlaw (1850-1914) and his brother Hiram Tilman Wardlaw concerning the death of their father William Alfred Wardlaw (1816-1876).
- 25 Fair family documents: These include a letter, 1918, of James Carlisle Fair (1890-1963), and a photograph of him in uniform during World War I. In his letter from Camp Jackson, Fair thanks the ladies of the "Methodist Church" for a Christmas gift.

OVERSIZE DOCUMENTS (located near the 33s)

- 1 Land grant and plat, 1837. Grant to Charles T. Haskell of 2294 acres in Abbeville District on the Little River.

- 2 Presidential pardon, 1865, of Charles Thomson Haskell.
- 3 Membership certificate, ca. 1900, of Mrs. L. C. Haskell (Kate Tilman Calhoun Haskell?) in the United Daughters of the Confederacy.