



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## George Waterhouse family papers, 1864-1938 SCHS # 0680.00

**Description:** 2.25 linear ft. (6 boxes)

**Biographical/Historical note:** George Waterhouse (1838-1894), a native of Maine, came to Beaufort, S.C., in 1864 and established a business there, selling general merchandise and later dealing in cotton. He was a deacon of the Beaufort Baptist Church and a prominent supporter of education. In 1868 he married Harriet Lamar Parmelee (1846-1933), the daughter of Rev. Anson Hall Parmelee (1810-1894), and their children were Mary E. Waterhouse (1870-1952); William Parmelee Waterhouse (1871-1948); Harriet Adelaide Waterhouse (1873-1910), who married Lawrence Witsell Sanders (1873-1935); Jane Hannah Waterhouse (1876-1945), who married Richard Van Bray; and George Waterhouse, Jr. (1879-1920). Mary E. Waterhouse and her sisters Harriet Adelaide and Jane Hannah attended Elmira College in Elmira, N.Y., and their brother William P. Waterhouse attended Colgate Academy (later Colgate University) in Hamilton, N.Y. Upon his father's death in 1894, William P. Waterhouse left Colgate and returned to Beaufort to continue the family cotton and wharfage business in partnership with his mother.

**Scope and content:** This collection consists of papers of the family of George Waterhouse, most of which are letters dating from 1864 to 1927. Principal correspondents are George Waterhouse, his wife Harriet (Hattie) Waterhouse, their daughters Mary (Mamie), Harriet Adelaide (Addie), and Jane, and their son William Parmelee Waterhouse. Correspondence includes many love letters, 1900-1901, from Lawrence W. Sanders to Harriet Adelaide Waterhouse, mostly written from the battleships USS *Kearsage* and USS *Alabama*. Also included are some business records, which include a record book, 1919-1938, of the Waterhouse Corporation of Beaufort, S.C. Other items of note include reminiscences and stories by Mary E. Waterhouse, one of which concerns the Penn School on St. Helena Island; a memorial pamphlet, 1894, for George Waterhouse and Rev. Anson Hall Parmelee; a blueprint plat, 1934, for a real estate development along the Beaufort River; and a printed "Historical Sketch of the Beaufort Baptist Church, 1800-1931."

**Note:** Photographs have been removed to the Visual Material Collection. These consist of a cabinet photograph (ca. 1875?) of an unidentified woman; a photograph (1901?) of a wedding party; and four miniature tintypes (1887) of three unidentified children and a woman.

**Search terms:**

Parmelee, Anson Hall, 1810-1894.  
Sanders, Harriet Adelaide Waterhouse, 1873-1910.  
Sanders, Lawrence Witsell, 1873-1935.  
Waterhouse, George, 1838-1894.  
Waterhouse, Harriet Lamar Parmelee, 1846-1933.  
Waterhouse, Mary E., 1870-1952.  
Waterhouse, William Parmelee, 1871-1948.  
Waterhouse family.  
Alabama (Battleship : BB-8)  
Baptist Church of Beaufort (Beaufort, S.C.)  
Colgate University -- Students  
Elmira College -- Students  
Kearsarge (Battleship)  
Penn School (Saint Helena Island, S.C.)  
Waterhouse & Danner (Beaufort, S.C.)  
Waterhouse Corporation (Beaufort, S.C.)  
Baptists -- South Carolina -- Beaufort County  
Retail trade -- South Carolina -- Beaufort  
Women college students  
Cotton trade -- South Carolina -- Beaufort  
Beaufort (S.C.) -- Commerce  
Beaufort (S.C.) -- History -- Sources

**Container listing:**Box 1

- 1 Letters, 1864-1865, to Harriet (Hattie) Lamar Parmelee (later Harriet Waterhouse), from Lizzie Read, mainly concerning religious matters.
- 2 Correspondence, 1871-1893, and undated, between George Waterhouse and his wife Harriet (Hattie) Waterhouse, mainly concerning personal and family matters.
- 3 Waterhouse family correspondence, 1878-1893, and undated. Correspondents include Rev. A. H. Parmelee (father of Hattie Lamar Parmelee Waterhouse).
- 4 Letters, 1876-1890, and undated, to Hattie Waterhouse. Correspondents include Lizzie Read and A. H. Parmelee.
- 5 George Waterhouse personal correspondence, 1867-1893. Correspondents include A. B. Woodworth, Mary Kildare, Mrs. Solomon [Peck], and John Barnes. A letter, 1873, from W. C. [Garnett] in Boston concerns a freedmen's school on St. Helena Island.
- 6 Letter of introduction, 1877 (copy?), to Gen. James Conner, written by William Elliott on behalf of George Waterhouse.
- 7 George Waterhouse business correspondence, 1869-1893. Correspondents include Daniel McPherson (Charleston), M. M. Kingman (manager of the Sea Island Hotel, Beaufort),

D. C. Wilson of the Port Royal Railroad (and later the Port Royal and Augusta Railroad), Richard P. Rundle, and John G. Nichols (Beaufort).

- 8 Correspondence of Mary (Mamie) E. Waterhouse, 1878-1879, and undated.
- 9 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1884. Correspondents include friends and family members.
- 10 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1885.
- 11 Outgoing letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1881-1885, mostly written to her parents from Elmira College (Elmira, N.Y.).

### BOX 2

- 1 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1886 January – August.
- 2 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1886 September – October.
- 3 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1886 November – December.
- 4 Outgoing letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1886. Mostly letters to her mother, Hattie Waterhouse, written from Elmira College.
- 5 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1887 January – February.
- 6 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1887 March – October.
- 7 Outgoing letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1887, mostly to her mother.
- 8 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1888, mostly from Elmira College.
- 9 Outgoing letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1888.
- 10 Incoming Letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1889.

### BOX 3

- 1 Outgoing letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1889.
- 2 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1890 January – April.
- 3 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1890 May – December.
- 4 Outgoing letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1890, mostly to her mother.
- 5 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1891. An April letter is addressed to her in East Orange, N.J.

- 6 Incoming letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1892-1895. Correspondents include her grandmother L. M. Parmelee (Lycinthia Martin Parmelee).
- 7 Outgoing letters of Mary E. Waterhouse, 1891-1896.
- 8 Harriet Adelaide Waterhouse incoming letters, 1881-1894. She was usually called Adelaide or Addie.
- 9 Harriet Adelaide Waterhouse outgoing letters, 1886-1891, and undated.
- 10 Harriet Adelaide Waterhouse outgoing letters, 1892-1894. In 1892 she writes from Elmira College; some letters of 1894 are written from Europe.

#### BOX 4

- 1 Correspondence of Jane (Jennie) Hannah Waterhouse, 1882-1894, and undated.
- 2 William Parmelee Waterhouse incoming letters, 1885-1888, mostly from family members. Letters of 1888 are addressed to him in Hamilton, N.Y.
- 3 William Parmelee Waterhouse incoming letters, 1889 January – April.
- 4 William Parmelee Waterhouse incoming letters, 1889 May – December.
- 5 William Parmelee Waterhouse outgoing letters, 1884-1889.
- 6 William Parmelee Waterhouse incoming letters, 1890-1894.
- 7 William Parmelee Waterhouse outgoing letters, 1890-1910. His letters are addressed from Hamilton, N.Y. and Beaufort, S.C.
- 8 William Parmelee Waterhouse outgoing letters, 1920-1924. All these letters, mostly typescripts addressed from East Orange, N.J., are addressed to his mother Hattie Waterhouse.
- 9 William Parmelee Waterhouse outgoing letters, 1925-1927. All these are typescript letters to his mother, mostly from East Orange, N.J., and often deal with business and financial matters.

#### BOX 5

- 1 Letters from Lawrence Witsell Sanders, 1900, to Harriet Adelaide Waterhouse. These are love letters written from the USS *Kearsarge* and other locations.
- 2 Letters from Lawrence Witsell Sanders, 1901, to Harriet Adelaide Waterhouse, mostly written from the USS *Alabama*. (They were married on December 26, 1901.)

- 3 Letters from Lawrence Witsell Sanders, undated (probably 1900-1901) to Harriet Adelaide Waterhouse.
- 4 Letters from Lawrence Witsell Sanders, undated (probably 1900-1901) to Harriet Adelaide Waterhouse.
- 5 Writings. These include an excerpt from the "Journals of Elizabeth McDonald Wilkinson" pertaining to the Waterhouse and Crofut families; and reminiscences and stories by Mary E. Waterhouse, one of which concerns the Penn School on St. Helena Island.
- 6 Ephemera. Includes a notice, 1888, that Charles E. Danner is a partner in the new firm of Waterhouse and Danner; and printed material pertaining to Elmira College (Elmira, N.Y.) and Colgate Academy (Hamilton, N.Y.).
- 7 Memorial pamphlet, 1894, for George Waterhouse, and Rev. Anson Hall Parmelee (1810-1894).
- 8 Miscellaneous items, including newspaper clippings, and "A Historical Sketch of the Beaufort Baptist Church, 1800-1931."
- 9 Miscellaneous items.
- 10 Business records, 1888-1920, including an undated "Specifications for Wharf."
- 11 Invoices and receipts, 1868-1892.

#### BOX 6

- 1 Waterhouse Corporation record book, 1919-1938. This bound volume includes by-laws and minutes of meetings.
- 2 Loose papers removed from the bound volume, including correspondence and minutes.
- 3 Loose papers removed from the bound volume, including articles of co-partnership, 1893, for Waterhouse and Danner; and a blueprint plat, 1934, of a "Property Development for the Waterhouse Corporation" along the Beaufort River.
- 4 Harriet (Hattie) Waterhouse papers, 1894-1920. These include articles of co-partnership between her and her son William P. Waterhouse to continue a cotton and wharfage business in Beaufort.