



SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Allston and Rutledge families papers, 1843-1957. SCHS 487.00

Description: 2 linear ft. (5 boxes)

Biographical/historical note: South Carolina families. Benjamin Huger Rutledge, Sr. (1829-1893) was an attorney, state representative, and a Confederate officer. Born in Stateburg, S.C., he married Eleanor M. Middleton in 1858. In the 1860s he resumed the practice of law in Charleston, S.C., and was active in state politics and the state militia. His son Benjamin Huger Rutledge, Jr. (1861-1925) also became an attorney, and married Emma Craig Blake in 1892. Their daughter Susan Middleton Rutledge (1906-1987) married Benjamin Allston Moore (1900-1988), the grandson of Rev. Benjamin Allston (1833-1900), and the great-grandson of Robert F. W. Allston.

Scope and content: Collection contains papers of or relating to the families of Allston and Rutledge, as well as related lines of Middleton, Blake, Moore and others. Papers of the Allston family include a few pieces of correspondence; sermons of Rev. Benjamin Allston, and material relating to his sword and Confederate service; a commonplace book of Louise G. North (second wife of Rev. Benjamin Allston); material pertaining to the military education and service of Robert F. W. Allston; property records of Chicora Wood Plantation; and genealogical information.

Rutledge family papers include the oaths of allegiance (1865) of Benjamin H. Rutledge, Sr. and Oliver H. Middleton (1798-1892), signed at Lincolnton (N.C.); records of the South Carolina Volunteer Troops (state militia), including muster rolls (1870s) of the 1st and 2nd regiments, and official correspondence; miscellaneous papers relating to Benjamin H. Rutledge, Sr. and his son Benjamin H. Rutledge, Jr.; biographical information about Benjamin H. Rutledge, Jr., with related correspondence, including letters of Thomas Della Torre; printed material relating to Yale University; and papers of Emma Craig Blake Rutledge, including correspondence, a marriage certificate, and tax receipts. Other papers include property records of Meadow View in Buncombe County (N.C.); genealogical research about the Rutledge family; typewritten transcripts of family correspondence, including a letter (1828) from Charles I. Manigault in Paris to Oliver H. Middleton, and letters of Oliver M. Rutledge and Benjamin H. Rutledge, Jr. (1880s); ephemera; a bound compilation (n.d.) of excerpts and illustrations from the works of Charles Dickens; and a family scrapbook containing photocopied information about the families of Middleton, Blake and Rutledge, as well as copies of family photographs, letters and anecdotes.

Papers relating to the Moore family include a biographical sketch of Dr. Maurice Moore, and a copy of his reminiscences about York District (S.C.); genealogical information, including

an article "Children of Alexander Moore;" family charts; and some family correspondence (1940s-1950s). Correspondents include Benjamin Allston Moore (1900-1988).

Collection also contains numerous photographs, including images of Benjamin H. Rutledge, Sr., Benjamin H. Rutledge, Jr., Rev. Benjamin Allston, James L. Petigru, Robert F. W. Allston, Edwin P. Frost, Eleanor Middleton Rutledge, Adele Petigru Allston, Susan Middleton Rutledge Moore, Robert Bunch Blake, and Susan Thayer. There are also photographs of 11 Lamboll Street (Charleston, S.C.), "chairs originally from Chicora Wood Plantation (now Russell House)," and unidentified persons.

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Allston, Adele Petigru, 1810-1896 -- Photographs.
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Allston, Robert F. W. (Robert Francis Withers), 1801-1864.
Della Torre, Thomas.
Dickens, Charles, 1812-1870.
Manigault, Charles Izard, 1795-1874.
Middleton, Oliver Hering, 1798-1892.
Moore, Benjamin Allston, 1900-1988.
Moore, M. A. (Maurice Augustus), 1795-1871.
Petigru, James Louis, 1789-1863 -- Photographs.
Rutledge, Benjamin Huger, 1829-1893.
Rutledge, Benjamin Huger, 1861-1925.
Rutledge, Emma Craig Blake, 1865-1935.
Alston family.
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Streets -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Lamboll Street, 11 -- Photographs.
Chicora Wood Plantation (S.C.)
Meadow View (Buncombe County, N.C.)

Container/folder listing:

BOX 1

- 1 Letter, 1843. A short note to "My dear Papa" (Robert F. W. Allston) from young Benjamin Allston; and on the same sheet, a letter to R. F. W. Allston from his wife Adele regarding family matters.
- 2 Letter, 1899, from Benjamin Allston in Winnsboro, S.C., to his brother C. Petigru Allston, concerning family matters and Allston family genealogy.

- 3 Sermons of Rev. Benjamin Allston, dating from the 1880s to the 1890s.
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- 6 Material relating to Benjamin Allston's sword and Confederate military service. Includes correspondence, 1943-1951, between Virginia Woodbury Schell of Roseville, California, and Benjamin Allston Moore, as well as a related newspaper clipping concerning the return of the sword.
- 7 Commonplace book, 1849-1854, of Louise G. North (Allston) "2nd wife of Benjamin Allston and niece of James L. Petigru."
- 8 Material relating to the military education and service of Robert F. W. Allston and Benjamin Allston: mostly photocopies of correspondence from the OR (Official Records of the War of the Rebellion) and other sources, and records pertaining to West Point.
- 9 Property records and related correspondence, including a conveyance, 1898, of Chicora Wood Plantation by Benjamin Allston to Elizabeth Waties Allston Pringle.
- 10 Genealogical information concerning the Allston family and related families.

BOX 2

- 1 Oaths of allegiance and related papers, 1865: oaths of allegiance signed by B. H. Rutledge and O. H. Middleton at Lincolnton, North Carolina, with certifications thereof.
- 2 Muster rolls of South Carolina Volunteer Troops (state militia), 1877: includes rolls for companies of the 1st and 2nd regiments.
- 3 Records of South Carolina Volunteer Troops: includes official correspondence, 1877-1878; an oath of office for Lt. H. Wolfe, 1877; a list of "Field, Staff and Line Officers, 1st Regt. Mounted Rifles, U.S. Troops;" and a brief history of Company B, South Carolina Cavalry (later part of the 4th Regiment, SC Cavalry, CSA), with a list of soldiers and officers, as well as a "Roll of Survivors, Co. "B" S. C. Cav." and a list of "Killed & Wounded."
- 4 Legal records of South Carolina Volunteer Troops (state militia), 1878: these papers concern a lawsuit brought by the S.C. State Attorney General and the officers of the SCVT, 4th Brigade, against the Board of County Commissioners of Charleston County relating to the "military tax." Includes a "List of Commissions returned to Att. Genl. March 2, 1878, with statement of acct."
- 5 Miscellaneous papers relating to Benjamin H. Rutledge, Sr.: includes an indenture of lease, 1866, to Benjamin H. Rutledge, of a house at 26 South Bay Street, Charleston; and a copy of a poem about Benjamin H. Rutledge sent to his daughter Mrs. Edwin P. Frost, commemorating a memorial meeting in Charleston in 1889 held in honor of Jefferson Davis.
- 6 Papers relating to Benjamin H. Rutledge, Jr.: includes a class record book, 1875-1877, A. Sachtleben's school, Charleston; printed letters, 1882-1883, concerning alumni of the class of 1880, Virginia Military Institute; and Rutledge's appointment, 1885, to a captaincy in the South Carolina state militia regiment (Company B, 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade).
- 7 Obituary Record of Yale Graduates, 1925-1926 (obituary of Benjamin H. Rutledge, Jr. on pages 109-110).
- 8 Biographical information about Benjamin H. Rutledge, Jr., and related correspondence, 1925-1932. Includes correspondence of Mrs. Benjamin H. Rutledge and William H.

- Parsons of Yale University concerning a biographical sketch of her late husband, and letters of Frank R. Frost and Thomas della Torre.
- 9 Printed material relating to Yale University, 1880s, and VMI, 1882.
- 10 Papers of Emma Craig Blake Rutledge (Mrs. Benjamin H. Rutledge, Jr.): writings, which include poems and an essay about [Tennessee] mountain life, with a related letter that mentions Sewanee. The writings are followed by the initials “B.E.C.” but Emma Blake Rutledge’s name is also written on the essay.
- 11 Papers of Emma Craig Blake Rutledge: correspondence, 1892-1932. Includes a letter, 1892, containing an account of the double wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Rutledge and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Middleton Rutledge.
- 12 Papers of Emma Craig Blake Rutledge: marriage certificate and service, 1892.

BOX 3

- 1 Papers of Emma Craig Blake Rutledge: miscellaneous family papers, including a tax receipt, [1927], for “Township of Hooper’s Creek,” Henderson County, N.C.; a letter to Miss Emma Rutledge, 1937, about furnishings for a church; lists of household goods; a 19th century receipt for pew rent at St. Michael’s Church (Charleston, S.C.) to O. H. Middleton; an obituary of Miss Emma Middleton (born 1841, daughter of Oliver Hering Middleton); genealogical notes on the families of Bayley, Craig, Barclay and Blake; and receipts, 1930s, of Mrs. B. A. Moore.
- 2 Property records relating to Meadow View: includes a plat (ca. 1880) made by the county surveyor for Buncombe County, N.C.; a conveyance (1881), Frederick R. Blake to Mrs. Helen E. Blake, of 349 acres in Buncombe County, N.C., “being a part of the ‘Meadows Farm’”; correspondence (1957) regarding the sale of the property; a tripartite indenture (1856), a marriage settlement between Daniel Blake, Helen E. Craig (of New York) and Robert Bunch (British consul in Charleston, S.C.), regarding the marriage of Daniel Blake and Miss Craig.
- 3 Will of Arthur Blake, 1866, “of Santee in South Carolina,” “a citizen of the United States now sojourning in London.”
- 4 Miscellaneous legal papers: includes a printed summons and complaint, 1873, in the case of Edward Middleton, executor and trustee of Henry Middleton, v. John IZard Middleton et al.; and a report, 1872, regarding the case of Walter Blake et al. v. Walter Blake, Jr. et al.
- 5 Miscellaneous family correspondence, etc.: includes a typescript copy of a letter (1863) by Alfred Huger regarding the death of James Louis Petigru; juvenilia; a promissory note of J. Harleston Read (1866); and scattered letters, 1908-1928, and undated. Correspondents include Meta Huger.
- 6 Genealogical data and research by Helen Merrill and others concerning the Rutledge family.
- 7 Typewritten transcripts of family correspondence, including a letter, 1828, Charles I. Manigault in Paris to Oliver H. Middleton; and correspondence of the 1880s of Oliver Middleton Rutledge and Benjamin H. Rutledge.
- 8 Moore family papers: includes a pamphlet containing a “Biographical Sketch of Dr. Maurice Moore” and his “Reminiscences of York”; genealogical information on the Moore family, including the “Children of Alexander Moore,” and a sketch of Dr. Maurice Moore by “D.E.M.”; family charts; and correspondence, 1950s, of Maurice A. Moore.

- 9 Newspaper clippings.
- 10 Ephemera and printed material: includes a pamphlet, 1872, Lectures on the Two Estates, by Rev. Morgan Dix (N.Y.); a pamphlet, Statutes and By-laws of the Parish of St. Michael, 1938; a pamphlet, 1905, relating to the D.A.R.; a program, 1911, for services at St. Michael's Church, on its 150th anniversary; and a Columbia College Law School catalog, 1881.
- 11 Bound compilation (no date) of excerpts and illustrations from the works of Charles Dickens, including Oliver Twist, The Pickwick Papers, and others, with a frontispiece portrait of Dickens.

BOX 4

- 1 Family scrapbook, containing photocopied genealogical information about the families of Middleton, Rutledge and Blake, as well as copies of family photographs, letters, and anecdotes.
- 2 Photographs: two portraits of Benjamin Huger Rutledge (1829-1893), including a photo of Rutledge in Confederate uniform (used for the cover of "Sons of Privilege" by Eric Emerson).
- 3 Photographs: photos of Benjamin Huger Rutledge, Jr. (1861-1925), and family.
- 4 Photographs: two portraits of Rev. Benjamin Allston, including a photograph of BA in Confederate uniform.
- 5 Photographs: a framed photograph tentatively identified as "Oliver Middleton, Edisto Island plantation."
- 6 Photographs: portraits of identified men, including James Louis Petigru, Benjamin Allston Moore, Edwin P. Frost, "Bishop Rutledge," Henry Middleton, Dr. Benjamin Huger Rutledge, Ralph Trowbridge Hanson, Oliver Middleton Rutledge III, and William Thayer.
- 7 Photographs of Robert F. W. Allston.
- 8 Photographs of identified women, including Alice Weston Rutledge Frost, Eleanor Rutledge Hanson, Emma Craig Blake Rutledge, Susan Thayer, Emma R. Fox, Eleanor Middleton Rutledge (Mrs. Benjamin H. Rutledge), and Helen Hering Middleton. Some are photographs of portrait paintings. There is also a photograph dated 1893 which appears to be Mrs. Adele Petigru Allston seated on the piazza at Chicora Plantation beside a portrait of her husband R.F.W. Allston; and a portrait of Adele Petigru Allston "at 86" (1896).
- 9 Photographs of Susan Middleton Rutledge Moore (Mrs. Benjamin Allston Moore) and family.
- 10 Photographs of Blake family members, including Helen Craig Blake, Daniel Blake, Eliza Blake (daughter of Frederick Rutledge Blake), Robert Bunch Blake, and "Admiral Robert Blake."
- 11 Photographs of groups, mostly identified: includes members of the families of Rutledge, Moore, Huger, and others.
- 12 Photographs: mostly buildings and landscapes, including images of grand live oaks, 11 Lamboll Street (Charleston, S.C.), St. James Goose Creek (Episcopal) Church, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, and Calvary Church (Fletcher, N.C.).

- 13 Photographs, miscellaneous: includes a photo of a small dog; a person identified as Miss Emmie Rutledge, on horseback; and “chairs originally from Chicora Wood Plantation (now at Russell House).”
- 14 Framed photograph of an unidentified woman, ca. 1850? (a Petigru?).
- 15 Group photograph of unidentified girls, ca. 1910?

BOX 5

- 1 Photographs: photo portrait of two children, possibly Benjamin Huger Rutledge, Jr. (1861-1925) and a sibling.
- 2 Photographs of unidentified children.
- 3 Photographs of unidentified men (many are by British photographers).
- 4 Photographs of unidentified women.
- 5 Photographs of unidentified groups of persons.