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**R. Nicholas Olsberg research papers, ca. 1860-1974**  
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**Creator:** Olsberg, Nicholas.

**Description:** 1 linear ft.

**Scope and Content:** Correspondence and notes relating to Olsberg's research on William Henry Trescot, including transcripts and photocopies of correspondence of Trescot, Frederic Bancroft, Milledge L. Bonham, William Henry Brisbane, Robert N. Gourdin, James Henry Hammond, Joseph R. Ingersoll, A.G. Magrath, William Porcher Miles, J.L. Orr, B.F. Perry, James Ford Rhodes, Henry Shelton Sanford, Robert K. Scott, and Elliott, Gonzalez, and Pettigrew families. Includes reminiscence of Ella W. Hard's childhood experiences during the Civil War; reminiscence of Charles F. Hard detailing race riots in Charleston, S.C. (1874-1876); and information on secession, slavery, and freedmen. Also includes a bound manuscript (photocopy) entitled "Desolate Places: The South Carolina Chivalry at the Time of the Civil War" (286 p.), about the planter class during the war.

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**Note:** In part, transcripts and photocopies from originals in repositories throughout the United States.

**Provenance:** R. Nicholas Olsberg; gift; 1984.

**Indexed In:** Described in: South Carolina Historical Magazine 86 (July 1985): 253.

Bancroft, Frederic, 1860-1945 -- Correspondence.  
Bonham, Milledge L. (Milledge Luke), 1813-1890 -- Correspondence.  
Brisbane, William Henry, 1806-1878 -- Correspondence.  
Gourdin, Robert Newman, 1812-1894 -- Correspondence.  
Hammond, James Henry, 1807-1864 -- Correspondence.  
Ingersoll, Joseph R. (Joseph Reed), 1786-1868 -- Correspondence.  
Magrath, A. G. (Andrew Gordon), 1813-1893 -- Correspondence.  
Miles, William Porcher, 1822-1899 -- Correspondence.  
Orr, J. L. (James Lawrence), 1822-1873 -- Correspondence.

Perry, B. F. (Benjamin Franklin), 1805-1886 -- Correspondence.  
Rhodes, James Ford, 1848-1927 -- Correspondence.  
Sanford, Henry Shelton, 1823-1891 -- Correspondence.  
Scott, Robert K. (Robert Kingston), 1826-1900 -- Correspondence.  
Trescott, William Henry, 1822-1898.  
Elliott family.  
Gonzalez family.  
Pettigrew family.  
African Americans -- South Carolina -- Charleston.  
Chivalry.  
Freedmen -- United States.  
Race relations.  
Riots -- South Carolina.  
Secession.  
Slavery -- United States.  
Upper class -- South Carolina.  
Women -- South Carolina.  
Charleston (S.C.) -- Race relations.  
South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.  
South Carolina -- Race relations.  
South Carolina -- Social life and customs.  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.  
Reminiscences.  
Historians -- United States.  
Added Author Hard, Charles F., 1852-1921.  
Hard, Ella W., 1852-1921.

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Research notes, 1967-1971. Approx. 400 pp.

Historian. Mostly photocopies and transcripts from the correspondence of William Henry Trescott, housed in repositories throughout the US. Including Trescott's correspondence with Frederic Bancroft, James Ford Rhodes, James Henry Hammond, Benjamin F. Perry, Robert N. Gourdin, James L. Orr, William Porcher Miles, Henry S. Sanford, J.R. Ingersoll and a variety of others; with copies of his correspondence (1861-1868) as an agent for the state of SC; typed transcripts of his letters, with notes by RNO for projected collection of letters, as well as RNO's notes and correspondence on Trescott materials.

**28/608/14** Olsberg, Nicholas, b. ca. 1945

"Desolate Places" ca. 1970, 1 vol.

Historian. Unpublished narrative on "SC Chivalry at the Time of the Civil War." Subjects discussed include social and political beliefs of the planter class, the secession movement, plantation life, planters' attitudes to slaves, slavery, slave religion & marriages; with data on free blacks, civilian refugees and slave rebellions, all for the period 1860-1865.

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Research Notes, ca. 1970-1974 1 1/2 ft.

Historian. Research notes, drafts, and correspondence regarding "Desolate Places," RNO's dissertation of SC chivalry of the time of the Civil War, and his rewriting of it for projected publication. With photocopies and transcripts of correspondence of Robert K. Scott, Andrew G. Magrath, James L. Orr, William Porcher Miles, Milledge L. Bonham, William Henry Brobane, John Henry Hammond, and others including members of Pettigrew, Elliott, and Gonzalez families. With data on slavery, slave labor during war, runaway slaves, freedmen, etc. (ca. 1800-1865). Also including copies of Ella W. Hard's reminiscences as a child refugee living at Graniteville, SC during the Civil War; and Charles P. Hard's reminiscences of race riots in Charleston, 1874-1876.