



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## **Popham family papers, 1850-1995 (bulk 1900-1980)** **SCHS# 0686.00**

**Description:** 0.75 linear ft. (2 boxes)

**Biographical/Historical note:** Samuel Gaillard Stoney (1853-1926) married Louisa Cheves Smythe (1868-1939), who was the daughter of Augustus T. Smythe and Louisa McCord Smythe of Charleston, S.C. In 1918 their daughter, Louisa McCord Stoney (1898-1979) married William Sherbrooke Popham (1892-1977). He was a native of New Jersey who became a rear admiral in the U.S. Navy, and they made their home in Charleston, S.C. Their children included Louisa Cheves Popham (1919-2000), who married William Gaston Raoul (1911-1997) of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee; and Harriet Stoney Popham McDougal Rigney. Louisa Cheves Popham, called Kit, married William G. Raoul in 1942, and their children were Gaston Cesar Raoul (1954-2004), and Louisa R. Moore. Through the Stoney and Smythe families, the Popham family was related to the South Carolina families of Cheves, McCord, and Haskell.

**Scope and content:** This collection consists of Popham family papers, mostly correspondence, as well as papers of the related families of Raoul, Stoney, Smythe, and Haskell. Correspondence of Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul ("Kit"), 1921-1995, includes letters to her from family and friends while she was a student at St. Catherine's School (Richmond, Va.) and at Scripps College (Claremont, California), and many letters to her from her parents, Louisa McCord Stoney Popham and William S. Popham. Other correspondents of hers include Mrs. Anton P. Wright, Harriet Porcher Stoney Simons, Albert Simons, and Samuel G. Stoney. Other Popham family correspondence includes many letters to Mr. and Mrs. William G. Popham from their daughter Kit, and letters to the family from Mary Fletcher Smythe in Nagoya (Japan). In the Haskell family papers, the earliest item is a letter, 1850, from Cynthy, a family servant, to Sarah Hillhouse Alexander, the mother of Alice Van Yevern Alexander Haskell. Other Haskell correspondence includes letters of Marion A. Haskell Raoul and Mary Elizabeth Haskell Minis. Also of note in the Haskell family papers is a typewritten manuscript of the wartime memoir, 1903, of John Cheves Haskell. The collection also includes papers of Louisa McCord Stoney Popham, such as a passport and genealogical materials. Other Popham family papers include copies of the wills of William S. Popham and Samuel G. Stoney, newspaper clippings about Samuel G. Stoney, and the reminiscences of Hannah McCord Smythe Wright.

**Note:** Photographs have been removed to the Visual Material Collection (0686 VM).

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**Search terms:**

Haskell, Alice van Yeveren Alexander, 1848-1902.  
Haskell, John Cheves, 1841-1906.  
McCord, Louisa Susanna Cheves, 1810-1879 -- Portraits  
Popham, Louisa McCord Stoney.  
Popham, William Sherbrooke, 1882-1977.  
Raoul, Louisa Cheves Popham, 1919-2000.  
Raoul, William Gaston.  
Simons, Albert, 1890-1980.  
Smythe, Mary Fletcher, 1890-1979.  
Stoney, Samuel Gaillard, 1891-  
Wright, Hannah McCord Smythe.  
Haskell family.  
Popham family.

**Container listing:****BOX 1**

- 1 Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul letters, 1921-1928. Letters to "Kit" include a handmade, illustrated birthday greeting from her uncle Gus (Augustine Thomas Smythe Stoney), and letters from her parents.
- 2 Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul letters, 1933-1935. These include letters to Kit from friends and family while she was a student at St. Catherine's School in Richmond, Virginia.
- 3 Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul letters, 1936. Letters to Kit from friends and family, some of which are addressed to her at Scripps College in Claremont, California. Correspondents include Hannah McCord Smythe Wright (Mrs. Anton P. Wright, Savannah).
- 4 Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul letters, undated (likely 1930s and 1940s). Correspondents include Mrs. Anton P. Wright.
- 5 Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul letters, 1937-1941. Some are addressed to Kit at Scripps College. Correspondents include Cynthia Lincoln Boggs (Charleston), Frank D. Pryor (California), Jean Bullard (California), Nancy M. Dallam (Pennsylvania), and various family members.
- 6 Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul letters, 1942. Mostly letters from family members concerning Kit's engagement to William G. Raoul.
- 7 Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul letters, undated. These include some typewritten letters to Kit and her family. Some are from Harriet Porcher Stoney Simons ("Mub") in South Carolina, and concern family, social, and political matters. Other correspondents include Albert Simons, Jr., and E. Stoney Simons.
- 8 Family correspondence, 1897-1979, and undated. Two letters, 1897 and 1898, appear to be from Louisa Cheves Smythe Stoney (1868-1939) to her mother Louisa R. McCord Smythe (1845-1928). Other correspondents include Samuel Gaillard Stoney (1891-1968), Mrs. Albert Simons, and Harriet Stoney Popham (McDougal) Rigney. There are also three typewritten letters, 1951-

1955, from Mary Fletcher Smythe in Nagoya, Japan, to Mrs. Albert Simons. This was Mary Fletcher Smythe (1890-1979), the widow of Rev. Langdon Cheves McCord Smythe, who was a Presbyterian missionary to Japan.

- 9 Popham family correspondence, 1937-1968, and undated. These are letters of Louisa McCord Stoney Popham and her husband William Sherbrooke Popham, mostly between them and their daughter Kit and her husband William Gaston Raoul.
- 10 Popham family correspondence, undated. These are mostly letters to Louisa Cheves Popham (Raoul) from her parents.
- 11 Popham family correspondence, undated. These are letters from Kit (Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul) to her parents Louisa McCord Stoney Popham and William Sherbrooke Popham.
- 12 Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul correspondence, 1946-1995. These include letters to Kit (Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul) and her husband William Gaston Raoul, and letters between Kit and her parents and other family members and friends, including Albert Simons, Mary Fletcher Smythe, Harriet Stoney Popham (McDougal) Rigney, and Samuel G. Stoney.

#### BOX 2

- 1 Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul letters, undated. Letters from Kit to her parents.
- 2 Haskell family papers, 1850. This is a letter, 1850, from Cynthy, a family servant (nurse), to Sarah Hillhouse Alexander concerning domestic matters, and mentioning that Alice (Alice Van Yeveren Alexander Haskell) "is very well and as playful as ever." The letter was written from Washington, Georgia.
- 3 Haskell family papers, 1889-1914, and undated. These include a letter, 1889, from Mary Elizabeth Haskell (Minis) in Clarkesville, Ga., to her mother Mrs. Alice van Yevern Alexander Haskell; a letter, 1900, to Louisa Porter Haskell (Daly) from her sister Marion Alexander Haskell (Raoul); letters from Marion A. Haskell (Raoul) to her sisters Alice and Mary E. Haskell and her mother.
- 4 Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul papers, 1942. These are records relating to her marriage to William Gaston Raoul including a notebook listing names of wedding guests and persons to whom announcements were sent.
- 5 Popham family papers, 1927-1994, and undated. These are mostly papers of Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul. They include a passport; a dance card for a ball at the St. Cecilia Society (1939); and correspondence and notes about family history and genealogy, and historic preservation in the Pendleton, S.C., area (including Woodburn Plantation). A newsletter (1987) of the Foundation for Historic Restoration in Pendleton Area features an article about a portrait of Louisa S. McCord, a copy of which was gifted to the Foundation by Mrs. Louisa Cheves Popham Raoul. Also included is a handwritten, undated essay on Louisa S. McCord.
- 6 Popham family papers, 1924-1960, and undated. These include copies of family documents such as the wills of Samuel G. Stoney (1924) and William S. Popham (1970); newspaper clippings about Samuel G. Stoney; and some material about family history and genealogy.

- 7 Reminiscences of Hannah McCord Smythe Wright, undated. She was the daughter of Augustine Thomas Smythe (1842-1914) and Louisa R. McCord Smythe (1845-1928). This memoir chronicles her childhood and family life up into her late teenage years.
- 8 Haskell family papers, 1908. This is a handwritten essay by Marion Alexander Haskell (later Marion A. Haskell Raoul. 1876-1960), which apparently concerns George Bernard Shaw's play *Candida*.
- 9 Haskell family papers, 1903. This is a typewritten manuscript copy of John Cheves Haskell's memoir, "Reminiscences of the Confederate War, 1861-1865." This work was later edited and published as *The Haskell Memoirs* in 1960.
- 10 Photocopy of John Cheves Haskell's memoir.