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**Langdon Cheves papers, 1777-1864**  
**SCHS Call # 1166.00**  
**Containers 12/44-59**

**Creator:** Cheves, Langdon, 1776-1857

**Description:** 6.5 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical note:** South Carolina attorney, judge, plantation owner, state legislator, U.S. representative, and president of the Bank of the United States.

**Scope and content:** Personal, business, and legal papers of Langdon Cheves include records of the Bank of the United States and other financial records; plantation records and correspondence; and legal correspondence and documents pertaining to Cheves' law practice in Charleston (S.C.) and Pennsylvania, including records of the law firm of Peace & Cheves.

Also included are the papers (1835-1864), mainly correspondence and military records, of Langdon Cheves, Jr. (1814-1863); papers (1852-1855) of Robert Hayne Cheves, mostly invoices and receipts; as well as estate and family papers (1780-1854) of Ann Heatly Reid Lovell.

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**Search terms:**

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Cheves, Robert Hayne, 1829-1856.

Lovell, Ann Heatly Reid, d. 1834.

Bank of the United States (1816-1836) -- Records and correspondence.

South Carolina -- History -- 1775-1865.

Estate records.

Financial records.

Legal documents.

Letters (correspondence)

**Series Outline:**

## 1166.01 PERSONAL PAPERS

- 1166.01.01 Cheves, Langdon, 1776-1857. Personal and business papers, 1777- 1861 (2.5 linear ft.)
- 12/044/01-04 Personal and business papers, 1777-1818 (48 items)
  - 12/044-45 Personal and business correspondence, 1819-1822 (ca. 350 items)
  - 12/046/01-17 Personal and business papers, 1823-1829 (ca. 200 items)
  - 12/046/18 Essays and speeches, 1820s (3 items)
  - 12/047-048 Plantation, family, and business papers, 1830-1840 (ca. 225 items)
  - 12/048-049 Personal and business papers, 1841-1861 (ca. 400 items)
- 1166.01.02 Cheves, Langdon, 1776-1857. Banking papers, 1816-1823 (1.75 l.ft.)
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- 12/054/01-06 Legal papers, 1795-1836 (ca. 100 items)
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- 1166.01.04 Cheves, Langdon, 1776-1857. Financial papers, 1821-1823 (0.5 l. ft.)
- 12/055/04 Financial papers, 1821-1823 (ca. 30 items)
  - 12/056/05- 20Receipts, 1792-1857 (ca. 500 items)

## 1166.02 PAPERS OF INDIVIDUAL CHEVES FAMILY MEMBERS

- 1166.02.01 Cheves, Langdon, 1814-1863. Papers, 1835-1864 (0.5 linear ft.)
- 12/057/01-11 Personal and family papers, 1835-1839, 1855-1859 (ca. 200 items)
  - 12/057/12-21 Papers, 1860-1863 (ca. 200 items)
  - 12/057/22-23 Civil War papers, 1862 (ca. 40 items)
  - 12/057/24 Plantation correspondence, 1862 (23 items)
- 1166.02.02 Cheves, Robert Hayne, 1829-1856. Papers, 1852-1855 (ca. 40 items)
- 12/057/25 Receipts, 1853-1854 (ca. 40 items)

## 1166.03 CHEVES FAMILY ALLIED FAMILIES

- 1166.03.01 Lovell, Ann Heatly Reid, d. 1834. Estate and family papers, 1780-1854 (0.5 linear ft.)
- 12/058/01-08 Estate and family papers, 1780-1824 (ca. 100 items)
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### **Detailed Container listing:**

**12/44/1-4 Cheves, Langdon I ,1776-1857  
Personal & Business Papers, 1777-1818. 48 items**

Charleston attorney. Correspondence, memoranda, bills of sale for slaves, will of Thomas Langdon, Charleston Bridge Co. receipts, leases, powers of attorney, receipts, accounts with John C. Faber and others, bonds, agreements of partnership, and papers regarding estate of Amos B. Northrup. Chronologically arranged.

**12/44-45      Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857**  
**Personal and Business Correspondence, 1819-1822. Approx 350 items.**

Philadelphia, PA. Attorney and President of the Bank of the US. Correspondence regarding property transactions, debts, accounts, politics, and family matters. Also letters of introduction and requests for favors. Letters mostly from Philadelphia, PA, Washington DC, Charleston and Columbia. Some receipts. Correspondents include Thomas S. and Peter Bacot (1819-1821); Matthew Carey (1821); Charles B. Cochran (1819); John Geddes (1819-1820); Thomas S. Grimke (1822); Ainsley Hall (1819-1822); Halls Kirkpatrick & Co. (1819-1822); James Hamilton, Jr. (1822); Robert Y. and Wm. Edward Hayne (1819-1822); John Hunter (1822) regarding George McDuffie duel; Kirkpatrick, Douglas, & Hall (1819-1820); Joseph Peace (1819-1820); John Potter, Charleston regarding Denmark Vesey conspiracy (1819-1822); and John White (1821). Chronologically arranged.

**12/46/1-17      Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857**  
**Personal and Business papers, 1823-1829. Approx 200 items**

Philadelphia, PA attorney. Correspondence regarding property transaction, debts, accounts, family matters, politics, and the estate of Thomas Drayton, mostly between Charleston, Philadelphia, and Washington DC. Correspondents include Peter Bacot (1824); Nicholas Biddle, Cheves' successor at the US Bank (1824-1825); John C. Calhoun (1823); Mary E. Cheves (1823); Henry Clay (1823-1825); HW DeSaussure (1824); Thomas S. Grimke (1824-1829); Robert Gilmour (1824); John Gordon (1826-1829); Ainsley Hall (1823); Halls, Robert Y. Hayne (1823); Henry Ingraham (1828-1829); Kirkpatrick & Co. (1823); James Hamilton, Jr. (1823-1824); Joseph Peace (1825); John Potter (1823-1824); William Strickland (1823).

**12/46/18      Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857**  
**Essays and Speeches, 1820's. 3 items**

Philadelphia, PA attorney. Drafts of speeches and essays regarding 1828 National Election and political parties. One booklet with essay regarding English Common Law.

**12/47-48      Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857**  
**Plantation, Family, and Business papers, 1830-1840. Approx 225 items**

Beaufort and Orangeburg Co. planter. Correspondence, deeds of partitions, leases, grants, bonds, renunciations of dower, releases in fee, bills of sale, titles, mortgages of slaves, plats, boundary dispute litigation, overseer agreements, memorandum regarding purchase, rice crop, and operation of Delta Plantation, Savannah River. Some material regarding Langsyne Plantation, Calhoun Co. Also family correspondence. Correspondents include James Hamilton, Jr. (1830-

1840); W.C. Daniel (1830-1834); Benjamin R. Smith (1835-1839); Mary E. Cheves (1836). Chronologically arranged.

**12/48-49 Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857**  
**Personal and Business papers, 1841-1861. Approx 400 items**

Beaufort Co. planter. Correspondence regarding family matters, management of plantations, and financial matters; conveyances, bills of sale, memoranda, plats, letters testamentary, accounts of rice sales, and other papers regarding Delta Plantation. Estate of Langdon Cheves accounts, mostly decrees, litigation (Cheves vs. Haskell) and other papers. Correspondence mostly from Beaufort Co., Charleston, Columbia, Pendleton. Correspondents include Charles T. Haskell (1841-1860); James Hamilton, Jr. (1841-1861); David J. McCord regarding trip to Texas (1844-1846); John Fraser & Co. (1855-1857); Louisa S. McCord regarding LC's senility (1856-1860); J.J. Pringle Smith (1856); Ravenel & Co. (1857-1861); Petigru & King (1857-1860); Also medical prescriptions for plantation. Chronologically arranged.

**12/50-53 Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857**  
**Bank of the US papers, 1816-1823. Approx 950 items.**

President, Bank of the US, Philadelphia, PA. Correspondence regarding LC's nomination to Presidency of the US Bank, his policies, business and investigations into the various branches of the bank, includes those at Charleston, Baltimore MD, New York, NY, Pittsburg PA, Middletown CT, and others. Appeals for favors, letters of introduction, political letters mostly from Washington DC and including discussions of a Supreme Court vacancy (1819). Correspondents include Peter Bacot (1819-1820); Nicholas Biddle (1820-1823); John Bolton (1818-1822); John C. Calhoun (1819-1822); Matthew Carey (1819-1822); Henry Clay (1819-1823); William H. Crawford (1819-1822); H.W. DeSaussure (1819-1823); John Donnell (1819-1822); Robert Gilmour (1821-1823); James Hamilton Jr (1820-1822); Robert Y. Hayne (1819-1821); John Hunter (1819-1822); William Lowndes (1819-1820); Henry Middleton (1819); James Monroe (1820?-1822); William Nott (1820-1823); Enoch Parsons (1819-1823); Charles Pinckney (1820-1822); John Potter (1819-1822); J.S. Stevenson (1819-1820); John Tayloe (1819-1820); Robert Walsh (1820-1822); Daniel Webster (1819-1822); John White (1819-1823); t. Worthington (1819-1823); Benjamin Yancey (1819-1822). Chronologically arranged.

**12/54/1-6 Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857**  
**Legal Papers, 1795-1836. Approx 100 items.**

Charleston lawyer. Indentures, receipts, leases, bills, wills, opinions for clients, correspondence, and accounts of law firm of Peace & Cheves, mostly regarding casework and payment of services and some regarding estate of Joseph Peace. Chronologically arranged.

**12/54/7-13 Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857**  
**Legal Papers, 1818-1819. Approx 60 items.**

Charleston justice of the SC Constitutional Court of Appeals. Judicial decisions, grounds for appeal, motions of new trials, letters, briefs of Langdon Cheves and others in the Georgetown, Charleston, Colleton Co. judicial districts. Chronologically arranged.

**12/54/14-20 Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857  
Legal Papers, 1820-1825. Approx 125 items.**

Philadelphia attorney and President of the Bank of the US. Correspondence, memoranda, briefs, notes on arguments, evidence and testimony, plats, opinions of judges and for clients and other documents regarding LC's legal practice in PA regarding estates and mortgages. Some litigation regarding Bank of the US. Chronologically arranged.

**12/55/1-3 Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857  
Misc. Legal Papers, 1801-1829. Approx 75 items.**

Charleston and Philadelphia, PA attorney. Balance sheets and correspondence regarding financial account and land of John Bowie, Abbeville, managed by Langdon Cheves and Nicklin & Griffith (1803-1819). Correspondence, receipts, balance sheets regarding clothing and other arrangements for Jesse Wilds, "A lunatic" at Pennsylvania Hospital. Correspondence between Langdon Cheves and Hugh Lide (1823-1828). Correspondence and notes regarding claims of Richard W. Meade under the treaty of 1819 between Spain and US. Arranged by individual case.

**12/55/4 Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857  
Financial Papers, 1821-1823. Approx 30 items**

Philadelphia, PA attorney. Correspondence, promissory notes, checks, account book, and balance sheet regarding account and other financial matters kept for US Minister to Russia, Henry Middleton by LC, while he was in St. Petersburg.

**12/55-56 Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857  
Estate Case Papers, 1801-1831. Approx 100 items**

Charleston and Philadelphia, PA attorney. Estate cases handled by LC. Correspondence, powers of attorney, plats, receipts, bonds, balance sheets, vouchers, memoranda, statements of debt, financial notes regarding estates of Alexander McDowell, Charleston (1801-1819); Joseph Noble, Cahawba, Al. (1819-1831), and William Lowndes. Included with Lowndes material is correspondence from CC Pinckney Jr., Thomas Pinckney and Thomas P. Lowndes. Mostly between Charleston and Philadelphia. Arranged chronologically within each estate case.

**12/56/5-20 Cheves, Langdon I, 1776-1857  
Receipts, 1792-1834. Approx 500 items, 1 booklet.**

Charleston and Philadelphia lawyer. Receipts for taxes, law books, household goods, clothing and other goods, also including account balances and with various merchants. Bank account book 1823-1824. Chronologically arranged.

**12/57/1-11 Cheves, Langdon Jr., 1814-1864**  
**Personal and Family papers, 1835-1839, 1855-1859**

Beaufort Co. planter. License to practice law, appointment in SC militia, correspondence (1855-1859) mostly regarding family matters, including the illnesses and death of Langdon Cheves I, Charles M. Cheves, and Robert Hayne Cheves. Also regarding sale of slaves (1858) to include R. Habersham & Son and John R. Cheves, Savannah, GA; T.P. Huger, Charleston; and Charles T. Haskell, Abbeville. Also many receipts regarding business and travels to Paris, France and elsewhere.

**12/57/12-21 Cheves, Langdon Jr., 1814-1863**  
**Papers, 1860-1863. Approx 200 items.**

Beaufort planter and captain in CSA corps of engineers. Correspondence, mostly from Savannah GA and Charleston, receipts, notes, list of slaves, and plats regarding organization of the CSA, Civil War preparations, and defenses for the Savannah River and Morris Island, Charleston Harbor, where LC, jr. was in charge of building fortifications. Also reports of Confederate committees and printed ordinances with annotations regarding CSA. Some family correspondence. Correspondents include John Cheves, Thomas P. Huger, J. Izard Middleton, Jr., William Porcher Miles, and J.J. Pringle Smith. Chronologically arranged.

**12/57/22-23 Cheves, Langdon, Jr., 1814-1863**  
**Civil War Papers. 1862, 1896. Approx 40 items.**

Captain, CSA corps of engineers. Correspondence mostly from Savannah GA, accounts, receipts, and drawing regarding Confederate gas balloons, designed by LC, Jr. (1862). Notes, letters of Langdon Cheves III (1896) regarding balloons with annotated pamphlet, The Balloon During the Civil War. Chronologically arranged.

**12/57/24 Cheves, Langdon, Jr., 1814-1864**  
**Plantation Correspondence, 1862. 23 items.**

Beaufort Co. planter. Correspondence between LC, Jr. and Charles T. Haskell regarding removal of 250 slaves from Delta Plantation to Abbeville as war precaution. Some receipts.

**12/57/25 Cheves, Robert Hayne, 1829-1857**  
**Receipts, 1853-1854. Approx 50 items**

Traveler. Receipts of RHC mostly from European travels, 1853-1854

**12/58/1-8 Lovell, Ann Heatley Reid, d. 1834**  
**Estate and Family papers, 1780-1824. Approx 100 items.**

Calhoun Co. planter. Estate papers of Joseph and Anne Dulles, bills of sale for land, mortgages of slaves, accounts, indentures, tax receipts, and will regarding ownership of Good Hope (later Langsyne), St. Matthew's Parish (now Calhoun Co.), a cotton plantation passed from the

Heatley-Lovell family to the Dulles-Cheves Family. Correspondents include Langdon and Mary E. Cheves and Joseph H. Dulles from Philadelphia, PA, Dublin, Ireland and Orangeburg. Chronologically arranged.

**12/58/9-28 Lovell, Ann Heatley Reid, d. 1834**  
**Estate and Family papers, 1825-1834. Approx 200 items**

Orangeburg planter. Estate papers, correspondence, indentures, tax receipts, list of slaves, deeds, and will of ARHL. Bank stock accounts with Baring Bros., London and cotton accounts with Cheeseborough and Campbell, Charleston, regarding Good Hope Plantation (later Langsyne), St. Matthew's Parish, now Calhoun Co. Correspondents include Mary E. and Langdon Cheves, Joseph Dulles, and Sophia Heatley from Charleston; Dublin, Ireland; Columbia; Pendleton; Savannah, GA; and Philadelphia, PA. Also some correspondence regarding Cheves family life, houses, weddings, deaths, and other matters. Chronologically arranged.

**12/59/1-2 McCord, Louisa S., 1810-1879**  
**Family Letters and Notes. ca. 1876, Approx. 50 items.**

Daughter of Langdon Cheves I. Letters of LMcC to Langdon Cheves III regarding her father's private life; notes, drafts of the letters, and two notebooks also regarding Langdon Cheves I. Additional notes by Langdon Cheves III.

**12/59/3-4 Cheves, Langdon III, 1848-1940**  
**Correspondence, notes. 1820's-1850's. Approx 75 items**

Historian. Copies of correspondence regarding family and business matters of LCI. Copies made by Langdon Cheves III, mostly from originals in the collection. Journal of David J. McCord (1844) regarding trip to Texas. Also includes notes by LCIII.

**12/59/5-13 Cheves, Langdon III, 1848-1940**  
**Notes, ca 1920-30. Approx 300 items.**

Historian. "Chronology of LCI's Career" (1776-1844) by LCIII with scattered notes regarding the Cheves name, bibliographic sources, clippings, and some notes on LCI at Edisto Island and at Langsyne Plantation, Calhoun Co.

**12/59/14-18 Cheves, Langdon III, 1848-1940**  
**Biographical Notes. 1905-1934. 150 items**

Charleston historian. Essays or sketches regarding Langdon Cheves I. Some sketches are by Langdon Cheves III. Notes and requests for information by various scholars. Langdon Cheves III's notes and extracts from a Master's thesis by Warren Ogden (1930, Duke University) and an essay on LCI by "Doctor Leverett" (30 pgs) with annotations by Langdon Cheves III (1924).