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Visual Materials from the Edward R. Ball Family Papers, 1800-1995 SCHS# 0631.00 VM

Description: 1.25 linear ft. (4 boxes)

Biographical/Historical Note: Edward Robbins Ball (1928-2019) was a Charleston realtor. Born in Summerville, S.C., he was the son of John Coming Ball (1885-1973), also a realtor, and Annie Arden Jervey Ball (1887-1975), who was the daughter of Francis Johnstone Jervey (1857-1895) and Ida Morris Jervey (1861-1938). Edward R. Ball's twin brother, Thomas Moultrie Ball, died in an accident in 1946. In 1952, Edward R. Ball married Joan Alward (1931-2014), the daughter of Ernest E. Alward (1899-1987) and Phoebe Chapman Alward (1899-1974).

Scope and content: Collection contains images of many Ball family members, principally the families of John C. Ball and his son Edward R. Ball and their forebears. There are also photographs relating to the related families of Alward and Moultrie. A significant portion of the collection consists of photographs of houses and other properties which were taken by John C. Ball or Edward R. Ball in their capacity as real estate agents. These include houses in Charleston and vicinity, Summerville, Sullivan's Island, Edisto Island, Georgetown County, and Berkeley County. Other photographs depict Ball family properties. Of note are images of the Sandy Bee House on James Island (1935), a cottage at Rice Hope Plantation, New Cut Plantation on Wadmalaw Island, Peter's Point on Edisto Island, Lowndes Grove, the Thomas & Howard Company store in Charleston, the Ball real estate offices in Charleston, the site of a Boy Scout camp on the Wando River, Brooklands Plantation on Edisto Island, and Dixie Plantation. Also of note are postcard scenes of the aftermath of a tornado in Charleston (1938?); and artwork, including a color lithograph of an engraving, 1857, of a Charleston harbor scene showing the waterfront, ships at wharves, sailboats, and Castle Pinckney.

Note: There are four cased photographs in the SCHS Cased Photograph Collection, located in Box 2, tray 6.

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Real estate business -- South Carolina -- Charleston

Tornadoes -- South Carolina
Castle Pinckney (Charleston, S.C.) -- In art

Container listing:

BOX 1

- 1 Photograph of a portrait of Isaac Ball (1785-1825); miniature painting (or tinted photograph?) of Elizabeth Catherine Poyas Ball (Mrs. Isaac Ball, died 1867); and a miniature painting of an unidentified young man, ca. 1810, who may be Isaac Ball (1785-1825).
- 2 Color photographs of a portrait painting of Elizabeth (Betsy) Smith (1770-1846), the granddaughter of John Coming Ball (1714-1764), by Jeremiah Theus.
- 3 Framed silhouette of an unidentified man, ca. 1800?
- 4 Photographs of Isaac Ball (1844-1933) and his wife Mary Louisa Moultrie Ball at Rice Hope Plantation.
- 5 Photographs of Edward R. Ball (1928-2019), color and black and white, dating from roughly 1935 into the 1990s.
- 6 Photographs of Edward R. Ball and others at an awards ceremony for E. Milby Burton, 1972.
- 7 Photographs of Joan Alward Ball, with family members and others, roughly late 1940s into the 1960s.
- 8 Edward Robbins Ball, Jr. (1953-2011).
- 9 Thomas Moultrie Ball (1928-1946).
- 10 Twin brothers Edward R. Ball and Thomas Moultrie Ball.
- 11 Two silhouettes of boys (Ball twins?), 1937.
- 12 Annie Arden Ball (1915-2004), sister of Edward R. Ball.
- 13 Photographs of Ball family members, ca. 1900-ca. 1950.
- 14 Color snapshots of the Ball family at Strawberry Chapel, ca. 1960.
- 15 Arden Ball, daughter of Edward R. Ball.
- 16 Ball family members.
- 17 Jervey family members, ca. 1900-1941.
- 18 Ernest and Phoebe Alward.
- 19 Alward family photograph album, 1939-1940
- 20 Loose photographs removed from an Alward family album.
- 21 Two photographs depicting Ernest E. Alward and a group of people attending a "Freedom Shrine" event, 1971.

BOX 2

- 1 Alward family album, ca. 1940?
- 2 Moultrie family photographs, including photos of Mary Louisa Moultrie and Sarah Moultrie Ingraham.
- 3 Engraving (print) of General William Moultrie.
- 4 Basketball players at St. Andrew's High School, 1946.

- 5 Color and black and white snapshots of John Coming Ball (1885-1973) and family, as well as his real estate office (J.C. Ball & Son) on Church Street.
- 6 Photographs removed from a Ball family Bible, including a group photograph of African Americans, ca. 1930?
- 7 Charlotte Ingraham Ball (1890-1975) and some of her artwork.
- 8 Annie Arden Jervey Ball (Mrs. John C. Ball) and family.
- 9 Photos of various people, mostly unidentified.
- 10 Miscellaneous photos, including images of a bulldog and a cabin.
- 11 Miscellaneous photographs.

BOX 3

- 1 Snapshot of a cottage on Rice Hope Plantation.
- 2 Color photos of the interior and exterior of 112 Beaufain Street, Charleston.
- 3 House on Beaufain Street.
- 4 127 Bull Street.
- 5 House in Summerville at "6th South & Magnolia Sts."
- 6 Interior shot of "old Ball house on Vernon St."
- 7 The Bluff Plantation on the Cooper River.
- 8 Houses and scenes in Georgetown County.
- 9 Brooklands Plantation on Edisto Island.
- 10 Chinquapin Hill, 1958.
- 11 "Middleton's" Edisto Island, "Home of Dr. Pope."
- 12 "Peter's Point" Edisto Island, "Home of Mr. Mikell."
- 13 Photographs and negatives of the Sandy Bee House on James Island, 1935.
- 14 New Cut Plantation on Wadmalaw Island.
- 15 "Property of J.L. Gervais, Johns Island, 200 acres."
- 16 House in Riverland Terrace.
- 17 "The Laurels" on the Ashley River.
- 18 65 Anson Street.
- 19 "Ladson Webb house" (Thomas Ladson Webb?), probably in Summerville.
- 20 "Richard Alston Home" corner of Tradd and Rutledge.
- 21 Lowndes Grove, Wagener Terrace ("Gibbes House, Grove St.").
- 22 30 Lamboll Street.
- 23 109 Ashley Avenue ("Old Pelzer House").
- 24 18 Montague Street.
- 25 32 South Battery.
- 26 Thomas & Howard Company store in Charleston.
- 27 Strawberry Chapel.
- 28 "Blacklock House" on Bull Street.
- 29 124 Tradd Street.
- 30 J.C. Ball real estate office at 51 Broad Street.
- 31 Houses on South Battery.
- 32 Houses on Legare Street.
- 33 1 East Battery.
- 34 160 Broad Street.
- 35 Color photos of houses in Charleston, and photos of "Hugo repairs" to St. Michael's Church.
- 36 Black and white snapshots of Charleston houses and buildings.

- 37 Mendel Rivers' house in Wappoo Heights.
- 38 Three photos identified as "Riggs Property, Otranto," a house in Rockville, and "Springfield."
- 39 Postcard scenes of the aftermath of a tornado in Charleston (1938?).
- 40 House in Shepard Park, Summerville, 1952.
- 41 Houses in Summerville.
- 42 Houses, probably in Summerville and vicinity.
- 43 Dixie Plantation near Charleston.
- 44 Houses on Sullivan's Island.
- 45 Photos and negatives of Ball family plantations in Berkeley County.
- 46 "Old Boy Scout Camp Site" on the Wando River.
- 47 Photos of mostly unidentified properties.

BOX 4

- 1 Group photo of young men, 1949, one of whom is identified as Ed Ball. These were students at the University of the South in Tennessee (Sewanee).
- 2 Photo album kept by Joan Alward (Ball) about a "Trip taken to Greenville, S.C., by Margaret & Joan, Aug. 1st-11th, 1946."
- 3 Black and white reprint photograph of a storm on the Battery.
- 4 Color aerial photograph of Middleton Place.
- 5 Matted color lithograph of an engraving, 1857, of a Charleston harbor scene showing the waterfront, ships at wharves, sailboats, and Castle Pinckney. This print was published in Germany.
- 6 Coat of arms for the Simons family.
- 7 Artwork, including Elizabeth O'Neill Verner prints of a Charleston street, and a watercolor of an unidentified church.
- 8 Sketchbook of Charlotte I. Ball.
- 9 Pencil portrait of Julia Cart Ball "by J.C. Ball, given to Mrs. John F. Townsend."