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Winthrop Family Papers, 1760-1946 0694.00

Description: 3 linear ft. (2 boxes + 7 folders)

Biographical/Historical Note:

Born in Charleston, Joseph Augustus Winthrop (1791-1864) was the son of Joseph Winthrop (1757-1828), a Charleston merchant and native of Connecticut, and Mary Fraser Winthrop (1765-1832), who was the sister of the noted artist Charles Fraser (1782-1860). Joseph Augustus Winthrop married Maria Evelina Parker in 1818, and their children were Mary Drayton (1819-1902); Susan (1820-1897), who married William Logan Webb; Augusta (1822-1891), who married James Ravenel; Francis (1832-1909), who married Maria Drayton Parker; Joseph (1832-1911); and Caroline (1836-1918). Joseph Augustus Winthrop's brother Henry Winthrop (1803-1890) was a physician. William Logan Webb (1821-1901), the husband of Susan Winthrop Webb, was the son of Daniel Cannon Webb (1782-1850), a Charleston merchant, and the grandson of John Webb (1744-1807).

Scope and content:

This collection contains papers of the Winthrop family as well as the related families of Cannon, Webb, Fraser, and Parker. Winthrop family papers include letters to Joseph A. Winthrop from his cousin Robert C. Winthrop; correspondence of Maria Evelina Parker Winthrop (Mrs. Joseph A. Winthrop); correspondence of Dr. Henry Winthrop; estate papers of Mary Fraser Winthrop; and genealogical records. Cannon family papers include a copy of the will of Daniel Cannon (1726-1802). Webb family papers include records relating to property in Cannonsboro; an account book (1767-1773) and diary (1785) of John Webb; Daniel Cannon Webb's indenture of apprenticeship (1798); correspondence; and genealogical records. Fraser family papers consist of genealogical notes, some of which were recorded by Charles Fraser; estate records of his grandfather Frederick Grimke (1705-1778); seven letters (1806-1846) from Charles Fraser to his family; and legal documents (1820-1827) relating to Ann Fraser Guerard consisting of a marriage settlement and an agreement concerning the relinquishment of "three negroes named Peter, Sylvia & Juno" to the estate of Jacob Guerard. Parker family papers include a letter (1826), to Mrs. Joseph A. Winthrop, transmitting a resolution of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Charleston concerning the death of her mother Mary Drayton Parker, who was secretary and treasurer of the Society; a copy of Mrs. Parker's gravestone inscription; and a booklet, *Record of the Parker Family* (1930), which includes information on Rocky Grove Plantation in Abbeville District. There is also genealogical information on the families of Peronneau, Drayton, and Lucas.

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Winthrop, Henry, 1803-1890.
Winthrop, Joseph, 1832-1911.
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South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Container listing:

BOX 1

- 1 Joseph A. Winthrop papers: letters to Joseph A. Winthrop, 1826-1860. A letter to him in Charleston, 1826, from Thomas Parker (1793-1844), concerns the terminal illness of Parker's mother, Mary Drayton Parker (1774-1826), who was Winthrop's mother-in-law. Another letter from Thomas Parker, 1827, mainly concerns legal matters relating to Mrs. Parker's estate. A letter of 1842 is from H. C. Beach in New York, who is "preparing a genealogical book" about the Winthrop family. A letter dated 1844 is from Benjamin R. Winthrop in New York and mainly concerns the death of his father. Three letters, 1855-1860, from Robert C. Winthrop (1809-1894), a cousin in Boston, mainly concern the death of Charles Fraser, and national politics. Robert C. Winthrop's letter dated 15 December 1860 is an ardent lament over "the condition of our country." He sees the separation of the states as a disaster, and regrets that "we have many here among us of rash & violent temper, who indulge in angry & vituperative language on the vexed question of slavery. But they do not represent the sentiment of our city or state." He also sorry that his friend Christopher G. Memminger, "for whose purity of life & character I have so sincere a respect," advocates secession, and writes that "The election of Lincoln is to be deplored by us all, & I did my very best to defeat it." He gives further opinions

about Lincoln and his vice president elect Hamlin, and expresses hope that the country can once more be unified.

- 2 Joseph A. Winthrop family papers: these include slave bills of sale, 1843-1845; a Confederate bond, 1863; and a copy of the will, 1825, of Mary Drayton Parker, a codicil to which bequeaths a sum to the Ladies Benevolent Society, and directs her children to care for “my old servant Cassandra,” recommending her “to the particular care of my dear daughter Maria E. Winthrop.”
- 3 Maria E. Winthrop papers: correspondence of Maria E. Winthrop (Mrs. Joseph A. Winthrop), 1822-1867, mostly letters to her. The first letter, 1822, is from Maria’s mother, Mary Drayton Parker, at Rocky Grove Plantation in Abbeville District, a place she describes in some detail. She traveled to Rocky Grove in the company of her brother Edwin Parker (1798-1822). An undated letter from Mary Drayton Parker at Rocky Grove was likely also written in 1822. A letter dated August 14, 1826, is from “Sister E”, likely Maria’s sister-in-law Elizabeth Winthrop (1801-1885), and mainly concerns family matters. Another letter from Mary Drayton Parker is dated Oct. 16, 1826. The next letter, 23 Nov. 1826, from Maria’s brother Thomas Parker, concerns the last illness and death of Mary Drayton Parker. A letter dated Aug. 20, 1833, is from Maria’s sister-in-law Eleanor Legare Frost Parker (1797-1879). A letter from Maria’s brother Thomas Parker at Calhoun’s Mills, Abbeville District, is dated 8 Aug. 1834. His next letter, 1 Nov. 1841, is from Rocky Grove Plantation. Two letters to Maria from Thomas Parker dated 1842 are addressed from “The Cabins,” a summer village in Abbeville District, and concern health concerns (“acid stomach”) and family matters. An undated letter from “E” to Maria likely concerns the death of Thomas Parker in 1844. In a copy of a letter, June 4, 1867, written to Robert C. Winthrop in Boston, Maria informs him of her family’s penury and says that she will accept his offer of help. A letter of June 11, 1867, from David Sears in Boston, acknowledges Maria’s letter of June 4 “to our cosin Mr. Robt. C. Winthrop” and transmits the sum of \$600 to her.
- 4 Papers concerning the death of Joseph Augustus Winthrop: these include a letter of condolence, 13 June 1864, from W. B. Smith, president of the board of directors of the Union Bank of South Carolina in Anderson, which is accompanied by a resolution by that body on the death of Joseph A. Winthrop. A letter, Feb. 22, 1864, from Edward R. Miles, secretary of the vestry of Grace Church in Anderson, includes a similar resolution from the vestry minutes.
- 5 Letter to “Mother”: this is probably a letter to Maria E. Winthrop. Dated June 10, 1864, it concerns estate and financial matters, and was likely written by her son Francis.
- 6 Letter to “My dear Cousin”: this is a letter, 31 July 1864, from Hester Tidyman Drayton (1797-1874) in Sumter, S.C., probably addressed to Maria E. Winthrop.
- 7 Correspondence of Dr. Henry Winthrop, 1857-1889. These are mostly letters to Henry Winthrop from his cousin Robert C. Winthrop in Boston. The earliest, 1857, mentions Charles Fraser and other prominent men of Charleston. In a letter dated 3 Sept. 1864,

Robert C. Winthrop asks Dr. Winthrop to give help to a cousin, Lt. Charles W. Amory, who is a prisoner of war in Charleston. The postwar letters begin in January 1866, when Robert C. Winthrop writes that he heard that Dr. Winthrop was “the subject of some cruel treatment by our troops in their march through Carolina.” (Dr. Winthrop’s reply to this letter was published in *The Winthrop Family in America* by L.S. Mayo, and in it he describes how he was brutalized in Anderson, S.C., when soldiers hung him by the neck from the top rail of a bedstead and beat him.) A letter of July 1877 concerns the death of Maria E. Winthrop. Another dated September 1883 concerns the death of Dr. Winthrop’s brother John Alexander Winthrop, and several letters of September 1886 relate to the Charleston earthquake.

- 8 Letters from Dr. Joseph Winthrop (1832-1911): two wartime letters include one dated May 12, 1864, written to his brother Francis from the “Camp of Siege Train, James Island,” which mainly concerns family property and financial matters but also actions of his unit on James Island under the command of Major Manigault. The other piece of correspondence, dated Dec. 31, 1864, is a letter from the doctor to the Confederate Secretary of War James A. Seddon offering his resignation from Confederate service as a surgeon and “proposing to enter the ranks as a private.” Endorsements by various officers on the letter officially disapprove his request.
- 9 Letters to Caroline Winthrop (1836-1918): these include a letter to her, 1852, from a cousin named Nannie in Aiken, S.C., and numerous letters, 1896-1910, to Caroline in Charleston, S.C. and Hendersonville, N.C., from her brother Joseph Winthrop (mainly written from Pennsylvania). There is also a letter, 1916, from a relation in Florida, John Still Winthrop.
- 10 Envelopes.
- 11 Mary Fraser Winthrop (1765-1832) estate papers, 1833-1835: these include estate accounts; a conveyance of Goose Creek land to Thomas Gadsden; and a bill of sale for “a woman named Affey and her children Edward and Isaac,” sold to Henry Winthrop.
- 12 Winthrop family papers, 1805-1924. These include a letter, 1828, to “Dear Cousin,” from John Temple Winthrop in Boston concerning “the decease of Uncle Joseph” (Joseph Winthrop, 1757-1828); an oath of allegiance, 1865, of Henry Winthrop at Anderson, S.C.; and a mortgage, 1843, William Winthrop to the Bank of South Carolina, of a “mulatto woman.”
- 13 Winthrop family horticultural papers: these include an address, 1841, to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society by Marshall Pinckney Wilder (1798-1886); and an undated letter to Joseph A. Winthrop from “G. M.” concerning the “[Rosa Banksian] Multiflora Rose.” A silver medal, 1838, awarded to “Dr. Winthrop” (Dr. Henry Winthrop) by the Horticultural Society of Charleston for “the best specimen of a flowering exotic” has been added to the artifact collection.
- 14 Winthrop family papers: genealogical information and notes on the Winthrop family.

- 15 Winthrop family papers: genealogical papers, including newspaper clippings, correspondence, and notes on family history.
- 16 Cannon family papers: bill of sale, 1760, Edward Trusler to Daniel Cannon, for “four men” and “three women” and two boys (named in document), and other properties. The document is in fragile and damaged condition (use photocopies). Its reverse bears a statement by William Trusler (1739-1781) which refers to his deceased father E. Trusler (died 1761).
- 17 Cannon family papers: these include a copy of the will, 1802, of Daniel Cannon (1726-1802) of Charleston, which names “Mary Doughty Logan & Daniel Cannon Webb, grandchildren of my late wife Martha;” and a copy, 1874, of the inscription on the memorial monument of Martha Cannon (1760-1814) in St. Philip’s Church, “destroyed when the church was burnt in July 1835,” with a related letter, 1874, to William L. Webb from Robert N. Gourdin.

BOX 2

- 1 Webb family papers: a letter, 174[4], from “W.W.” (probably William Webb, 1722-1768) to his mother concerning family matters.
- 2 Webb family papers: memo and account book, 1767-1773, of John Webb (1744-1807). Includes memoranda about births in the family, the hiring out of “Pompey,” and bond accounts.
- 3 Webb family papers: travel diary, 1785, of John Webb (1744-1807), recounts trips to Philadelphia, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and other places.
- 4 Webb family papers: letter, [1805?] from M. Cannon (probably Martha Cannon (1760-1814) to Eliza Ann Ladson (later Mrs. Daniel Cannon Webb).
- 5 Webb family papers: papers of the family of Daniel Cannon Webb (1782-1850) include an advertising card for “Daniel C. Webb, Jr., Millwright” of Charleston which is dated October 1830; this was a son of Daniel Cannon Webb, and he passed away later in 1830. Also included is a memorandum of agreement, 1817, relating to a plantation on St. Helena Island, to be sold by Daniel C. Webb to Thomas Pritchard; a conveyance, 1849, of property in Cannonsborough to William L. Webb; and Daniel Cannon Webb’s membership certificate, 1803, in the South Carolina Society.
- 6 Webb family papers: Daniel Cannon Webb’s indenture of apprenticeship, 1798, to Robert Hazlehurst.
- 7 Webb family papers: mostly correspondence, including a letter, 1830, to Mrs. Daniel C. Webb (Eliza Ladson Webb) from her son John in Paris, France; a note of thanks [ca. 1835] to Mrs. Webb from Harriet Martineau; a letter, 1849, from Daniel C. Webb to his

children Thomas L. Webb, Martha C. Webb Johnston, John Webb, and William L. Webb, concerning the distribution of his estate; and a letter, 1850, from Daniel C. Webb at White Sulphur Springs [Va.] to his son William L. Webb. There is also a resolution (1850) concerning the death of Daniel Cannon Webb by the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House.

- 8 Webb family papers: these consist of two undated letters to Mrs. E. A. Webb from Caroline Gilman. One of them concerns a “piece” which Mrs. Webb submitted for publication in Gilman’s magazine *The Rosebud* and probably dates between 1837 and 1838.
- 9 Webb family papers: these include William L. Webb’s deed, 1890, for a plot in Magnolia Cemetery, with related receipts; and an affidavit, 1843, by W. L. Webb concerning a summons.
- 10 Webb family papers: a booklet, 1868, which is a reprint of a 1590 English title *Edward Webbe, Chief Master Gunner, His Travailes*. Webbe was captured by the Turks and became a galley slave.
- 11 Webb family papers: genealogical papers, including information on the related lines of Cannon, Doughty, Capers, and Ladson.
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- 13 Webb family papers: these are mostly letters, 1880-1946, to George E. Gibbon, his wife Mary Winthrop Webb Gibbon, and their daughter Maud.
- 14 Webb family papers: Gibbon family papers, including a deed, 1883, and a memorandum of agreement, 1904, for a Winthrop lot in Magnolia Cemetery; and a memoir about the Charleston earthquake of 1886 probably written by Mary Winthrop Webb Gibbon (1857-1947).
- 15 Webb family papers: Mary Winthrop Webb Gibbon’s application for membership in the Huguenot Society of South Carolina, detailing her descent from Henri Peronneau. A related Peronneau family chart is in the oversized documents of this collection.
- 16 Fraser family papers: mostly genealogical and biographical information on the Fraser family, including a copy, 1845, of a “Family Record of the Fraser Family” (by Charles Fraser?), with later annotations into the 1860s, giving some details about the family of Frederick Grimke (whose daughter married Alexander Fraser), and about the children of Alexander Fraser, including two daughters who married into the Winthrop and Guerard families, Mary Fraser Winthrop (1765-1832), and Ann Fraser Guerard (1772-1853).
- 17 Fraser family papers: estate papers of Frederick Grimke (1705-1778), including a copy of his will, 1775; receipts; and accounts.

- 18 Fraser family papers: these consist of seven letters, 1806-1846 from Charles Fraser (1782-1860) to his sisters and a relation in Walterboro, Alexander Fraser. The letter, 1846, to Alexander Fraser, is a copy and concerns family estate matters. Charles Fraser's letters to his sisters Ann, Mary, and Susan were written from New Haven, Connecticut, Philadelphia, Charleston, Boston, and New York. Fraser writes of these places, as well as a visit to Newport, Rhode Island, where he saw Edward G. Malbone, and visits to John Trumbull in New York and Gilbert Stuart in Boston. Extracts from some of these letters were published in *Charles Fraser* (1924), by Alice R. Huger Smith and D. E. H. Smith.
- 19 Fraser family papers: these include a copy of the will, 1860, of Charles Fraser; and a record, 1847, of the proceeds of the sale of a house in Charleston at the corner of Tradd and Orange streets (an estate property detailed in Charles Fraser's 1846 letter to Alexander Fraser).
- 20 Lucas family papers: these include a few newspaper clippings about Lucas family members, but for the most part they consist of correspondence, 1922-1925, regarding William Noble Lucas, a World War I U.S. Army veteran (16th Aero Squadron) receiving compensation from the U.S. Veterans Bureau after being hospitalized for mental incompetence (insanity). Also included is a typewritten letter, 1921, from Lucas to his mother [Caroline Frances Wright Lucas]. William N. Lucas was a legal ward of William L. W. Weston of Charleston (the husband of Charlotte Hume Lucas Weston). William N. Lucas was still alive when his mother passed away in 1937.
- 21 Lucas family papers: genealogical information on the Lucas family. (The connection of the Lucas family with any of the other families represented in this collection is not indicated.)
- 22 Parker family papers: these include a letter, 1826, to Mrs. Joseph A. Winthrop, transmitting a resolution of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Charleston concerning the death of her mother Mary Drayton Parker, who was secretary and treasurer of the Society; a copy of Mrs. Parker's gravestone inscription; and a booklet, *Record of the Parker Family*, 1930, which includes information on Rocky Grove Plantation in Abbeville District.
- 23 Parker family papers: three watercolor paintings by Thomas Parker, Jr. (1793-1844), depicting rural houses and scenes.
- 23 Miscellaneous family papers: these include writings and other papers which cannot be attributed to any specific family or individual.
- 24 Miscellaneous family papers: poetry.
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- 1 Fraser family papers, 1788-1790. The earliest document, 1788, is an account for the rentals of a house in Charleston "after evacuation in 1782." Two property records of 1790

consist of a lease and conveyance of a lot of land on King Street, by Alexander Fraser (1722-1791) and John Rutledge, executors of the estate of Frederick Grimke, to William Fraser.

- 2 Legal documents, 1820-1827, relating to Ann Fraser Guerard, widow of Jacob Guerard (died 1823) and sister of Charles Fraser (1782-1860). These include a marriage settlement, 1820; an agreement, 1821, between Jacob Guerard (1757-1823) and Charles Fraser, trustee; a conveyance (release), 1821, by Jacob and Ann Guerard, to Charles Fraser, of a house and lot at 27 King Street; and an agreement, 1827, between Charles Fraser, trustee, and Jacob [W.] Guerard (son of the late Jacob Guerard), concerning the relinquishment of “three negroes named Peter, Sylvia & Juno” to the estate of Jacob Guerard.
- 3 Webb family papers, 1798-1817. These papers were enclosed in a wrapper on which was written: “Wm. L. Webb, papers for settlement of estates of D.C. Webb and of E. A. Webb.” The earliest document, 1798, is a conveyance by Daniel Cannon of two lots ‘near Cannons Mill’ to Miss Martha Cannon in trust for Daniel Cannon Webb. A document dated 1805 is a “Lease to precede a release of marriage settlement,” an indenture between Elizabeth Ladson (later Eliza Ann Ladson Webb) and Thomas Foster and Benjamin Jenkins that involves a plantation on St. Helena Island. There is also a plat, 1817, of land “on St. Helena Island sold by D.C. Webb to Thomas Pritchard.”
- 4 Daniel Cannon Webb property records, 1840. Three title deeds of a “messuage or lot of land” in “Cannonsborough on Charleston Neck,” one of which conveys the property to Daniel C. Webb and Thomas L. Webb as trustees in the marriage settlement of [McKeown] Johnson and Martha C. Johnson.
- 5 Webb family papers, 1843-1869. Two conveyances dated 1843 by John Webb and Thomas L. Webb convey to William L. Webb “a messuage or lot of land in Cannonsborough.” A document dated 1869 releases William L. Webb as trustee for Elizabeth Heyward Webb. The release details certain properties and investments of her trust estate rendered worthless by the war.
- 6 Peronneau family chart, n.d., showing the descendants of Henry (or Henri) Peronneau (died 1743). This genealogy was used by Mary Winthrop Webb Gibbon to establish her descent from Henri Peronneau for membership in the Huguenot Society of South Carolina.
- 7 Drayton family chart, n.d. Among other lines, this genealogy notes descendants of William Henry Drayton (born 1742), whose daughter Mary Drayton married Thomas Parker.