



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Andrew P. Calhoun Papers, 1766-2024**

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**Description:** 1.75 linear ft. (4 boxes)

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Andrew Pickens Calhoun, Jr., the son of Andrew Pickens Calhoun (1925-2004) and Nancy Hull Nichols Calhoun (1928-2003), was born in Savannah, Georgia, in 1953. He was a graduate of Clemson University and became a businessman in his native Savannah, where he was active in many civic and heritage organizations. As a member of the (Clemson) Historic Properties Alumni Advisory Committee, he was involved with the restoration of Fort Hill, John C. Calhoun's house. He was also a plaintiff in a lawsuit against the City of Charleston related to the removal of the statue of John C. Calhoun from Marion Square in Charleston, S.C., in 2020. Andrew P. Calhoun and his wife Milree Mackey Calhoun spent many years researching and documenting his Calhoun family ancestry and history. He was descended from the Irish immigrant James Patrick Calhoun (1688-1741). In 2018 he edited and published *My Own Darling Wife: Letters from a Confederate Volunteer*, a collection of letters written by his great-grandfather John Francis Calhoun during the War Between the States. Andrew Pickens Calhoun passed away in his Savannah home on October 31, 2024.

**Scope and content:** Papers of Andrew P. Calhoun consist of miscellaneous personal papers, genealogical research on the Calhoun family and related families, and a small collection of original papers of the Calhoun and Noble families. Calhoun family papers include three letters, 1844-1849, to John C. Calhoun (1782-1850) from Thomas Green Clemson, Henry W. Hilliard, and William Buell Sprague; papers of Rebecca Noble Calhoun and her husband John Francis Calhoun (1831-1897), as well as their son John Francis Calhoun, Jr.; papers of John C. Calhoun (1921-2007) of Georgia; copies of the will, 1794, of [Anton] Tscharner de Graffenreid (1722-1794) of Lunenburg County, Virginia; and a genealogy of the family of Amos Johnson, an African American minister of Calhoun Falls, S.C. Also of note is a letter, 1850, to "Dear Sir" from Joseph A. Scoville, the private secretary of John C. Calhoun, lamenting his death. Noble family papers include correspondence and property records of William [A.] Noble (1776-1823), Ezekiel Noble, and Joseph Noble (1779-1822); and a letter, 1838, to William Pickens Noble (1806-1876) at Willington, S.C., from his uncle Andrew Pickens (1779-1838) in Mississippi. Genealogical research compiled by Andrew P. Calhoun mainly concerns the Calhoun family of South Carolina and a few related families, some of which was based on the Calhoun family

histories compiled by Orval O. Calhoun of Canada. Personal papers of Andrew P. Calhoun include correspondence and other records relating to the restoration of Fort Hill; and records, 2021-2024, of lawsuits relating to the removal of the John C. Calhoun monument in Charleston, S.C.

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BOX 1

- 1 Calhoun family papers: letter, 28 February 1844, to John C. Calhoun (1782-1850) in Pendleton, S.C., from Thomas Green Clemson (1807-1888) at Cane Brake Plantation.
- 2 Calhoun family papers: letter, 13 May 1844, to John C. Calhoun from Henry Washington Hilliard (1808-1892) in Paris, France.
- 3 Calhoun family papers: letter, 4 May 1849, to John C. Calhoun from William Buell Sprague (1795-1876) in Albany, N.Y.
- 4 Calhoun family papers: papers, 1880-1891 and undated, of John Francis Calhoun (1831-1897), 1880-1891, including correspondence and tax records.
- 5 Calhoun family papers: papers, 1878-1884, of Rebecca Noble Calhoun (1839-1918) including correspondence, tax records, and an itemized invoice for purchases from W. Joel Smith & Son, an Abbeville merchant firm.
- 6 Calhoun family papers: miscellaneous papers, 1766-1787, including a copy of the will of Patrick Calhoun (or Colhoun, 1727-1796), and a royal grant to James Carruth.
- 7 Calhoun family papers: miscellaneous papers, 1823-1918 and undated, including correspondence. A letter, 1823, from Joseph Hutton (1769-1823?) in Greene County, Alabama, to Patrick Calhoun (1784-1840) describes agricultural lands and cotton growing in Alabama. A letter, 1836, from Mrs. Frances Middleton Calhoun (1807-1859) to Mrs. Elizabeth Middleton at Woodlawn, S.C., mainly concerns household and family matters. Also of note is a letter, 5 April 1850, to "Dear Sir" from Joseph A. Scoville (1815-1864), the private secretary of John C. Calhoun. Writing from Washington, D.C., Scoville laments Calhoun's death and informs the recipient that he is leaving for New York, and enclosing a lock of Calhoun's hair "which I cut from his head when they were placing him in the coffin."
- 8 Calhoun family papers: papers, 1910-1931, of John Francis Calhoun, Jr. (1868-1931), the son of John Francis Calhoun (1831-1897), and a resident of Atlanta, Georgia. These include a copy of his will, correspondence, and property records relating to properties in Georgia and Florida. There are also receipts, 1928-1929, of [Mrs.?] J. F. Calhoun paid to

- Allen's Invalid Home in Milledgeville, Ga., for the care of Mrs. J. L. Gilbert (named in John Francis Calhoun's will as his sister).
- 9 Calhoun family papers: papers, 1956-1981, of John Caldwell Calhoun (1921-2007) of Savannah (and later Atlanta), Georgia. He was the son of Patrick Noble Calhoun (1878-1947). Most of his papers consist of correspondence, much of which concerns Calhoun family history and the Calhoun family cemetery in Abbeville County, S.C.
- 10 Calhoun family papers: papers, 1913-1981, of various Calhoun family members including Ida Alexander Calhoun (1882-1942), Alan T. Calhoun. Some of the letters concern Calhoun and Shiver genealogy.
- 11 Calhoun family papers: deGraffenreid family papers, consisting of two copies of the will, 1794, of [Anton] Tscharner de Graffenreid (1722-1794) of Lunenburg County, Va., and an undated, typed genealogical memorandum of Thomas P. de Graffenreid. One of Anton Tscharner de Graffenreid's daughters, Catherine Jenner de Graffenreid, married William 9 Caldwell (1766-1840), and another daughter, Nancy Needham de Graffenreid, married Patrick Calhoun (1784-1840).
- 12 Noble family papers: letter, 8 October 1801, to "Brother" in Abbeville District from [?] Noble in Charleston, S.C., mainly concerning a cotton crop.
- 13 Noble family papers: correspondence, 1803-1838 and undated, including a letter, 1805, from Ezekiel Noble to William Noble, which sends a list of items for his plantation; a letter, 1805, from Rebecca [Pickens] Noble (1784-1831) to her husband William [Alexander] Noble (1776-1823) relating to family matters; a letter, 1809, from Joseph Noble (1779-1822) in Charleston to his brother William [A.] Noble in Abbeville District concerning family matters; a letter, 1822, from Thomas [Casey] in Charleston to William [A.] Noble at Willington, S.C., concerning his brother Joseph's estate; a letter, 1826, to Rebecca [Pickens] Calhoun from her niece Louisa A. Smith in Alabama (?) relating to personal and family matters; and a letter, 1838, to William Pickens Noble (1806-1876) at Willington from his uncle Andrew Pickens (1779-1838) in Mississippi relating to a wagon and his farming efforts.
- 14 Noble family papers: these include a lease, 1778, John James Noble to Patrick Calhoun, of 250 acres in Hillsborough Township, Ninety Six District, S.C.; accounts and other financial records, 1799-1812, of Ezekiel Noble and William Noble; and legal documents, 1814-1833. Other persons named in these papers include James Calhoun, William Vernon, Joseph Calhoun, and Robert H. Houston. Also of note is a Court of Common Pleas summons, 1812, to John McCalla, William Noble, and Peter Gibert, trustees of the Willington Academy.
- 15 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: correspondence, 1995-2023, mainly concerning Calhoun family genealogy.

- 16 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: papers, 1992-1993, relating to a Calhoun family reunion at Clemson University in 1993.
- 17 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: papers, 1993, relating to a Calhoun family reunion, 1993.
- 18 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: papers, 2022-2023, relating to DNA testing.
- 19 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: miscellaneous personal and family papers, [1940s]-2024, including papers relating to his father, Andrew Pickens Calhoun, Sr. (1925-2004). Also included are records relating to his membership in the Society of Colonial Wars.
- 20 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: papers, 1997-2019, including correspondence and articles reflecting his concerns about Fort Hill (the John C. Calhoun House at Clemson), Clemson history, efforts to remove John C. Calhoun's name from a college building, and political correctness.

#### BOX 2

- 1 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: papers mainly relating to Fort Hill and its restoration.
- 2 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: correspondence, 1999-2001 (removed from a binder), relating to the restoration of Fort Hill.
- 3 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: correspondence, 1997-1998, about the restoration of Fort Hill.
- 4 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: correspondence, 1994-1996, about the restoration of Fort Hill.
- 5 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: correspondence and legal records, 2021-2024, relating to lawsuits over the removal of the statue of John C. Calhoun from Marion Square in Charleston in 2020. Andrew P. Calhoun was one of the plaintiffs.
- 6 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: papers, 2015-2020, mostly correspondence, mainly relating to his efforts to publish the wartime letters of his ancestor John Francis Calhoun. Correspondents include Dr. Clyde N. Wilson and Paul C. Graham of Shotwell Publishing.
- 7 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: research on John Francis Calhoun's Confederate military service.
- 8 Andrew P. Calhoun papers: bound draft of or proposal for his book, *My Own Darling Wife: Letters from a Confederate Volunteer*.

#### BOX 3

- 1 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: Calhoun family genealogy research removed from a binder, part one. Mostly concerns Andrew P. Calhoun's family lines.

- 2 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: Calhoun family genealogy, part two.
- 3 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: Calhoun family genealogy, part three. Includes correspondence.
- 4 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: "Pedigree Chart for Andrew Pickens Calhoun, Jr."
- 5 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: "The Descendants of William Calhoun of Coronaca and Siloam Church in Old Abbeville County" by Rev. Eron M. Sharp, 1953. This William Calhoun (1751-1833) was married to Lorraine Sims (1759-1823).
- 6 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: lineage of William Alexander Calhoun (1866-1918) of Rockmart, Georgia.
- 7 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: "The Descendants of Floride Calhoun and George Chalmers McDermid."
- 8 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: research on the genealogy of Martha Calhoun and James Wilson.
- 9 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: papers relating to the Calhoun family cemetery in Abbeville County, S.C. and its restoration.
- 10 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: papers relating to cemeteries where Calhoun family members are buried.
- 11 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: papers taken from a folder marked "Calhoun-Lincoln Myth." Included is correspondence and part of a book about speculation that John C. Calhoun was the father of Abraham Lincoln.
- 12 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: information from the National Archives and other sources about the Confederate military service of numerous individuals named Calhoun (various spellings).
- 13 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: "Memoirs of Mrs. Ann Mathews." She was a "descendant of the senior branch of the Calhoun family" and is identified as Anne Calhoun Mathews (1755-1830).
- 14 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: miscellaneous Calhoun family research.
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BOX 4

- 1 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: miscellaneous Calhoun family research. Includes research on related families of Hurt and others.

- 2 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: miscellaneous Calhoun family research.
- 3 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: miscellaneous Calhoun family research.
- 4 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: research mainly relating to Calhouns of Abbeville County (or District).
- 5 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: miscellaneous Calhoun family research.
- 6 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: miscellaneous Calhoun family research, mainly relating to McCormick County, S.C.
- 7 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: Calhoun family obituaries and death records.
- 8 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: copies of wills and deeds of members of the Calhoun family and the Noble family.
- 9 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: miscellaneous research on Calhoun and Noble families.
- 10 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: research on the Noble family.
- 11 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: Noble family estate records.
- 12 Andrew P. Calhoun genealogical papers: genealogy of the Johnsons, an African American family of Abbeville County, S.C., mainly the descendants of Rev. Amos Johnson (1816-1918) of Calhoun Falls.