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## THE UNIVERSITY SOUTH CAROLINIANA SOCIETY TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

THE SOUTH CAROLINIANA LIBRARY  
April 18, 1956, 7:00 P. M.  
CAROLINE MCKISSICK BELSER, *President, Presiding*

Supper.....7:00  
Business Meeting.....8:00  
Welcome.....DONALD S. RUSSELL  
*President, University of South Carolina*

The Thomas Family Papers, 1824-1900....  
The Oliver Hart Papers, 1754-1900.....  
Reports of the Executive Council and the Secretary.

{ THE RT. REV. ALBERT SIDNEY THOMAS  
Bishop of South Carolina, Retired  
CHARLES E. THOMAS  
Commander, U. S. Naval Reserve  
THE RT. REV. OLIVER J. HART  
Bishop of Pennsylvania

Exhibit.....9:30-10:30

Thursday Morning, April 19, 1956

Exhibit.....9:00-1:00

Coffee will be served from ten until twelve o'clock Friday morning for the faculty, students, members and friends of the Society.

The Society: CAROLINE MCKISSICK BELSER, *President*; ARNEY R. CHILDS, CHAPMAN J. MILLING, MARY C. SIMMS OLIPHANT, *Vice-Presidents*; ROBERT L. MERIWETHER, *Secretary and Treasurer*; *The Executive Council*—The foregoing officers and J. J. OBEAR, JAMES O. SHEPPARD and VIRGINIA S. WHITE.

The Library: ROBERT L. MERIWETHER, *Director*; E. L. INABINETT, CLARA MAE JACOBS, *Assistants*; HOMER A. BRICE, EMILIE L. CARTER, ETTA FRIPP, CORNELIA H. HENSLEY, MARGARET B. MERIWETHER, META B. SMITH, LEWIS E. RAWLS, HARVEY S. TEAL, ALICE M. THOMAS, KAY WILLIAMS, *Part-time Assistants*; GILBERT S. GUINN, FLYNN HARRELL, THOMAS RENIEWICH, JR., WILLIAM T. SCHOOLER, SUE SINGLETON, MARILYN STACEY, SALLY WEBSTER, JOY WELBORN, *Student Assistants*.



## EXHIBIT OF GIFTS BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY DURING THE PAST YEAR

### 1-4. THE OLIVER HART PAPERS, 1754-1886.

The 184 papers of this collection begin with those of Oliver Hart (1723-1795) who came to South Carolina in 1749 to serve as minister of the Baptist Church in Charleston where he remained for thirty years. During this time he organized the Charleston Association, preached in all sections of South Carolina and much of Georgia, and assisted in organizing many new churches. "Owing to his warm attachment to the American Revolution" and his service with Reverend William Tennent and William Henry Drayton on a committee to win the support of the back country, it was dangerous for him to remain in South Carolina after occupation by the British. In February 1780, leaving his family in Charleston, he returned to Pennsylvania and later in the year became pastor of the Baptist Church at Hopewell, New Jersey, where he served until his death in 1795. The letters during this period of separation from his family express anxiety over their problems and desire to be reunited. The six diaries of Oliver Hart, 1769-1789, relate his personal life and religious work. A list of sermons and funerals preached, 1773-1794, include the funeral of his friend, William Tennent, 1777. The personal correspondence of Mrs. Hart from New Jersey with her children and other relatives in South Carolina provide the major part of the collection. The 1820-1886 letters are the family correspondence of his descendants in South Carolina.

Donor: General William Lee Hart, M.D.

### 5. Two letters of Stephen Drayton, 1 and 4 January 1779.

Donors: Mrs. Fred C. Hensley, Col. Francis P. Miller, Mrs. G. N. Picras, and Dr. J. I. Waring.

"An Act for Establishing an Agreement with Seven of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, for the Surrender of Their Title and Interest in that Province to His Majesty." 1727.

Donors: Mrs. J. Richard Allison, Mrs. Dorothy Coleman, Mrs. James B. Easterling, and Mrs. Joseph Norwood.

### 6. Four letters of the physician and botanist, Alexander Garden, 1779-1788, written from Charleston and England to Thomas Shubrick and Joshua Ward.

Donors: Mr. J. S. Dudley and Mr. Sheppard K. Nash.

Letter of George Turner, Philadelphia, 11 October 1782, to Mr. McQueen in South Carolina.

Donor: Mrs. T. B. Stackhouse.

### 7. Letter of William Moultrie, 5 May 1783, to General Nathanael Greene.

Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Elliott.

*A Sketch of the Life of Elhanan Winchester . . .* by William Vidler, London, 1797.

Donor: Miss Katherine B. Heyward.

Letter of Rufus King, London, 17 October 1797, to General Charles Cotesworth Pinckney.

Donors: Mr. Philip M. Hamer and Mr. Herbert A. Moses.

### 8. *La Jeune Indienne* ("La Scene Est a Charleston"), Paris, 1748.

Donors: Mrs. Edwin G. Seibels and Mr. Roy V. Lind.

Letter of Thomas Cooper, Northumberland, Pa., 9 March 1804, to John Vaughan of Philadelphia, including a note of Joseph Priestly.

Donors: Mr. E. Smythe Gambrell, Mr. Thomas Cooper Hanna, Mr. Daniel W. Hollis, and Mr. Donald Russell.

*The Sea-Piece, A Narrative, Philosophical and Descriptive Poem*, by J. Kirkpatrick, M.D., London, 1750.

Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Paschal.

9. Letter of Ralph Izard, Jr. of Fair Spring, 19 June 1782, to General Nathanael Greene.  
Donor: Dr. A. Izard Josey.  
Letter of William Moultrie, Charleston, 18 February 1786.  
Donor: Mr. John Bolt Culbertson.  
*Francis Herbert, A Romance of the Revolution, and Other Poems*, 1847, by George V. Strong;  
*Sermons to Children, To Which are Added, Short Hymns . . .* Charleston, 1805, by a Lady.  
Donor: Miss Mary G. Sledge.  
Four letters of Thomas Pinckney, 1791-1813.  
Donors: Mr. Richard B. Davis, Mr. David E. Finley, and Mr. Harold Moise.
10. Two letters of Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, 1 April 1797 and 6 November 1816, to Capt. McKay and Messrs. Williamson and DeVillers.  
Donors: Mr. Philip M. Hamer and Mr. Herbert A. Moses.  
Two letters of the James Hamiltons (father and son), 16 February 1805 and 4 October 1835, to Seaborn Jones and David J. McCord.  
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Hamilton.  
Letter of David Ramsey, Charleston, 2 December 1809, to Dr. Moses Waddel at Abbeville.  
Donors: Mrs. William H. Jones, and Miss Mary Lyles.
11. *An Experimental Inquiry Into the Properties of Carbonic Acid Gas . . .* by Joseph Johnson of Charleston, 1797.  
Donor: Dr. John C. Buchanan.  
Medical license of John G. Guignard.  
Donor: Miss Caroline Guignard.  
*A Discourse on the Sophistication of Medical Theory Read Before the Physico-Medical Society* by Elias Marks, M.D.  
Donor: Mrs. Henry C. Davis.  
Eight letters of Joel Roberts Poinsett, 1827-1840.  
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Belser.
12. Letter of James Henry Hammond, Augusta, 27 May 1832, to William C. Preston.  
Donor: Mr. Joseph Earle Birnie.  
*Notas Historicas Sobre La Revolucion De Espana . . .* by A. de Letamendi, Charleston, 1826.  
Donor: Mrs. Henry C. Davis.  
Letter of John Bachman, Charleston, 4 January 1841.  
Donor: Mrs. Wesley Frame.  
A selection from thirty-two papers of Keating Simons, 1834-1855.  
Donor: Mrs. Charles T. Smith, Jr.
13. A selection from the letters and papers of the Higgins, Caldwell and McIntosh Families of Newberry, 1773-1891.  
Donor: Mrs. Leonard O. Page.  
Letter of dismissal for a Negro slave from the Poplar Springs Baptist Church, 16 July 1859.  
Donor: Mr. Robert D. Ochs.

Lithograph of the Associate Reform Presbyterian Church, Due West, S. C., about 1850.  
Donor: Mrs. Thomas K. Ruff.

Letter of John C. Calhoun, Washington, 15 April 1838, to John R. Mulvany.  
Donors: Miss Caroline Guignard, Mrs. George Thomas Harmon, Mrs. Ben C. Hough, and Mrs. Alice C. Seibels.

14. A selection from the sixty-four papers of James Morris Morgan, 1837-1927.  
Donor: Mrs. Dan H. Wallace.
15. Funeral invitation, 21 August 1809; four pamphlets on agriculture: by William Elliott (1849), by J. Foster Marshall (1857), by J. M. McBryde (1883), by R. Means Davis (1892, with manuscript note).  
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ketchin and Mrs. T. H. Ketchin.

Two manuscript notes by Wade Hampton, III.  
Donor: Mr. Frank Durham.

Seventeen U. D. C. requests for contributions for a statue of General Wade Hampton, 1927.  
Donor: Mrs. Thomas F. Mauldin.

Advertisement of Butler, Chadwick, Gary & Co., 1871, of a lottery to raise funds for the South Carolina Land and Immigration Association.  
Donor: Mr. Robert D. Ochs.

16. "Private Journal", a diary kept by Sue McDowell of Camden in 1861.  
Donors: Mrs. J. C. Thorne and Mrs. J. Heyward Gibbes.

*Experience of a Confederate Chaplain*, 1861-1865, by A. D. Betts.  
Donor: Mrs. Thomas F. Mauldin.

Printed circular, 1865, of the Pennsylvania Branch of the American Freedman's Union Commission with letterhead picture of "Sea-Island School, No. 1 — St. Helena Island, S. C."  
Donors: Mrs. William H. Jones and Miss Mary Lyles.

A selection from the thirty-two papers of Washington Augustus Clark, 1906-1923.  
Donor: Mrs. Fletcher S. Brockman.

17. EXHIBIT OF VOLUMES AND ARTICLES WRITTEN OR PUBLISHED BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

18. The manuscript of Thomas Wentworth Higginson's "The Baby of the Regiment" — a story of a Union soldier's family at Port Royal during the Civil War.  
Donors: Mr. R. B. Herbert, Mr. E. R. Jeter and Mr. Mark Reynolds, Jr.

*Confederate Imprints, A Check List . . .* 1955, by Marjorie Lyle Crandall.  
Donor: Mr. William A. Foran.

19. Four issues of *The Laurensville Herald* of 1849 and 1850.  
Donor: Mr. Joseph E. Bolt.

20. Maps of *Carolina* (by John Speed, ca. 1676), and *The State of South Carolina . . .* 1796, by John Reid.  
Donor: Mrs. W. Bedford Moore, Jr.

*The Christian Magazine of the South . . .* Volumes III and IV, 1845 and 1846, Columbia.  
Donor: Mr. Thomas K. Ruff.

*Representative College Orations*, 1909, including speeches of J. Rion McKissick and Eugene H. Blake.  
Donor: Mr. Eugene H. Blake.

*History and Genealogies* . . . 1906, by W. H. Miller.

Donor: Mrs. George N. Picras.

21. Diagram Book of the Athenaeum Fire Insurance Company, Charleston, 1855-1861, including sketches of Graniteville and Vacluse lots and buildings, Buena Vista Paper Mill, Greenville, and other mills.  
Donors: Mr. J. Nelson Frierson and Mr. Angus H. Macaulay.

*Southern Rose Bud*, 1834-1835 and *The Southern Rose*, 1838-1839, Charleston, edited by Mrs. Caroline Gilman.

Donors: Mrs. Jane F. Dana, Mrs. Virginia A. Gray, and Mrs. John S. Reynolds.

22. Account book, 1819, of DuBose and Laws of Darlington.  
Donors: Mr. H. W. Hennig and Mr. Robert L. Sumwalt.

Register of Caesar's Head Hotel, "The Summer Resort of the South", 1873-1880.

Donor: Mrs. Thomas F. Mauldin.

Ledger, 1866-1869, from the 107 volumes of business records of the late William H. White of Abbeville.  
Donor: Mrs. William H. White.

23. Letter of Ambrosio Jose Gonzales, 29 May 1863, written from Charleston to Col. R. G. N. Dunovant at Edgefield.

Donor: Mr. Ambrose Hampton.

A selection from additions to the Papers of Milledge L. Bonham, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of S. C.

Donor: Mrs. Proctor A. Bonham.

Medical Paper of Dr. William Barrett read before the Abbeville County Medical Society, 4 December 1890.

Donor: Mr. Eugene H. Blake.

Constitution of the Beech Island Farmers' Club with historical sketch by E. Spann Hammond.

Donor: Mr. James H. Hammond.

- 24-27. THE THOMAS FAMILY PAPERS, 1824-1900.

The 36 volumes and the 78 miscellaneous papers of this collection reveal the interests and activities of the descendants of Samuel Thomas (1665-1706) who came to Charleston in 1702 as the first missionary sent to Carolina by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. Of great value to the collection is the thirteen-volume "Diary of Weather & Occurrences", 1827-1856, written by Dr. John Peyre Thomas (1796-1859). These volumes give a day by day account of weather conditions, the life of his family, the operation of his plantations, his medical practice, with occasional comments on political events. His three "Agricultural Books", 1835-1854, are records of Valley Grove Plantation of Fairfield District and contain valuable information on planting and life on an up country plantation. The sermons of Rev. Edward Thomas (1800-1840), rector of Trinity Church, Edisto Island, and of Strawberry Chapel, Berkeley County, show the service of another generation to the Episcopal Church. Five letters of Major Charles E. Thomas (1844-1887), written to members of his family at Ridgeway, describe his life in the Confederate Army. Diaries, 1881-1886, of Henrietta Eleanor Thomas, a letter of Wade Hampton, 11 Oct. 1895, to Charles E. Thomas (1871-1900), his private secretary, and pictures, note-books, business papers, and printed pamphlets by and about various members of the family add to the interest and value of the collection.

Donor: The Thomas Family, through Commander Charles E. Thomas.





