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THE UNIVERSITY SOUTH CAROLINIANA SOCIETY
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

THE SOUTH CAROLINIANA LIBRARY
Friday, April 26, 1957, 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 Davison McDowell Douglas Memorial Fund .......... SAMUEL M. DERRICK
University of South Carolina

The Pierce Mason Butler Papers, 1819-1883 ............... PIERCE MASON BUTLER IV
Nashville, Tennessee

The Noble Family Papers, 1761-1878 ......................... THOMAS B. ALEXANDER
Georgia Teachers' College

Reports of the Executive Council and the Secretary.

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

Saturday Morning, April 27, 1957

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

Coffee will be served from ten until twelve o'clock Saturday morning for the facul-
ty, 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 Execu-
tive 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; EMILIE
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WATERS, JOY L. WELBORN, Part-time Assistants; WILLIAM BRITTON, BEVERLY DUVALL, SUE HOWES,
CAROLYN MAYS, LORETTA PLOTT, MARION SINGLEY, Student Assistants.
The Pierce Mason Butler Papers, 1819-1883.

The 1350 papers of this collection reveal the varied interests and activities of Pierce Mason Butler (1798-1847), soldier, banker, planter, Indian Agent, and Governor of South Carolina. Appointed as a second lieutenant in the United States Army in 1819 on the recommendation of Eldred Simkins and John C. Calhoun, he resigned in 1829 shortly after his marriage to Miranda Julia Duval of Maryland, settled in Columbia and in a few years became president of the State Bank of South Carolina. During the Seminole War he served as lieutenant-colonel. An order from Wade Hampton, 10 Feb. 1836, authorizing Butler to draw $10,000 for his own use or the “gallant volunteers from Richland Dist.” is an interesting piece of the collection. A settlement regarding race horses on the 20th May 1836 with James H. Hammond indicates his interest in the popular sport of that day. Butler returned from the Seminole War in 1836 and was elected Governor of South Carolina. The collection contains letters of Franklin Harper Elmore, Armistead Burt, Robert Barnwell Rhett, Edwin DeLeon, and William C. Preston. At the close of Butler’s administration as governor, he was appointed agent to the Cherokee Indians at Fort Gibson, Arkansas, where he remained until ill health forced him to resign in 1846—a period of his life covered by a number of the papers. A letter of Henry Clay, 9 Aug. 1842, to Butler, expressing his opinion of Tyler as a man and an officer, prospects of the Whigs, and remarking on Calhoun’s popularity with the Democrats is an outstanding item. The collection also contains information on the Nesbit Manufacturing Company, education of the children, the Butler property in Louisiana, Edgefield Academy, and receipts and invitations from the South Carolina College. At the beginning of the Mexican War Butler was elected colonel of the Palmetto Regiment. On 17 Aug. 1847, he wrote Gen. W. J. Worth—“I trust South Carolina may have a place in the picture.” Three days later Butler was killed at Churubusco leading the Regiment under heavy fire. A manuscript poem of Paul Hamilton Hayne and a letter of Gen. W. J. Worth indicate the esteem of his fellow officers and citizens of his state. Five small notebooks, 1829-1846, contain memoranda and personal accounts of Col. Butler. The papers, 1847-1883, are chiefly bills and receipts dealing with the settlement of the estate, family finances, and family correspondence. Seven volumes, 1848-1856, notebooks of Mrs. P. M. Butler, record her financial transactions and personal notes.

Donor: Pierce Mason Butler IV.

[NOTE: A portion of this collection was presented to the South Caroliniana Library by Mr. Butler, Aug. 20, 1947, on the hundredth anniversary of the death of his great grandfather in the storming of Churubusco, Aug. 20, 1847.]

The Noble Family Papers, 1761-1878.

The 89 papers of this collection present a picture of an up country planter family, from Abbeville District, which gave to the state a governor, legislators, lawyers, doctors, and soldiers, and furnished citizens for Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and California. Alexander Noble, son of Mary Calhoun Noble—the pioneer in South Carolina—left a small memorandum book, 1761-1773, which gives a glimpse of frontier life and contains accounts, receipts, and a journal with mention of the Pickens and Calhoun families. Letters of Benjamin Huger, A. P. Hayne, and Eldred Simkins, to Patrick Noble (1787-1840), Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, 1818-1824, and Governor, 1838-1840, discuss state and national affairs. Five letters of Francis Wilkinson Pickens, 1835-1838, written from Washington as a member of Congress, contain information on the political issues of the period—tariff, abolition, and the National Bank. An account of a journey from Abbeville to Austin, Texas (and return) in 1846, by Ezekiel Pickens Noble, to examine land is recorded in a small notebook. Family correspondence, 1840-1863, relates the life of students at West Point and the South Carolina College, social and business activities, Mexican War, and social and military affairs in Charleston.

Donor: Mrs. Sarah Noble Carnes.
The John McLees Papers, 1838-1929.

The 435 papers of Rev. John McLees (1812-1882), Presbyterian minister, include twelve volumes, 1838-1864, in which he recorded his life as a student at Columbia Theological Seminary and experiences at various pastorates in the Abbeville area. Two small notebooks, 1842-1854, are personal account books. 173 letters and reports, 1856-1881, to the Committee of Domestic Missions of the Presbytery of South Carolina, contain information on twenty-five years of the Presbyterian Church in this area. Ten letters, 1856-1861, describe his work among the Negroes in Greenwood and Pickens Districts. The bulk of the collection is the family correspondence, 1839-1918.

Donor: Mrs. Lucia McLees Mercer.

[NOTE: A portion of this collection was presented in 1937 by Mrs. Mercer and her sister Miss Ruth McLees.]

Papers of E. Mikell Whaley, Edisto Island. 112 manuscripts, 1763-1887, chiefly bills, receipts, land papers and family letters including correspondence of Julian Mitchell on legal matters, account books and plantation records.

Donor: Mr. M. S. Whaley.

Twelve manuscripts, 1781-1813, additions to the Oliver Hart Papers, chiefly letters of Anne Hart to her husband and son, Oliver and William Rogers Hart.

Donors: Mrs. Joseph E. Hart and Mr. Joseph E. Hart, Jr.


Donor: Mrs. Frances K. Thompson.

Account Book, 1875, of a store at Cokesbury, S. C.

Donor: Mrs. Joseph B. Workman.

Testimonial, 1876, awarded to Mary Elizabeth Lynch of Ursuline Convent and Institute, Valle Crucis, S. C.

Donor: Mr. W. H. Ward.

Manuscript journal, 1837-1840, of transactions in the Engineer Department of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Rail Road Company.

Donors: Mrs. E. S. Cardwell, Miss Statira Crawford, Mrs. Rena M. Green, Mr. Robert A. Law, Mr. A. R. Lewis, Mrs. J. H. McFaddin and Mrs. A. J. Van Exem.

Manuscript roll of pupils, 1876-1889, of the school of Isabella Donaldson Martin; and prospectus, 1883-1884, for the "Columbia High School for Young Ladies and Little Girls".

Donor: Mrs. W. H. McCaw.

Letter, c. 1835, John Bachman to "Dear Susan".

Donor: Mr. D. R. Williams.

Letter, 5 Jan. 1782, John Barnwell to Nathanael Greene.

Donors: Mrs. S. S. Boylston, Mrs. E. B. Cantey, Mrs. J. C. Hemphill and Mrs. J. T. Stevens.

Two letters, 1885 and 1886, Matthew Calbraith Butler from his son, W. W. Butler.

Donor: Miss Ellen I. Butler.
Letter, 22 Nov. 1824, John C. Calhoun to Thomas Jefferson.
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wallace, Jr.

Letter, 23 April 1810, John Drayton to Elbridge Gerry.
Donor: Mrs. H. L. Tilghman, Sr.

Letter, 11 May 1861, Edward Frost to Edward Manigault.
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pendarvis.

Six letters, 1859-1860, William Henry Gist to James Simons.
Donor: Mr. C. W. Coker.

Donors: Mrs. Robert Adams, Jr., Mrs. C. B. Dawsey, Mrs. Kate Lorraine C. Moore and Mrs. Eugene Spearman.

Three letters, 1816, 1826 and 1836, from Robert Y. Hayne.
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bigham.

Three manuscripts, 1772, 1775 and 1791, of Henry Laurens.
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Letter, 18 Aug. 1775, from Henry Laurens.
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Letter, 23 June 1811, Henry Middleton to Elbridge Gerry.
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Two letters, 27 Jan. 1780 and 29 May 1781, from John Laurens.
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Letter, 12 Nov. 1839, Christopher Gustavus Memminger to James M. Adams.
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Letter, 15 Feb. 1825, from George McDuffie.
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Letter, 8 Dec. 1815, William Mayrant to J. M. O'Conner.
Donor: Mr. C. W. McCants, Jr.

Donors: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wienefeld.

Letter, 12 May 1802, Charles Pinckney to Sylvanus Bourne.
Donors: Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Chambers.

Two letters, 18 July 1806 and 23 Oct. 1821, from Charles Cotesworth Pinckney.
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Holman, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Kahn.
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Letter, 4 Dec. 1818, from William Campbell Preston.

Letter, 26 July 1811, from David Ramsay.
Donor: Mrs. A. Izard Josey.

Two letters, 21 Mar. 1800 and 30 May 1804, William Read to Jacob Read.
Donor: Mr. J. L. Coker.

Letter, 15 June 1797, from Edward Rutledge.
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Two letters, 21 Aug. 1798, from John Rutledge, Jr.
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Resolutions, 6 Feb. 1865, adopted by McGowan's Brigade, South Carolina Volunteers.
Donor: Mr. R. C. Norton.

Letter, 26 May 1803, from William Augustine Washington.
Donor: Miss Caroline Rogers.

Ten manuscripts, 1839-1851, of the York District Commissioners of Free Schools.
Donor: Mr. S. B. Mendenhall.

Letter, 1 Nov. 1809, from Edmund Botsford.
Donor: Miss Caroline Rogers.

Letter, 18 June 1778, Rawlins Lowndes to John Bowie.
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Volume, 1881-1938, correspondence of Francis Wilkinson Pickens Butler and family.
Donor: Miss Ellen I. Butler.

Three Scrapbooks, 1890-1956, compiled by James A. Hoyt.
Donor: Mr. James A. Hoyt.

Engraved portraits of five Confederate generals from South Carolina (Gary, Hampton, Huger, Ker­shaw and Law) and of Governor James L. Orr; photograph of Bishop Ellison Capers.
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Savage, Jr.

Music of South Carolina Interest:
This year more sheet music of the past century has come upon the market than ever before. Admitted­ly a minor field of collecting, it yet has importance as reflecting the taste and temper of the periods of its publication, and often was composed in celebration of important public events. Thanks to the accumulated dues of the following Society members, fifty titles have been added to the Library's music catalog, and the Library now has probably the most comprehensive collection of South Carolina music
in existence — author, composer, publisher, lithographer or commemorated event giving the pieces their claim as Caroliniana.

Donors: Bishop and Mrs. Alfred Cole, Mrs. George Curry, Mr. G. B. Hartness, Mr. J. B. Meriwether, Mrs. Cleveland Thompson, Sr. and Mrs. R. B. Sloan.

Outlines . . . of Lectures on . . . Surgery, Delivered by E. Geddings, M.D.; and engraved portrait of Dr. Geddings, who was Professor of Surgery at the Medical College of S. C.

Donor: Dr. S. C. Hodges.


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The Pleasures of Music, 1836, by Plowden Charles Jennett Weston.

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A Discourse on the Connexion Between Chemistry and Medicine, 1818, by Thomas Cooper.

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Onea; and Indian Tale, 1820, by [William H. Simmons].

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"The Vulture" by John Bachman in Scientific Tracts and Family Lyceum, 1834.

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