Waring family papers, 1707-1989 (bulk 1886-1979)
SCHS 300.00

Creator: Waring family.

Description: 11.25 linear ft.

Biographical/historical note: George Seabrook Legare (1870-1913) farmed Old Town Plantation in Charleston County, S.C., and was a member of Congress representing the First District of South Carolina. His son, William S. Legare, was a Charleston, S.C. attorney and state legislator. George S. Legare's daughter Ferdinanda ("Ferdie") married William B. Backer and had three children. After William B. Backer's death, she married Dr. Joseph I. Waring of Charleston, S.C., a physicist and medical historian. Dr. Waring was the son of Josephloor Waring, Sr. (1860-1925) and Emma Thomson Taber Waring.

Scope and content: This collection consists of clippings, correspondence, genealogical material, writings, and other items. Included are papers of Joseph I. Waring, Sr., Dr. Joseph I. Waring, Dorothy T. Waring, Ferdinanda Legare Waring, George S. Legare, and William S. Legare, as well as papers of the Legare and Backer families and other related families.

Waring family documents (1707-1973; bulk 1845-1909) consist of clippings; genealogical material, including records (1839-1863) of the births and deaths of slaves of Thomas R. Waring (1819-1871); miscellaneous items including a slave bill of sale (1845); and papers pertaining to the related families of Blacklock, Freer, Garden, Hayne, Holmes, and Taber. Among the papers pertaining to the Garden family are guardianship records (1853-1871) for Susan S. Garden and Thomasina B. Garden, which include lists of slaves and slave bills of sale. There is also an account (1862) of sales of slaves belonging to the estate of Willam A. Hayne. Blacklock family papers include genealogical information on the Blacklock and Freer families.

Papers (1889-1924) of Joseph I. Waring, Sr. (1860-1925) consist of correspondence (1895-1924), much of which relates to his genealogical and historical interests; genealogical notes and writings, mostly about the Waring family; miscellaneous items including scrapbooks, and autograph books; and writings including Gullah folk tales, historical accounts, and poems.

Papers (1907-1985) of Dorothy T. Waring (sister of Dr. Joseph I. Waring) consist of correspondence; estate records, including papers relating to the estates of Anne P. Waring and Emma Thomson Taber Waring; extensive genealogical research and notes on the families of Taber, Thomson, Waring, Yeamans, and other related families; lists of possessions; papers relating to 133 Broad Street in Charleston (S.C.); and information on Waring family miniatures and portraits.

Backer family papers include a small amount of material pertaining to William B. Backer, first husband of Ferdinanda Legare (later Mrs. J.I. Waring), and papers of their children, William M. Backer, Georgette Backer, and Ferdinand (Nancy) Backer (later Nancy Stevenson).

**Note:** Photographs have been removed to the SCHS photograph collection.

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**Search terms:**
- Backer, B. (Bill), 1926-
- Backer, William Bryant, 1898-1932.
- Backer, B. (Bill), 1926-
- Hayne, William Abraham, 1787-1841 -- Estate.
- Stevenson, Nancy, 1928-
- Waring, Emma Thomson Taber 1864-1949 -- Estate.
- Waring, Joseph Ioor, 1860-1925.
- Waring, Joseph I. (Joseph Ioor), 1897-
- Waring, Thomas Richard, 1819-1871.
- Backer family.
- Baker family.
- Blacklock family.
- Freer family.
- Fryer family.
- Garden family.
- Hayne family.
- Holmes family.
- Taber family.
- Tabor family.
- Thompson family.
- Thomson family.
- Warren family.
- Waring family.
- Yeamans family.
- Youmans family.
- Gullahs -- Folklore.
- Slave records -- South Carolina.
- Clippings.
- Estate records.
- Genealogies.
- Letters (correspondence)
- Programs.
- School records.
Scrapbooks.
Writings.

Series outline:

300.01  Waring Family Documents

300.02  Papers of Individual Waring Family Members
300.02.01  Joseph Ioor Waring, Sr. Papers
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300.02.04  Ferdinanda Legare Waring Papers

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   300.03.01.01  George Seabrook Legare Papers
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   300.03.02.02  William M. Backer Papers
   300.03.02.03  Georgette Backer Papers
   300.03.02.04  Nancy (Backer) Stevenson Papers

Container listing:

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300.01  Waring Family Documents
300.01 (C) 01  Clippings
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300.01 (M) 01  Miscellaneous

300.01.01  Waring Family Documents pertaining to Allied Families
300.01.01.01  Blacklock Family Papers

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300.01.01.01  Blacklock Family Papers
300.01.01.02  Garden Family Papers
300.01.01.03  Hayne Family Papers
300.01.01.04  Holmes Family Papers
300.01.01.05  Taber Family Papers

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300.02.01 (M) 01  Miscellaneous (autograph books)

Box 3
300.02.01 (M) 01  Miscellaneous (continued)
300.02.01 (S) 01  Scrapbook
300.02.01 (W) 01  Writings

Box 4
300.02.02  Dorothy T. Waring Papers
300.02.02 (C) 01  Correspondence
300.02.02 (E) 01  Estate records
300.02.02 (G) 01  Genealogical material
300.02.02 (M) 01  Miscellaneous

Box 5
300.02.03  Dr. Joseph I. Waring Papers
300.02.03 (C) 01  Correspondence, 1910-1924

Box 6
300.02.03 (C) 01  Correspondence, 1925-1944

Box 7
300.02.03 (C) 01  Correspondence, 1945-1976 (plus undated letters)

Box 8
300.02.03 (C) 02  Professional correspondence, 1917-1969 (plus undated letters)
300.02.03 (G) 01  Genealogical material

Box 9
300.02.03 (G) 01  Genealogical material
300.02.03 (H) 01  Historical research
300.02.03 (M) 01  Miscellaneous

Box 10
300.02.03 (M) 01  Miscellaneous
300.02.03 (P) 01  Professional papers

Box 11
300.02.04  Ferdinanda Legare Waring Papers
300.02.04 (B) 01  Old Town Gardens business records, files A-G

Box 12
300.02.04 (B) 01  Old Town Gardens business records, files H-Y

Box 13
300.02.04 (B) 02.01  Invoices for egg sales, 1956-1959

Box 14
300.02.04 (B) 02.02  Old Town Gardens check stub book, 1946-1949
300.02.04 (B) 02.03  Old Town Gardens account book, 1957-1958
300.02.04 (B) 02.04  Old Town Gardens miscellaneous records

Box 15
300.02.04 (C) 01  Correspondence (personal and family), 1910-1924

Box 16
300.02.04 (C) 01  Correspondence, 1925-1935

Box 17
300.02.04 (C) 01  Correspondence, 1936-1939

Box 18
300.02.04 (C) 01  Correspondence, 1940-1983 (plus undated letters and cards)

Box 19
300.02.04 (F) 01  Financial records (personal)

Box 20
300.02.04 (M) 01  Miscellaneous items

Box 21
300.02.04 (M) 01  Miscellaneous items
300.02.04 (O) 01  Old Town Plantation papers: files A-W

Box 22
300.02.04 (O) 02  Old Town Plantation papers: clippings
300.02.04 (O) 03  Bound clippings

Box 23
300.02.04 (O) 03  Bound clippings
300.02.04 (O) 04  Correspondence re Old Town and Charles Towne Landing
300.02.04 (O) 05  Old Town Plantation papers: general
300.02.04 (O) 05.01  Ferdinanda L. Waring’s notes on the history of Old Town
300.02.04 (O) 05.02  Dr. Waring’s notes on the history of Old Town
300.02.04 (O) 05.03  Papers pertaining to the Old Town Club

Box 24
300.02.04 (O) 05  Old Town Plantation papers, continued (sale to S.C., etc.)

Box 25
300.02.04 (O) 05  Old Town Plantation papers, continued

Box 26
300.03 Waring Family Allied Families Papers
300.03.01  Legare Family Papers
300.03.01.01  George S. Legare Papers

Box 27
300.03.01.01  George S. Legare Papers

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300.03.02.03  Georgette Backer Papers

Box 29
300.03.02.04  Nancy Stevenson Papers

Box 30
Oversize items

These include:

2 maps (reproductions), one of which shows early Charleston area
2 plans of a house at Grimshawes, N.C.
architectural drawing of outside stairs at a Legare St. house
2 DAR certificates
1 Huguenot Society membership certificate
1 map of Old Town Plantation, 1969
1 scrapbook (JIW, Sr.) of clippings re Civil War, ca. 1880?

NB: 3 additional items (extremely oversize) are in the unprocessed flat files. These are:

1 site plan of Charles Towne Landing, 1970  (4’8” x 3’)
plat of location & right of way for SR 161 (“through Maryville”), 1940  (4’5” x 2’)
site & landscape proposal for tricentennial plaques at CTL, 1962  (3’2” x 2’)
plat of tract sold by Ferdie Waring to Ford Bros. Construction, 1957  (28” x 22’
