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A faded, sepia-toned photograph of Winthrop University's main building and a fountain. The building is a large, multi-story structure with a prominent clock tower on the left side. The fountain in the foreground has a tall, thin water column. Several vintage cars are parked in front of the building. The text is overlaid on the image.

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CHESNUT-MILLER-MANNING FAMILY PAPERS

1741-1900

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CHESNUT-MILLER-MANNING FAMILY PAPERS

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Scope and Content Note: **The Chesnut-Miller-Manning Family Papers consist of financial and property records, correspondence, estate records, legal documents, and other items. Included are the papers of John Chesnut (1743-1818), James Chesnut, Sr. (1773-1866), James Chesnut, Jr. (1815-1885), Stephen Decatur Miller (1787-1838), and John Laurence Manning (1816-1889). Papers pertain to the business, financial, and plantation affairs and political activities of three generations of the Chesnut family, John Chesnut, James Chesnut, Sr. and James Chesnut, Jr., as well as James Chesnut, Jr.'s father-in-law Stephen Decatur Miller and John Laurence Manning.**

Additional Note: The originals of Chesnut-Miller-Manning Family Papers are housed at the South Carolina Historical Society as Chesnut family papers, 1741-1900, SCHS 1165.00. The Pettus Archives contain microfiche copies.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

CHESNUT FAMILY

South Carolina family. John Chesnut (1743-1818), a native of Virginia, was a Camden District, S.C. merchant, plantation owner, and state legislator. He owned large tracts of land in the vicinity of the Wateree River. He was the father of James Chesnut (1773-1866), a plantation owner and state legislator, and the grandfather of James Chesnut, Jr. (1815-1885), who served in the South Carolina legislature and the U.S. Senate and was a member of the committee which drafted the Ordinance of Secession in 1860. James Chesnut, Jr. married Mary Boykin Miller (1823-1886), daughter of South Carolina governor Stephen Decatur Miller.

**Biographical Note is taken from the Note produced by the South Carolina Historical Society which houses the original Chesnut family papers, 1741-1900, SCHS 1165.00.*

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1-7	BUSINESS AND LAND PAPERS Camden merchant. Grants, leases, indentures, bonds, deeds, bills, receipts, accounts, plats, notes, and other land papers for Kershaw, Lexington and Craven (later Georgetown) county properties, but includes many business accounts of Kershaw, Chesnut and Company and its successors and branches in Camden, Cheraw, and Granby. Much business with Charleston factories and mercantile houses, and clients. Articles of partnership (1764), bewtween Joseph and Ely Kershaw, John Chesnut, William Ancrum, and Aaron Loocock. Also includes some estate papers of Ely Kershaw.	1741-1783
7-14	BUSINESS AND LAND PAPERS Camden merchant. Business and land papers of JC, including bonds, promissory notes, affidavits, receipts, accounts, statements, wills, lists of rented lands in Cheraw, estate papers of Ely Kershaw, business records of Kershaw, Chesnut & Co.,. papers .regarding sale of slaves, sale and purchase of indigo, corn, tobacco, rice,. many dry goods, and sundries. Accounts with Charleston merchant Adam Tunno and with planters and merchants, Richard Hampton, Rebecca Motte, Joseph Kershaw, Aaron Loocock and Zach Cantey at Granby as well as at Camden and elsewhere in Kershaw County.	1783-1791

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15-23	<p>BUSINESS AND LAND PAPERS</p> <p>Camden merchant. Business, land, and legal papers of JC, including many account statements, letters, plats, receipts, bills, indentures, tax receipts, conveyances, and promissory notes regarding business of John Chesnut and Chesnut, Boykin & Co. in Camden and Granby as well as of related companies. Correspondents include factories, mercantile houses, lawyers, planters, and sheriffs, including Wade Hampton, I (1795), Zach Cantey & Co., William Ancrum, Duncan McRa, William Greenwood, Rebecca Motte, Thomas Pinckney, Adam & William Tunno (Charleston), and Jacob Shoemaker (Philadelphia, regarding behavior of a student and other business). Products mentioned in receipts and accounts include indigo, tobacco, cotton, rum, and other drinks. Also included are estate papers of Ely Kershaw and a legal brief (Ca. 1794) regarding land and right-of-way.</p>	1792-1799
24-33	<p>BUSINESS AND PLANTATION PAPERS</p> <p>Camden merchant and planter. Correspondence, bills, receipts, powers of attorney, bonds, land grants, deeds, memos, legal papers, and other plantation and business papers of JC and his son, James Chesnut, Sr., with factors, merchants and lawyers from Charleston, Philadelphia, PA, Camden, and elsewhere. Correspondents include William Ancrum, Adam Tunno, Jacob Shoemaker, and Kirkpatrick & Douglas. Letters are regarding lands in Camden and elsewhere, plantation affairs, cotton crops, bills, purchases of wine, clothing, medical services; and tuition. Also includes estate accounts of Aaron Loocock, Jasper Sutton, and Ely Kershaw.</p>	1800-1814

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34-52	PLANTATION PAPERS Camden planter. Papers of James Chesnut Sr., but includes papers of John Chesnut. Letters, accounts, bonds, land titles, receipts, promissory notes, tax receipts, notes, deeds, plats, plantation book, but mostly accounts of cotton sales to and purchasing of plantation and household goods, from Charleston factors Kirkpatrick, Douglas & Hall, their successors, and others, including John Cantey. Also includes legal and land papers and thorough medical bills for E. H. Anderson, the Chesnut family, and slaves. Bills for sundries and tailors. Estate papers of Jasper Sutton and John Chesnut, including material regarding Chesnut vs Kershaw et. al. A case concerning disputes and history of the Kersihaw-Chesnut partnership. Personal papers include letter from John Chesnut, Jr. (1818, Schenectady, NY, regarding graduation from Union College), lists of articles of Harriett Chesnut, tuition for Chesnut children, and letters from David R. Williams (Society Hill, regarding health of Mary Cox Chesnut [1829] and business matters).	1815-1829
53-69	PLANTATION AND POLITICAL PAPERS Camden planter. Plantation, but also political militia, land, and family papers of James Chesnut, Sr., John Chesnut, Jr., and James Chesnut, Jr. Papers are regarding cotton and corn sales with John Kirkpatrick & Co., James Chesnut, Jr.'s education at Princeton (1832-1835), plantation affairs, the US banking system, nullification, gubernatorial politics and the militia of SC (1834-1844, including promotions and court martials). Also includes lists of voters for Clarendon Co. (1842-1846), petition regarding construction of railroad and public road, petition to nominate J.C. Calhoun for president (1849), brief (ca. 1840) regarding claims in East Florida growing out of 1812 invasion of Florida by the US and subsequent US-Spanish negotiations over Florida. Incorporation papers of Atlantic Steam Navigation Co., and estate papers regarding "lunatic" (II/48). Also account book for estate of John Chesnut. Also letters from James H. Hammond, John L. Manning, and David R. Williams. Papers also regarding free Negro law (1845-1849).	1830-1849

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	JAMES CHESNUT, JR. (1815-1885), JAMES CHESNUT PAPERS, 1850-1900	
69-71	PLANTATION AND POLITICAL PAPERS Camden planter and US senator. Political and plantation papers of James Chesnut, Jr. and James Chesnut, Sr. Included are cotton sales receipts, accounts with Robinson, Caldwell & Co. and others, receipts for medical expenses, tax payments, wines, tools, and other plantation and household items, bonds, land papers, family letter, regarding steamboat disaster (1850). and some papers regarding legal work (1851) for ,William H. Gist. Political correspondents include William Gilmore Simms (ca. 1850), William J. Taylor (regarding James Chesnut, Jr.'s candidacy for the Senate); William Henry Trescot; B. Boykin, (Mobile, Alabama) F. Sumter, (Sumter, SC), and others regarding the slave trade, war with Europe, Cuba, secession, senatorial campaign, many invitations and petitions to speak at rallies in the upcountry, elections, and the Union sentiment in Charleston. Speeches of James Chesnut, Jr. regarding castigation of Senator Foote. Letters to the US Senate and James H. Hammond regarding petition for benefits for survivors of the Edisto Island Militia of 1812 (1859).	1850-1859
72-77	CIVIL WAR AND PERSONAL PAPERS US senator, Camden planter, and Confederate military aide. Military, political, family, and plantation letters, receipts, and other papers of James Chesnut, Jr. Correspondents include A.G. Magrath (Charleston), I.W. Hayne, William H. Trescot (Washington), William H. Shannon (Columbia), James F. Deas (Mobile, AL), Edward McCrady, Jr. and others regarding secession, elections, the 1860 Democratic Party Conventions, the war, many requests for commissions as assistants to General Beauregard and President Jefferson Davis, armaments, and military appointments. Some speeches and letters to editors by James Chesnut, Jr. Family material includes grocery receipts from factor James D. Kirkpatrick. Some material of John Chesnut, III regarding plantation affairs.	1860-1865

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77-80	<p>PLANTATION AND POLITICAL PAPERS</p> <p>Camden planter: Correspondence of James Chesnut, Jr., including letters from Edward McCrady, Jr., William Henry Trescot (Washington, 1877, regarding politics and history), W.J. Wathal (regarding his Jefferson Davis biography) and others. Much correspondence regarding plantation machinery, seeds, and debts, also the Stono Phosphate Co. (Charleston). Also includes various bills and manuscripts of speech regarding the reconstruction government (ca. 1876). Miscellaneous verse and other material.</p>	1866-1900
STEPHEN DECATUR MILLER (1787-1838), STEPHEN DECATUR MILLER PAPERS, 1821-1834		
80-83	<p>PLANTATION AND LEGAL PAPERS</p> <p>Stateburg planter, lawyer. Plantation and legal papers, letters of SDM. Bills for household and plantation items, many accounts with William McKenna, legal papers (including notices of sheriffs' sales and sheriffs' writs for Sumter County and some case papers) promissory notes, cotton accounts with Parker and Brailsford (Charleston), and requests for payment of debts.</p>	1821-1827
83-86	<p>POLITICAL AND PLANTATION PAPERS</p> <p>South Carolina Governor and Camden and Stateburg planter. Political and plantation papers of SDM. Political correspondence include William Haynesworth, William Smith (Washington), J. Gregg (Columbia), James Blair (Washington), John L. Wilson, James L. Petigru, H.L. Pinckney, Moses Benbow, and others regarding elections of governor and senator, tariffs, nullification, J. C. Calhoun, Andrew Jackson's presidential nomination, conventions, campaigns for political office, distribution of public lands, requests for pardon of Phillip Moore (for his alleged assault on Charles Drayton), expenses of the state militia, petitions to raise taxes, reports of political rumors, roadwork, states' rights issues, and other political subjects. Also speeches of SDM upon being elected Senator regarding his views of national policy and Calhoun. Plantation papers include accounts with William McKenna, and others for household and plantation supplies and with J. Kirkpatrick and Co. (Charleston, regarding cotton sales), also sheriffs' writs requests for payment.</p>	1828-1830

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86-92	<p>POLITICAL AND PLANATION PAPERS</p> <p>US senator and Camden planter. Political and plantation letters, receipts, and other papers of SDM. Correspondents include John Simms (Lancaster), James H. Hammond (Columbia), John Gallatin Bowman (Cheraw), Josiah H. Evans (Society Hill), DJ McCord (Columbia), J.H. Witherspoon (Lancaster), T. Edward Pearson, James Hamilton, Jr. (Charleston), F.J. Withers (Camden), James Blair, John Hemphill (Sumterville, now Sumter), Alexander Graham (Cheraw), and others regarding national and local responses to nullification, many partisan reports of local political meetings, the Jackson-Calhoun split, the Senate, the Philadelphia Convention, the Union party, James Blair's actions, Judge John S. Richardson's fight with John Hemphill, elections, Martin Van Buren, reports of who attended certain political meetings, lists of political opponents, rumors of duels, and other nullification-related material from Washington, DC and SC. Also letter from R.S. Pinckney (regarding his request for naval officers to have servants) and other constituent requests. Plantation papers regarding slaves, sales of cotton by John Kirkpatrick of Charleston and other plantation affairs. Miscellaneous speeches by SDM.</p>	1831-1834

**JOHN LAURENCE MANNING(1816-1889) JOHN LAURENCE
MANNING PAPERS, 1839-1888**

93-99	<p>POLITICAL AND PERSONAL PAPERS</p> <p>South Carolina Governor, Planter. Personal, Political, plantation, and land papers regarding Port Housmas, LA Plantation, legal matters. Family receipts for clothing, horses, blacksmith work, dry goods, and sundries. Correspondents include E. Geddings (regarding aid for the SC Medical College), James Simons (Charleston), Charles Rhett (DC regarding military), James Orr (Columbia), HW Conner (Charleston), S. Mathews (London, England), Moses M. Benbow, W.H. DeSaussure, and others. Letters are regarding constituents and legislative requests, Nebraska bill, Cuba, National politics, SC militia, Buchanan-Fremont election, 1856 Senatorial race, work on a new state house in Columbia and a customs house in Charleston, pardon of political criminals, and political disturbances. Family letters regarding domestic problems and the Mexican War. Other letters include John Buchanan's resignation as SC militia general, a letter regarding the 1855 Paris exhibition, and Cleland Middleton's paranoid letter (1853) regarding delusions that his father was out to kill him.</p>	1839-1859
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99-107	<p>CIVIL WAR AND PERSONAL PAPERS South Carolina Politician and aide to General Pierre G.T. Beauregard. Political, Civil War, family and plantation papers of JLM. Political papers (1860) regarding secession, the Charleston Democratic Party and secession and other matters. Civil War Papers (1861-1863) regarding pleas for supplies, many requests for military commissions, possible governorship, requests for transfers, the manufacture of salt, conditions in Chareleston, battle of Manassas, and service on staffs of Gnereals Beauregard and Johnston. Correspondents include Richard I. Manning, Jr. (regarding travel, army life and family matters), James Simons (Charleston), Sally and Wade H. Manning, Colin Clarke (Gloucester, VA, regarding politics, rumors of war and gunboats, family matters and secession) and Harleston Read. Much correspondence regarding Port Housmas, LA plantation, especially war damage and escape of slaves. Receipts for clothing, alcoholic beverages, grocery items, hardware, and other items. Letters of Colin C. Manning (Washington, DC [1888], regarding diplomatic reception and Washington special interest groups).</p>	1860-1888