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Inventory of the Trott Family Papers, 1836-1981

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Trott family papers
Date(s)	1836-1981
Date(s)	(bulk 1940-1973)
Creator:	Trott family
Abstract:	Includes materials compiled by Charleston native Mabel Trott FitzSimons, including genealogical data and family history relating to Bailey, Cambridge, Cave, FitzSimons, Good, Gregorie, Hendricks, Trott, Venning, and Wood families. Also includes a copy of sailor Henry W. Hendricks' Civil War diary, and records regarding Myrtle Grove Plantation.
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Biographical Note

Mabel Trott FitzSimons was born November 22, 1883 to Major Cambridge Munro Trott and Mary Oswald Gregorie, in Charleston, South Carolina. She married Waveland Sinclair FitzSimons on October 8, 1906, in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. She worked as a professional genealogist and amateur historian in Charleston. Throughout her career she took an interest in researching the genealogy of her own family and assembled the majority of the collection. She died in Charleston, South Carolina on January 14, 1979 and is buried in the Gregorie Cemetery, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

Collection Overview

The Trott family papers consists largely of genealogical materials documenting various related and inter-married families, with some primary materials included as well. The collection is composed of correspondence, photographs, brief family histories and genealogies, research notes, newspaper clippings, drawings of family crests, and other materials organized into series by family. The Trott family series contains research and social correspondence, notes, a photograph of a 1703 Nicholas Trott document, with information on the related Neyle family. The Hendricks/Hendrix family series consists of social correspondence, family histories, including data on Hamlins and Sinclairs, transcripts of information regarding the return of a sword belonging to a Union soldier by family of Henry W. Hendricks, with material on the latter's CSA service in the Civil War, his imprisonment in prisoner of war camps, with a mention of Confederate spy Belle Boyd, his later service as Chief of Police, Charleston, S.C. and earlier listing of ports he visited (1841-1844) on the vessel, *Cyane* mostly in the Pacific. There is also a facsimile and transcript of his diary detailing everyday life in the Confederate States Army, partaking of battles in Virginia, and being a prisoner, with later recapitulations of his service, including a letter from Johnson Hagood. The series also documents the death of Corporal R.W. Ackis killed at the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (1863), with data on other Ackis family members. The Gregorie and Venning family series includes correspondence, photos, newspaper clippings, brief family genealogies, information on Oakland Plantation, the Gregorie or Venning family cemetery and accounts of a gun fight at Myrtle Grove Plantation (1866) between the Gregories and a member of the Twenty First Regiment, US Colored Troops, with data on Anne King Gregorie by Flora B. Surles and the related Royal family. The FitzSimons and Good family series consists of brief genealogies, newspaper clippings, and a copy of the unpublished manuscript about dueling by Mabel Trott FitzSimons. The Cambridge, Cave, Wood, and Bailey family series contains brief family trees and genealogies, copies of various wills, and research notes. The other families series documents the Jasper, Hogarth, Wragg and Munro families, with an original miniature of Mrs. Margaret Russell Munro (circa 1790-1805) by an unknown artist. The organization applications series consists of the applications of Mabel Trott FitzSimons and Amanda Sinclair Hendricks to join various genealogical organizations and related materials. The miscellaneous materials series contains various small research notes, newspaper clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, photos, and the published diary of Robert Gilmor documenting an 1827 visit to Charleston. Three disbound scrapbooks of family materials comprise the final series.

Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged in nine series.

1. Trott family materials, 1888-1906, 1931-1944, 1954-1981, undated
2. Hendricks/Hendrix family materials, 1841-1844, 1864-1865, 1870-1871, 1882, undated
3. Gregorie and Venning family materials, 1866-1874, 1960-1964, undated
4. FitzSimons and Good family materials
5. Cambridge, Cave, Wood, and Bailey family materials
6. Other families' materials
7. Organization applications materials
8. Miscellaneous materials
9. Scrapbooks, 1836-1980, undated

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Related Material

Some of the materials have been published in *Hidden History of Old Charleston* by Margaret Middleton Rivers Eastman and Edward FitzSimons Good (Charleston, S.C.: The History Press, 2010.)

Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

- FitzSimons, Mabel Trott, b. 1883
- Hendricks, Henry W., 1826-1898
- Bailey family
- Cambridge family
- Cave family
- FitzSimons family
- Good family
- Gregorie family
- Hendricks family
- Trott family
- Venning family
- Wood family

Subjects

- Sailors--United States--History--19th century

Places

- Charleston (S.C.)
- Myrtle Grove Plantation (S.C.)
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Types of Material

- Black-and-white photographs
- Correspondence
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Diaries
- Family papers
- Genealogies (histories)
- Heraldry
- Miniatures (paintings)
- Scrapbooks

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Trott family materials, 1888-1906, 1931-1944, 1954-1981, undated

Box 1 Folder 1	Genealogy, 1931-1944, 1971, undated	Trott family tree tracing descent from Mary Stirling; Trott family and related Perient family histories; drawing of Trott family crest; photocopies of Mabel Trott FitzSimons' letters (1931-1971) on genealogy and social topics, mentioning her view of African Americans; and research notes and letters to her regarding family genealogy.
Box 1 Folder 2	Typed Trott family history and related	134 pages, with transcripts from many early sources; with drawings of crests, clippings, and data on related families.
Box 1 Folder 3	Typescript of Trott family history and related	Includes clipping regarding Trott family name; research report on Trott family name from Media Research Bureau.
Box 1 Folder 4	Summons and seal photographs	Photograph of 1703 summons to appear before the Court of Common Pleas signed by Nicholas Trott; with cropped image of seal; drawing of seal; with negatives of photographs.
Box 1 Folder 5	Newspaper clippings, undated	Newspaper clippings regarding Trott family members including Chief of Justice Nicholas Trott, Charles H. Trott, Mrs. Mary Trott Jervey; with a photo of related Long family members.
Box 1 Folder 6	Family photographs	Photocopies of photographs of the Neyle, Trott, and Rivers Families; with information on children of Waveland S. FitzSimons and Mabel Trott; photos of portrait of Mrs. Perient Trott of Bermuda; with photos and information on Nicholas Trott house, Cumberland Street, Charleston.
Box 1 Folder 7	Wedding announcements, 1906, 1976, 1981	Wedding announcements of Mabel Trott to Mr. Waveland FitzSimons and Elizabeth Flaspoebler to Mr. Joseph Trott III; envelope of Joe Trott.
Box 1 Folder 8	Social correspondence, 1954-1981	Social correspondence, primarily greeting cards, from Trott relatives Kitty and Will Zuill residing in Barbados.
Box 1 Folder 9	Camp correspondence, 1919	Photocopies of correspondence from a child's camp, with photocopy of a WWI era hand-drawn cartoon of camp life.

- Box 1 Folder 10 Waveland FitzSimons correspondence, 1898, 1932-1969
- Photocopies of letters of acceptance and scholarship (1898) to the Citadel by Waveland FitzSimons, mostly personal correspondence (1932-1969) of his wife, Mabel Trott FitzSimons and photocopies of images of their children.
- Box 1 Folder 11 78 Church Street purchase receipt and note, 1891
- Box 1 Folder 12 Cambridge M. Trott correspondence, 1888-1903
- Includes receipts (1903), and letters (1888, 1902) regarding Cambridge family history, with photocopies of other correspondence.
- 2. Hendricks/Hendrix family materials, 1841-1844, 1864-1865, 1870-1871, 1882, undated**
- Box 1 Folder 13 Typescript copy of Hendrix family history in America, undated
- Box 1 Folder 14 Letter and newspaper clippings, circa 1882
- Letters and newspapers clippings regarding return of Union soldier's sword (1882) by family of H. W. Hendricks, who promised to see to it at Civil War battle of Drury's Bluff, Virginia.
- Box 1 Folder 15 "Abstract of places visited," manuscript, 1841-1844
- Includes dates, by Henry W. Hendricks, as sailor on U.S. ship *Cyane* on the Pacific Station, 1841-1844, with later copies of the same document.
- Box 1 Folder 16 Genealogical material, 1870, undated
- Oversize Hendricks/Hendrix family tree (photocopy) with another family tree and genealogical notes and correspondence regarding Hendricks, Sinclair, Ackis, Hamlin and related families, with family record from a bible, and an 1870 marriage certificate.
- Box 1 Folder 17 Henry W. Hendricks materials
- Materials on Henry W. Hendricks include a typed biography, with a recapitulation of his Civil War service, with a circa 1870s letter of General Johnson Hagood, summarizing his gallantry, information regarding his Civil War service and imprisonments and letter regarding Union Colonel Bedel captured at Battery Wagner and held in various Prisoner of War camps. With list of Confederate POWs at Fort Delaware and a mention of Confederate spy Belle Boyd imprisoned along with Hendricks
- Box 1 Folder 18 Military materials, 1864, 1871, undated
- Statement (1864) regarding the death of Corporal R.W. Ackis, killed at Gettysburg, PA; data on other Ackis soldiers; letters (1871) to Henry W. Hendricks, Chief of Police, from Washington Light Infantry; with printed testimonial to Henry W. Hendricks, Chief of Police and circular seeking contributions for memorial to Roswell Ripley.
- Box 2 Folder 1 Henry W. Hendricks diary, 1864-1865

Civil War Diary of (Lieutenant) Henry W. Hendricks (color copy) detailing his day to day life as a soldier in battles in Virginia, including those at Drury's Bluff, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, the Battle of the Crater, and others. With descriptions of military hospitals, being a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware, a furlough home, and then service near Wilmington, NC, Forts Fisher and Anderson, and a second time as a prisoner of war in Washington, DC. Includes mentions of family and fate of many South Carolina soldiers he knew.

Box 2 Folder 2 Typed transcript of Henry W. Hendricks diary, 1864-1865

Also includes family tree, maps and index.

3. Gregorie and Venning family materials, 1866-1874, 1960-1964, undated

Box 2 Folder 3 Venning and related family genealogy

Includes notes, genealogical correspondence, abstracts of wills, with data on related Fowler family including photos of gravestones, and information on the related Gray family.

Box 2 Folder 4 Venning family histories

Typed and holograph, with information on related Royal and other families.

Box 2 Folder 5 Venning and Gregorie death records, 1962-1964, undated

Includes information and photograph of cemetery at Myrtle Grove plantation, lists of deaths and related matters of Venning/Gregorie family burial ground in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

Box 2 Folder 6 Photographs

Photos of Venning and Gregorie family members, and properties including Oakland Plantation, with a copy of the national register nomination; with other related images

Box 2 Folder 7 Gregorie family

Includes CD of Gregorie family tree, photographs of houses and persons, and photocopies and print out of material regarding family mostly in Scotland; with data on related Neyle, Venning and other families in the United States.

Box 2 Folder 8 Gregorie family in the United States, 1960, 1966-1967, undated

Includes abstracts of records, information about Anne King Gregorie, including a letter regarding her death, and correspondence from her biographer Flora B. Surles.

Box 2 Folder 9 Account of conflict at Myrtle Grove, 1866, 1869-1874, undated

Conflict between Gregory family and members of 21st Regular Colored U.S. Regiment (1866); transcripts of original documents and a published account.

4. FitzSimons and Good family materials

Box 2 Folder 10 Good family history materials

Includes correspondence, photocopies and abstracts of records, lists of vital statistics, and related.

Box 2 Folder 11

Photos (copies) of Mabel Olivia Trott and Waveland Sinclair FitzSimons

Box 2 Folder 12

Photocopy of unpublished typescript "Hot Words and Hair Triggers" by Mabel Trott FitzSimons

Recounts dueling incidents and biographies of several citizens of Charleston and South Carolina. Topics include: John Lyde Wilson, the dueling code of honor, how-to guidelines, and rules; the duels of: John Stewart and Job Howe, James Grant and Thomas Middleton, John Haly and Peter DeLancy, Henry Laurens and John Paul Grimke, General Howe and General Gadsden, Benjamin Simons and William Clay Snipes, Jacob Read and M. Cary, James Mitchell and a Mr. Sterling, John Rutledge and Strace Senter, and many others. The manuscript abstracts letters, accounts, newspaper articles, records, and other sources regarding the duels.

Box 2 Folder 13

FitzSimons family materials

Includes genealogical notes, photocopies, and related materials.

Box 2 Folder 14

Miscellaneous FitzSimons family materials

Includes newspaper article regarding proposed (unbuilt) condominium project at East Bay and Elliot Streets, Charleston with photocopies of newspaper articles regarding other family members.

5. Cambridge, Cave, Wood, and Bailey family materials

Box 2 Folder 15

Cambridge and Trott family history materials

Includes a typescript compilation of abstracts of documents relating to the family, with miscellaneous research notes, a drawing and photo of the family crest, and other materials. With data on many related families such as Wood, Tyndall, Skeffington, and others.

Box 2 Folder 16

Cave and Dean family trees and notes

Box 2 Folder 17

Church, Quinn and Sterling family history notes and tree

Box 2 Folder 18

Bailey family materials

Includes a family history and history of the family of Dr. Thomas Pearce Bailey (1794-1860).

6. Other families' materials

Box 3 Folder 1

Wragg family tree

Box 3 Folder 2

Susan Platt photo and wedding invitation, 1982

Box 3 Folder 3

Notes regarding Jeffers, Jasper, and Hogarth families

Box 3 Folder 4

Sergeant William Jasper and Jasper family clippings, abstracts, and compilations

Box 3 Folder 5

List of descendants in the Cambridge, FitzSimons, Good, and Gregorie families

Includes miscellaneous genealogical notes.

Box 3 Folder 6 Munro family materials

Includes booklet on Clan Munro; family history and genealogical notes; and uncased ivory miniature (circa 1790-1805) most likely painted by William Joseph Williams of Mrs. Margaret Russell Munro, with information on related Russell family.

7. Organization applications materials

Box 3 Folder 7 Application for the Membership of Mabel Trott FitzSimons to the Huguenot Society of South Carolina through ancestors Jacques and Marie Du Gue DuBose

Box 3 Folder 8 Application for the Membership of Amanda M. Sinclair to the Daughters of the Confederacy, of Charleston, S.C. and Daughters of the American Revolution

Box 3 Folder 9 Application for the Membership of Mabel Trott FitzSimons to the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of South Carolina

Also includes the Society's handbook (1963).

8. Miscellaneous materials

Box 3 Folder 10 Notes, correspondence, photocopies

Regarding family heirlooms, preservation, genealogy; with tourist map of Cheraw, South Carolina.

Box 3 Folder 11 Maryland Historical Magazine, 1922 September

With published diary of Robert Gilmore (1827) mentioning visit to Charleston, meeting members of the Gregorie family, partaking of theatre, races, library, art show, and related.

Box 3 Folder 12 Maryland Historical Magazine, 1922 December

Continues diary of Robert Gilmore.

Box 3 Folder 13 Miscellaneous residence-related material

Include tracing of plat, child's sketch of a single house, abstract of Mt. Pleasant deed, and a room by room listing of the contents of a house.

Box 3 Folder 14 Transcript of history of some Georgia counties, two pages

Box 3 Folder 15 Photos and pamphlets from St. George, Bermuda

9. Scrapbooks, 1836-1980, undated

Box 4 Folder 1 "Mrs. Waveland Sinclair FitzSimons: FitzSimons book," disbound scrapbook, 1836, 1898, 1903, 1953-1955, 1966, 1980, undated

Newspaper clippings, photographs, marginalia, family birth and marriage records, obituaries, and related material, mostly regarding the FitzSimons family.

Box 4 Folder 2 "The seven children of Cambridge Munro Trott and Mary Oswald Gregorie, their children and grandchildren [...] compiled by Mabel Trott FitzSimons, 1957" disbound scrapbook

Box 4 Folder 3 Gregorie disbound scrapbook

Scrapbook and loose materials include wedding announcements and obituaries, handwritten family histories and genealogical correspondence and a small amount of other materials.