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**Inventory of the The St. Andrew's
Society of Charleston Records, 1729-2001**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	The St. Andrew's Society of Charleston records
Date(s)	1729-2001
Creator:	St. Andrew's Society of Charleston, South Carolina
Abstract:	This collection includes administrative, financial, and membership records, records of charitable assistance, and other materials of the St. Andrew's Society of Charleston. Records document the social and benevolent activities of the St. Andrew's Society between the years 1729 to 2001.
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Historical Note

The St. Andrew's Society is a social and benevolent organization founded in 1729 in Charleston, South Carolina. Named after the patron saint of Scotland, it is the oldest organization of its type and the progenitor for many other St. Andrews Societies in North and South America, Europe, and Asia. Established to "do generous and charitable actions... and [to] promote some public good," the organization initially provided assistance through monetary handouts to the poor and disadvantaged of Charleston. Today the organization provides regular funding to various local charities and educational institutions each year.

While membership in the benevolent society was, for the most part, of Scottish origin, the Society did not limit its membership to Scotchmen or persons of Scottish descent. Membership was open to any person over the age of eighteen, regardless of their nationality, religion, or profession. On the eve of the American Revolution membership in the organization had grown to over one hundred. The American Revolution, and later, the Civil War, would interrupt the activities of the Society, resulting in a decrease in membership. Despite these interruptions, membership in the organization would steadily increase, and in 1897, the Society would pass a resolution limiting the number of members to two hundred, with any additional individuals applying for membership to be placed on a waiting list.

Revenues used for charity were acquired through admission fees, annual dues, and contributions. Additional income was generated from fines, including fines for non-attendance, for refusal to serve as an officer, and for failure to perform committee duty. However, regular membership fees constituted the principal source of revenue for the Society. Charity was extended to all cases that seemed worthy and came within the Society's resources. Any individuals requiring immediate relief could receive any sum under twenty dollars. From 1804 to 1812 the Society also provided elementary education for the disadvantaged children of Charleston through its Society School, located at 49 Church Street.

Prior to the construction of St. Andrew's Hall, organizational meetings were held quarterly in member's homes on the last days of February, May, August, and November. These meetings would eventually be held monthly after 1818. General meetings would be taken up with the reports of the Committee of Charity, later the Committee of Relief, and the Committee on the Treasurers Account, as well as any requests for charity, and new business. The annual anniversary meetings, held on the morning of November 30th, St. Andrew's Day, were taken up with the election of the new officers for the forthcoming year as well as the officers for the various committees that comprised the St. Andrew's Society. The day would conclude with the annual anniversary banquet. Originally a small affair consisting of dinner, music, and various toasts, in time the celebration would grow to include bagpipe processions, greetings from sister societies, poems, speeches, addresses by prominent speakers of the day, and honored guests.

Completed in 1815 and located on Broad Street, the St. Andrew's Hall became the headquarters of the St. Andrew's Society and an epicenter for Charleston's social, cultural, and political events. When South Carolina delegates gathered to formally renounce allegiance to the United States, St. Andrew's Hall was selected as the meeting place and has the distinction of being the site where the Ordinance of Succession was signed. In 1861, a fire destroyed a portion of the city, including St. Andrew's Hall. Afterwards the Society would hold their meetings at various locations throughout Charleston. In 1867, the Society began holding its monthly meetings at the South Carolina Society Hall, located on 72 Meeting Street, where the Society still holds its meetings to this day.

Collection Overview

This collection includes administrative, financial, and membership records, records of charitable assistance, and other materials of the St. Andrew's Society of Charleston. Records document the social and benevolent activities of the St. Andrew's Society between the years 1729 to 2001. Administrative records include the original handwritten Rules and Autograph book, containing the original rules of the St. Andrew's Society including the signatures of the original 34 members, annual rule books of the St. Andrew's Society, containing the rules and by-laws of the Society, lists of officers and members for the year. There are also bound meeting minutes from 1934 to 1987, and reports from the Committee on Relief, and the Committee on Accounts. Also included in the collection are financial records containing membership arrears for dues and fines, operational receipts for hall rental, gas, printing costs for rule books, and advertising fees for meetings. Ledgers, journals, and cashbooks listing the society's funds, money paid out and received, and expenses are also included. There are also membership records containing membership applications, letters of resignation as well as waiting lists and yearly accepted members to the Society. The collection also includes material concerning to the Society's charitable activities including personal applications for assistance and charitable receipts for monies received. Materials relating to the annual St. Andrew's anniversary banquet including invitations, attendee's lists, and programs are also included in the collection. A small amount of material relating to the lot purchase and construction of the St. Andrew's Hall is also included as well as publications and objects collected by the organization.

Collection Arrangement

1. Administrative records, 1746-1987
2. Financial records, 1743-1942
3. Membership records, 1729-1984
4. Charitable assistance, 1739-1899
5. St. Andrew's Day Anniversary banquets, 1756-2001
6. St. Andrews Hall, circa 1804-2005
7. Publications, 1822-1938
8. Objects, 1967, undated

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include *The History of the St. Andrew's Society of Charleston, South Carolina, 1729-1929* (1929) by J. H. Easterby and *Rules of the St. Andrew's society, of the city of Charleston, South Carolina* (1892). Pamphlets include *Rules, list of officers and members from 1729 to 1901, with historical sketch of the society* (1901), *The St. Andrews Society Charleston, South Carolina* (1959), *Officers and members of the St. Andrew's Society, Charleston, S.C., November 30th, 1903* (1903), and *Presented by The St. Andrew's Society on the Occasion of the Two Hundredth Anniversary, November Thirtieth, as a Tribute to Major General William Moultrie, Sixth President of the Society, 1787-1789* (1929) by The St. Andrew's Society of Charleston, and *Address Delivered in The First Presbyterian Church before The St. Andrew's Society, of the City of Charleston, on their Centennial Anniversary, the 30th of November, 1829, at their request* (1829) by Mitchell King.

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

St. Andrew's Society of Charleston, South Carolina--Membership
 St. Andrew's Society of Charleston, South Carolina--Records and correspondence
 St. Andrew's Society of Charleston, South Carolina--Rules and practice

Subjects

Societies--South Carolina--Charleston
 Charities--South Carolina--Charleston

Places

Charleston (S.C.)--Societies and clubs

Types of Material

- Administrative records
- Black-and-white prints
- Board games (game sets)
- Books
- Correspondence
- Cashbooks
- Elevations (orthographic projections)
- Financial records
- Journals (accounts)
- Ledgers (account books)
- Minutes
- Minute books
- Pamphlets
- Periodicals
- Posters
- Printing plate
- Programs (documents)
- Sheet music
- Woodblock (printing block)

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Administrative records, 1746-1987

This series includes the original handwritten St. Andrew's Society Rules and Autograph book, containing the original rules of the St. Andrew's Society including the signatures of the original 34 members and a facsimile presented to the College of Charleston on May 13, 1939, by M. Rutledge Rivers, President of the St. Andrew's Society and the Board of Trustees of the College of Charleston. This series also includes annual rule books, containing the rules and by-laws of the Society, lists of officers and members for the year, addresses, poems, and a brief historical sketch of the society. Also included are amendments, committee reports, annual and monthly minute books, and other organizational materials of the St. Andrew's Society.

Rules and Autographs, 1730-1995

(Oversize book)

Rules and Autographs, 1730-1939

(Oversize book)

Facsimile of the original Rules and Autographs.

Rule books and by-laws, 1817-1901

Box 1 Folder 1	Rule book, 1817
Box 1 Folder 2	Rule book, 1844
Box 1 Folder 3	Rule book, 1892
Box 1 Folder 4	Rule book, 1892
Box 1 Folder 5	Rule book, 1892
Box 1 Folder 6	Rule book, 1901
Box 1 Folder 7	Rule book of the President of St. Andrews, 1870
Box 1 Folder 8	Rule book of the Secretary of St. Andrews, 1870
	Contains handwritten corrections to by-laws and additional notes.
Box 1 Folder 9	Rule book of the Secretary of St. Andrews, 1892
	Contains both handwritten and printed marginalia amendments to by-laws.
Box 1 Folder 10	By-Laws, 1870
	Contains handwritten corrections to by-laws and officers and members sections.
Box 2 Folder 1	Amendments, 1772-1898
Box 2 Folder 2	Resolutions, 1815-1939
	Committees, 1760-1937, undated

		Committee on Relief, 1774-1899, undated
Box 2	Folder 3	Minute book, 1815-1864
Box 2	Folder 4	Minute book, 1875-1877
Box 2	Folder 5	Reports, 1892-1899
Box 2	Folder 6	Recommendations, 1864-1894
Box 2	Folder 7	General, 1774, 1798, undated
Box 2	Folder 8	Committee on Accounts reports, 1888-1937
Box 2	Folder 9	Committee of Stewards, 1893
		Donations and Subscriptions committee, 1798-1802
Box 2	Folder 10	Subscription list, 1798
Box 2	Folder 11	General, 1802, undated
Box 2	Folder 12	Committee Officers, 1893-1897
Box 2	Folder 13	Other committees, 1805, 1811
		Minutes, 1746-1987
		Annual meeting minutes, 1746-1759
Box 2	Folder 14	1746-1759
Box 2	Folder 15	1760-1816
Box 2	Folder 16	General meeting minutes, 1763-1798
		Bound meeting minutes, 1864-1987
Box 3	Folder 1	1864, June 30-1867, July 1
Box 3	Folder 2	1869, August 31-1886, November 30
Box 3	Folder 3	1887, January 31-1898, October 31
Box 3	Folder 4	1898, September 3-1906, August 31
Box 3	Folder 5	1906, October 1-1914, December 31
Box 3	Folder 6	1934, January 31-1943, August 31
Box 3	Folder 7	1943, September 30-1944, September 30
Box 11	Folder 1	1953, January 31-1958, October 31
Box 11	Folder 2	1958, November 29-1963, November 30
Box 11	Folder 3	1963, October 23-1968, November 26

Box 11 Folder 4	1968, December 3-1973, December, 31
Box 11 Folder 5	1974, January 31-1979, November 1
Box 11 Folder 6	1979, November 30-1984, May 31
Box 11 Folder 7	1984, June 29-1987, December 1

Correspondence, 1772-1945

Box 4 Folder 1	1772-1792
Box 4 Folder 2	1806-1899
Box 4 Folder 3	1906-1945

Included is a letter from Alphonso T. Clearwater containing a box made from the rafters of the St. Giles cathedral in Edinburgh and a lid made from Queen Mary's tree.

Box 4 Folder 4	Moultrie Montague letters, 1929
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Photostat copies of the Moultrie Montague letters.

2. Financial records, 1743-1942

This series includes yearly statements of accounts current with the treasurer for the St. Andrew's Society and the St. Andrew's Charity School, charity school funds, statements showing yearly, quarterly and monthly arrears for membership and not dining, and operating receipts for hall rental, gas, printing costs for rule books, and advertising fees for meetings. Also included are ledgers, journals, and cashbooks listing the society's funds, money paid out and received, and expenses.

Accounts Current with Treasurer, 1768-1823

St. Andrews Society, 1768-1820

Box 12 Folder 1	1768-1823
Box 4 Folder 5	1792-1820

St. Andrews Charity School, 1804-1815

Box 12 Folder 2	1804-1815
Box 4 Folder 6	Account books, 1800-1815

Two small booklets listing accounts current with the treasurer.

Box 4 Folder 7	Statement of Treasurer, 1877-1896
Box 4 Folder 8	Treasury reports, 1811, 1877
Box 4 Folder 9	Cash statements, 1756-1825
Box 4 Folder 10	Bank of South Carolina, 1814-1817
Box 4 Folder 11	Bonds and notes, 1766-1896, undated

Charity school funds, 1803-1815

Box 4 Folder 12	1803-1809
Box 4 Folder 13	1810-1815
Box 4 Folder 14	Insurance records, 1942
Box 12 Folder 3	Insurance records, 1819, 1823

Arrears, 1743-1874

Box 4 Folder 15	1743-1796
Box 4 Folder 16	1802-1810
Box 4 Folder 17	1810-1819
Box 4 Folder 18	1821-1824, 1874, 1890
Box 12 Folder 4	1793-1819, undated
Oversize Paper Folder 1	1819, 1820

(Flat storage)

Receipts, 1743-1897

Operating receipts, 1743, 1929, undated

Box 4 Folder 19	1743-1768
Box 4 Folder 20	1770-1773
Box 4 Folder 21	1790-1799
Box 4 Folder 22	1800-1808
Box 4 Folder 23	1811-1819
Box 4 Folder 24	1820-1825
Box 4 Folder 25	1875- 1880
Box 4 Folder 26	1880-1886
Box 5 Folder 1	1886-1890
Box 5 Folder 2	1890-1894
Box 5 Folder 3	1894-1897, 1905, 1929
Box 5 Folder 4	circa 1700s-1800s
Box 5 Folder 5	Receipt book, 1798-1801

Ledgers, journals, and cashbooks, 1814-1940

Box 5 Folder 6	Ledger, 1814-1821
Box 5 Folder 7	Financial journal, 1814-1821
Box 6 Folder 1	Financial journal, 1816
Box 13	Cashbook, 1919-1940
Box 6 Folder 2	General financial records, 1743-1931, undated

3. Membership records, 1729-1984

This series includes individual membership applications, rolls listing yearly membership additions, letters of resignation, and records listing deceased and resigned members of the St. Andrew's Society.

	Membership applications, 1893-1939
Box 6 Folder 3	1893-1899
Box 6 Folder 4	1935-1939
Box 6 Folder 5	Waiting list, 1906-1918
Box 6 Folder 6	Members admitted, 1739-1795
Box 12 Folder 5	Membership certificate, 1957
Box 6 Folder 7	Roll of yearly additions, 1892-1918
Box 6 Folder 8	Alphabetical roll, 1900-1943
Box 7 Folder 1	Elections, 1768-1895, undated
Box 7 Folder 2	Officers and members, 1896, 1900
	Letters of Resignation, 1895-1938, undated
Box 7 Folder 3	1895-1899
Box 7 Folder 4	1935-1938, undated
Box 7 Folder 5	Member records, undated
Box 7 Folder 6	Membership book, microfiche roll number one, 1729-1984
Box 7 Folder 7	Members lists, 1751-1825, undated
Box 7 Folder 8	Membership general, 1746, 1808, 1932, 1935
	Includes the last will and testament of James Stewart, an original member of the St. Andrews Society.
Box 7 Folder 9	Clippings, 1906, 1929, 1938 undated

4. Charitable assistance, 1739-1899

This series includes petitioner's lists presented at annual meetings, orders for charitable assistance from the president and vice-president of the St. Andrew's Society, and applications for charitable assistance. Also included are individual charitable receipts for monies received from the St. Andrew's Society.

Box 7 Folder 10	Petitioner lists, 1768-1817
	Orders for charitable assistance, 1739-1822
Box 7 Folder 11	1739-1749
Box 7 Folder 12	1750-1759
Box 7 Folder 13	1761-1769
Box 7 Folder 14	1770-1796
Box 7 Folder 15	1801-1822
	Applications for charitable assistance, 1747-1899, undated
Box 7 Folder 16	1747-1758
Box 7 Folder 17	1760-1769
Box 7 Folder 18	1770-1774
Box 8 Folder 1	1790-1798
	Includes photostats.
Box 8 Folder 2	1804-1808
Box 8 Folder 3	1817-1823, 1893, 1899
Box 8 Folder 4	circa 1700s-1800s
	Charitable receipts, 1747-1897, undated
Box 8 Folder 5	1747-1750
Box 8 Folder 6	1752-1757
Box 8 Folder 7	1764-1773
Box 8 Folder 8	1790-1799
Box 8 Folder 9	1800-1810
Box 8 Folder 10	1811-1820
Box 8 Folder 11	1821-1825
Box 8 Folder 12	1877-1879
Box 8 Folder 13	1880-1889

Box 8 Folder 14 1890-1897
 Box 8 Folder 15 circa 1700s-1800s

5. St. Andrew's Day anniversary banquets, 1756-2001

This series includes invitations and responses from prominent politicians, handwritten attendee's lists, banquet programs, toasts, and other material related to the St. Andrew's Day Anniversary Banquets held annually on November 30th in Charleston.

Invitations and responses, 1788-1941, undated

Box 8 Folder 16 1788-1795, undated

Includes declination letter from Charles Pinckney.

Box 8 Folder 17 1895-1899

Includes declination letters from Wade Hampton.

Box 8 Folder 18 1900-1941, undated

Box 8 Folder 19 Invitation print plate, undated

Attendee's lists, 1756-1824

Box 8 Folder 20 1756-1795

Box 8 Folder 21 1806-1810

Box 8 Folder 22 1811-1824

Programs, 1893-2001

Box 8 Folder 23 1893

Box 8 Folder 24 1894

Box 8 Folder 25 1910

Box 8 Folder 26 1911

Box 9 Folder 1 1912

Box 9 Folder 2 1924

Box 9 Folder 3 1934

Box 9 Folder 4 1935

Box 9 Folder 5 2001

Box 9 Folder 6 Program notes, undated

Box 9 Folder 7 Toasts, early 1800s

Box 9 Folder 8 Addresses, 1950, undated

Box 9 Folder 9	Committee of Enquiry, 1760-1773
Box 9 Folder 10	Greetings, 1896-1941, undated
Box 9 Folder 11	Cost, 1769, 1895, 1899
	Sheet music, 1882, 1887, 1888
Box 9 Folder 12	Robin Adair, 1882
Box 9 Folder 13	Annie Laurie, 1887
Box 9 Folder 14	Auld Lang Syne, 1888
Box 9 Folder 15	Star Spangled Banner, 1888
Box 9 Folder 16	Glee Club, 1943, 1951, undated
Box 9 Folder 17	269th St. Andrews dinner, 1998
	Videocassette of banquet.
Box 9 Folder 18	Other St. Andrews anniversaries, 1923-1941
	Invitations and programs of other St. Andrews Societies.
Box 9 Folder 20	Other events, 1859, 1901
	Robert Burns centennial and Queen Victoria memorial.

6. St. Andrew's Hall, circa 1804-2005

This series contains an elevation drawing, an expense statement listing construction material quantities, sums paid, and work performed, and the terms of sale for the St. Andrew's Hall lot. Also included are inventories listing miscellanea located in St. Andrew's Hall and materials relating to the South Carolina Society.

Oversize Paper Folder 1	Elevation drawing, undated
	(Flat storage)
Box 12 Folder 6	Expense statement, circa 1804
Box 9 Folder 21	Terms of sale, circa 1810, 1866
Box 9 Folder 22	Inventories, 1819, 1820
Box 9 Folder 23	Prints, undated
Box 10 Folder 1	South Carolina Society, 1885, 2005
	Repair statement and anniversary banquet menus.

7. Publications, 1822-1938

This series includes national and international books, newspapers, and periodicals collected by the St. Andrew's Society. Books relate to the history of St. Andrew's Society as well as to other St. Andrew's Societies in New York and Philadelphia. Pamphlets relate to the by-laws of the St. Andrew's Society of Oakland, California, as well as poetry, Scottish dress and Scottish history. Periodicals relate to the death of Queen Victoria and also to the history of the St. Andrew's Society.

Books, 1822-1929

- Box 10 Folder 2 *The Coronation or Hypocrisy Exposed and Sullivan's Island Satirical Poems*, 1822
- Box 10 Folder 3 *History of the St. Andrews Society*, 1929
- Includes handwritten chapters.
- Box 10 Folder 4 *The Moultrie Montague Letters*, 1904
- Box 15 *Robert Burns and Walter Scott Illustrated*, 1899
- Donated to the St. Andrews Society by William Ashmead Courtenay.
- Box 10 Folder 5 *St. Andrews Society of the State of New York*, 1895
- Box 10 Folder 6 *St. Andrews Society of Philadelphia*, 1896

Pamphlets, 1888-1917, undated

- Box 10 Folder 7 *Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Andrews Society of Oakland, California*, 1888
- Box 10 Folder 8 *Douglas's Yearbook of Scottish Associations*, 1913-1917
- Box 10 Folder 9 *Poems by Weelum*, undated
- Box 10 Folder 10 *Royal Scotland*, undated
- Box 10 Folder 11 *The Scottish National dress*, undated
- Box 10 Folder 12 *Stray Leaves Garnered*, 1899

Periodicals, 1901-1938

- Box 12 Folder 7 *The Graphic*, 1901
- Box 10 Folder 13 *Harpers Weekly*, 1904
- Box 12 Folder 8 *The Illustrated London News*, 1901
- Oversize Paper Folder 1 *The Illustrated London News* supplements, 1901
- (Flat storage)
- Box 12 Folder 9 *The Scottish American*, 1917
- Box 10 Folder 14 *United Scottish Association Halloween Annual*, 1938
- Box 10 Folder 12 Declaration of Independence reproduction, undated

8. Objects, 1967, undated

This series includes a backgammon board and a small woodblock used for printing. Also included is an ivory mallet, a gift of Sir James Doak.

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| Box 16 | Backgammon board, undated |
| Box 17 | Ivory mallet, 1967 |
| Box 17 | Pine cone, undated |
| Box 17 | Woodblock, undated |