Inventory of the
Farr Family Papers, 1828 - 1990
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Descriptive Summary

Title: Farr Family Papers,
Dates: 1828 - 1990
Creator: Farr Family.
Abstract: Joseph M. Farr, his wife Mary Behn Farr and their four children were a white, slave and land owning family in Beaufort County. Two of their slaves were Elizabeth and Robert [Bob] Farr. The latter, as a freed man, served as a private in Company H of the 104th U.S. Colored Troops. William W. Farr, the oldest son of Joseph and Mary Farr, was a Civil War veteran and later a banker in Beaufort, who had a long standing relationship with Maria Green, an African American female farmer. Together, this interracial family had three daughters, Henrietta, Minerva and Grettye Farr.

The Farr Family Papers contain land transactions, slave transactions, legal, financial, and general materials and ephemera.

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Language of Material: Material in English

Biographical Note

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Collection Overview

Legal documents, correspondence, financial documents, literary productions, photographs, and ephemera (1828-1990s) document the lives of the Farr family of Beaufort County, SC. Due to the small size of the collection, materials are arranged within one series and arranged chronologically within the folders. Materials of particular note include records of land transactions (1835-1955), slave transactions (1854-1860), and photographs (c. 1860-1990).

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**Subject Headings**

Farr Family

Beaufort County (S.C.)

Beaufort County (S.C.)--Biography.

Beaufort County (S.C.)--Genealogy.

Beaufort County (S.C.)--History.

Beaufort County (S.C.)--Social conditions.

Beaufort District (S.C.)

African Americans--Women--South Carolina--Beaufort--1890-1900.

Farr, Joseph M.

Farr, Mary B.

Farr, Henrietta E.

Farr, Minerva

**Administrative Information**

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**Processing Information**

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Farr Family Papers, 1828-1990s

Box 1 Folder 1  Family Tree, undated

Folder 2 Land Transactions, 1835-1851

Includes the following properties: Riley Tract, a conveyance in Grahamville and the Tickton Plantation, all in the district of Beaufort. Sold by William C. Sterwart, Henry Goette, and Henry G. and Alice C. Guerard.

Folder 3 Land Records, 1867

Includes a petition to the Bureau of Refugees, Freemen and Abandoned Lands to restore Tickton Plantation, St. Luke's Parish and property in Coosawhatchie, Gillionsville, Grahamville, and Bluffton; with other documents regarding lands in the estate of Joseph Farr.

Folder 4 Legal Records, 1875-1955

Involves William W. Farr, Maria Green and Charles E. Watermann. Contains a plat (1875) of land on road from Beaufort to Port Royal; Beaufort conveyance (1894) from Farr to Green; conveyance (1900) of Port Royal Island property to Watermann; lien on Green's crop (1906); plat (1955) of property conveyed from Green to Mrs. Henrietta Farr Watermann.

Folder 5 Slave Transactions, 1854-1860

Contains several bills of sale for men, women and children, a court of equity slave sale, slave sale and mortgage and receipts of sale from A.J. Salinas, Broker and Auctioneer. With a scrap of paper alluding to a list of 68 slaves owned by Farr in 1860, list not present.

Folder 6 Papers Regarding former Farr slaves, 1899-1906

Pertain to Elizabeth and Bob Farr, include materials regarding a pension for his service in Co. H, 104th US Colored Troops, and a letter from the son of the former slave owner, giving history of Elizabeth and Bob Farr.

Folder 7 Civil War Restitution Claim, 1908

Claim of the heirs of Joseph M. Farr, seeking compensation for stores and supplies taken from the family by the US military during the Civil War. With a fragment of a United States House of Representatives bill to that effect.

Folder 8 Papers Regarding Maria "Martha" Green, 1890-1899

Includes a receipt of sale (1890) from William W. Farr of blacksmith materials; a sale of receipt for a buggy (1899).

Folder 9 Essays Written by Minerva Farr, undated

Two literary and historical essays focusing on mankind striving to achieve success as well as patriotic notions regarding the founding of the United States.

Folder 10 Henrietta Edith Farr, 1908, 1964
Include a wedding invitation to Charles E. Watermann, and a church program from her funeral service.

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| Folder 12 | Photographs, 1860-1864 |
| Folder 13 | Photographs, c. 1900-1920s |
| Folder 14 | Photographs, c. 1950s-1990s |
| Folder 15 | Wallet, 1828-1869 |

|                 | Contains inscriptions by Joseph M. Farr (1828) and by William W. Farr (1869). |