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Benjamin L. Abney Papers

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## Benjamin Livingston Abney Papers, 1800-1923 (bulk 1888-1921)

**Benjamin L. Abney (1858-1921)** was a lawyer whose professional career in Columbia, S.C., spanned years ca. 1880 until his death; his practice included extensive involvement with utility companies, textile mills, and the railroad industry in the region, as well as legal cases of private individuals.

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#### **Biography**

Born near the Saluda River in Edgefield County on February 25, 1859, Benjamin Lindsey Livingston Abney went on to become one of the state's most successful and powerful lawyers. The son of James Madison Abney and Martha Livingston Abney, Benjamin Abney attended Newberry College (the school's catalog shows that he entered as a freshman in 1872 and was no longer in attendance by 1876) and the University of Virginia (circa 1877-79). After admission to the South Carolina bar in December 1880, Abney briefly practiced law in Edgefield County at his older brother John's firm, but after only one year, he followed his brother to Columbia. When John Abney moved to New York in 1893, Ben continued to practice law in Columbia.

Early in his career, Abney was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives (Richland County) for three terms from 1886-1892. While he never sought political office beyond this position, he remained politically active during his professional life by the very nature of the cases he tried and his participation on special committees.

Abney sat on the Board of Directors of numerous Columbia companies and served as legal counsel for many of them. He defended these companies in lawsuits and oversaw their land purchases and sales. His more prestigious clients included the Columbia Water Power Company, the Columbia Mills Company, the Twin City Power Company, the Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light, and Power Company, and William H. Chew, a northern investor in Southern industries. Abney often served as an intermediary between out of state entrepreneurs and their South Carolina business dealings.

Of great significance is the position that Abney held within the SRC organization... He assumed this position as a fairly young/new/green attorney, but one who already had significant clout through his involvement with his earliest clients.

Abney's first real challenge as an attorney came when he agreed to represent the state's newly formed utility companies. Central to the effective use of the Columbia Canal was the operation and management of the utility companies that endeavored to harness and sell its power. Numerous individuals and corporations tried, most unsuccessfully, to incorporate power and utility companies in Columbia; Abney was directly involved in several of the more successful ventures. He played a prominent role in shepherding the Congaree Gas and Electric Company, the Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light and Power Company, and the Columbia Water Power Company through their various mergers, assuring their growth and the use of the Columbia Canal.

In December 1887, William H. Gibbes, John P. Thomas Jr., John T. Sloan Jr., Dr. T. T. Moore, and Benjamin Abney incorporated the Congaree Gas and Electric Company, the first Columbia company whose charter authorized the generation and distribution of electricity. In 1891 the company built a steam

plant on Gates Street powered by the canal to furnish power for the first electric lights on Columbia's streets.

That same year, Abney, as the company's attorney, helped the organization merge with the Columbia Electric Street and Suburban Railway and Electric Power Company to become the Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light and Power Company.

Although the Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light and Power Company utilized the power of the Columbia Canal, it did not have any controlling interest in it. Rather, in 1891 George Wallace of Boston, Massachusetts, and Aretas Blood of Manchester, New Hampshire, formed the Columbia Water Power Company for the purpose of purchasing the canal from the state. Wallace and Blood, through the Columbia Water Power Company, intended to utilize power from the canal to operate the textile mills along the river. Abney acted as counsel for the Columbia Water Power Company. The organization met with success; in 1901, the canal and the Water Power Company provided the water power to the country's first electrically operated mill, Olympia Mills. Meanwhile, the Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light and Power Company, with Abney as its counsel, began the gradual process of absorbing small, local companies formed to generate power or furnish gas or transportation services. And in 1905 it acquired the Columbia Water Power Company, thus giving the organization a controlling interest in the canal.

Abney also represented a number of the mills in the state, many of which were controlled by the same northern interests that controlled the canal, the Columbia Water Power Company, and other utility companies. Among the mills Abney represented were Columbia Mills and its holding company Mount Vernon Cotton Duck Company, Granby Mills, Olympia Mills, Palmetto Mills, Parker Mills, Richland Mills, Saxe Gotha Mills, Union Mills, Pelzer Manufacturing Company, and Saluda Manufacturing Company. Abney represented the organizations at a time when child labor opponents started to become vocal, and mill management had to respond. The response was almost always to resist. Several mill presidents fought labor regulations such as the child labor law of 1903 and the 1907 law reducing the workweek hours to sixty. Abney represented the mills in their fight to continue to employ children.

In 1890 Abney joined Southern Railway Company as assistant division council. In 1898 he was appointed Division Counsel for the Southern Railway in South Carolina. His duties included appointing local attorneys in other counties and handling litigation throughout the state. Of great significance was the role Abney played in the seminal 1910 "Merger Suit," that of the *State of South Carolina v. The Southern Railway, Asheville and Spartanburg Railroad Company, South Carolina and Georgia Railway Extension Company, Carolina Midland Railway Company, and the Southern Railway (Carolina Division)*.

This was one of the most publicized cases of Abney's career, and its reach extended beyond South Carolina as it directly addressed issues such as monopolies, competition, and the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. The State of South Carolina (its case argued by Attorney General J. Fraser Lyon) claimed that the 1902 acquisition by Southern Railway of the Asheville and Spartanburg Railroad Company, the South Carolina and Georgia Railway Extension Company, and the Carolina Midland Railway Company was illegal and gave Southern Railway an unfair competitive advantage and a monopoly over the rail industry in the state. Lyon asserted that the company absorbed competing and parallel lines of rail, an act forbidden by the state's constitution. As a result, Southern Railway acquired a monopoly and controlled the freight rates across the state.

Abney argued that the result of the merger was positive: the fact that short rail lines had been tied or united into longer ones gave an advantage to shippers in that they no longer had to pay separate rates for each leg of a journey, that goods could be shipped more effectively and quickly, and that it was more cost effective. Additionally, the merger opened up trade throughout South Carolina and made the port of

Charleston far more accessible from the inland areas than it ever had been before. *The Staten*ewspaper covered the trial extensively and gave it front page coverage on almost every day of the month-long trial. In the end it was a victory for Southern Railway, Abney, and commerce. In 1912 Abney was appointed Chief Counsel for South Carolina.

Although it may have seemed that Abney's work with Southern Railway was a full-time job, he still managed to take on other significant clients during his tenure with the railroad. Abney took on another significant client during the first decade of the twentieth century: the State of South Carolina. In 1907, following the repeal of the infamous Dispensary System, Abney was appointed to the State Dispensary Commission (or the Commission to Wind Up the Affairs of the State Dispensary). The group was charged with closing out the business and property of the State Dispensary by disposing of goods and property, collecting all debts, and by paying from said debts any money owed. Abney worked extensively with Attorney General J. Fraser Lyon between 1907 and 1913. He represented the state in cases against the Carolina Glass Company, the Richland Distilling Company, and the Wilson Distributing Company among others.

In another interesting twist to Abney's career, he represented several members of the Hampton Family of Columbia. While much is know about Wade Hampton III, less is know about the twentieth century descendants, in particular his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Abney's personal and professional associations with Frank Hampton \_\_\_\_ and George McDuffie Hampton \_\_\_\_ .crap. This series focuses primarily on Wade Hampton III's son George McDuffie Hampton and his family, Wade's grandson Frank and his family, granddaughter Lucy Hampton Haskell, and Wade's three unmarried sisters. Much of it has to do with settling the estate of Wade Hampton III. In subsequent years, the records reveal that the family struggled to hold onto their fortune, their homes, and their pride. They inherited a lot of debt from Wade III. Properties in Columbia and plantations in Mississippi were costly to maintain and had been inherited with steep mortgages.

Another important case was the Seminole Securities lawsuit in which Seminole's board of directors and executives were accused of fraud and collusion. BLA represented the Seminole Securities Company in a series of legal entanglements between 1908 and 1921. In 1908 a group of Columbia businessmen founded the Seminole Securities Company as a holding company for a planned insurance company to be incorporated as the Sterling Accident Company. The involved parties claimed that the company was organized for the purposed of promoting the futureSterling Accident Company. Ostensibly, they wanted to make sure they had the necessary start-up capital for the planned insurance company; therefore, they organized the Seminole Securities Company in order to furnish the means for financing and promoting the accident insurance company. As soon as a sufficient amount had been subscribed to the stock of the securities company, the interested individuals planned to organize the insurance company. "To give confidence" they created a Board of Trustees and named to it Gen. Wilie Jones, Mr. T. S. Bryan, and W. A. Clark. Money from the sale of stock was to be placed in the hands of the trustees to hold until a sufficient amount was sold to organize the Accident Company. When this was accomplished, the trustees were to invest the money in the stock of the Accident Company for a period of ten years with a voting power. During that time they were to elect a board of directors so that the stockholders would be assured that the interest of the company was in the hands of disinterested individuals.

Evidently in 1908 subscribers to the stock claimed that the company overcharged them. Clark's answer was that the company had to charge a premium on the stock for the purpose of meeting necessary expenses of promotion and of operation until the company can operate on its own...it was not to create a surplus fund.

Abney was one of the attorneys for Seminole Securities. From 1908 to at least 1921, Seminole Securities was involved in a series of lawsuits brought forth by stockholders who claimed that company was engaged in fraudulent practices.

In his general/private law practice, Abney performed a variety of \_\_\_\_\_\_ representative of the work of other lawyers in similar positions. The practice included work in collections, bankruptcy, divorce, estate settlements (including probating wills, dealing with properties, guardianship of minors). MORE

Abney never married; although he tried some of the state's more sensational cases, he remained out of the limelight in his personal life. To many of his associates he seemed singularly focused on his career. Abney had his passions, though. Throughout his life, he compiled what was considered one of the finest private libraries in South Carolina, particularly on legal matters. The collection consisted of many volumes pertaining to South Carolina, business, and the legal system. At the time of his death, it may have contained around 10,000 volumes. After his brother's death, John Abney donated the remaining contents of the library to the University of South Carolina where it was divided between the law school and the South Caroliniana Library.

In a strange and seemingly inexplicable twist to his life, Abney lived for many years with Coleman L. Blease and his wife Lillie. Abney and Blease were cousins; however, the two seemed to share a contentious kinship. It appeared that Abney was closer to Lillie Blease than to his cousin. Despite the obvious tension, Abney moved in with the couple– into the governor's mansion – in 1911 at the start of Blease's first term as governor of South Carolina. Curiously, Lillie Blease charged Abney for rent and other expenses.

In 1912 Abney deeded a property in Columbia to Lillie, and the Bleases and Abney moved into it after the governor's term concluded. Abney continued to pay rent despite the fact that he owned an estate on the outskirts of Columbia as well as several properties downtown. There is little in Abney's personal papers that reveals his reasoning behind living with the Bleases and entering into any sort of financial agreement with Lillie Blease. All of this information came to a strange culmination shortly after Abney's death in November of 1921 when Lillie Blease sued Abney's estate. She claimed that she had taken special care of Abney for many years, that she nursed him through illnesses and prepared elaborate meals to his specifications – acted as his nursemaid, servant, and sometimes almost as a wife.

Mrs. Blease claimed that Abney stated that he would provide for her in his will and compensate her for her efforts and care and that she would never have to worry (a peculiar statement given the fact that she was married and ostensibly "taken care of" by Cole Blease). She felt that she deserved, and claimed that Abney had promised her, \$100,000 (despite the fact that Abney had included her in his will, and that, over the years, he had loaned her money and presented her with many gifts – especially expensive jewelry). She presented John Abney, the estate's executor, with a bill for that amount a few months after Abney's death. When John Abney refused to pay, Lillie Blease held up the probation of the will and brought forth a lawsuit.

Plagued by diabetes and heart problems, Abney struggled with his health for many years. He died, from complications related to pneumonia (?), on November 11, 1921. He is interred at Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia at an imposing obelisk which reads in part:

## **Scope and Content Note**

During his thirty-nine year career as an attorney, Benjamin Livingston Lindsay Abney (1859-1921) earned the respect and admiration of many South Carolinians. The papers of Benjamin L. Abney document the career of a shrewdly prolific attorney involved in some of the largest and most influential cases to enter the South Carolina courts during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Throughout his career, he was involved with the entrepreneurial affairs of the state, particularly the railroad industry. Abney sat on the Board of Directors of several powerful corporations in Columbia, South Carolina, and served many others in the capacity of legal counsel. He was employed as Division Counsel for the Southern Railway Company for many years and served three terms as a representative in the state legislature. The collection, which spans the years 1818-1921 (bulk 1888-1921), documents the role Abney played in Columbia business concerns, the state legislature, and his work with the Southern Railway Company. The papers of Benjamin L. Abney (referred to as BLA in the scope and content note) are divided into the following series:

- I. Personal
- II. General Legal
- III. Columbia Water Power Company and columbia Canal and Associated Power and Utility Companies
- IV. South Carolina Textile Mills
- V. Real Estate/Properties
- VI. Seminole Securities Company
- VII. South Carolina Dispensary Commission
- VIII. Legislative
- IX. Miscellaneous Correspondence
- X. Southern Railway Company

## Series I: Personal, 1880-1923, undated

Abney's personal papers contain correspondence, financial, materials pertaining to his library, topical files and miscellany.

Personal Correspondence, 1888-1920, undated:

The subseries contains limited correspondence to and from BLA's brother George Abney, niece Helen Abney Stuart, and cousins Sophie Abney and Mathilde King. Of more substance is the correspondence to/from brother John Abney, sister Ursula (Sula) Abney Hunter and niece Lila Glover. Lila and her brother Claude were the children of Abney's deceased sister \_\_\_\_\_. Although their father was living, they were indigent and possibly physically impaired in some way. Abney provided financially for Lila and Claude after their mother's death. Of interest, Lila's brother Claude enlisted into the military during World War I; this action pulled the family together as they tried to undo his registration claiming that he was mentally incapacitated and suffered from epilepsy.

The subseries also contains some correspondence regarding Steve Murray, Abney's servant. Murray sought a lot of medical treatment (at hospital and at pharmacies), and Abney always took care of him. The materials in the subseries reveal that Abney actually found Steve Murray as a young boy; he had been left on the streets of Columbia. Abney took him in and essentially raised him.

The collection also contains correspondence from friends and contemporaries as well as merchants, tailors, book dealers, and wine sellers.

## Financial Information

This subseries is useful for tracking down some biographical information on the enigmatic figure. He was a meticulous record keeper and maintained extensive personal business files. Within the correspondence, bills, and receipts section of this series one begins to piece together a sense of Abney's personal history:

The subseries contains evidence of where Abney shopped and what he purchased. Correspondence is included along with his paid bills; Abney kept copies of both the letters he wrote and received. He wrote descriptive and, to today's readers humorous letters. A most discriminating man, he wanted only the best in clothes, shoes, wines, and distilled spirits. He frequently eschewed Columbia merchants in favor of vendors in Baltimore Philadelphia, and New York.

The subseries also includes medical bills and receipts. Abney received a lot of care at Columbia's Good Samaritan Hospital as did his servant, Steven Murray.

The series contains limited bank account information.

Of interest is a small series pertaining to Sylvan Brothers Jewelers. Abney made a lot of jewelry purchases, most likely for investment purposes; however, there are inferences that he purchased trinkets for the wife of Gov. Cole Blease, Lillie.

The subseries also contains some correspondence with Gibbes Machinery Company of Columbia. While Abney did not drive, he owned several cars. Evidently, Steve Murray chauffeured Abney around town.

#### Library:

BLA compiled an impressive library during his lifetime. At the time of his death, it may have contained around 10,000 volumes. Essentially, it had two components: literary and law publications. The subseries consists of correspondence regarding purchases, inquiries about books, bills and receipts, and various indexes to Abney's libraries. Towards the end of his life, BLA began to sell his library. After BLA's death, John Abney donated the remaining contents of the library to the University of South Carolina. It was divided between the law library and the South Caroliniana Library. Many of the books can still be found on the shelves, including a bound volume of pamphlets pertaining to transportation, railroad law, and other miscellaneous topics (books division, call number SoCar, 040, Ab7).

#### Miscellaneous:

The small subseries contains records ranging from voter registration cars to genealogical information to a hospital chart from Abney's last days. The subseries also contains a trial transcript of *City of Columbia v. BLA*, he was charged with disorderly conduct in 1915.

#### Clubs/Associations

This subseries reflects BLA's involvement in social, civic, religious organizations including memberships in the Richland County Bar Association and the South Carolina Bar Association. Of interest are the publicity materials in the file on the Anglo-American Exposition (evidently Gov. Cole Blease appointed

Abney to the South Carolina Committee in 1913). There is no evidence that suggests Abney actually attended the exposition, which was held in England in 1914.

#### Posthumous

The subseries contains material on the probation of BLA's will and the role of its executor, John R. Abney. Of significant interest is the information regarding the sensational trial of *Lillie Blease v. John R. Abney, executor, for the estate of Benjamin Abney*. Lillie Blease, the wife of former governor Cole Blease sued the estate of BLA for \$100,000 claiming that he had told her that he would provide for her. Evidently Abney lived with the Bleases and Lillie nursed and fed him throughout numerous illnesses. Various members of the Abney family testified on behalf of the deceased; however, the state awarded Mrs. Blease \$25,000.

The case was covered fairly extensively in *The State* newspaper. See 4/17/1921, 4/24/1921, 4/25/1921, 4/26/1921, and 4/27/1921.

#### **General Legal**

Administrative/Office Files:

This subseries consists of limited information pertaining to the administration of BLA's law practices including Abney and Abney, Abney and Thomas; Abney and Thomson; Abney, Thomson and Townsend; and Abney and Muller. The subseries contains correspondence, financial information and business licenses. Of particular significance in this series are the master file keys and indexes for the cases Abney participated in over the course of his career. Since this collection's original order was greatly disrupted, these guides offer a clue as to how Abney organized his files

#### Bankruptcy:

Abney and his associates handled many bankruptcy cases during their careers.

Some of the larger and more complicated cases included:

W. P. Roof v. Farish Stafford Company. In this case, Abney represented the creditor, Farish Stafford in the company's efforts to collect money from the bankrupt W. P. Roof.

Roof was in both the mercantile and banking businesses as president and owner of Lexington Savings Bank and a general store in Lexington, South Carolina. In 1911, he filed for bankruptcy. At the time, he was indebted to the Farish-Stafford Company of New York in the sum of \$20,000. Farish Stafford was the holding company for Lexington Manufacturing Company. Roof, was a director and shareholder in Lexington Manufacturing Company as well as Palmetto Cotton Mills, Saxe-Gotha Mills, and Valley Falls Manufacturing Company. He owed a total of \$43,703.05 to the four companies; therefore, his bankruptcy had far-reaching consequences.

As the owner of a private bank located in his store, he held many mortgages. Unfortunately, his bank never had sufficient funds; he allowed customers to overdraft their accounts. The problem, obviously, was that when those with funds withdrew they found that there was not enough money available.

In 1911 the State Bank Examiner declared the bank insolvent. Despite this, Roof continued to receive deposits including \$40,000 deposited by the Lexington County treasurer, E. L. Wingard – funds that belonged to the state, county, and school accounts – and \$22,000 deposited by D. Y. Griffith, superintendent of the State Penitentiary.

## Edward H. Titus and Others v. Granite Brick Company

This series contains information concerning the bankruptcy of the Granite Brick Company. The company was incorporated in 1908 as a result of a buyout of the Hyatt Brick Company, manufacturers of brick, tile, and fireproofing machinery.

The series contains correspondence between Frederick H. Hyatt (company president and president of the board of directors) and Edward H. Titus (company vice president) regarding financial matters, business prospects, and business productions.

By 1911 the company was in debt; they may have tried to do too much too soon. Edward Titus kept contributing his own money. In Titus v. Granite Brick, Titus claims that Hyatt misrepresented himself by saying that the bricks were of a superior quality.

Basically, Titus was trying to get his money back...

#### Collections:

Abney engaged in collections work throughout his career. He went through periods during which he was not interested in doing it; however, he always seemed to return to it.

#### Divorce

The divorce subseries is very small and self-explanatory. It generally consists of a few cases, primarily women seeking divorces/separations/alimony.

#### Estates

Abney also engaged in a lot estate settlement and probation work. In general, it usually had to do with closing out estates, settling family squabbles, and paying off creditors. At times, Abney was also called upon to act as a financial guardian to orphaned children and had to set up trusts or establish guardianship for children.

Of particular interest in this series is the estate of James Edward Calhoun which involves the fate of the Calhoun Falls Company, a water power development company on the Savannah River near Calhoun Falls, South Carolina.

Also of interest are the materials dealing with the estates of W. L. Hilliard, James Love, and Clark Whittier. These individuals appear also in the "real estate" series as they were among some of the purchasers of former Cherokee lands in North Carolina.

## Hampton Family

This series involves two branches of one of Columbia's more storied families, the Hamptons. This series focuses primarily on Wade Hampton III's son George McDuffie Hampton and his family, Wade's grandson Frank and his family, granddaughter Lucy Hampton Haskell, and Wade's three unmarried sisters. Much of the series addresses the settling the estate of Wade Hampton III.

In subsequent years, the records reveal that the family struggled to hold onto their fortune, their homes, and their pride. They inherited a lot of debt from Wade III. Properties in Columbia and plantations in Mississippi were costly to maintain and had been inherited with steep mortgages.

Materials that pertain to the "Hampton Sisters:"

Catherine or "Kate," Ann, and Caroline were the sisters of Wade Hampton, III. This subseries has to do with the estate(s) he bequeathed to the sisters, including various properties.

The records also address the issues of the sisters aging. One of their nephews, Frank Hampton II, had to step in to take care of their affairs. When each of the sisters died, he was appointed executor. The records also deal with settling their various estates.

Materials that pertain to Lucy Hampton Haskell, the granddaughter of Wade Hampton III, daughter of Frank Hampton, and sister of Frank Hampton II.

The subseries has information regarding her dealings with the mortgages on various Hampton family properties, a loan she made to her brother Frank, the estate of her husband John C. Haskell, and some information on the Ladies Ursuline Community of Columbia. The sub-series also contains correspondence between BLA and Lucy.

## Materials that pertain to Frank Hampton II:

This series contains information regarding mortgages on land Frank Hampton owned as well as the loan he received from his sister, Lucy. There is some information pertaining to the issuance of shares of stock in the *State* newspaper: his children were to be the beneficiaries of this since Hampton's wife was Gertrude Gonzales, the sister of the founders of the *State* newspaper. There is also correspondence with Abney in this series. Additionally there is information pertaining to Hampton's conveyance of some land to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. Also of interest are the records pertaining to the United States government's possession of some of the Hampton family land during World War II for use as a training camp (ultimately, Fort Jackson).

The collection also contains materials that pertain to several other Wade Hampton III children.

Wade Hampton III's daughter by second wife Mary Singleton McDuffie was Mary "Daisy" Singleton Hampton. At the time of her father's death, Mary was not married so he left his house (the one the town of Columbia purchased for the fallen war hero) to her. What complicates the issue is the fact that Mary subsequently married John R. Tucker; they did not choose to remain in Mary's father's home. Still, the issue of what to do with the house lingered for many years. Since the town of Columbia essentially built the house for Wade Hampton III, Mary and her siblings were conflicted as to the appropriateness of selling the structure.

Materials that pertain to George McDuffie Hampton.

"McDuffie" was the son of Wade Hampton III and Mary's sister. A lot of the materials have to do with money owed/mortgages on the various properties left to McDuffie by Wade III. Also, there is a lot of life insurance documentation. He married Eloise Urquhart who came from an important New Orleans family so she came with her own property. They had four children: Wade (who died an infant), Corinne, Mary, and Eloise. Tragically, McDuffie and Eloise died within a few months of each other in 1917.

BLA was appointed executor of both estates after McDuffie's death; he was also appointed legal guardian of the children. The Hamptons had a great deal of debt and were carrying several mortgages on their various properties at the time of their deaths, so Abney had to initiate the sale of possessions and properties. At the time, Corinne was the only child who was not a minor so she became Abney's primary contact and confidante in dealing with matters of the estate. The only problem was that she was married and living in Virginia, so there was often a great deal of confusion over what to do. Mary was not too much younger; soon she married and moved away. Abney wound up having a lot of dealings with the youngest daughter, Eloise. To his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he often wound acting as more of an emotional guardian; he wished to keep thing on a purely business level, yet he found this difficult as all of the Hampton daughters confided in him.

In 1921, when Eloise came of age, Abney and the three sisters began to close out the estate. Still, it is not easy as they were still faced with the question of what to do with some of the old Hampton family property.

#### *Insurance Companies:*

Abney represented a number of insurance companies in cases that both individuals and corporations filed. Usually at issue was the subject of payment (or non payment) of premiums. Among Abney's clients were Aetna Life Insurance Company, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Prudential Insurance Company, and Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company, the latter Abney represented in at least twenty-three cases between 1901 and 1917.

#### Ladies Ursuline Community (LUC):

This is a small, but interesting subseries. The LUC was a convent affiliated with St. Peter's Catholic Church. The nuns owned what was known as the Valle Crucis property in Columbia. The priest with whom BLA occasionally corresponded was Father T. J. Hegarty.

It appears that for years, John T. Seibels (John J???????) check, a Columbia attorney, represented the LUC. Around 1911, the LUC rethought their arrangement and hired BLA. It appeared that Seibels was disorganized and had lost or misplaced LUC records.

Seibels evidently purchased foreclosed property in the name of the convent. It appears that various individuals and corporations in South Carolina (primarily Columbia, but the order did have some property in Berkeley County) owed mortgages to the LUC. After learning that Seibels was not representing their interests well, they employed Abney. In particular, the nuns had problems with the Central Investment Company (CIC). They had a large mortgage and essentially stopped paying on it in 1911. The president of the CIC at the time was Ambrose Gonzales. The issue came to a head in 1917 when the LUC was almost forced to bring the Central Investment Company to court when they fell two years past due on their already sporadic payments. Abney, who was a casual acquaintance of the organization's president, Ambrose Gonzalez, avoided a lengthy trial and was able to settle the claim for the LUC.

Other mortgagees to the LUC included Mrs. Fannie G. Keith (wife of Frances G. Keith, professor at USC in the Modern Languages Department, and daughter of Major W. H. Gibbes) and Lucy Hampton Haskell. Mrs. Keith owned property on Green Street in Columbia. Evidently, she took out a second mortgage with Guimarin & Co. She fell behind in mortgage payments to both the LUC and Guimarin & Co.

Evidently, Lucy Hampton Haskell also took out a mortgage with the LUC. At times, she had trouble making her payments. Abney generally managed to smooth the waters between his friend Mrs. Haskell and the LUC.

Abney also assisted the nuns on a potential libel suit in 19**XX**. A short story was published in The Palmetto, a student publication at the College for Women in which the writer alleged that nuns were killed for breaking their vows. The LUC took offense and demanded a public apology in *The State* and *The Post and Courier*.

Around 1914, the sisters grow interested in presenting a claim to the Committee on [Civil] War Claims for compensation for property destroyed by the Union Army during the Civil War. Abney, who was not able to represent them because the claim had to be carried out in Washington, D.C., offered advice. The series includes a newspaper clipping that clearly explains the situation (*The State*, 3/14/1914). SC Congressman Lever went to D.C. trying to get a bill passed to award the LUC \$150,000 in damages. The clipping contains accounts of affidavits of witnesses who were students and or employed at the convent when Sherman's army destroyed it.

Of interest is a statement dated October 1921, regarding the rights of LUC to acquire and own property. MORE DETAIL HERE

Miscellaneous/Legal and notes and research:

The miscellaneous portion of the subseries is small and contains information that did not quite fit anywhere else.

Of particular interest, though, is a file on the State of South Carolina vs. Robert Smalls. It is the indictment handed down by the Court on Smalls' bribery charges. While Abney was not involved in this 1877 case, his brother John R. Abney played a prominent role in it.

There is also a bit of information in this subseries on the Columbia Granite, Construction, and Manufacturing Company. Evidently, Abney formed this organization along with some other individuals involved in the Columbia mills and utility company organizations including S. A. Pearce, Walter J. Fenner, and George C. Smith. It was probably part of their scheme to hold a monopoly in the city of Columbia. The records date from 1892-1902, and Abney was the president. This may have been one of the few times that he vested himself in an organization other than to join a board or serve as counsel.

This subseries contains limited information on all aspects of the law - BLA's research and note files. This information was obviously used as Abney shaped his arguments.

There is a small sub-series on Eleanor Van Benthuysen. Abney acted as more of a financial and personal advisor to her between 1909 to 1917. She owned several properties in downtown Columbia. Over the years, she turned to Abney for financial advice on how to manage the properties. The series contains a great deal of correspondence between Eleanor and Abney. He may have known her father who had left everything to Eleanor at the time of his death. The letters are sometimes personal in tone with Abney offering fatherly advice at times.

There is also a file pertaining to a Bishop Northrop out of Charleston. He was accused of fathering a bastard child and he wanted to sue for slander and libel.

Finally, other miscellaneous legal ventures include records pertaining to:

The Palmetto Guano Corporation Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company Western Union Telegraph Company The Southern States Warehouse Company

# Series III: COLUMBIA CANAL, COLUMBIA WATER POWER COMPANY AND ASSOCIATED POWER AND UTILITY COMPANIES

There is a strong connection between/among this series and the mill and property series. It is difficult to write about one without touching upon the others. For organizational purposes, the three series are divided; however, many of the names, organizations, businesses, and lawsuits are intricately connected.

This particular series includes information on the Columbia Canal, Columbia Water Power Company, the Columbia Canal Commission, the People's Electric Light Company, Parr Shoals Power Company, Twin City Power Company, Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light and Power Company, Columbia Railway, Gas and Electric Company, the Columbia Railway and Navigation Company, the Columbia Street Commission, and Southern Power Company.

In 1819 the state of South Carolina started construction on what would become the Columbia Canal for the purpose of passing boats around rapids beginning on the Broad River around two miles above Columbia and ending one mile below. In 1824 the Board of Public Works completed a portion from the confluence of the Broad and Saluda Rivers to Granby (on the Congaree) around three miles below Columbia. A few years later, the canal extended up the Broad River around two miles.

By 1827 the canal was used for transportation: 45,612 bales of cotton passed along the canal, but this type of water transportation proved slow and costly. Tolls were heavy. Boats jammed up on canal. With the advent of the railroad, though, canal transportation all but ceased.

Subsequently, as the canal series demonstrates, the state tried to find alternative uses for the canal since it did not want to be stuck with the costs. Officials kept trying to lease it -- unsuccessfully. The legislature passed many acts to enable the state realize some advantage or to pass the burden of maintenance to an individual or corporation. As a result, a stream of speculators tried unsuccessfully to salvage the investment.

In 1843, the state leased the canal for two years to Frederick W. Green on the condition (or one of the conditions) that he make noticeable improvements. He defaulted and the canal reverted back to the state. During the Civil War the Confederate government used part of the canal as a site for making gunpowder. Other investors tried to operate a grist mill, and a saw mill. Almost yearly, the state passed acts to authorize the sale of the canal so that it might be enlarged and developed for waterpower and transfer the burden of ownership; the state continued to pour money into a venture that was not making any money.

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In 1868 the State transferred the canal to Governor William Sprague of Rhode Island on the condition that he build a dam near Geiger's Ferry (two miles north of Gervais Street). He defaulted within a few years.

In 1878 the canal once again reverted to the state. Its repossession was opposed by Sullivan Fenner, the assignee of William Sprague. The matter was compromised by reserving to Fenner, his heirs and assigns, 500 horsepower of water power from the canal in payment of money spent by Sprague on improvements before he defaulted. Fenner then assigned this right to the Columbia Granite Construction and Manufacturing Company.

After the State reacquired the canal, a commission, composed of the attorney general, comptroller general, secretary of state, and 4 citizens appointed by the governor was formed for the management and sale of the canal.

In 1879 the Boston engineering firm of Thompson and Nagle expressed interest in using the canal for mill sites. The state legislature authorized the Canal Commission to contract with Thompson and Nagle. Thompson and Nagle formed the Columbia and Lexington Water Power Company and established an elaborate prospectus. They, too, defaulted.

In 1882 the canal reverted to the commission who then transferred it to the board of directors of the State Penitentiary. From 1882 to 1886 various appropriations were made for improvements under the auspices of the penitentiary (CHECK ON THIS FACT). There was some enlargement from Gervais Street to its source on the Broad River.

Between 1887 and 1891 work continued on the canal (mostly under the state's auspices) on 11/21/1891 it was completed from Bull's Sluice to Gervais Street. That same year, the trustees, in an effort to attract corporate interest, prepared an impressive prospectus.

Interested parties included George Wallace of Boston and Aretas Blood of Manchester, New Hampshire. For the purpose of purchasing the canal, they headed a group that organized the Columbia Water Power Company (CWPC) which incorporated in South Carolina in 1891. The incorporating officers of CWPC were Aretas Blood (president); W. H. Chew of New York (VP, general manager); Daniel R. Sortwell (Cambridge, MA), treasurer; W. M. Upham (Boston), secretary; and BLA as the attorney.

In 1892 the trustees of the canal deeded the property to CWP for \$60,000 and assumption of the obligations of the mortgage.

#### Canal/Mill connection:

In 1893 Blood, through Charles K. Oliver of Baltimore, became interested in a proposed duck mill to be built adjacent to the canal in Columbia. He claimed that the construction of a mill would ultimately bring a return on CWPC's investment in the canal. With financial backing from Blood, **Columbia Mills**was incorporated in January 1893 under the same board of directors as CWPC with Blood as president and Charles K. Oliver as general manager. The mill's site was around 600 feet east of the canal, a distance which made it hard to operate so they decided to electrify it. General Electric Company received the contract. And in 1894 a powerhouse was complete on the canal to supply power for the mills. April 25, 1894 was an historic date as Blood pulled the switch and electrified the mills.

CWPC operated the Columbia Hydro Plant and retained ownership of the canal until 1905 when all rights, properties, franchises, were deeded to Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light and Power Company.

One really cannot discuss the history of the canal without discussing the history of the formation and evolution of the various power and utility companies in Columbia.

On December 16, 1852, the Columbia Gas Light Company received its charter to provide gas streetlights to the city. By the 1870s, the company had lights running in businesses and private homes. The company was leased for a period of years to the United Gas Improvement Company, a holding company in Philadelphia. After cancellation of the lease in 1901, the Columbia Gas Light Company reverted to local management and eventually the properties were absorbed by the Public Service Company of South Carolina, which incorporated in 1904. It is important to note that the identity of the Columbia Gas Light Co. was "lost" through various corporate restructuring efforts, but its charter was not actually surrendered until 1936.

In 1886 five prominent Columbia citizens organized the first Columbia company whose charter authorized the generation and distribution of electricity. In December 1887 William H. Gibbes, John P. Thomas, Jr., John T. Sloan, Jr., Dr. T. T. Moore, and **Benjamin Abney** incorporated the **Congaree Gas and Electric Company**. In 1891 the company built a steam plant, powered by the canal, on Gates Street between Lady and Washington Streets to furnish power for the first electric lights on Columbia's streets.

On December 24, 1890, the Columbia Electric Street and Suburban Railway and Electric Power Company incorporated and commenced operating in Columbia as both an electric power and street railway company.

A year later, on December 16,, 1891, the Congaree Gas and Electric Company and the Columbia Electric Street and Suburban Railway and Electric Power Company merged and became the Columbia Electric Street Railway Light & Power Company. On the actual date of consolidation (1/6/1892) Columbia Electric Street Railway Light & Power Co. also acquired the property and franchise of Columbia Street Railway Company (incorporated 1882).

In 1900 Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light and Power Company purchased the property and franchises of Columbia and Eau Claire Street Railway Company; in 1905 it acquired Columbia Water Power Company, and, ultimately, in 1912 it acquired the Suburban Transit Company.

In 1904 **Edwin W. Robertson**, an influential Columbia banker, acquired a controlling interest in Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light & Power Company and named the following officers:

President: E. W. Robertson

First Vice President: J. L. Mimnaugh

Second Vice President, General Manager: P. I. Welles

Treasurer: Columbia Trust Company (OK NOW IT MAKES SENSE WHY I HAVE IT IN THE

COLLECTION....)

Auditor and bookkeeper: C. M. Tew Secretary and stenographer: A. L. Kraus Company solicitor: **Benjamin L. Abney** 

After 1904 the Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light and Power Company began the gradual process of absorbing small local companies formed to generate power or furnish gas or transportation services. In 1905 it acquired the Columbia Water Power Company, thus giving them a controlling interest in the canal.

In 1911 it changed its name to Columbia Railway, Gas and Electric Company and then acquired by conveyance all the real estate of the Public Service Company of South Carolina and leased the property and franchises of the Columbia Gas Light Company for thirty years.

BLA also worked with the Columbia Street Commission which eventually rolled into Columbia Electric Street Railway Power and Light Company and the Columbia Railway and Navigation Company (a statement regarding the company's books, 1918). He also represented the Southern Power Company. This was a Charlotte-based company owned and controlled by [James B.?????] Duke that wanted to start a franchise in South Carolina. Abney tried to lead them through the process. The company, hoping to extend its power lines outside of North Carolina, incorporated in the state of South Carolina in June 1905. Little came of the effort, although they did apply for a franchise in 1909.

Abney also represented the People's Electric Light Co. in their bid to sell power to the city of Columbia. This was earlier, circa 1897-1898. The company was chartered in 1897 by Aretas Blood of Manchester, New Hampshire, \_\_\_\_\_\_Carpenter also of Manchester, and George Wallace of Newton, Massachusetts...all forces behind the canal and the mills in Columbia. Its purpose was to produce, generate, and supply light, power and heat by means of electricity to the city.

More specifically, the series on the Columbia Canal and associated utility/power companies contains the following information:

- Early records including plats, deeds, conveyances, legislative information, legal information. Also correspondence/agreements with purchasers including Sullivan Fenner, Gov. William Sprague, Samuel A. Pearce.
- Information re dealings of the Board of Trustees of the Columbia Canal
- Information on right of ways...imminent domain issues?
- Conveyance from the board of directors of the South Carolina Penitentiary to the Board of Trustees of the Columbia Canal.
- Litigation materials. Lawsuits. Title claims.
- Agreement with SC Penitentiary (1897); agreement with Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light and Power Company, 1897 also CWPC vs. Columbia Electric Street..., 1893-1899
- Annual meeting minutes, etc
- *The State of SC v. CWPC*, 1909-1912

Associated Power and Utility Companies (3.75 linear feet)

This subseries deals less with the provision of power to Columbia than with the inner machinations among board members, shareholders, and plant managers.

It's all about business booming – speculations, options, futures, etc. Everyone is setting up these businesses, hoping to make a profit. The problem is that they were poorly managed and got too big too fast. Businesses were not facing any regulations. The people in charge were often ignorant or corrupt, plus all these businesses were being "managed" ultimately by individuals out of state. Locally, things went awry. Money is lost. People get blamed. Companies go bankrupt. There is doublecrossing, betrayal, scapegoats are named, fall guys take their falls.

All of these businesses were started via stock subscriptions; problems arose when the company did not make a profit. Shareholders were not paid. The companies faced lawsuits.

Some of the more significant cases included:

Chew v. Twin City Power Co. circa 1901-1906

The records contains some trial documents. The correspondence, on the other hand, reveals duplicity, doubt, betrayal, and deceit among William H. Chew, the general manager of Twin City Power Company; Benjamin Chew, the son of W. H. Chew and a sometimes employee at Twin City; MacKaye, Twin City's; and Fisher, Twin City's
H. Dunlap v. Twin City Power Co. and Others, circa 1900-1903
This case also involves deception and collusion. Dunlap accuse Chew and Twin City Power of misleading him. Chew, H. P. Dunlap and Mackaye are never straight with one another. There was a lot of double crossing going on among them from the beginning of their partnership.
[Dunlap to MacKaye (9/11/1900: GOOD LETTER)]Dunlap claims that Chew got him involved in the venture but misled him by saying that he would realize a large return on his investment, but didn't tell him the specifics. In time, Dunlap came to believe that Chew's business strategies were less than ethical: "His proposition was to get options on all the land along the river in my name at a given price and sell to his people for double"
Enclosed with a 9/27/1900 letter to Mackaye from Dunlap is an agreement between Fisher and Chew dated 5/16/1900 that sheds light on the transaction and the case. Evidently, Chew agreed to buy for Fisher "the water power and 338 acres of land known as the Wring Jaw Shoals and Straight Tucker Water Power on the Savannah River in South Carolina and Georgia, and to secure options on all lands on the South Carolina and Georgia sides of the Savannah River from 10 miles above the Water Power to and below said power as near to the city of Augusta, Georgia, as possible."
In this case, Abney represented Fisher.

#### Thomas Barrett, Jr., v. Twin City Power Co. and Others, circa 1901-04

Thomas Barrett, Jr., obtained options to purchase land on the Savannah River. He claimed that he organized a company after obtaining options for purpose of using water power of Savannah River. Around 6/1/1900 Barrett learned that W. H. Chew, as trustee for G. E. Fisher, was doing the same. To avoid conflict, Barrett entered into a contract with Chew. Barrett claimed breach of contract and filed suit.

BLA believed this to be an open and shut case; however, he lost it for his client and the court ordered TCP to pay \$15,00 to Barrett.

Parr Shoals Power Company

#### Columbia Railway and Navigation Company vs. Parr Shoals Power Company

In this case, which ran from circa 1916-1920, BLA represented the Columbia Railway and Navigation Company. At issue was the navigability of the Broad and Congaree Rivers: it must be preserved.

Parr Shoals owned and was principally engaged operating a large dam across the Broad River, a navigable stream under the laws of SC and the US, and a large power plant in connection with the dam. The plant manufactured and distributed large quantities of electric current and power to the public. From 11/1913 CRNC was engaged largely in owning and operating steam boats and barges on the Congaree River and other navigable rivers on which it transported large quantities of freight for hire to the public.

At the time, CRNC engaged almost exclusively in interstate commerce between Georgetown, South Carolina; Baltimore, Maryland; and New York.

In May 1914 PSPC completed construction of a concrete dam across the Broad River at Parr, South Carolina, and closed the dam thereby impounding the water. The dam, according to CRNC obstructed the natural flow and diminished the navigational capacity. In the suit, CRNC claimed that PSPC had not sought approval for the damn from the South Carolina state legislature. Furthermore, CRNC claimed that PSPC never submitted the plans to the chief of engineers, secretary of war.

CRNC claimed that PSPC interfered with their business and caused them to lose money as they could no longer effectively operate their boats according to their set time schedules.

Secondary source material:

From South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, 1846-1964, by Nell C. Pogue, Columbia, SC, 1964

#### Series IV: SOUTH CAROLINA TEXTILE MILLS

The series consists of around 3.75 linear feet of records, dating from 1891 to 1918, relating to mills and manufacturing companies for whom Benjamin L. Abney acted as counsel or provided legal advice. The papers are arranged into nine sub-series: Columbia Mills, Granby Mills, Olympia Mills, Palmetto Mills, Parker Mills, Richland Mills, Saxe Gotha Mills, Union Mills, and miscellany.

The textile mills gained prominence after the Civil War as a source of employment and revenue. The industry saw a boon in 1895-1907 as sixty-one new mills were built in the state of South Carolina. BLA represented many of the state's mills; frequently, the cases centered around child labor and personal injury

The mills raised some serious social issues. A big issue was child labor. The records contain documentation regarding the fate of children in the mill environment. Abney represented the organizations at a time when child labor opponents started to become vocal. Mill management had to respond. The response was almost always to resist. Several mill presidents fought labor regulations such as the child labor law of 1903 and the 1907 law reducing the workweek hours to 60. "I should much rather not have children in the mill, but it is impossible to employ families without employing children...today we are crippled for want of labor and any more restrictions...will prove a serious matter" (Charles Oliver to Abney, 1906).

Another problem was work conditions in the mills. A bulk of Abney's papers attest to the prevalence of personal injury cases as the result of on the job accidents. Thirdly, the Columbia Mills Company and its takeover by Mount Vernon Cotton Duck, which in turn was bought out by Consolidated Cotton Duck (both of Delaware) represents the presence of northern companies' investments in southern mills. The South offered several advantages: textiles could be produced more cheaply in a better climate where there was little intervention from trade unions and less than rigid labor laws. As the counsel for Columbia Mills, Abney's status was reduced and retainer cancelled after Consolidated Cotton Duck merged with International Mills of Massachusetts.

Columbia Mills The Columbia Mills subseries is divided into court cases, correspondence, taxes, State Board of Equalization information, stockholders' meeting minutes, and miscellany. Columbia Mills was under the ownership of various parent companies: Mount Vernon Cotton Duck in 1900 and later Consolidated Cotton Duck.

Court cases span 1897-1918 and contain personal injury lawsuits (many of which included child laborers) and claim suits such as the case of Henry Williams, who sought damages after his family was forcibly evicted from their mill village home.

Correspondence spans 1894-1915 and includes letters of Charles Oliver, President of Consolidated Cotton Duck, to Abney regarding the mill owners' resistance to the child labor law. Also included is discussion of the deed conveying the Columbia Mills property to Mount Vernon Cotton Duck.

Taxes include county and state tax statements, 1901-05, for the mill village in Lexington County. The State Board of Equalization assessed the value of the mills for tax adjustments. Included are letters from J.P. Derham and A.W. Jones, Comptroller Generals for 1901, 1902-04 respectively.

The Stockholders Meetings subseries spans 1896-1914 and includes correspondence and meeting minutes. Of interest is a debate between Charles Oliver and Abney about whether Consolidated Cotton Duck was a monopoly and should be susceptible to the anti-trust laws of South Carolina.

Miscellany, 1891-1915, includes various legal documents such as a deed and merger agreement between Columbia Mills and its parents company, Mount Vernon Cotton Duck.

#### Granby Mills

The Granby Mills subseries spans 1898-1912 and consists of legal documents and correspondence for which the organization was the defendant. The cases included a claim for the settlement of a bond issue, personal injury suits, and a lawsuit seeking damages as the result of the death of a child laborer. Abney also brought a breach of contract suit against the mill for failure to pay his retainer fee.

#### Olympia Mills

This subseries spans 1899-1908 and contains legal documentation and correspondence from lawsuits in which Abney acted as defense counsel. Included is a lawsuit brought by Leonard Phinizy, a stockholder in the mill. Phinizy claimed the mill misrepresented their financial situation and sought the money he claimed he lost when he purchased the preferred stock bond. Also included are materials and correspondence related to the Olympia, Richland, Granby Mills reorganization plan; it was hoped that consolidating debts and assets would lessen the debts of the three mills. The remaining items are contracts with the Columbia Water Power Company, transfers of stock, and Abney's claim for his retainer fee.

#### Palmetto Mills

The Palmetto Mills subseries spans 1900-1915 and is divided into two subseries: court cases and miscellany. Court cases contain legal documents from various lawsuits. Of interest is the suit brought by Portsmouth Savings Bank (New Hampshire) in which the trusteeship of the mill was transferred to G. Ralph Laighton. Also included is a proposed suit to foreclose the mortgage as well as personal injury cases. Miscellany includes the application for charter of the mill, chain of title, agreements and indentures.

#### Parker Mills

The Parker Mills subseries spans 1912-17, and consists of documents from lawsuits, stock documents and the resolution to liquidate. Of particular interest are the lawsuits of James Summer and Alex King,

brokers for Hampton Mills, a subsidiary of Parker Mills. They accused M.C. Branch and W.E. Beattie, presidents of Parker and Hampton Mills respectively, of misrepresenting the indebtedness of Hampton Mills to the stockholders and planning to sell the mill to settle other debts.

#### Richland Mill

This subseries, 1895-1908, n.d., consists of Abney's claim for the retainer fee, information pertaining to a trespassing suit brought by the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad, an agreement with Carolina National Bank, and blueprints of the property.

Saxe Gotha Mills

This subseries, dating from 1910-15, consists of balance sheets, bonds and deeds conveying Saxe Gotha Mills to the Palmetto Trust Company.

Union Mills

The Union Mills subseries spans1905-10 and contains legal documents and correspondence from lawsuits, claims, and a lease from Southern Trust Company to Union Mill.

## Miscellany

This subseries spans 1894-1912 and includes lawsuit files from mills outside Columbia in which Abney gave legal advice. Of interest is the S.C. Cotton Piece Goods Case in which Abney served as Counsel for the Southern Railway Commission. The issue was the adjustment of interstate rates for the shipment of cotton.

## **Series V: Real Estate/Properties**

A large series, real estate straddles the legal series, the canal/utility series, and the mills series. It seems most logical that these properties, many located along waterways and/or railroads ultimately landed in the hands of railroads, mills, and utility companies. Either by imminent domain, purchase or default, the land probably wound up under the ownership of said companies. Abney probably used a lot of the records when employed by the utility companies, Columbia Canal, and/or mills to trace property rights and chains of title. Most likely the records in this series were used for research purposes.

At first glance a lot of the real estate transactions are inexplicable (WC): a lot of random titles and deeds. It seems most logical that these properties, many located along waterways and/or railroads ultimately landed in the hands of railroads, mills, and utility companies. Either by imminent domain, purchase or default the land probably wound up under the ownership of said companies.

An interesting and confusing piece of the real estate pie is the series on land transactions in and around Asheville, North Carolina. Evidently, it has to do with land that was acquired by North Carolina government via "treaty" with the Cherokee Indians in 18\_\_ and 18\_\_. Why these records appear in this collection is a mystery unless they had something to do with an estate Abney settled...

Properties owned or mortgaged by Abney.

Abney owned several properties in downtown Columbia including 12 Gibbes Court, 1431 Washington Street, 1226 Bull Street, 1522 Lady Street, 1221 Pickens Street, and 1518 Lady Street.

Additionally, many individuals turned to Abney for mortgages. He also stepped into situations when home or landowners could not make payment to the mortgagor. Additionally, he wrote up titles and deeds or whatever the right term is for this

Of interest in this subseries is documentation on the theological seminary, Columbia Female College, and many other properties both in downtown Columbia and in the outskirts of the city.

The series also contains correspondence between Abney and James A. Cathcart, the individual who managed properties and collected rent for Abney.

Savannah River land in Edgefield County, South Carolina and Lincoln County, Georgia

At issue is land along the Savannah River located in Edgefield County, South Carolina, and Lincoln County, Georgia. The subseries consists of title information, and information pertaining to previous owners of the land in question.

There is evidence of the presence of William H. Chew in some of the transactions.

## Richland County Land

Most of this series deals with land in what is now consider downtown Columbia. Again, there is little obvious evidence of Abney here; however, one might assume that this land ultimately came into the hands of the Columbia Water Power Company or one of the mills in the area.

Another confusing twist is that of the property owned by the Bishop Northrop of Charleston. Again, though, the land is located conveniently close to the canal.

The series does contain one \_\_\_\_\_ that is most definitely not related to the canal or mills: that of the property of J. Quitman Marshall...Central National Bank of Columbia v. J. Quitman Marshall. At issue is the accessibility of an alley...

#### Lexington County Land

This series refers to what was known as the Mill Tract and Big Island (on the Broad River). At issue is inherited land, mortgages, and foreclosures within the Bookman family. As the land was located along a river, one wonders if the land ultimately wound up in the hands of a power company or mills. Some of the land in this series is in New Brookland.

Congaree Swamp Land

At issue is ownership of land and payment of mortgages.

North Carolina Land

An interesting and confusing piece of the real estate pie is the series on land transactions in and around Asheville, North Carolina. Evidently, it has to do with land that was acquired by North Carolina

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This can be connected to Abney through the estate series as Abney settled the estates of several of the individuals involved. Basically this series deals with land that was originally granted via treaties with Cherokee Indians and subsequent sales by the North Carolina government. tT issue is a land grant signed by the North Carolina Secretary of State, Rufus H. Page, on 12/8/1859 (#587) to R. V. Welch, W. W. Battle, and J. R. Love. The series presents evidence of subsequent sales of various plots of land by various heirs, in particular, one Emmeline Battle.

The land in question is 50,000 acres bounded by/on the Oconalufta (?) and Tuckaseigee Rivers along the summit of the Great Smoky Mountains in Swain, Macon, and Jackson Counties.

Miscellaneous Land Transactions

Of interest are several files pertaining to the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company, the Santee River Cypress Lumber Company, and the Stewart Stone Company.

Also found within the series are several files pertaining to land in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Three unexplained documents pertain to land in Charleston, South Carolina: one is a copy plat for land in St. Stephen's Parish. The land is a title for Berkeley County Land dated 1836 (check this...can't read my writing!) to Henry Bradley dated 1800. The second is a document pertaining to land n Monck's Corner and on East Bay Street dated 1874. The third?????/

#### SEMINOLE SECURITIES COMPANY

BLA represented the Seminole Securities Company in a series of legal entanglements between 1908 and 1921.

In 1908 a group of Columbia businessmen founded the Seminole Securities Company as a holding company for a planned insurance company to be incorporated as the Sterling Accident Company. The involved parties claimed that the company was organized for the purposed of promoting the *future*Sterling Accident Company. Ostensibly, they wanted to make sure they had the necessary start-up capital for the planned insurance company; therefore, they organized the Seminole Securities Company in order to furnish the means for financing and promoting the accident insurance company. As soon as a sufficient amount had been subscribed to the stock of the securities company, the interested individuals planned to organize the insurance company. "To give confidence" they created a Board of Trustees and named to it Gen. Wilie Jones, Mr. T. S. Bryan, and W. A. Clark. Money from the sale of stock was to be placed in the hands of the trustees to hold until a sufficient amount was sold to organize the Accident Company. When this was accomplished, the trustees were to invest the money in the stock of the Accident Company for a period of ten years with a voting power. During that time they were to elect a board of directors so that the stockholders would be assured that the interest of the company was in the hands of disinterested individuals.

Evidently in 1908 subscribers to the stock claimed that the company overcharged them. Clark's answer was that the company had to charge a premium on the stock for the purpose of meeting necessary expenses of promotion and of operation until the company can operate on its own...it was not to create a surplus fund.

Abney and J. S. Muller were the attorneys for Seminole Securities. From 1908 to at least 1921, Seminole Securities was involved in a series of lawsuits brought forth by stockholders who claimed that company was engaged in fraudulent practices.

#### South Carolina Dispensary Commission, 1901-1921, nd

South Carolina Dispensary Commission ("Winding Up Commission")

This series is of interest because it chronicles the commission that was given the task of investigating charges of fraud and graft within the Dispensary System. It took the commission several years to "wind up the affairs," far longer than anyone had anticipated. At the end, it is unclear whether the group actually did the job they set out to do or if they, too, fell prey to corruption and wound up sliding things under the rug. The records serve to expose another facet of South Carolina's attempt at state control of the liquor business.

The South Carolina Dispensary, a controversial attempt at monopolizing the liquor business from 1893 to 1907, was the brainchild of Governor Benjamin Ryan Tillman. In the end, it proved too corrupt to be successful. Tillman was not a proponent of prohibition; he did not initiate the dispensary as a means of outlawing alcohol. Rather deviously, he saw it as a means for the state to profit off of the weakness of its citizenry. As he saw it, under the established system of local option, towns were profiting from the sale of liquor, not the state. He set about changing this.

Borrowed from Scandinavian liquor regulation systems, the South Carolina Dispensary granted the state a complete monopoly on liquor selling. Tillman, who saw the system in action in Athens, Georgia, brought the dispensary to South Carolina upon his election in 1893. It lasted as a state-wide system until 1907 and continued as a county local option plan until prohibition came to the state in 1916.

When South Carolina undertook the Dispensary system it represented the most radically socialist experiment undertaken by the state. The system was a state monopoly of the wholesale and retail liquor busines. It was supervised by a state board of control that had general oversight of the whole business. The actual administration was in the hands of a commissioner appointed by the governor with the consent of the state Senate. It was the job of the commissioner to purchase all liquors for legal sale in the state, giving preference to domestic brewers and distillers. The commissioner would furnish liquor at wholesale to county dispensers at no more than a fifty percent net profit. All liquor was to be pure and unadulterated (tested by a chemist at South Carolina State College). County boards of control should provided for retail sale in respective counties. Local option was left undisturbed but dispensaries would be established upon petition by a majority of the freeholders of any town or city. There was to be one dispensary for each county with the exception of Charleston which had ten and Columbia which had six. In-state manufacturers could not sell legally to anyone within the state except the commissioner, though they were able to send shipments out of state on certificates furnished by the commissioner.

Profits from the central wholesale dispensary went to the state treasury. Local dispensaries divided up the profits monthly: in theory, half went to the county and half to the municipality.

The law went into effect on July 1, 1893. Tillman urged its acceptance and claimed that it was a practical solution to the problem of drinking, it would cut down on inebriety and crime, and it would provided a valuable source of revenue for the state. The law authorized dispensary constables to enforce the law by conducting searches in private homes and established businesses. The constables took to this job with enthusiasm and easily acquired search warrants and did not hesitate to resort to violence. Some citizens resisted, sometimes with the support of local leaders and legislators.

Problems started almost immediately. The system led to the birth of "blind tiger" or illegal saloons. Several railroads in the state said they would disregard Section 25 of the law which forbid them from hauling liquor into the state except under certification from the commissioner. Local judges started declaring parts of the law unconstitutional saying that the state does not have the right to engage in the traffic of merchandise for trade. The penalties were not clear. It was not until Martin F. Ansel ascended to the governorship in 1906 that steps were taken to abolish the system. Ansel, a supporter of local option, pushed the General Assembly to close the dispensary, which they did in February 1907. Counties were permitted to continue operating on their own or enact prohibition.

The end of the Dispensary did not come smoothly. It seemed that there was as much controversy and graft in closing it down as there was in operating the system.

The "Winding Up Commission" was created by a General Assembly Act of February 16, 1907, to close out the entire business and property of the South Carolina Dispensary (except real estate and including stock in the several county dispensaries) by disposing of all goods and property, by collecting debts due, and by paying from those proceeds all debts owed.

The series contains information on the following glass, bottling, and distribution companies:

## Carolina Glass Company (CGC):

In this case, CGC claimed that the Dispensary System owed them money. When the State froze the Dispensary's assets CGC was still owed a lot of money. The state counter sued saying that CGC actually owed them money. Abney represented members of the original dispensary commission. They brought suit in separate cases against the State of South Carolina; William J. Murray, Chairman, John McSween, et al, constituting the State Dispensary Commission; and Murray, McSween, Wood, Patton, Brice. Going back as far as 1911, CGC claimed the dispensary would not pay what they owed.

The subseries includes correspondence with W. F. Stevenson, a Cheraw attorney, who represented the original Commission; William H. Lyles and John T. Seibels, the attorneys for CGC; W. B. West, Dispensary auditor; and J. Fraser Lyons, South Carolina's attorney general at the time (see 2/28/1911, 3/3/1911 in particular).

Of interest is a letter dated 1/29/1912 which explains that Abney and Stevenson were appointed by Lyons to represent, along with Lyons, Murray, McSween, Wood, Patton, and Brice in the case brought forth by CGC. Additionally, C. E. Spencer of Yorkville, SC and Hon. Thomas F. McDow (member, SC House of Representatives) were employed by Brice. Hon. T. Bothwell Butler of Gaffney was employed by A. N. Wood.

BLA's argument contains a good explanation of the Winding Up Commission's duties as well as his role in the trial. BLA and the Dispensary Commission asserted that the CGC overcharged the state for goods sold to the dispensary; so, despite the fact that the Dispensary owed CGC money, they claimed that CGC actually owed them more...

The judge on the case was the Hon. A. M. Smith. It was brought forth on November 17, 1909. Smith dismissed it on June 19, 1912.

#### Richland Distilling Company (RDC):

The State of South Carolina sued RDC for \$500,000 due to fraudulent overcharges made at procurement of and connivance of J. S. Farnum, Alexander Block, Nicholas Block, William Lanahan and Bernheim Distilling Company and the Richland Distillery Company. The suit was brought forth in accordance with the 2/1910 act WHAT IS THIS ACT???. The company overcharged the state and used the money to bribe dispensary agents. There was conspiracy by the owners to cheat the Board of Directors of the Dispensary. The company was organized solely as a corn liquor distillery, yet they sold everything from that to champagne. Ostensibly they were in business from 1901 until 4/10/1906, but it was determined that they continued to do business as "Big Four Distilling Company."

Correspondents in the subseries include Hon. A. J. Carroll (attorney from Louisville, KY), J. Frazier Lyons and Thomas B. Felder, Jr.

BLA, as attorney for State Dispensary Commission, worked to get people to turn state's witness. In exchange, BLA allowed that Lyons would not proceed with criminal charges against the individuals.

Wilson Distributing Co. v. Murray et al/ Fleischmann Co. v. Murray et al: (Murray countersues)

In this case, BLA and Stevenson worked together again. On the plaintiff's side, the firms of Nelson & Nelson and Osborne & Laurence represented Big Springs Distilling Company, Ulman & Co., Anchor Distilling Co., Richard and Company, D. Sachs & Sons. T. Moultrie Mordecai represented Frank Carter, H. C. Chedester, Wilson Distilling Co., Gallagher & Burton, Jno. M. Cranston (Mordecai also represented Anheuser Busch Brewing Association. W. E. Daniel represented Garrett and Company. Merrick & Barnard represented the Fleischmann Company. Weston and Aycock represented the New York and Kentucky Co. The case was heard by Hon. J. C. Pritchard, US Circuit Judge, of Asheville, North Carolina.

Murray and other dispensary commission leaders counter sued claiming that in their role, they investigated charges that Wilson and Fleischmann were involved in fraudulent practices such as overcharging and illegal contracts with the former agents of the state.

State of SC v. Koskam, Gerstley & Co.

This 1910 trial includes correspondence to/from W. J. Murray.

Sottile Bros and others. This case brings in Southern Railway Company.

Whiskey was shipped to Charleston via a Southern Railway line from Savannah (it originated at the Big Springs Distilling Co.). Sixteen cases were seized at Charleston with a search warrant for illegal liquors. Abney worked for SRC on this one. It was his job to clean it up because SRC could be liable because they stored the liquor on their property.

The subseries includes correspondence with M. Rutledge Rivers, a Charleston attorney in Charleston, for the Big Spring Distilling Co.

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"Five Easy Pieces on the South Carolina Dispensary," http://www.albany.edu/history/hamm/FiveEasyPieces.html, Richard F. Hamm, nd (was available as of 9/14/2000)

### **Series: Legislative**

Abney served in the South Carolina House of Representatives for a few years (NOT SURE WHAT THE YEARS ARE). He did not ever aspire to becoming a politician, and it does not appear that he relished his time in the legislature. It does appear that he focused primarily on issues related to railroads and transportation.

Primarily this small series contains information pertaining to railroad bills in the South Carolina legislature as well as some records pertaining to the Railroad Commission (see also information on George McDuffie Hampton who served as the Railroad Commissioner from 19\_\_ to 19\_\_.)

Within the non-railroad materials one can find limited information on bills to regulate insurance companies, election fraud, workmen's compensation, a bill to prohibit pools, trust, and monopolies, the use of water power, and the use of telegraph lines.

Series: Miscellaneous Correspondence

**Series: Southern Railway Corporation** 

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*Olympia Mills*: Box 2. No subseries. Lawsuit documents and correspondence, stockholders' meeting minutes, contract.

*Palmetto Mills*: Box2. Arranged by subseries, within each subseries by date. Lawsuit documents and correspondence, charter application, indentures, account sheets, deeds and mortgage.

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Richland Mills: Box 3. No subseries. Lawsuit documents, blueprints, agreements.

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Union Mills: Box 3. No subseries. Lawsuit documents, leases.

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Miscellany: Box 3. Lawsuit documents and correspondence, agreements, stock papers.

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- M. Palmetto Guano Corporation
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27	Correspondence, Personal, Letter from Gov. Cole Blease to Mr. G. C. Dismukes re Columbia Club and slander incident; letter to Dismukes from J. E. Gibbes related to the issue, 1914
28	Correspondence with Rev. Richard Carroll, 1920-21 (See also: )
29	Correspondence, Personal, Letter from Gov. R. A. Cooper re creating Public Service Commission, 1919
30	Correspondence, Personal, August Kohn, 1909, 1910, 1914, 1919, nd
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64	Clothing orders (see, also: receipts and bills files), 1913-1916
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67	"J. H. Hilsman & Co., Stocks and Bonds," 1920
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	20-23	Receipts and Correspondence, Law Library," 1910-12
	24	Receipts and Correspondence, the Language Cooperative Publishing Company, 1917-18
	25	Sale of Library, 1920
	26	Southern Express Company, BLA's claim for undelivered books, 1912 Indexes/Catalogs:
	27	"Books Belonging to B. L. L. Abney," Edgefield, SC, 7/18/1877, 11/16/1880
	28	"Catalogue of Books in the Library of B. L. Abney," 1909
	29-31	"A Catalog of the Law Library of B. L. Abney, Columbia, SC," (includes attached correspondence), 1917-1918
	32-36	"A Classified Author List of the Literary Library of the late Benjamin Lindsey Abney of Columbia, SC," presented to the University of South Carolina by J. R. Abney (includes accession numbers) (a copy is also available in Manuscripts Division of South Caroliniana Library), 1923
	37	"Index to Law Books in the Library of B. L. Abney," 1909
	38	"Law Library, Index," ca 1919
	39	Notebook, re literary library, nd
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	43	Calling and business cards of friends and associates, nd
	44	City of Columbia, Centennial Celebration, 1891
	45	City of Columbia v. Benjamin L. Abney, charged with disorderly conduct, 1915
	46	Genealogical information, 1911
	47	Hospital Chart, 11/7/1921-11/11/1921, 11/21/1921
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	48	Men of Mark entry, 1905, 1909
	49	Purchase of horse from P. B. Mayson, Edgefield, SC, 1905
	50	Short story/play (?), BLA writing effort, "The Chambermaid and the Young Gentleman," nd
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	55	War-Camp Community Recreation Fund, Form letter from A. S. Manning (Soldier Life Activities Committee of Columbia), 1917
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	56	The Academy of Political Science, 1917
	57	American Association for Labor Legislation, 1916, 1917
	58	American Historical Association, 1913, 1915, 1916, 1918, 1920
	59, os 1*	"Anglo-American Exposition, London, England, 1914," Gov. Cole Blease appointed BLA to the South Carolina Committee in 1913) 1913-14
	60	Associated Charities, Columbia, SC, 1917
	61	Chamber of Commerce, Columbia, 1917
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	63	Columbia Club, 1909-17
	64	Columbia Music Festival Association (stockholder), 1915
	65	Columbia Trust Company, Boards of Directors, Stockholders, 1906-07
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10	Appointment of Muller, attorney for the U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company, 1907
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31-32	Lloyd W. Burch, 1902
33	W. H. Clarke, 1904
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35	Agreement with the Farber Drewry Company, 7/1911
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	54	Correspondence, Minutes, Business documents, 1917
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19	70	Deed: Winchester McDaniel to R. J. Price, Edgefield County, South Carolina, 1892 (McDaniel is from Edgefield; Price is from Lincoln County) (Land bounded by the Gilchrist Ferry Road, lands of McDaniel, and Savannah River)
	71	Partition of lands and quit-claim deeds of W. A. Reid and J. K. Reid, Lincoln County, Georgia, 1897 (Both of Lincoln County. Tenants on land that adjoins Mrs. M. A. Bussey, Savannah River, Mrs. Gussie Bussey, and W. M. Reid.
	71a	Deed: R. G. Price to W. A. and James K. Reid, 1898
	72	Deed: J. M. Miles and I. L. Miles to James S. Bussey, deed (Lincoln County, Georgia), 1900 (Both of Richmond County, Georgia) (Lot #1: "Tompkins Tract," adjoining land of estate of Nathan Bussey; Lot #3: adjoining Lot #1 and estate of Nathan Bussey)
		Following folders re land in general vicinity of above, but seem to be of different nature:
	73	Plat: Survey of land for Atticus Tucker by George W. Mitchell, 1850
	74	Deed: William H. Brissey and Martha P. Brissey to William Beasley, (land on Savannah River in Edgefield County), 1875
	75	List of sales from deed book, Edgefield County, 1890-1891
	76	Jerry E. Lyons v. Ellery M. Brayton, 1900 (re deed for land in Augusta, GA) (re confusion over deed. Doesn't seem to be mills-related, although Lyons is an employee of the Riverside Mills)
	77-78	David Sheldon Rice et al v. P. H. Starr (land in Bamberg, Barnwell County), 1908
		Richland County Land, 1855-1914
	79	Green Family Property in Downtown Columbia. Land abutting canal: William Glaze to Halcott P. and John S. Green, title, land bound by Congaree River, 1855
	80	Samuel Green to Louisa H. Green, deed and title, Gervais Street, 1880
	81	John Green Samuel Green, et al to Louisa H. Green, title, Gervais Street, 1882
	82	John Green, Samuel Green, et al to Marion E. Green, title, Senate Street, 1882
	83	Mortgages: Sarah Green to C. J. Iredell and D. L. Peixotts (attorneys), 1882; Marion E. Green to same, 1883
	84	Memorandum of title: Mrs. Louisa H. Green, re land in city of Columbia, 1889

19	85	Henry Laurens Goss to W. K. Greenfield, title, 4 lots: land bounded by Gervais, Lady, Williams, and Gist; Lady, Washington, Williams and Gist; Lady, Washington, Huger, and Williams; Gervais, Lady, Williams, and Huger. 1890
	86	B. F. Bailey to William Greenfield, title, land bounded by Gervais, Lady, Williams, and Gist; Lady, Washington, Williams and Gist; Lady, Washington, Huger, and Williams; Gervais, Lady, Williams, and Huger. 1890
	87	Sarah and W. Briggs Green to William Greenfield, title, bounded by Gervais, Gist, Senate, and Columbia Canal, 1890
	88	May S. Bailey to Congaree Water Power Co, title, land near canal, originally conveyed by Sarah Green to W. K. Greenfield, 1891
	89	Contract to sell lands: Louisa H. Green to W. P. Hix, W. H. Chew, John R. Abney. 2 acres in city of Columbia, bounded by Gervais, Williams, Gist, 1891
	Co	olumbia Canal Land:
	90	Conveyance: Nicholas Herbemont to Town of Columbia (Board of Public Works) (surrender of land for construction of public works on Congaree River) (includes plat), 1820 (copy dated 1870)
	91	Conveyance: Benjamin F. Taylor to State of South Carolina (plot between Roberts, Lower Gist, Tobacco Streets and Columbia Canal), 1823 (copy dated 1877)
	92	Conveyance: Jacob Gerger to State of South Carolina (land on Bull Sluice Canal), 1840 (copy dated 1871)
	93	Deed: Sullivan Fenner to Samuel A. Pearce (transfer of land associated with canal, water power company), 1884
	94	Contracts of sale: M. H. Witt to W. P. Hix, W. H. Chew and John R. Abney, 1891
	95	Contract of sale: Sarah A. Guignard to W. P. Hix, W. H. Chew and John R. Abney (25 acres, Lexington County, state road to Charleston) (includes plat), 1891
	96	Contract of sale: John A. Shuler to W. P. Hix et al, 23 acres, New Brookland, Lexington County, 1891
	97-100	William H. Chew: Purchase of properties along Columbia Canal, 1894-95
	101	Title: Samuel A. Pearce to Columbia Granite Construction and Manufacturing Company (CWPC connection), 1896
	102	W. H. Chew, correspondence re purchase of land along canal, 1897
	103	Central National Bank of Columbia re lands/mortgages associated with canal, 1902

	Bishop Northrop property, 1870-1914:
104	Deed: Patrick N. Lynch, Bishop of Charleston, executor of last will and
	testament of J. A. Reynold, deceased, to Samuel A. Pearce, Jr.,
	(along Congaree, Richland and Lexington Counties), 12/3/1870
105	Statement of Samuel Green, re Bishop Northrop property, Maxcy Gregg
	tie in, Dr. Wallace, Lynch property, Pearce, Canal
	connection1893

	106	Rev. H. P. Northrop property, Bishop of Charleston, 1914
		Other properties in/near Columbia that may be related to canal/mills, 1866-1915:
	107	John J. Rawls and Thomas J. Rawls, executors, to the State of SC, title (land along Columbia Canal), 1866
	108	Clark Waring to State of South Carolina, quit claim deed (land along Columbia Canal), 1883
		Other properties in/near Columbia that may be related to canal/mills, 1866-1915:
19	109	Mortgage: Benjamin A. Rawls to Carolina National Bank of Columbia, 1888
	110	Benjamin A. Rawls and Willie Jones, foreclosure by Carolina National Bank of Columbia (city of Columbia, lot bounded by Tobacco, Richardson, Indigo, and Assembly Streets), 1894
	111	Dent, W. H.: Plat of Portion of W. H. Dent tract on Old Camden Road, 1915
		J. Quitman Marshall property, 1889-1908:
	112	Memorandum of title to lot on Richardson Street (Columbia) to be mortgaged by George Bruns to Thomas Miles; Memorandum of title to lot on Sumter Street (lot of George Bruns), 1889 (re alley Central National Bank)
	113-115	Central National Bank of Columbia v. J. Quitman Marshall, 1902, 1903, 1905 (re accessibility of alleyway, "Plain Street Alley")
	116	Jane B. Marshall to Columbia Building and Loan Association, mortgage, land in downtown Columbia, 1905
	117	J. Quitman Marshall to Palmetto National Bank, mortgage, 1906
	118	J. Quitman Marshall et al v. the United States, 1908
		The Mill Tract, Lexington County (and Big Island on the Broad River, 1892-1902, nd:
	119	George W. Lorick v. Carroll Bookman et al (re Mill Tract), complaint in foreclosure, 1892-93 ( <i>Bookman and by extension the et als who hold junior mortgages owes Lorick for mortgage</i> )
	120	Mary A. Chambers v. A. G. Bookman, et al, correspondence re case, 1892, 1897, 1898, 1900-02, nd

121	Walter S. Monteith to Sallie A. Bookman, title (the Mill Tract and Big
	Island), 1894
122	Re mortgage of Carroll Bookman to Paul H. Haltiwanger, 1896
123-124	Mary A. Chambers v. A. G. Bookman, et al, trial documents, 1898
125	Paul H. Haltiwanger v. Walter S. Monteith and Sallie A. Bookman,
	summons for relief, 1899-1900
126	Testimony re Bookman land, re Mary A. Chambers v. A. G. Bookman,
	1900 (Monteith, Carolina National Bank. Mortgage owed to Paul H.
	Haltiwanger. Monteith has assumed Bookman's debt. Bookman had
	purchased land with debt over it. Original indebtedness Caroll
	Bookman to Haltiwanger)

		Additional Lexington County properties (probably related to above), 1874-1897:
19	127	Guignard property (Lexington County, on Augusta Road), 1874
	128	Chain of title of George F. Lightsey (Broad River property), circa 1880
	120	(connection to Haltiwanger, Nunnamaker)
	129	John R. Shuled, Abstract of title, New Brookland, Lexington, 1880
	130	F. Heyward Perry to M. H. Witt, title, Lexington County on
	130	Saluda/Congaree River(s), 1885
	131	M. H. Witt, abstract of title, circa 1889 (Lexington County, New
	131	Brookland, Columbia along canal, Rising Hopes Farm)
	132	Miscellaneous list re Lexington County mortgages, 1892
	133	J. S. King to Charles Sharpe, deed (along Congaree River, Lexington
	133	County), 1897
		Miscellaneous Lexington County:
	134	Lexington County, Double Branches on Saluda River, Hooks Family
		property, Relinquishment of deed of Martin Hooks and dower of
		Zelina Hooks to L. D. Childs, W. Johnston and J. B. Palmer, 1868-70
	135	M. H. Witt, plat (re Hooks land), 1885
	136	Lexington County: Saluda Manufacturing Land deed: Lysander D.
		Childs to William Johnston, 1873
	137	Abstract of title of B. N. Hook and Brothers, 1897
		Congaree Swamp Property, 1884-1919:
	138	W. S. Monteith to J. A. Peterkin, title, Congaree River Swamp property,
		Richland County, 1884
	139	Land/estate of R. S. McKenzie, purchased by McKenzie through a
		sheriff's sale, 1895-96
	140	Loan and Exchange Bank of South Carolina v. James A. Peterkin and
		Ross S. McKenzie, 1896
	141	Loan and Exchange Bank of South Carolina v. J. A. Peterkin, Ross S.
		McKenzie et al (foreclosure, lands in Congaree Swamp), 1897
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10	1.42	Congaree Swamp Property, 1884-1919, continued:
19	142	Mary Ann Chambers and Elizabeth Finley and Henry O. Kinsler and
		Catherine Koigler to Daniel W. Kinsler, title, Lexington County,
		Congaree Creek, 1898
		"Lykes Place:" land on the Congaree River in Columbia conveyed by L. B.
		Owens:
	143	Letter identified in unnamed case as Exhibit D from George A.
		Blackburn to T. C. Williams re mortgage, 1916
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	146	Deed/land grant to R. v. Welch, W. W. Battle, J. R. Love (50,000 acres, Jackson City, NC. Part of land acquired by treaty from the Cherokees), 1855, 1859, 1860, 1878 (OS NEEDS WORK. SEE ATTENDANT BEFORE HANDLING) Grant # 587, dated 12/8/1859
	147	Emmeline Battle to B. F. Hawkins, 1862 (copy is dated 1883); B. F. Hawkins to Emmeline Battle, 1862 (copy is dated 1883) (North Carolina land)
	148	W. L. Hilliard, et al to Dr. Clark Whittier, title, 1885 (land in Swain, No originally granted to J. R. Love, R. V. Welch, and W. W. Battle in 1859. Cherokee lands?)
	149	J. R. Love, R. V. Welch, Emmeline Battle, and W. H. Thomas, Agreement, circa 1885-1886
	149a	W. L. Hilliard, deceased; Clarke Whittier, deceased, re guardianship of R. V. Welch and W. H. Thomas, lunatics, 1886
	149b	Clarke Whittier, last will and testament, 1887
	149c	Whittier estate, in re matter of Annie McKenzie Whittier and William Whittier, executors, 1889
	150	E. Everett, adm. of will of Clarke Whittier to Natt. Atkinson, C. E. Graham, John, M. Thrash, title, 1890 (Swain County, NC)
	151	Omar Clark to E. Everett, admn., Clarke Whittier, circa 1890 (North Carolina land)
	152	Whittier Land Title and Memoranda re Cherokee Lands in NC, circa 1892
	153	C. E. Graham and Susan J. Graham to Mary S. Ray, title, 1892
	154	Deed of merit for benefit of creditors, Brodie L. Dake, Minnie W. Dake and N. Ballard and John Wiley, 1893 (Durham County, Swain County, NC)
20	1	Deeds/chains of title: N. Atkinson et al to W. W. Jones; N. Atkinson et al to C. E. Graham; N. Atkinson et al to J. E. Ray, 18193-94
	2	Edward B. Atkinson to Charles B. Atkinson, deed, 1894
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20	3	Re purchase of Whittier lands by George Hagemeyer and Sons from C. B. Atkinson, C. E. Graham and others, 1894 (Swain County)
	4	B. Atkinson, J. M. Thrack, Susan J. Thrack, J. E. Ray and Mary S. Ray to the Foreign Hardwood Log Company, title, 1894 (Swain County, NC)
	5	Re potential sale of land in Swain County, NC (Whittier tract), by Thomas D. Johnston to William H. Chew, 1894
	6	Abstract of chain of title of Capt. Natt. Atkinson et al to tract of land in Swain County, NC, nd (probably circa 1894)

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	/	al, 1891-1897 (Robert Aldrich was attorney for Carolina Midland Construction Company)
	8	Mortgage of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company to the Colonial Trust Company, 1901-05 (BLA provided legal advice re mortgage Also
	9	there is some stuff in here re a new usury law in SC) Annie Miller and Atlantic Coast Lumber Company, 1901, 1912, 1916 (Timber rights on Miller's property)
	10	Earle, Robert: Agricultural Lease and Lien, Dr. A. D. Morgan to Robert Earle, 1907-08
	11	Fairfield County:  James A. Brice, assgn. for creditors of David R. Henniken, to  Thomas H. Ketchin, title/deed of assignment (Rocky Branch on Broad River, Fairfield County), 1888
	12	Lease of property owned by E. Hechheimer for agricultural use (Evans Place, Fairfield County), 1897)
	13	Andrew G. Milling v. M. S. Cash, warrant of attachment against property of Cash, Fairfield County, 1898
	14	L. Metz v. J. S. Verner, et al, re mortgage of Fowles Lumber Co., 1894
	15-17	Pintsch Compressing Company, land transactions, 1906-1908, 1914
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	20	Miscellaneous Charleston Land: William C. Miller, account in accordance with Simonton and Barker,
	21	re lands in Monck's Corner and on East Bay Street, 1874 Frank J. Miller to Annie Miller (son and daughter of William C. Miller), title, Berkeley County land, 1896
	22	Surveyor General's Office, Charleston, SC; copy plat to Henry Bradley (District of Charleston, St. Stephen's Parish), 1800
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21	1	Agreement, SSC and Washington A. Clark, Wilie Jones, T. S. Bryan (trustees),
	2	1/31/1908  Klugh v. SSC et al, testimony, 1/1908
	3	Letter to W. A. Clark re John Y. Garlington and transfer of his stock from Carolina Agency Company to SSC, 2/18/1908
	4	Special meeting of the directors of SSC re Southern Life Insurance Company of Fayetteville, NC, 9/1908 (includes accompanying materials from 12/19/1907-9/22/1908)
	5	Correspondence re cases, 1908-09
	6	Re Southern Life Insurance Company, correspondence, information re stockholders meetings, 9/1908-7/1910

7	R. H. Bennett and J. L. Morgan v. SSC and Southern Life Insurance Co., 12/1908-1/1909
8	Campbell Courtenay et al v. SSC et al, 12/19/1908 (temporary restraining order with rule to show cause, complaint for relief submitted by plaintiffs) (restrained from paying the cd's and also from collecting or attempting to collect the promissory notes)
9	J. G. Patterson et al v. SSC et al, Order, 12/1908
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15	Patterson et al v. SSC et al, 12/16/1908
16	Statement of Southern Life Insurance Co. re sale of stock to SSC, 12/17/1908
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18a	"In re W. A. Clark, Seminole Securities Co., Misc Matters, Temporary File," 1908-1909
19-26	The State of South Carolina v. John Y. Garlington and James Stobo Young, 1908-11, nd (includes correspondence, indictment)
27	SSC audit, Chas. H. Highley & Co., Public Accountants and Auditors, Augusta, GA, 1/15/1909
28-29	Ex parte A. C. Glancy in re Klugh et al v. SSC et al, 4/5/1909-12/16/1909
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32	G. S. Kirby v. SSC, 1/5/1909
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34	J. S. Klugh et al v SSC et al, Digest of testimony of defense witness, 1909 (?)
35	Receivers of SSC v Savings Bank at Fort Mill, 4/14/1909
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	58	SSC, Collection of certificates of deposit issued by Citizens Bank of Seneca, SC, 1910-1912		
	59	Klugh et al v. SSC et al, trial documents, 1911		
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	61	SSC, Memorandum of Seminole Record, 1912		
	62	Letter to Gov. Cole L. Blease from Charles H. Highley (CPA) re Mr. Frank G. Tompkins, Chairman of the Board of Receivers, SSC, 1/1/1912		
	63	Klugh v SSC, testimony, partial, 1/1912		
	63a	Letter to Governor Cole Blease from Charlest H. Highley, re bankruptcy of Seminole, 1912		
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	66	Ex parte A. C. Glancy in re J. S. Klugh v SSC, petition filed by plaintiffs, 3/27/1914		
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78	Klugh et al v SSC et al, notice in re application for payment of attorneys' fees, 4/10/1920
79	Klugh et al v SSC et al, re receivers of SSC, 1921
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	4	Black, John, Charges against (State of SC v.), 1909
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		Carolina Glass Company (CGC):
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	25	Clark Bros. Co. (v. W. J. Murray et al), 1909
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30-43	Testimony, 18 volumes (volumes 14, 16, 17 missing), 1910
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44	Article re Sherman Law: "The Battle Against the Sherman Law," Burton J. Hendrick, <i>McClures Magazine</i> , 10/1908
45	"The Merger Case, Copying Decisions in," nd
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47	"Citations," nd
48	Memo on merger case, nd
49	Expenditures, nd
50	Argument notes, nd
51-52	Memorandum/authorities to be used in South Carolina merger case, nd

## Oversized items

## Oversize Folder 1:

"Map showing location of lands of Southern Railway Co. and Adjacent lands on Charleston Neck, S. C.," Surveyed and compiled by Dawson Engineering Co.,

## Oversize Folder 2:

"Sketch map of Broad River from Columbia to Fairfield County Line Showing Shoals in River, Southern Ry. And Abutting Property Owners," Shand Engineering Company, Columbia, November 28, 1911 (2 copies in collection, 3<sup>rd</sup> copy in Books Division)

<sup>&</sup>quot;Map of Charleston, South Carolina," C. S. Phelps, Engineer, 1897

Oversize Folder 3:

Southern Railway Company Time Tables (Charleston Division), 1899, 1902, 1903

Southern Railway Company Time Tables (Charlotte Division), 1907

Oversize Folder 4:

Miscellaneous Time Tables (including Carolina & Cumberland Gap Railway, South Carolina an Georgia Railroad Company, Carolina Midland Railway Company, South Carolina and Georgia Extension Railroad Company, 1898-1899

Oversize Folder 5:

A Bill to Amend Section 182 of the General Statute of 1882 appearing as Section 236 of the Revised Statutes of 1893, Volume I

Statements of operation for Columbia Union Station Company, 1913

Miscellaneous rate charts, 1898-1903

"Statement showing comparison of rates from Charleston, SC, to Southern Railway Stations, in effect prior to lease of the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad to the Southern Railway with the Rates in effect December 1, 1910"

"Southern Railway Company Comptroller's Office, Statement of Vouchers Audited in the Month of November, 1907, Covering Personal Injury Settlements Under Jurisdiction of Abney & Muller, Division Counsel," 1907

Oversize Folder 6:

Plat, "Lands in Sumter County, South Carolina, Surveyed March, April 1890 for Attorneys of W. H. Gallup, Syracuse, NY, by S. G. Henry &: C. A. Stiles, Surveyors," 1890

Plat "Showing Right of Way of Carolina Midland Railway Through Lands of Madams Finley and Krigler (?)" near Congaree Creek, nd

Oversize Folder 7:

Rate comparison materials (originally together, so maintained order):

"An Act to Fix, and Provide Machinery for Fixing, Rate to be Charged by Railroads for Transporting Freight Within the State of North Carolina," 1913

Legal documents re *Herrin et al v. SRC* re "Comparison of old Carolina Midland and SRC Cotton Mileage Rates" and "Comparison of rates between Batesburg and Blackville," including rate charts, circa 1899-1903

"Memorandum of Special Occasions, Account of Which Reduced Fares Made Between Points in State of South Carolina During Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1906

Oversize Folder 8:

Agreement: SRC and Union Cotton Mill, 1896 (Pulled from box 26, between folders 31 and 32)

Southern Railway map of Lexington, South Carolina, September 1897 (Pulled from box 26/folder 63, *SRC v. Rosa Meetze*, ca 1897-1907)

From James Skinner v. SRC, 1903 (Box 29, Folder 65): Comparison of rates

From James Skinner v. SRC, 1903-1904 (Box 29, Folder 74): Comparison of rates

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Land at Hamburg, SC, 1904 (pulled from box 30, f 138)

Columbia Railroad Shops, 1906 (Box 34, Folder 36)

Encroachment, Belton, SC, 1907 (Box 34, Folder 44)

Spur track, Congaree Manufacturing Company, 1910 (Box 39, Folder 49)

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## MISCELLANY (PROBABLY PART OF REAL ESTATE SERIES)

Deed, Atticus Tucker, 475 acres, under "An Act for Establishing the mode of Granting the Lands now vacant in this State [South Carolina], and for allowing a Commutation to be received for some Lands that have been Granted, passed the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1791,"acrees granted December 1850, situated in Edgefield District on Swift Creek waters of Savannah River, includes plat, dated 1851 (including paper seal of SC)

"Grant to Joseph Henderson for 178 acres Land in Lincoln [Lincoln County, Georgia] dated 11th December 1810," plat surveyed 8 July 1815