## **Identity Statement:**

Title: Primary Sources, Microfilm (Box 3): Aiken-Rhett Family and Aiken-Rhett House (48 Elizabeth

Street)

Extent of the unit of description: 11 rolls of microfilm

## **Scope & Content / Abstract:**

Box 3 contains microfilm of many of The Charleston Museum's manuscript collection pertaining to the Aiken-Rhett family and house.

In 2005, the Charleston Museum was awarded a grant to microfilm many documents that are in its manuscript collection and that pertain to the lives and business activities of the collective members of the Aiken and Rhett family members through the 19th and first half of the 20th century. Items that were filmed include documents, correspondence, wills, publications, receipts, bills, and account books.

As part of the grant, a copy of each roll of film was made for HCF. This microfilm is now available for staff and researchers, although the film will need to be viewed at either the College of Charleston Library or Charleston County Library. Each roll of microfilm is distinguished by the following series:

William and Harriet Lowndes Aiken Henrietta Aiken Rhett W. Aiken Rhett Edmund Rhett I'on Rhett and Francis Hinson Dill A. Burnet Rhett, Jr. Household purchases Miscellaneous.

An index to the film is available both in the document box with the microfilm and on the multimedia link in this record.

**Subjects** Aiken-Rhett Family

Aiken-Rhett House (Charleston, S.C.)

Notes

### Aiken-Rhett Collection

(Finding Aid Created by Sharon Bennett, Archivist, Charleston Museum)

Charleston Museum Accession #: 1975.125, 1985.75

HCF Accession #: HCF. ARH OL

## Collection Summary Description:

Documents, letters, wills, publications, and other items that deal with the lives and times of various members of the Aiken, Rhett, and Dill families

Dates of Collection: 1767-1975

bulk of material, 1860-1920

# Scope and Content of Collection:

The Aiken-Rhett Collection contains a multitude of items that pertain to the lives and business of the collective family members through the nineteenth and first half of the twentieth century. Its 94 boxes, books, and lock drawer have been arranged into twelve (12) series, including a lengthy "Miscellaneous" grouping. Extra care has been taken to organize that grouping in like kinds with extensive finding aid notations to aid researchers.

## Microfilmed Series:

- I. William and Harriet Lowndes Aiken (Roll D5021)
- II. Henrietta Aiken Rhett (Roll D5024)
- III. W. Aiken Rhett (Roll D5022)
- IV. Edmund Rhett (Roll D5020)
- V. I'on Rhett and Frances Hinson Dill (Roll D5018)
- VI. A. Burnet Rhett, Jr. (Roll D5019)
- VII. Household Purchases (Roll D5023)
- VII. Miscellaneous (Roll D5025)

# William Aiken Family and Descendents

William Aiken, Sr. 1778-1831 immigrant from Ireland, merchant m. 1801: Henrietta Wyatt (2nd marriage to George Edwards)	1795-1848
1. William Aiken, Jr.	1806-1887
-Governor of SC, planter m. 1831: Harriet Lowndes (Mrs. William)	1812-1892
Henrietta Aiken (Rhett)     m. 1862: Andrew Burnet Rhett, Sr.     -military, entrepreneur	1836-1918 1831-1879
William Aiken Rhett     -businessman, often referred to as "Aiken"     m: Mary Ripley Ewart	1869-1932
2. Edmund Rhett (a.k.a. "Bunnie") -businessman m : Loti Ball	1871-1931
3. Harriet Rhett m : Dr. Joseph Maybank	1872-1935
4. I'on Rhett -insurance and real estate	1876-1959
m. 1920: Frances Hinson Dill	1882-1982
5. Andrew Burnet Rhett, Jreducator, superintendent of Charleston schools	1877-1946

# **Chain of Ownership**

Aiken-Rhett House 49 Elizabeth Street Charleston, SC

1817	built for John Robinson
1825	property released to Charles Edmundson, William Aiken, Sr., and Lewis Petroy to settle debt, eventually acquired by Aiken as sole owner
1831	death of William Aiken, Sr., house passes to widow, Henrietta Wyatt Aiken, and son, William Aiken, Jr. (Governor), who makes it his main residence
1887	death of William Aiken, Jr., house passes to widow, Harriet Lowndes Aiken, and daughter Henrietta Aiken Rhett
1892	death of Harriet Lowndes Aiken, Henrietta Aiken Rhett, previously widowed by A.B. Rhett, Sr., becomes sole owner
1918	death of Henrietta Aiken Rhett, house passes to her five children: W. Aiken, Edmund, Harriet, A. Burnet, and I'on
1949	I'on Rhett purchases others' shares of property to become sole owner
1951	death of I'on Rhett, house passes to his widow, Frances Hinson Dill Rhett
1975	Frances Hinson Dill Rhett wills property to Charleston Museum
1995	Charleston Museum sells property to Historic Charleston Foundation

# <u>Series I</u> William and Harriet Lowndes Aiken Roll D5021

Folder 1	Letter to Mrs. Harriet Aiken from unknown person, ND
Folder 2	Letter to Mrs. William Aiken from G. L. L., ND
Folder 3	Letters to Mrs. Harriet Aiken from various persons, ND
Folder 4	Letter to Harriet Lowndes (Aiken)
Folder 5	Letters to Mrs. William Aiken from various persons
Folder 6	Letters to "Cousin Harriet" from various persons, 1880s
Folder 7	Letter to Mrs. Harriet Aiken from Ellen D. Aiken, 1865
Folder 8	Letter to Harriet Aiken from William Aiken, 1874—1884
Folder 9	Letter to Harriet L. Aiken from her nephew, Cal, 1865—1873
Folder 10	Letters to Mrs. Harriet Aiken from her niece, Anne L. Chase, 1870s—1880s
Folder 11	Letters to Mrs. Harriet L. Aiken from George B. Chase, 1868
Folder 12	Letters to Mrs. William Aiken from Marie H. Cottenet, 1879—
Folder 13	Letters to Mrs. William Aiken from G. I. Crafts, 1884
Folder 14	Letters to Miss Lowndes from D. E. Huger, ND
Folder 15	Letters to Mrs. Harriet L. Aiken from R. H. L., 1858—1871
Folder 16	Letters to Mrs. Harriet L. Aiken from Sallie Lowndes, 1870s
Folder 17	Letters to Mrs. William Aiken, 1880s
Folder 18	Letters to Harriet L. Aiken from her niece, Emily Lowndes, 1870s
Folder 19	Letters to Mrs. William Aiken from her nephew, Francis L. Lowndes, 1880s
Folder 20	Letter to Harriet 1. Aiken from James Lowndes, 1875
Folder 21	Letter to Mrs. William Aiken from her nephew, Luther Lowndes, 1878
Folder 22	Letters to Harriet Aiken from her brother, R. W. Lowndes, 1867
Folder 23	Letters to Harriet L. Aiken from her brother, William Lowndes, 1865—1871
Folder 24	Letter to Mrs. Harriet Aiken from her niece, Mary L. March [1890s?]
Folder 25	Letter to Miss Harriet L. Lowndes from Mary [?], 1829
Folder 26	Letters to Mrs. H. Aiken from J. Moses, 1869—1879
Folder 27	Letter to Mrs. Harriet L. Aiken from M. L., 1831
Folder 28	Letter to Harriet L. Aiken from W. Porcher Miles, ND
Folder 29	Letter to Harriet L. Aiken from Emma Izard Parker, ND
Folder 30	Letters to Harriet Aiken from her daughter, Henrietta Aiken Rhett, ND
Folder 31	Letters to Mrs. Harriet Aiken from her nephew, C. K. Singleton, 1868
Folder 32	Letters to Mrs. William Aiken from her niece, M. R. Singleton, 1870s—
	1880s
Folder 33	Letters to Mrs. William Aiken from Mary Lowndes, 1871
Folder 34	Letters to Mrs. William Aiken from various persons re: the death of
	William Aiken, 1887
Folder 35	Letter to Mrs. William Aiken from Vanderbilt Benevolent Society, 1887
Folder 36	Letters to J. C. Heyward from Harriet L. Aiken, ND

Folder 37	Letters to Mr. Heyward from Harriet L. Aiken, 1857
Folder 38	Travel diary of Mrs. William Aiken, 1857
Folder 39	Estimates for Mrs. Rhett for monument by E. T. Viett, 1880
Folder 40	Calling card plate for Mrs. William Aiken
Folder 41	Letter to William Aiken from unknown person, ND
Folder 42	Letter to William Aiken from M. J. Martin, ND

# <u>Series II</u> Henrietta Aiken Rhett

# Roll D5024

Folder 1	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from various people, ND
Folder 2	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from various people, 1850s—1870s
Folder 3	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from various people, 1880s
Folder 4	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from various people, 1890s
Folder 5	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from various people, 1900s
Folder 6	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Mary G. Aiken, 1860—1870
Folder 7	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from H. L. Aiken (mother)
Folder 8	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from W. L. Aiken, 1870s—1880s
Folder 9	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from W. Aiken (father), 1877—1886
Folder 10	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Wm. Martin Aiken (cousin), 1880s
Folder 11	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Henry P. Archer, 1879
Folder 12	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Marie Cottenet (cousin), 1840—
	1877
Folder 13	The Chiffonier by Mrs. Julia Delafield, 1860
Folder 14	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Rev. Dr. Percy T. F[enn?], 1912
Folder 15	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Helen, 1860—1917
Folder 16	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Julius H. Heyward, 1887
Folder 17	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Jacob Bono I'on, 1850
Folder 18	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Emily Loundes (cousin), 1887
Folder 19	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from "friend," 1861
Folder 20	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Harriet Maybank (daughter) and
	Harriett Rhett Maybank (granddaughter), ND
Folder 21	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from A. B. Rhett (husband)
Folder 22	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from A. B. Rhett, Jr. (son), ND
Folder 23	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Aiken Rhett (son), ND
Folder 24	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Alfred Rhett (brother-in-law), ND
Folder 25	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Alice (niece), 1887
Folder 26	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Benjamin Rhett, 1879
Folder 27	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Burnet Rhett (son), 1900s
Folder 28	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Claudia Rhett (sister-in-law), 1880s
Folder 29	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Edmund Rhett (son), 1900s
Folder 30	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Elise Rhett (sister-in-law), 1879—
	1900s

Folder 31	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Harriett (daughter), ND
Folder 32	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from I'on Rhett (son), ND
Folder 33	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from John Rhett, 1880s
Folder 34	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Josie H. Rhett, 1887
Folder 35	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Lote M. Rhett (daughter-in-law), 1903
Folder 36	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Marie Rhett, 1880s—1890s
Folder 37	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Mary Rhett, 1915—16
Folder 38	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from R. B. Rhett (brother-in-law), 1887
Folder 39	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Walter H. Rhett (nephew), 1890
Folder 40	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from M. R. Singleton, ND
Folder 41	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from M. R. Singleton, 1870s
Folder 42	Letters to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from M. R. Singleton, 1880s
Folder 43	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Mary R. Vanderhorst, 1867
	Business Letters
Folder 44	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Washington Light Infantry, 1901
Folder 45	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from R. Winthrop, 1892
Folder 46	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Arthur Guerard, 1891
Folder 47	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Henry M. Rice, 1887
Folder 48	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from Jerry Richardson
Folder 49	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from T. Grange Simons re: estate of her
	father, William Aiken
Folder 50	Letter to Henrietta Aiken Rhett from W. D. Simpson, tribute to her late
•	husband, 1890

# Series III W. Aiken Rhett Roll D5022

Folder 1	Letters from Mary Ewart, 1893
Folder 2	Letters from Mary Ewart, 1894
Folder 3	Letters from Mary Ewart, 1895
Folder 4	Letters from Mary Ewart, 1896
Folder 5	Letters from Mary Ewart, 1897
Folder 6	Letters from Mary Ewart, 1898
Folder 7	Letters from Mary Ewart, 1899
Folder 8	Letters from Mary Ewart, 1900s
Folder 9	Letters from Bettie Rawlings, 1889—1890
Folder 10	Letters from Bettie Rawlings, 1891
Folder 11	Letters from Bettie Rawlings, 1892—93
Folder 12	Letters to Bettie Rawlings from W. Aiken Rhett, 1889—1892
Folder 13	Letters from Claudia Rhett, 1889
Folder 14	Letters from Henrietta A. Rhett, 1880s—1890s; undated letters

Folder 15	Letters from family members, 1886—1892
Folder 16	Letters from Lila (daughter), 1920s
Folder 17	Letters from Julian Wells, Drayton Hastie, Carolina Yacht Club
Folder 18	Letters from various persons, 1876—1890
Folder 19	Letters from various persons, 1890—1907
Folder 20	Letters from S. C. Ewart, 1897, 1899
Folder 21	Letters from T. Allen Legare, 1890s
Folder 22	Letters from R. A. Roquemore, 1898—99
Folder 23	Letters from S. M. McGowan, Jr., 1889
Folder 24	Correspondence with Sank, 1890s
Folder 25	Letters from W. J. Storen, 1890s
Folder 26	Letters from C. R. Wilson, 1922
Folder 27	Letters from W. M. Whitehead, 1880s and 1890s
Folder 28	Letters from N. Heyward and Sam Stoney, 1899—1913
Folder 29	Business letters from various persons, 1900—1923
Folder 30	Letter from University of North Carolina, 1892
Folder 31	Letters from W. Aiken Rhett, 1890s and ND

# Series IV Edmund Rhett Roll D5020

Folder 1	Letters to Rhett from various people, 1889—1907
Folder 2	Letters to Rhett from Augustus W. Aston, 1900
Folder 3	Letters to Rhett from H. L. Elliott, 1891
Folder 4	Letters to Rhett from R. F. Gilliam, 1891—92
Folder 5	Letters to Rhett from Singleton Grier, 1892
Folder 6	Letters to Rhett from Drayton Hastie, 1890s
Folder 7	Letters to Rhett from Irvy[?], 1890s
Folder 8	Letters to Rhett from Maud Metts, 1890s
Folder 9	Letters to Rhett from Robert Moorman, 1891—92
Folder 10	Letters to Rhett from Daisy O'Neale, 1891—92
Folder 11	Letters to Rhett from Henry Redwood, 1893—94
Folder 12	Letters to Rhett from Aiken Rhett (brother), 1890s
Folder 13	Letters to Rhett from Burnet Rhett (brother), 1890s
Folder 14	Letters to Rhett from Claudia Rhett (aunt), 1897
Folder 15	Letters to Rhett from Harriet Rhett (sister), 1891
Folder 16	Letter to Rhett from Helen (cousin?), 1891
Folder 17	Letters to Rhett from Henrietta Aiken Rhett (mother), 1890s
Folder 18	Letter to Rhett from I'on Rhett (brother), 1894
Folder 19	Letter to Rhett from M. R. Singleton, 1891
Folder 20	Letter to Rhett from Anna Heyward Taylor (cousin), 1891
Folder 21	Letters to Rhett from Bertha Wellford, 1893
Folder 22	Letters from Edmund Rhett to various people, 1891

# Series V

# I'on Rhett and Frances Hinson Dill Roll D5018

Folder 1	Letters in French
Folder 2	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1902—07
Folder 3	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), ND, 1919
Folder 4	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1911
Folder 5	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1912
Folder 6	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1914—15
Folder 7	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1916
Folder 8	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1916
Folder 9	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1921—29
Folder 10	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett) from Tom[?], 1930
Folder 11	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1930—31
Folder 12	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), wedding congratulations, 1932
Folder 13	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1932
Folder 14	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett)1933—39
Folder 15	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1931—32
Folder 16	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1932
Folder 17	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett) in French, 1932
Folder 18	Letters from Frances Dill (Rhett) to I'on Rhett, 1951
Folder 19	Letters, Dill, Aiken, Rhett, ND
Folder 20	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett), 1917—1965
Folder 21	Letters to Frances Dill (Rhett) from The Charleston Museum, 1950s
Folder 22	Letters to Frances and I'on Rhett, ND
Folder 23	Letters to I'on Rhett from Burnet (brother), 1895
Folder 24	Letters to I'on Rhett from various people, 1894—1946
Folder 25	Aiken—Martin genealogy, 1907
Folder 26	Letters to I'on Rhett from Henrietta Rhett (mother), 1890s
Folder 27	Letter to I'on Rhett from Nellie P. Elliott, ND
Folder 28	Letter to I'on Rhett from Jas[?], 1894
Folder 29	Letter to I'on Rhett from Emma Parker, 1908

# Series VI A. Burnet Rhett, Jr. Roll D5019

Folder 1	Letters to A. Burnet Rhett from various persons, ND
Folder 2	Letters to A. Burnet Rhett from various persons, 1889—1899
Folder 3	Letters to A. Burnet Rhett from various persons, 1901—1920

Folder 4	Letters to A. Burnet Rhett from various persons, 1922—1948
Folder 5	Letters to "Burnet" from unknown persons
Folder 6	Letters from Thomas Delle Torre and his family to A. Burnett Rhett.
	1895—1946
Folder 7	Letters to Burnet Rhett from Mary Doolan, 1890—98
Folder 8	Letters to Burnet Rhett from "Aunt" Elsie, 1925—26
Folder 9	Letters to Burnet Rhett from Margaret Horlbeck, 1903
Folder 10	Letters to Burnet Rhett from Edmund Rhett, ND
Folder 11	Letters to A. Burnet Rhett, Jr., from his mother, Henrietta A. Rhett, 1907
Folder 12	Letter to Burnet Rhett from I'on Rhett, ND
Folder 13	Letter to Mr. Rhett from James Henry Rice, 1922
Folder 14	Letters to Burnet Rhett from W. M. Whitehead, 1890—95
Folder 15	Correspondence re: Church of St. John's in the Wilderness, 1926—27
Folder 16	Correspondence re: Church of St. John's in the Wilderness, 1928
Folder 17	Correspondence re: Church of St. John's in the Wilderness, 1930—33
Folder 18	Correspondence re: Church of St. John's in the Wilderness, 1935—36
Folder 19	Correspondence re: Church of St. John's in the Wilderness, 1937—38
Folder 20	Correspondence re: Church of St. John's in the Wilderness, 1939
Folder 21	Correspondence re: Church of St. John's in the Wilderness, 1940—41
Folder 22	Correspondence and letters of reference for teaching positions, 1899—
	1902
Folder 23	Bills, 1935—1946
Folder 24	Bank statements, bills, travel documents, 1899—1915
Folder 25	Correspondence re: retirement, 1946
Folder 26	Essay by A. Burnet Rhett, Jr., May 6, 1899—"Shakespeare Does Repeat"

# <u>Series VII</u> Household Purchases Roll D5023

Folder 1	Mrs. William Aiken (Harriet Lowndes)—Receipts
Folder 2	Andrew Burnet and Henrietta Aiken Rhett—Account Books
Folder 3	Andrew Burnet and Henrietta Aiken Rhett—Account Books
Folder 4	Andrew Burnet and Henrietta Aiken Rhett—Receipts
Folder 5	Andrew Burnet and Henrietta Aiken Rhett—Receipts
Folder 6	Andrew Burnet and Henrietta Aiken Rhett—Receipts
Folder 7	Andrew Burnet and Henrietta Aiken Rhett—Receipts
Folder 8	Andrew Burnet and Henrietta Aiken Rhett—Receipts
Folder 9	Henrietta Aiken Rhett—Ledger
Folder 10	A. Burnet Rhett—Receipts
Folder 11	A. Burnet Rhett—Receipted Bills, 1942—1945
Folder 12	A. Burnet Rhett—Property Rent Receipts
Folder 13	A. Burnet Rhett—Receipts, 1933—1940s
Folder 14	Edmund Rhett—Receipts

Folder 15	I'on Rhett—Receipts
Folder 16	R. B. Rhett—Receipts
Folder 17	W. Aiken Rhett—Receipts
Folder 18	Frances Hinson Dill Rhett—Receipts
Folder 19	William G. Hinson—Receipts
Folder 20	Misc. Receipts
Folder 21	Misc. Receipts

# Series VIII

Miscellaneous Roll D5025

Folder 1	Misc. letters
Folder 2	1858 letter [in Italian?]
Folder 3	Letters in French
Folder 4	Letter to Henrietta Rhett's sons from Aunt Mattie, ND
Folder 5	Letters to Mr. Rhett from various persons, 1880s—1910
Folder 6	Letters to Rhett [?] from Charles R. L. Findlay, 1892—1893
Folder 7	Letter to Mr. Rhett from Emma C. Turker, 1891
Folder 8	Letter to "Ladies" from W. W. Fickling, 1865
Folder 9	Letter to "Miss Harriett" from Percival Ravenel, 1891

Note: Contents of rolls D5026, D5027, and D5028 have not been identified yet but will be in the future.

Aiken-Rhett Microfilm collection

#### Roll D5026

Four or five letters repeated Very short role One letter dates to 1858

#### Roll D5027

Repeat of D5025 because it has the same listing of folders

### Roll D5028

Slave inventories (no amounts) does list job

House plans

Slave inventories Dated October 2, 1864

Slave inventories Dated 1865

Slave inventories Dated November 1, 1861

Saturday Evening Post Dated September 5, 1903

Account book

Goods (no Date)

Plan of what appears to be art gallery next slide is titled "Plan of New Room"

MME Demorest's Fashions Dated Autumn and Winter 1877-1878

McCall Dated March 1910

Kerrison's on Hasell Street, Charleston, SC – Dry Goods advertisement

Ladies Home Journal Dated October 1898

Typed "List of Negros at Lanes Dated November 1, 1864

With list of job and runaways

Typed slave inventory Dated December 14, 1863

## End Folder

Golden Days Vol. VIII --- No. 21 Dated April 23, 1887

### End Folder

Questions from School assignment

Merchant of Venice (2<sup>nd</sup> Class)

Rhetoric(?) (2<sup>nd</sup> Class)

US History (2<sup>nd</sup> Class)

Physics (1<sup>st</sup> Class)

#### End Folder

The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity

To I'on L. Rhett Dated February 19, 1948

Certificate of the US Daughters of the Confederacy

?? Rhett

In Memoriam

Major Andrew Burnet Rhett

### End Folder

Instructions to Secretaries and their Assistance Municipal club Organized 1915

Charleston SC City Democratic Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Roll Club 1 Ward 7 Dated 1915

Multiple letters about additions to the list of members of the Charleston SC City Democratic Club followed by more lists of names some dating to 1919