

December 30, 1975

Mr. Charles B. Drayton
28 Vendue Range
Charleston, S. C. 29401

Dear Mr. Drayton:

Historic Charleston Foundation is deeply grateful to you and your family for your most significant gift of the Drayton Archives to the Foundation. The documents, including diaries, letters, medical journals, property transactions and all manner of important and historic papers, were appraised at \$7,450.

While this is their monetary value it is impossible to set a value on them historically. They are the most important interpretive material that we have for Drayton Hall. They bring alive the owners of Drayton Hall, the many generations of the Drayton family who lived at the plantation and have contributed to its historic importance in an intimate way, which will have dramatic effect as well as invaluable historic fact.

We also thank you for the gift--of the photographs and particularly the wash drawing of the East elevation of Drayton Hall and the flankers. I am having these drawings appraised and will let you know their value as soon as possible.

We plan to take the Archival papers to the South Carolina Archives Department to determine how they should be stabilized. They will then be photographed and placed on deposit at the South Carolina Historical Society in Charleston on limited access where students can study them from the photostatic copies. When an interpretive center is developed at Drayton Hall the Foundation will place them on deposit there.

This conveys my personal thanks and that of the Board of Trustees of Historic Charleston Foundation. The National Trust is equally grateful to you for these important papers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Henry Edmunds
Director

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cc: James Biddle
Ben A. Hagood
Charles Chase

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January 9, 1976

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