Saint-Julien Raoul de Caradeuc collection of de Caradeuc family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Georgia Historical Society
Creator: Caradeuc, Saint-Julien Raoul de, b. 1884.
Title: Saint-Julien Raoul de Caradeuc collection of de Caradeuc family papers
Dates: 1751-1909
Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (1 box)
Identification: MS 0207

Biographical/Historical Note

The de Caradeuc family, formerly of Brittany, France, fled Santo Domingo during the 1792 slave insurrection, settling in South Carolina. General Jean Baptiste de Caradeuc (1742-1810) served as the General and Commander in Chief of Santo Domingo, and held the title of Comte. The general settled in St. Tomas Parish, South Carolina, where he died in 1810. His grandson, Jean Jacques Achille de Caradeuc (b. 1861), known as James Achille de Caradeuc, resided in Charleston. James Achille married Elisabeth Torre; their son, Saint-Julien Raoul de Caradeuc (b. 1854) married Sarah Waring. They had two children, Saint-Julien Raoul de Caradeuc II (b. 1884) and James Achille de Caradeuc II (b. 1880).

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of correspondence, military commissions, and genealogical notes of General Jean Baptiste de Caradeuc and Jean Jacques Achille de Caradeuc. The collection contains a bound volume of Achille de Caradeuc's notes, 1893, a genealogical scroll, 1896, and eight folders of loose papers, prints, visual materials, and one unbound notebook. The papers are in chronological order spanning 1771-1894, and with few exceptions are written in French.

Achille de Caradeuc’s notes and memoirs comment on the 1886 Charleston earthquake, the 1881 Tybee Island hurricane, and the Charleston hurricanes of 1885 and 1893. Several papers have been reproduced from the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina.

Loose papers in the collection include correspondence between the general and his family in France, a commission signed by Louis XVI in 1776, and military papers and orders pertinent to the general's activities in Santo Domingo, 1790-1792.

Genealogical notes and a scroll titled Tableau E. la Toisson, tableau des Alliances, 1896, are housed within the collection. The scroll was translated and transcribed by a volunteer in 2008 and is available in the Georgia Historical Society genealogy vertical files.

Also included are reproductions of photo miniatures of Louis, Marquis de la Toison Rocheblanche and Marquis de la Caison Rocheblanche; a lithograph of Louis Rene de Caradeuc; and an original painting of Azalia nudiflora (wild azalea) signed by A. deC.

The folder containing visual materials is noted as "VM" in the collection inventory.

Index Terms

Azaleas.
Caradeuc family.
Caradeuc, Jean Jacques Achille de, b. 1861
Caradeuc, Saint-Julien Raoul de, b. 1884.
Charleston (S.C.)--History--19th century.
Location of Originals

Original papers included in the volume in the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from collector.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information


Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Container List

Volume

1  Memoirs and genealogical notes by Achille de Caradeuc, 1751-1893
Volume 1: "The War," 1863-1865. 36 typed pages. Volume 2: Photocopies of letters, commissions, genealogical notes, 1751-1893. De Caradeuc noted on each item that it had been copied in his book and on what page. Of interest are accounts of the Charleston earthquake, 1886, the hurricane at Tybee island, 1881, and the hurricanes at Charleston, 1885 and 1893 (also in Georgetown area).

Fldr  Item

1  2-11  Correspondence and commission, 1771-1777
Letters to General de Caradeuc from members of the family in France, and his commission as Brevet Captain of Dragoons, signed by Louis XVI, November 1, 1776.

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2  12-17  Commissions and official documents, 1783-1789
Permit to General de Caradeuc to go to France, signed by Bellecombe, May 18, 1783; commission and other papers as a Lieutenant of the marshals of France of the Department of Rambouillet, 1784, two of them signed by Marechal duc de Richelieu; power of Citizens of Port au Prince to General de Caradeuc to act in their behalf, signatures on the document, January 1, 1789; "Papers which should go with the Journals" (translated), signed by electors and members of the Colonial Committee and citizens of various provinces, February 7, 1789.

Fldr  Item

3  18-24  Correspondence and other papers, 1790-1792
Unaddressed and unsigned letter from Paris, March 11, 1790 congratulating de Caradeuc for being in full command of the French part of St. Domingo; letter from Bauvaire to M. Granot, reporting assassination of M. Drouillard and asking for military supplies, Croix, September 22, 1791; 2 extracts from Journal General de Saint-Domingue, march 26 and 29, 1791, containing articles on de Caradeuc; letter from the Municipality of Grande Riviere, to de Caradeuc, requesting assistance by the troops, October 12, 1791; requisition to General de Caradeuc for assistance, February 24, 1792; ledger to General de Caradeuc requesting that he obey the rules and pass words of the Military Commandant, February 28, 1792.

Fldr  Item

4  25-40  Correspondence, 1802-1905
Letters to Jean Baptiste de Caradeuc and to Mr. and Mrs. Achille de Caradeuc from France concerning family and business matters.

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5  Journal of Achille de Caradeuc, 1894
Memoirs and genealogical information.

Fldr Item

6  42-47  Genealogical notes

Fldr

7  Manuscripts. List of properties on St. Domingo with evaluation, on back of which is a list of papers which were entrusted to Mme. Drouit; list of promissory notes, 1784-1794
   list of annuities.

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1  Photo of miniature of Louis, Marquis de la Toison Rocheblanche; photo of miniature of Marquis de la Caison Rocheblanche; lithograph of Louise Rene de Caradeuc, Marquis de Caradeuc de la Chalotais; original colored painting of the Azalia nudiflora (wild azalea) by Achille de Caradeuc, signed A. deC.

Item

55  "Tableau E. la Toisson, tableau de Alliances," sent to Mme. A. de Caradeuc by Comte Francois des Salles de Courberoie in, 1896
   [Note: item 55 was translated and transcribed by volunteer Lyn Worley in 2008 and is located in the GHS genealogy vertical files.]