

# Mary Williamson Houstoun and Charles Spalding Wylly letters

## Descriptive Summary

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Mary Williamson Houstoun was the daughter of Mary Ann Williamson and James Houstoun. After James' death, Mary Ann Williamson Houstoun married Major Jonathan Thomas. Charles Spalding Wylly was a Confederate captain from Georgia.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of two groups of letters. The first contains copies of five letters from Mary William Houstoun to her mother, Mrs. Jonathan Thomas, December 22, 1827-January 4, 1828. They were written from "The Village" on St. Simons Island, Georgia, and describe the home life of Capt. Alexander Campbell Wylly (1759-1833), British Army officer and one-time Governor of New Providence, Bahama Islands, and his wife Margaret (Armstrong) Wylly (1769-1850), as well as the marriage of their daughter, Caroline, to James Hamilton Couper. There is much detail of life on St. Simons and of prominent people who lived there. The copies are in the Hand of Charles Spalding Wylly and the whereabouts of the originals is unknown. The second group consists of letters from Charles Spalding Wylly to his niece, Margaret Couper Stiles. The only complete letter is dated Brunswick, February 12, 1922. They contain information regarding the family. There is an incomplete sketch of the Armstrong and Wylly families.

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## Index Terms

Families.  
Georgia--Social life and customs.  
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Wylly, Alexander Campbell, 1759-1833.  
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## Container List

Item 1: M.H. to Dearest Mother. The Village, 1827 December 22 ( 4.0 p. )

Item 2: M.H. to Mrs. John Thomas. The Village, 1827 December 24 ( 5.0 p. )

Item 3: M.H. to Dearest Mother. The Village, 1827 December 26 ( 2.0 p. )

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Item 5: M.H. to Dearest Mother. The Village, 1828 January 4 ( 1.0 p. )

Item 6: C.S. Wylly to Margie. Brunswick, Georgia, 1922 February 12 ( 12.0 p. )

Item 7: Chas. Wylly to unknown recipient, undated  
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