

Spalding family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Spalding family.
Creator:	Spalding, Thomas, 1774-1851.
Title:	Spalding family papers
Dates:	1772-1940
Extent:	2.25 cubic feet (4 boxes, 1 oversize folder)
Identification:	MS 0750

Biographical/Historical Note

James Spalding (1735-1794) was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He moved to America circa 1760, first arriving in Charleston, South Carolina. He moved to St. Simons Island, Georgia, in 1763 and established the mercantile firms of James Spalding and Co. in East Florida, McKay and Spalding on St. Simons Island, and Spalding and Kelsall at Sunbury, Georgia. He was also a planter. In 1772, he married Margery McIntosh, daughter of Col. William McIntosh, with whom he had one son.

Thomas Spalding (1774-1851) was commonly known as Thomas Spalding of Sapelo (noted as Thomas Spalding I). In 1795, he married Sara Leake (1778-1843), daughter of Richard Leake. He was a planter, architect, builder, and politician. He was the largest producer of sea island cotton in Georgia and introduced the growing of sugar cane and making of sugar to Georgia. He wrote a number of articles on agricultural subjects. Thomas revived the old method of constructing buildings of tabby and used it on many of his buildings. He was a member of the Georgia Senate, a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1798, and a Representative from Georgia in Congress. He was also a member of the commission to run the Georgia-Florida boundary, 1826-1827. He was a founder of the Bank of Darien.

Charles Harris Spalding (1808-1887) was a son of Thomas and Sarah Leake Spalding. He married Evelyn Kell in 1839. He lived as Ashantilly, his father's house near Darien. He was a Senator from McIntosh County for three terms, and an unsuccessful candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1844.

Randolph Spalding (1822-1862), herein referred to as Randolph Spalding I, was a son of Thomas and Sarah Leake Spalding. He married Mary Dorothea Bass (1823-1898) in 1843. He was a very successful planter on the mainland and on Sapelo Island. In addition, he was a Representative from McIntosh County for several terms. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was Colonel of the 29th Georgia Regiment and later served on the staff of General William H.C. Walker. He died in camp in Savannah in March of 1862.

Thomas Spalding (1847-1885; noted as Thomas Spalding II) was the son of Randolph and Mary Bass Spalding. He was in business with his brother in operating a store that sold goods brought in on various vessels. He had a license as a special pilot.

Thomas Bourke Spalding (1851-1884) was a brother of Thomas Spalding II; he was known as Bourke Spalding. In 1874 he married Ella Patience Barrow (1849-1929), daughter of David Crenshaw Barrow (1815-1889). They lived on Sapelo Island where he operated a store selling commodities, cattle, beef, pigs, pork, etc., brought in on various vessels. After his death, Ella moved to Savannah with their only child.

Randolph Spalding (1879-1954; noted as Randolph Spalding II) was active in the timber and lumber business and the real estate business in Savannah. He never married.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains 11 series: Thomas Spalding I papers, 1802-1848; Charles Harris Spalding papers, 1888-1898;

Randolph Spalding I papers, 1859-1866; Thomas Spalding II papers, 1871-1884; Thomas Bourke Spalding papers, 1879-1884; Randolph Spalding II papers, 1887-1940; Ella Barrow Spalding papers, 1874-1929 and undated; Spalding family, miscellaneous; Richard Leake papers, 1785-1812; Clement Martin, Sr. papers, 1771-1785; Genealogy. The series consist of correspondence, bills, genealogical materials, personal a business accounts, and other personal papers. The genealogy series includes a Bible belonging to Mrs. Thomas Spalding (Sarah Leake Spalding); and Thomas Spalding's Bible, containing records of births, deaths, and marriages.

Not included in the series, but in the collection is the marriage settlement of James Spalding and Margery McIntosh, 1772.

Index Terms

Apalachicola (Fla.)
Cotton.
Daughters of the American Revolution.
Decedents' estates.
Genealogies (histories)
Invoices.
Leake family.
Letters (correspondence)
Martin family.
McIntosh, Lachlan, 1725-1806.
Recipes.
Saint Simons Island (Ga.)
Sapelo Island (Ga.)
Seals (artifacts)
Silver flatware.
Spalding family.
Spalding, Thomas, 1774-1851.
Steamboats.
Sunbury (Ga.)
Tabby (Concrete)
Wills.

Physical and Technical Access Restrictions

Marriage settlement of James Spalding and Margery McIntosh, 1772, is extremely fragile and must be used.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from the estate of one of the creators.

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Acquisition Information

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Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Container List

tube

- 1 Item 1: Marriage settlement of James Spalding and Margery McIntosh, 1772
Outside box, in tube.

Series 1:: Thomas Spalding I papers, 1802-1848

Box: 1

This series contains correspondence from Spalding to various correspondents concerning his property, information pertaining to cotton, building with tabby, genealogical materials, local weather, and Lachlan McIntosh. Also included are a certified copy of his will, 1848, and wax impressions of his seal.

Online Inventory Contains Digitized Items

Item 2: Agreement of Thomas Spalding to sell his property on St. Simons Island to William Page, 1802 May 27, 2.0 p.

Item 3: William Washington to Thomas Spalding. Charleston, 1819 June 24, 2.0 p.
Requesting information on preserving cotton.

Item 4: Thomas Spalding to unknown recipient. Sapelo, Darien, Ga., 1816 July 30, 4.0 p.
View online.

Explains building with tabby.

Online Inventory Contains Digitized Items

Item 5: Certificate of membership of Thomas Spalding in the St. Andrew's Society of Savannah, 1827 November 3, 1.0 p.

- Item 6: William T. McIntosh to Thomas Spalding. Fair Hope, 1831 August 4, 2.0 p.
Regarding Spalding's connection with the McIntosh family; requests that information regarding the Spaldings be appended.
- Item 7: Bill from Darien Post Office to Thomas Spalding for postage, 1.0 p.
- Item 8: James M. McIntosh to Thomas Spalding. Falmouth, N.Y., 1843 July 22, 1.0 p.
With recipe for Elder wine.
- Item 9: Thomas Spalding to Charles West. Sapelo Island, 1846 February 26, 3.0 p.
Regarding Gen Lachlan McIntosh's service in February 26, 1846. Regarding Gen. Lachlan McIntosh service in the Revolution and the McIntosh claims for bounty land.
- Item 10: "On the Cotton Gin, and Introduction of Cotton," by Thomas Spalding, 1843
January 20
Extract from the *Southern Agriculturist*, March 1844.
- Item 11: Thomas Spalding to unknown recipient Sapelo Island, 1848?, 4.0 p.
Incomplete. Regarding conditions in Georgia since the Revolution - earthquakes, climatic cycles; answers questions regarding history of colonial period and the Revolution.
- Item 12: "Mr. Spalding's Reply to the Hon. Mr. T.B. King, May 9, 1840."
Clipping from an unidentified Savannah newspaper.
- Item 13: Certified copy of Thomas Spalding's will, 1848 June 25, 5.0 p. **View online.**
Online Inventory Contains Digitized Items
Copy certified February 22, 1888.
- Item 14: Wax impressions of Thomas Spalding's seal
- Item 15: G.A. Gordon to R.S. Kenan. Savannah, 1907 April 30, 1.0 p.
Correcting an item regarding introduction of Sea Island cotton into Georgia in the U.S. Department of Agriculture *Year Book*, 1896.

Series 2:: Charles Harris Spalding papers, 1888-1898

Box: 1

This series contains two copies of "Some memoranda in relation to Thomas Spalding, late of Sapelo Island, by his son, Charles Spalding," on in Sarah Spalding McKinley's hand, and including some accounts of the McIntosh family in the back, and a copy in another hand. Also included is "The Floyds," by Charles Spalding, regarding General Charles Floyd.

- Item 16: "Some memoranda in relation to Thomas Spalding, late of Sapelo Island by his son, Charles Spalding." Copy in hand of Savannah Spalding McKinley, dated, 1888 June 2
Back part of book as some accounts of the McIntosh family by Charles Spalding, in another hand.
- Item 17: Copy of above in another hand, dated, 1898 June 7
Includes only "Some Memoranda..." Last page missing.
- Item 18: "The Floyds," by Charles Spalding (regarding Gen. Charles Floyd). Typed copy made by Charles Spalding Wyly, 4.0 p.

Series 3:: Randolph Spalding I papers, 1859-1866

Box: 1

This series contains an agreement between Spalding and two men regarding a horse race, a pass issued by the Provost Marshal General's Office, Army of Tennessee to Mrs. Mary Spalding, 1864, a letter from Bishop Stephen Elliott to Mrs. Spalding, and a clipping on Randolph Spalding's life and career.

Item 19: Agreement between Randolph Spalding, William Brailsford and Jack Bryan on a horse race. Savannah, 1859 October 26, 1.0 p.

Item 20: Pass issued by the Provost Marshal General's Office, Army of Tennessee to Mrs. Mary Spalding to Montgomery, Ala., and return, Ala., 1864 September 28, 1.0 p.

Item 21: Bishop Stephen Elliott to Mrs. Spalding. Savannah, 1866 November 16, 3.0 p.

Regrets and gives reasons why he cannot perform the marriage service of her daughter Sarah to Archibald McKinley.

Item 22: Clipping from *Macon Daily Telegraph*, 1887 June 19

by Richard H. Clark, regarding Randolph Spalding's life and career.

Series 4:: Thomas Spalding II papers, 1871-1884

Box: 1

This series contains two items of correspondence, one from the U.S. Local Inspector of Steam Vessels to Spalding, sending him his special pilot's license for the *Ogeechee* ; the other to Mrs. Spalding for repair of a silver plate and some silver.

Item 23: U.S. Local Inspector of Steam Vessels to Thomas Spalding. Savannah, 1884 December 24, 1.0 p.

Sending license as Special Pilot on the *Ogeechee*.

Item 24: S.P. Hamilton to Mrs. Spalding. Savannah, 1871 March 16

For repair of silver plate, some silver, etc. Could be Mrs. Thomas or Mrs. Randolph Spalding.

Series 5:: Thomas Bourke Spalding papers, 1879-1884

Box: 1

This series contains correspondence between Spalding and various correspondents concerning lumber and congratulations and gifts regarding the birth of his son. Also included are licenses to Bourke Spalding from the U.S. Inspector as Engineer of steam vessels, 1883-1884, letters of administration to Thomas Spalding for Bourke Spalding's estate, 1884, and an account book for supplies and sundries shipped to Darien by Bourke Floyd of various steamers, 1878-1881.

Item 25: David C. Barrow to Bourke Spalding. Woodville, Ga., 1879 January 16, 4.0 p.

Regarding procuring lumber and putting a fence around the marsh.

Item 26: Charles Spalding to Bourke Spalding, 1879 October 14, 1.0 p.

Is sending two Sevres busts for the infant Randolph as a memento of his great grandfather.

Item 27: David C. Barrow to Bourke Spalding, 1879 October?, 2.0 p.

Congratulations on the birth of a son; does not think he should undertake farming on Sapelo.

Items 28-29: Licenses to Bourke Spalding from the U.S. Inspector as Engineer of Steam Vessels, 1883-1884, 21.0 p.

Item 30: Letters of Administration to Thomas Spalding for the estate of Bourke Spalding, issued by the Ordinary of McIntosh County, 1884 November 3, 1.0 p.

Item 31: Account book, 1878-1881

For supplies, sundries, etc. shipped to Darien by Bourke Floyd on various steamers. Contains lists of sales of cattle and cattle slaughtered for beef.

Series 6:: Randolph Spalding II papers, 1887-1940

Box: 1

This series contains correspondence, a receipt for sale of a horse, accounts, a rough map of pine acreage in the Apalachicola, Florida, region, greeting cards, and the Spalding entry for *First Families in America*.

Item 32-65: The first three items are a letter from a friend, 1887, 33.0 items.

Receipt for sale of a horse, 1900, and an invitation to join the Society of the Cincinnati in Georgia, 1902. The 1919 letters are his mother in response for copies of Randolph's baptismal record (certificates enclosed), and one from Randolph to an attorney in New York requesting the return of two family Bibles loaned to him at the re-opening of the John G. Leake case in 1879. Those from 1923-1931 concern Spalding's lumber business, interspersed by a few personal items such as greeting cards. There are a few undated personal items. Including Spalding's entry for *First Families of America* and a list of family portraits owned by him. There are some miscellaneous accounts, undated and a rough map of pine acreage in Apalachicola, Florida, area.

Series 7:: Ella Barrow Spalding papers, 1874-1929 and undated

Box: 1

This series contains correspondence between Spalding and various correspondents, genealogical information, DAR materials, and three of her writings.

Ella Barrow Spalding correspondence, 1874-1917, 20.0 items.

Correspondents: Mary Spalding (Mrs. Randolph I) to Nelly (Ella) Barrow. David C. Barrow (father); R.J. Larcomb to C.A. Lanier; Thomas Spalding II; George L. Appleton (to Mrs. Thomas Spalding II?); James Walker; Sarah Spalding McKinley; William C. Wyly; E.B. Spalding's statement regarding the portrait of Mrs. Sara Leake Spalding; A.J. Dittenhoeffer; Marion J. Wyly; John A. Cobb; George M. Napier; E.G.W. (Wyly?); Thomas S. Wyly, Sr.; Thomas S. Wyly, Jr.

Ella Barrow Spalding correspondence, 1919-1923, 20.0 items.

Correspondents: Thomas S. Wyly, Jr.; A.J. Dittenhoeffer; Clark Howell; David C. Barrow (brother); Annie N. Sims; Nannie B. Kelley; Sarah Karow (Mrs. Gustav L.); Charles Spalding Wyly; John A. Cobb; Lydia McGowan; Emma W. Wyly.

Ella Barrow Spalding correspondence, 1924-1926, 24.0 items.

Correspondents: Nell ?; David C. Barrow; Jule Floyd Noyes; Georgia Historical Society; Nell Noyes Barbara Tunnell; Sister Fannie; Sue Fan Barrow; Doubleday, Page & Co., regarding publication of *Button Gwinnett*, by C.F. Jenkins; Charles M. Tyson; Benjamin H. Barrow; Randolph Spalding; F.A. Virkus & Co.; Carrie P. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Graydon, Jr.; Jeanette Thurber Connor.

Ella Barrow Spalding correspondence, 1927 and undated, 25.0 items.

Correspondents: Sallie W. Orr; Nell ?; Jeanette Thurber Connor; Savannah Public Library; Elizabeth M. Bullard; Sue G. Gibbes; Savannah Chapter U.D.C.; Jule Floyd Noyes (enclosing clipping on death of Jeanette Thurber Connor); Elizabeth S. Willingham; F.A. Virkus & Co.; Georgia Society, Colonial Dames of America; W.B.K.; Sister Mattie; Sister Fannie; Emily W. Wyly; Carrie P. Wilson

Ella B. Spalding, 1913-1929, 13.0 items.

Lineage on the Barrow line; application for membership in Lachlan McIntosh Chapter DAR, through Capt. Henry Hopson, an additional line, December 5, 1913; excerpt from *DAR Lineage Book XLIII*; clippings regarding her suggestion for a memorial to the U. of Georgia Alumni heroes in World War 1919; biographical sketch; obituaries (undated and unidentified clippings). Certificates of membersh in the Lachlan McIntosh Chapter DAR, 1890 and in the UDC 1914.

Ella B. Spalding: Writings, 3.0 items.

"A Patriot of Old" (Capt. Charles Floyd); "Wormsloe, the Home of Noble Jones;" "Report of meeting to discuss City Federation of Women's Clubs."

Ella B. Spalding, DAR. "Lachlan McIntosh" toast by Ella B. Spalding, 1913, 7.0 items.

Letter of Lachlan McIntosh Chapter DAR to Sons of Colonial Wars, 1919, suggesting that patriotic societies join in buying the Lachlan McIntosh for meetings, etc., 1919; History of the Lachlan McIntosh Chapter DAR, by E.B. Spalding, 1926; card from Mrs. Branch LaFar asking Mrs. Spalding to buy a memorial table and plaque to be placed in the Georgia Historical Society Library, 1927; a Jasper (sic) memorial at Jasper Spring, undated; letter of the Chapter to the Oglethorpe Monument Commission regarding inscriptions for the monument, undated; letter of the Chapter endorsing Mrs. Walter S. Wilson as State Historian, undated.

Series 8:: Spalding family, miscellaneous

Box: 2

This series contains various addresses, statements, poems, two watercolors, an example of Union note paper with a colored woodcut, photographs, recipes, a historical sketch of Sapelo Island, and other papers.

Statements of Capt. John A. Cobb on the capture of Macon by Gen. J.H. Wilson, U.S.A., and on Stoneman's raid on Macon, 22.0 items.

Unsigned address before the Georgia State Agricultural Society 1915; poem, "In the hope of the resurrection," 1875; inscription on the marker to Daniel Heyward Brailsford; anonymous post Civil War Confederate poem; typed poems, author unknown; example of Union note paper with colored woodcut; two water colors: Fountain, Chalet Helvetia and Armis of Archdeacon alias McCeby of Kilkenny; snapshot of unidentified child playing with sand bucket and four snapshots of the Willingham children; two of Mrs. Thomas Spalding I's recipes: plum pudding and fruit cake, with another for black cake; clippings: centennial program in Savannah, 1919; Charles S. Wyly's sketch of Broughton Island, 1923; Georgia Society of Colonial Dames' protest of errors in C.F. Jenkins' *Button Gwinnett*, 1927; report of purchase of Sapelo Island by H.E. Coffin with historical sketch of the island, undated; summons, Peter Hill vs. James Russell, February 6, 1819, and defenses for Russell in the case of James Russell vs. Peter Hill, May 25, 1819, regarding the sequestered estate of the Falkirk Union Bank.

Series 9:: Richard Leake papers, 1785-1812

Box: 2

This series contains the lease and release of Richard Leake and his wife Jean of lots in the town of Sunbury, a deed of conveyance to Leake for a tract of land on St. Simons Island, some correspondence, and extracts from Leake's plantation journal. Richard Leake was the father of Sarah Leake, Thomas Spalding I's wife.

Lease and release, 9.0 items.

Richard Leake and wife Jean to Alexander McIver, lots in the town of Sunbury, 1785; deed of conveyance, Dean (Donald?) and William McIntosh to Richard Leake, a tract on St. Simons Island, March 6, 1793; Richard Leake to Thomas Spalding, November 28, 1797, advising him to buy a tract of land; Richard Leake to Archibald Campbell, Dr., account for beef and bacon, 1801; receipt of William Page for payment of his claims against the estate of Richard Leake; Small & McNish to Mrs. Jane (Jean) Leake regarding her account, December 23, 1812; Lachlan McIntosh to Richard Leake, November 7, no year, ordering cloth and discussing payment; extracts from Richard Leake's plantation journal, 1785-1794, copied by Ella B. Spalding.

Series 10:: Clement Martin, Sr. papers, 1771-1785

Box: 2

This series contains a certified copy of Clement Martin, Sr.'s will, 1771, a document on Martin's estate, 1785, and an application by Richard Leake for letters dismissory on the estate, 1785.

Certified copy of the will of Clement Martin, Sr., 1771-1785, 3.0 items.

(original dated September 9, 1771) made December 19, 1775; estate of Clement Martin, Sr. in account with Richard Leake, administrator, May 11, 1785; application of Richard Leake for letters dismissory on the estate of Clement Martin, Sr., January 3, 1785.

Series 11:: Genealogy

Box: 2

This series contains genealogical materials on the Barrow (including Pope, Nevil, and Cobb), Leake, Lumpkin (including Cody and Hopson), McIntosh, Martin, Sams, and Spalding (including Wyllly) family names. Materials include correspondence, data, and clippings

Barrow (including Pope, Nevil, Cobb), 23.0 items.

Letters of Lodowick J. Hill and others and genealogical data.

Leake, 11.0 items.

Correspondence and data.

Lumpkin (including Cody, Hopson), 56.0 items.

Correspondence and data.

McIntosh, 25.0 items.

Correspondence and data, with photograph of a portrait of Gen. Lachlan McIntosh and a snapshot of Lady Maud Mackintosh and her infant daughter.

Martin, 4.0 items.

Data and a clipping.

Sams, 17.0 items.

Correspondence and data.

Spalding (including Wyllly), 22.0 items.

Correspondence and data. Of special interest is the letter of E. Wolff, September 21, 1910, regarding the heirs to the title of Ashantilly.

Box Item

3 376 Thomas Spalding's Bible; printed in Philadelphia, 1823

Contains records of births, deaths, marriage. Early records kept by Sarah Leake Spalding; later ones added by others.

Box Item

4 375 Bible of Mrs. Thomas Spalding (Sarah Leake Spalding)

Title page missing but date on new Testament is 1826. Contains some family data later than 184: her death date.

Artifacts

A-0750-001 Portrait of Thomas Spalding attributed to John Maier **View online.**

A-0750-002 Loving Cup presented to Thomas Spalding Esqr. for his essay **View online.**