

Author: Smythe, Louisa McCord, 1845-1928.  
Title: Louisa McCord Smythe papers, 1862-[ca. 1920].  
Description: 1.25 linear ft.  
Notes: Louisa McCord Smythe was the wife of Augustine Thomas Smythe (1842-1914), a Charleston, S.C., attorney and South Carolina state senator (he added an "e" to his surname). She was the daughter of David James McCord (1797-1855) and Louisa Susanna Cheves. Mrs. Smythe served as president of the Charleston chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.  
Papers include a bound volume entitled "Recollections of Louisa McCord Smythe," a typewritten transcription of her reminiscences (ca. 1920) about life at Lang Syne Plantation (Calhoun County, S.C.), her family and friends, travels in Europe, and her experiences during the War Between the States and Reconstruction. She was in Columbia (S.C.) in Feb. 1865, and her memoir mentions a note of warning the family received about Sherman's intentions for the city, and describes the looting and robbery she and her family observed from the window of their house, and the invasion of their home by looting soldiers, who left when Gen. O.O. Howard took the house as his headquarters. She writes of soldiers setting fires with cotton, records her mother's conversation with General Howard, in which Mrs. McCord asked "how they as soldiers brought themselves to shell defenseless women and children in their beds," and their glimpse of General Sherman. Her memoir also records her observations about life in Charleston after the war during military occupation, the formation of the "Rifle Clubs," and political unrest.  
In addition, her papers include a manuscript of "Report of the Work of the Women of South Carolina During the Confederate War" (1898; published in 1903 as "South Carolina Women in the Confederacy"); six notebooks containing notes and reports on the war work of South Carolina women; records (1884-1899) of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, including constitutions, clippings, invitations, a membership list (1900), correspondence, a photograph, and other items; and Smythe's journals (1904-1905) noting appointments and other U.D.C. business. Other topics include: Sherman's March through the Carolinas, and the burning of Columbia, S.C. in 1865.  
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Howard, O. O. (Oliver Otis), 1830-1909.  
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891.  
McCord family.  
United Daughters of the Confederacy. South Carolina Division.  
Plantations -- South Carolina -- Calhoun County.  
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877) -- South Carolina -- Charleston.  
Sherman's March through the Carolinas.  
Women -- South Carolina.

Rifle clubs -- South Carolina -- Charleston.  
Columbia (S.C.) -- History -- Burning, 1865.  
Lang Syne Plantation (S.C.)  
South Carolina -- History -- Civil War,  
1861-1865.  
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