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## **Christensen Family Papers, 1806-1999**

The papers of the Christensen Family (1806-1999) document the activities of a Beaufort family involved in civil rights, suffrage, education, temperance, politics, and business.

### **Biographical Sketch of the Christensen Family**

The papers of the Christensen Family document over 175 years in the lives of several generations of individuals with ties to South Carolina, Massachusetts, and Denmark. This collection consists of correspondence, business records, photographs, pamphlets, deeds, diaries, and ephemera acquired and generated by the family of Niels Christensen (1840-1909), a native of Denmark and former Union soldier, and Abbie Holmes Christensen (1852-1938), a native of Massachusetts who settled in Beaufort with her family at the close of the Civil War.

Much of the history of this family can be found in correspondence that reflects the life events of the Christensen's. Abbie, in particular, was an avid writer and correspondent. She wrote faithfully to her parents, siblings, children, other relatives, and friends. The letters reflect day-to-day, mundane activities and thoughts, as well as an awareness of events happening in the world around the correspondents. They offer a window onto the Civil War, Reconstruction, Beaufort life, World War I, the 1920s, the Great Depression, religion, spirituality, world leaders, race relations, and education. The collection also reflects the participation of Abbie and her daughters in the suffrage movement and in women's rights efforts. The collection includes letters from Mary Coes (Abbie's cousin and a dean at Radcliffe College at the turn of the nineteenth century), Clara Barton, Laura Towne, Ellen Murray, and other educators and women's rights proponents.

The papers reflect the many interests of the Christensen family and their involvement in community and political activities. The central figures in the collection are Abbie and Niels Christensen. The papers document the operation of the Christensen family businesses: N. Christensen & Sons, dealers in hardware, lumber, and building materials, and Christensen Realty Company, which specialized in the sale of timber land and large tracts of plantation land. The collection also documents the efforts of Abbie and Niels to maintain the Port Royal Agricultural School during post-Reconstruction years. Additionally, the papers reveal Abbie's role in the evolving ethnic and social fabric of low country South Carolina immediately following Reconstruction, as well as her involvement in the suffrage movement and her interests in holistic medicine, spirituality, and her participation in the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis (Rosicrucian Order).

The Christensen Family Papers also trace the lives and varied interests of the six children and many grandchildren of Niels and Abbie. From running the family business to teaching school in Tennessee to serving as a South Carolina senator to working as an engineer on the Savannah River Power Plant, the Christensen children and grandchildren participated in wide range of activities in the South. This is largely reflected and recorded in the correspondence among family members that ranges from the early 1880s up through the 1980s.

Although this collection is referred to as the Christensen Family Papers, it also contains information pertaining to the Holmes and Winch families, Abbie's relatives. Abbie's father, Reuben Holmes (1820-1906), was born into poverty and raised for most of his life in Massachusetts. An entrepreneur of sorts, Reuben owned several businesses over the course of his

life. He was an inventor who sold his patents to a large firm and never profited from his designs for a wheel-and-paddle-driven butter churn and a rubber-covered clothes ringer. Reuben was in the forefront of business and reform endeavors in Westboro. In 1855, he was appointed Fence Viewer and Sealer of Weights and Measures. He owned the town's first steam-driven grist and lumber mill. He volunteered as a Sunday school teacher at the country's first reform school, the Lyman School in Westboro.

In 1848, Reuben married Rebecca Winch. Rebecca was born in 1824, the fifth child of James and Sally (Kilbourn) Winch. The Winches were a more prosperous family than the Holmes; James was a respected bricklayer, and Sally took in borders. The Winches became the largest landowners in Holden by saving money and buying real estate. Rebecca attended Leicester Academy, a prestigious co-educational school founded just after the American Revolution. Upon completion of her educational training, Rebecca became a teacher. She stopped working when she married Reuben. Rebecca gave birth to their first child, Abbie Mandana Holmes, on January 28, 1852, in Westboro. Georgiana Rebecca Holmes was born in 1860.

Around the time of Georgiana's birth, Reuben experienced financial troubles and decided to try his luck outside of Massachusetts. His entrepreneurial side took him briefly to New Jersey around 1862 where he found work as a traveling salesman. He returned to Massachusetts when a fire destroyed the family home in 1864; at that time, he and Rebecca decided to take part in a missionary experiment at Port Royal, South Carolina. Before the Civil War, Beaufort and the Sea Islands were home to wealthy planters and a large slave community. During and immediately following the war, the area became the site of a free labor experiment. The Holmeses relocated to the South as abolitionists hoping to participate in this interracial community at Port Royal. Reuben spent a few months on his own in Beaufort trying to obtain work as a manager on a vacant plantation. After a battle with typhoid, he returned home for a brief period of time. During the fall of 1864, he and Rebecca returned to South Carolina with their two daughters.

Rebecca was plagued by poor mental health in adulthood and probably did not really ever adjust to the move to the South. In 1867, she was admitted to Bellevue Hospital in New York for treatment. Her condition did not improve, and on February 27, 1868, she died in the hospital. At the time, Abbie was attending the Ipswich Female Seminary in Ipswich, Massachusetts. Reuben immediately called her home to care for the house and her sister. It appears that Abbie and Georgie grew very close in the years following their mother's death, and they shared a strong bond for the rest of their lives.

In 1869, Reuben married Charlotte Keith, a missionary teacher from Massachusetts. They had two daughters, Almeda and Charlotte; Abbie and Georgie enjoyed a close relationship with their stepsisters. In 1870 Reuben took a small contract for building a piece of the Port Royal and August Railroad, then later purchased a large tract of land near Varnville, South Carolina. He constructed a sawmill, a store, and several houses. He named the village Almeda, after his first daughter with Charlotte. He engaged in the lumber business for a number of years before he decided to return to the North. Reuben died in 1906 in Providence, Rhode Island, where he had built two wharves, constructed several houses, written his memoirs, and played an active role in the Methodist church.

At the time of her father's second marriage in 1869, Abbie was of college age. She was suddenly free to pursue her studies so she returned to the North for her educational training. She studied at

Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in South Hadley, Massachusetts, from 1872-1874. Her father called her home in 1874 after Charlotte died (later that year he married Charlotte's sister, Sarah Keith). While Abbie did not receive a degree from Mount Holyoke, she was prepared to commence a teaching career when she returned to Beaufort. Abbie settled into a life of caring for her family and teaching in an African American school in Beaufort. She had several friends in the Beaufort area and appeared to have an active social life within the community. In 1874, she and Niels Christensen began courting.

Little is known about Niels Christensen's childhood and early years of adulthood. He was born in 1840 in Denmark to Frederik and Marie Baker Kristensen, who were innkeepers. He had at least one sibling – a sister. Upon arriving in the United States in 1862, he enlisted in the Union Army as a private in the 145th New York Infantry of Volunteers. On January 14, 1864, he mustered out and was honorably discharged at the rank of 1st sergeant at Tullahoma, Tennessee. A month later, he enrolled in New York and mustered into service as a private with Company B, 102nd New York Infantry Volunteers. In May of 1864, he was wounded in action and honorably discharged several months later as sergeant at Savannah, Georgia. In January of 1865, he once again mustered into service, this time as captain of Company H, 44th United States Colored Infantry. Over the course of the next year, he was stationed in Chattanooga, Tennessee; Hunstville, Alabama; Tuscumbia, Alabama; and Nashville, Tennessee. From 1867 to 1870, Niels served with the peacetime army at Fort Wayne in Detroit, Michigan. In 1870, he passed a civil service exam and became the keeper of the national cemetery in Beaufort; he tended the graves of more than 8,000 black and white Union soldiers until 1876.

In 1874, when he met Abbie, Niels was ready to settle down and start a family. Several years earlier, he had consulted a psychic to learn about his prospects for meeting a future wife. He even tried to meet women through matchmaking services. In 1865, the psychic he consulted, Madame Swedenburg, predicted that he would eventually meet a suitable woman:

Asking the magic pebble about the future prospects of Niels Christensen, I got the following revealed before me. . . . I see you to walk through a long and almost happy life, but as no life is without troubles and sorrows, I see some very dark spots on yours, too. Do not (lose) hope and self-confidence. . . . You have to be extremely careful in the choice of a wife, very few will suit for you. You shall never look for a Beauty, or for money. You shall look out for a well educated, for an intelligent, and for a virtuous lady, no other will ever be able to make your domestic happiness.\*

After nearly ten years of trying to meet women through personal agencies and other means, Niels must have believed that Abbie was the answer to Madame Swedenburg's prediction. The couple married on April 13, 1875, in Beaufort's Charles Street Baptist Church. A year later Abbie gave birth to their first child, Niels Christensen, Jr., on April 21, 1876. Frederik Holmes was born next on December 9, 1877. James (Jamie) was born on September 5, 1880; Arthur Olaf was born in 1882; Andrea Rebecca was born in 1884; and Abby Winch (Winnie) was born in 1887. Jamie Christensen died from diphtheria in 1885; he was buried in the national cemetery, where Niels tended his grave.

During the years from 1876 to 1887 Abbie remained busy at home in Beaufort raising her children. It is also important to note that during this time Abbie turned a hobby into a writing career. Ever since she had first moved to the Beaufort area, Abbie collected tales of slave life in pre-Civil War Beaufort. It was while at Mt. Holyoke that Abbie first started to write down some

of the tales she remembered from her childhood. Her first story “De Wolf, De Rabbit An' De Tar Baby” was published in the *Springfield Daily Republican* on June 2, 1874. After publishing tales in the serial format for around ten years, Abbie finally found a publisher, and in 1892 *Afro-American Folk Lore Told Round Cabin Fires on the Sea Islands of South Carolina* was published as a collection of tales recorded in the dialect of the Sea Islands.

Abbie had hoped to move back to the Northeast at some point, but Niels did not want to leave Beaufort. In the years following the Civil War and after his position at the cemetery ended, Niels assumed an active role within the Beaufort business community. Around 1876 he founded a hardware store in town and began work as a general contractor; over the next ten years, the business grew and expanded. When his sons came of age he welcomed both Niels and Frederik when they expressed an interest in joining him. In 1879 Niels was selected to serve as Commissioner of Elections for Beaufort Country, and in 1886 he became the acting Intendant at Beaufort. For all of these reasons, plus the fact that he enjoyed a measure of social status in the community, Niels probably did not want to relocate to the Northeast.

Abbie compromised by educating their children in the north. During the 1880s and 1890s, when all of the children were in school, Abbie seemed to spend more time in Massachusetts than in South Carolina. Evidence of the strain that this arrangement placed on their marriage is obvious in the correspondence exchanged between Niels and Abbie during this time.

It was also probably while Abbie was on her own with the children in New England that she became involved in the temperance and suffrage movements. In 1888, while in Boston, she joined the Women's Christian Temperance Union. In 1889 she received a personal visit from Frances Willard, the president of the WCTU; and in 1890 members elected Abbie to the board of directors of the Women's Temperance Publishing Association (affiliated with the WCTU) on which she served for two years.

The catalyst for her increased participation in activities outside of the family may have been an inheritance she received in 1882 from her uncle, Alden Winch. Winch, the former director of the American News Company of New York, left her cash and assets of more than \$17,000. Through the inheritance, Abbie was able to bring more control into her marriage. She lent Niels \$12,000 to put into his businesses and real estate interests. Abbie kept some money and stocks and bought property in Beaufort. Essentially this gave her life-long independence.

In 1883, Abbie used some inheritance money to help found an interdenominational “Union” church in Beaufort – the Carteret Street Church. The idea may have grown out of memories of services Abbie attended with her parents when they first moved to Beaufort in the 1860s. A Union Army chaplain used to conduct services for the community in the Arsenal at Port Royal, and Abbie wrote about these occasions in her journals. Abbie and Niels, along with other northern transplants, worked diligently for several years to bring the project to fruition.

In 1898, a group of individuals – including Abbie and Niels Christensen – came together to discuss the feasibility of founding a school for African American children in Beaufort. The entire Christensen family worked with both white and African American citizens in Beaufort to make the Port Royal Agricultural School a reality. Founded in 1901, the school served the Beaufort community for over forty years. (See the biographical note on page 13 for detailed information on the school and the Christensens' role in its founding.)

Niels, Sr. died in 1909 after an illness of several months. Abbie was by his side when he died. After Niels' death, Abbie became very involved in several alternative forms of Christianity. After her son Jamie's death in 1885 Abbie had originally turned to the practice of "Mind Cure." It was the application of the principle of mind over matter. Through hypnotism, massage, and telepathy, the practitioner strove to heal him- or herself. The final cure was as much about the restoration of moral and mental wellness as it was about physical healing. After her husband's death, Abbie's interest in Mind Cure grew even stronger. Years later, in 1929, she joined the Rosicrucian Order of Christian Mystics, a Christian-based sect that espoused the power of the spiritual over the material and the kinship of all humanity. Mind Cure and Rosicrucianism were but two in a series of alternative religious and medical practices Abbie practiced over the course of her life. Abbie probably took solace in these practices. She also collected rare plants and dispensed homeopathic remedies to her friends and family. In later years, Abbie often spent time at various solarium retreats across the country as a means of restoring her mental and physical well being; often her daughter Andrea accompanied her on these extended trips.

In 1932, Abbie accepted a position as the Elector at Large for the Socialist Party in South Carolina. She served as a delegate for the presidential candidate, Norman Thomas. Her family supported her decision to express her political beliefs in a public forum. This represented the only time Abbie publicly supported a political candidate.

Abbie died in Greenville on September 21, 1938. She had been visiting with Andrea when she suddenly took ill. She passed away in a matter of days. She was remembered by family and friends in South Carolina and Massachusetts. The staff and students at the Port Royal Agricultural School memorialized her and started a scholarship in her name.

Abbie's interests lived on in her children. Throughout her life, she tried to enlist them in her causes. Niels, Jr. matured into a very politically minded adult. He followed in his father's footsteps for a time in the family business before he established himself independently. He purchased the *Beaufort Gazette* in 1903 and served as publisher and editor for nearly twenty years. When N. Christensen & Sons failed financially, Niels assumed the leadership of Christensen Realty, a successful Beaufort realty company. He also became very involved in South Carolina politics. He was first elected to the Senate in 1905. He served for twenty years and was involved in a variety of committees and special projects. He was also very active in the day-to-day affairs of the Port Royal Agricultural School. Niels married Katherine Wales ("Nancy") Stratton in 1912. They had four children: Niels, III (born in 1913); Anne Wales (born in 1916); Stratton (born in 1918); and Andrea (born in 1923). Niels, Jr. died in 1939 from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Frederik, too, was very involved in business and civic affairs in Beaufort. He was the first son to join his father and business; he remained loyal to the Christensen family businesses for as long as they endured. He participated in many Beaufort citizens' groups and civic organizations. Frederik married in the late 1920s. He and his wife, Helen Burr, had one child, Frederik Burr Christensen (born October 7, 1929). Frederik, Sr. died in 1944.

Of the five children, Arthur was the most inclined to strike out on his own. For years, he seemed to resist returning to Beaufort. Educated at Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he did not seem to know what to do with his life. For a period of time, he jumped from job to job. For a few years after finishing his education, he traveled throughout the United States and

South America working on mining projects. For a period of time he lived in New Jersey and worked as the manager of the Stoneware Electric Stove Works in New York and traveled from door to door trying to sell stoves. Perhaps in some ways, he was most like his grandfather, Reuben Holmes, in that he possessed a wandering spirit and could not, or did not want to, settle down. He was briefly married from approximately 1912 to 1916 to a woman named Helen Eddy. They had a son, Minot; however, after the divorce not a word was mentioned about the marriage or the child. Arthur married Lillian Dutton and had two daughters, Cornelia and Carroll.

Andrea Christensen was perhaps the most artistic of the Christensen children. Additionally, she introduced her mother to many various holistic healing procedures and shared an interest in Mind Cure. Andrea also accompanied her mother on many trips to solariums throughout the country. Andrea and Abbie enjoyed a close relationship and exchanged letters throughout their lives. Andrea married Lawrence Orr Patterson, a Greenville attorney; they had one adopted daughter, Dorothy (Dot).

Abbie Winch Christensen never married and remained her mother's faithful travel companion throughout her life. Educated at Radcliffe College, Winnie seemed to possess some of that wandering instinct present in Arthur and her grandfather Holmes. Although she always returned to Beaufort, Winnie traveled the world during the course of her life. She served in France on the Civilian Committee of the Beaufort Country Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1918-1919. While in college, Winnie had developed an interest in English folklore. She joined the English Folk Song Society and the Appalachian Club while at Radcliffe. One of her strongest passions was for English folk dancing; she taught it at several summer camps and at the Pine Mountain Settlement School in Harlan, Kentucky. She taught at the school for many years. Winnie traveled extensively with her mother; mother and daughter went on a transcontinental cruise in 1921. They also spent time traveling throughout America, particularly in the Pacific Northwest.

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### **Historical Sketch of the Port Royal Agricultural School**

*In view of the lamentable condition of ignorance, superstition, poverty and vice prevailing among many of the people in our Sea Island Plantations, it is proposed to establish a School on Port Royal after the Tuskegee plan.*

- Minutes of the Trustees' Meetings

Port Royal Agricultural School

Abbie's legacy lived on not only with her children and grandchildren but also in the hundreds of students who received an education at the school she worked so diligently to found and build into an institution. In 1898, a group of individuals – including Abbie and Niels Christensen – came together to discuss the feasibility of founding a school for African American children in Beaufort. The involved parties decided to take as their inspiration the educational institutions founded by Booker T. Washington and Samuel Chapman. Abbie believed that Washington's Tuskegee Institute, with its emphasis on practical training and the molding of positive character, represented a strong model school. Additionally, she looked to Chapman, the founder of Hampton Institute, for other educational ideas. Abbie also emulated the work of Laura Towne and Ellen Murray of the Penn School and Rachel Mather of the Mather School.

The dream became a reality in October 1901 and the school started with seven pupils; by January of 1905, 150 students were in attendance. The Port Royal Agricultural School aimed to instruct

African American students in better cultivation of land, care of stock, and improved manner of living. Additionally, the institution offered instruction in carpentry, bricklaying, printing and other trades. Coursework for females included cooking, sewing, nursing, and homemaking. Implicit in all aspects of the program was an effort to achieve the moral elevation of its students.

Edinburg Mahone (a Tuskegee graduate) accepted the position as the first principal. In 1902 the school trustees were W. H. McLeod (President), W. S. Dorset (Secretary), and N. Christensen (Treasurer). Abbie Christensen also assumed an un-named position with the board. By 1905, Abbie had moved into a more formal position with the board – that of Secretary. She worked alongside McLeod (President), Thomas Lee (Vice President), and Niels Christensen (Treasurer).

In 1904, Mahone left his position in the midst of controversy. The board hired Joseph S. Shanklin, the school's agricultural instructor, as his replacement. Joseph and his wife, India, worked together to advance the mission set forth by the board of trustees – to educate and prepare African Americans to lead self-sufficient and moralistic lives. India taught domestic science to the girls at the school and maintained a fairly personal relationship with Abbie; they exchanged numerous letters up until Abbie's death in 1938.

By 1919, Port Royal Agricultural School (more commonly known as the Shanklin School) was well established with an endowment of around \$11,000 and situated on hundreds of acres of land in Beaufort. Expenses were high, though; during that year the trustees applied for the institution to become a County Training School as a means of receiving additional funding. In 1920, Port Royal Agricultural School became the Beaufort County Training School, although it was always known as the Shanklin School to area residents. By becoming a county school, the institution was able to pool both public and private resources to promote its mission of industrial education and was able to meet the need for African American teachers since it was ostensibly known as a teacher's training site.

### **Scope and Content Notes**

The collection consists of approximately twelve linear feet of materials that document the life history of Abbie and Niels Christensen, their ancestors, and their descendants. In date, the collection ranges from approximately 1817 to 1999, with the bulk of the papers ranging from 1850 to 1935. The collection consists of six series: Correspondence, Family Papers, Port Royal Agricultural School, Beaufort History, Miscellaneous Oversized Materials, and Photographs and Postcards. Contained within this collection are documents such as correspondence, business records, photographs, pamphlets, and other ephemera generated and collected by the family of Niels and Abbie Holmes Christensen.

### **Series I, Correspondence**

Series I, Correspondence, is organized chronologically from 1817-1957. By and large, the collection consists of correspondence among family members. The primary correspondent throughout the collection is Abbie Holmes Christensen. The collection also includes correspondence among members of the Holmes and Winch families. Much of this correspondence is from the years before Abbie was born. Included also is a good deal of communication between Abbie and her father, Reuben Holmes, and Abbie and her sister,



Georgiana (“Georgie”) Holmes French. Early correspondence also includes letters exchanged between Peter Holmes and Rebecca Winch Holmes. (Correspondence, 1852-59) Additionally, there are several letters exchanged between Reuben and his brother, Patterson Holmes. (Correspondence, 1865 – January to May)

Abbie corresponded faithfully with her children throughout their lives; correspondence includes letters written by and addressed to Andrea Christensen Patterson, Niels Christensen, Jr., Abbie Winch Christensen, Arthur Christensen, and Frederik Christensen. Other familial correspondents include:

*Christensen Family:* Andrea Christensen (Abbie's granddaughter)  
Anne Wales Christensen (Abbie's granddaughter)  
Helen Burr Christensen (Frederik's wife)  
Helen Eddy Christensen (Arthur's first wife)  
Katharine (“Nancy”) Wales Stratton Christensen (Niels, Jr.'s wife)  
Lillian Dutton Christensen (Arthur's second wife)  
Niels Christensen (Abbie's husband)  
Niels Christensen, III (Abbie's grandson)  
Stratton Christensen (Abbie's grandson)

*Holmes Family:* Georgiana (“Georgie”) Holmes French (Abbie's sister)  
Olive Graves Holmes (Abbie's paternal grandmother)  
Olive Holmes Harrington (Abbie's paternal aunt)  
Patterson Peter Holmes (Abbie's paternal uncle)  
Peter Holmes (Abbie's paternal grandfather)  
Rebecca Winch Holmes (Abbie's mother)  
Reuben Holmes (Abbie's father)  
Thomas Holmes (Abbie's paternal great grandfather)

*Winch Family:* Abbie Winch Coes (Abbie's maternal aunt)  
James Winch (Abbie's maternal grandfather)  
Lucinda Winch Cutting (Abbie's maternal aunt)  
Sally Kilbourn Winch (Abbie's maternal grandmother)

Abbie also corresponded with a wide circle of male and female contemporaries. Included in this list are the following individuals:

Charles and Addie Barrow, educators, friends, proponents of Mind Cure philosophy (circa 1885-1939)

Helen Bassett, Chicago Folk-lore Society (see 1/10/92, 8/3/92)

Ellen Murrery, educator at the Penn School (see 1898-1901, in particular)

W. W. Newell, Secretary of the American Folk-lore Society (see 11/24/92)

India Shanklin, teacher at Port Royal Agricultural School and wife of Joseph Shanklin (circa 1904-1938)

A. R. Spofford, Librarian of Congress (re receipt of *Afro-American Folk Lore*) (see 3/2/1892)

George A. Wauchope and Reed Smith, University of South Carolina, Department of English (See 1924)

Frances E. Willard, president Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association, (see 7/28/1889); later president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (see 3/27/91, 3/16/93)

The bulk of the correspondence is among Abbie and her children. In the main, these letters address domestic and family issues. They are often full of a mother's advice to her growing children. Through the correspondence, the changing nature of the relationships Abbie shared with all of her children is evident. She corresponded with them when they were in their teenage years and boarding in Massachusetts while attending school; in these letters one sees a mother's concerns for children's health, school work, and social lives. As the children aged, Abbie's tone shifted; she no longer told them what to do, but offered advice and suggestions. Similarly, the children began to view Abbie as a confidante; their letters reveal the respect they all felt for their mother. Her correspondence with Andrea and Winnie reveals the closeness she had with both daughters. Her letters to Niels and Frederik also reveal a mother's love for her sons. The relationship between Abbie and Arthur was still a close one, but it was perhaps more marked by contradiction and argument than the relationships Abbie shared with her other children.

There is also a great deal of correspondence between Abbie and Niels, Sr. These letters reveal the nature of the complex relationship they shared. Abbie's insistence that the children be educated in the North meant that she had to live with them for part of the year in the Northeast. Niels, who had no desire to leave Beaufort, remained behind where he oversaw his business. Letters between Abbie and Niels – especially during the 1890s when most of the children were still young and in school – reveal some of the tension that existed as a result of trying to carry on a long-distance marriage.

There is not a great deal of correspondence in this collection that documents the relationship Niels, Sr., shared with his family. There are a limited number of letters from Niels' sister and possibly his mother (Written in Dutch. See Correspondence, 1864). Beyond that, there is little to indicate what life was like for Niels before he came to the United States.

By the 1860s, Niels' thoughts appeared to be turning to the task of finding a suitable wife. He signed on with personal agencies based in New York and Ohio – companies that invited individuals to write letters to potential mates. The company provided a client with a list of matched names and it was then up to the individual to contact whomever he or she wishes. There are a few letters to Niels written by women he probably met through the agencies.

Much of the correspondence from the Civil War years consists of letters from soldiers, many confined in hospitals, to Captain Christensen. Some correspondence is from Niels' commanding officers; letters address Niels' rank in the military, prospects for promotion, and general orders.

The collection contains a letter dated July 26, 1883, addressed to Abbie from D. Lothrop & Company, Publishers & Booksellers, regarding the costs associated with the publication of her book. On March 28, 1892, there is a letter from J. G. Cupples Co., another publishing house, regarding sales of the book.

Correspondence from the fall of 1893 and into 1894 often touches upon the effects of the devastating hurricane that tore through Beaufort. Of interest is a letter addressed to Niels, Sr. from Clara Barton, President of the American National Red Cross, thanking Niels and Abbie for their donation of clothes to hurricane victims in the Beaufort area. The letter is typed and signed by Barton. (2/20/94)

The collection contains a great deal of undated correspondence. For the most part, the information in these letters is mundane: discussions of weather, descriptions of meals eaten,

general questions about family. There is little information in these letters that would give one more than a general sense of when they were written.

## **Series II, Family Papers**

Although Abbie Holmes Christensen appears to be the principal within this collection, as Series II, Family Papers, reveals, the collection also contains a plethora of information on her parents, grandparents, husband, children, and grandchildren. This was a family who was active in all aspects of life in Beaufort. This collection serves to reveal the many interests and involvements of this diverse family.

The Family Papers series is divided into the following subseries: Holmes Family, Winch Family, Abigail Holmes Christensen, Abbie Winch Christensen, Andrea R. Christensen, Ann Christensen, Anne Wales Christensen Head, Arthur O. Christensen, Carroll Christensen, Frederik Christensen, Frederik Burr Christensen, James Winch Christensen, Niels Christensen, Niels Christensen, Jr., Niels Christensen, III, Stratton Christensen, Christensen Family in General, and Family Businesses. The subseries are organized alphabetically.

**The Holmes Family Papers** contain information on Abbie Holmes Christensen's paternal ancestors. Documents in this subseries include advertisements for Reuben Holmes' inventions, genealogical information, the handwritten memoirs of Reuben Holmes, information pertaining to the settlement of the estate of Peter Holmes, and other miscellaneous items.

**The Winch Family Papers** document the history of Abbie Holmes Christensen's maternal relatives. Materials included in this subseries include biographical and genealogical information (including obituary notices) for several members of the Winch family. There is a significant amount of information pertaining to James Winch, Abbie's maternal grandfather. Included are several land deeds, account books, receipts, and legal documents that belonged to this Massachusetts businessman and landowner. Also included in the Winch Family Papers are agreements and bonds in which the signatories agreed to support their mother, Sally K. Winch (Abbie's maternal grandmother), in widowhood.

**Abbie Holmes Christensen's papers** are arranged alphabetically and document a life that was as diverse as it was traditional. Documented is her involvement in the Rosicrucian Order, as well as her interests in astrology, holistic healing, and alternative medicine. During 1929 she corresponded with the Rosicrucian Order main office and studied through the mail; included are the lessons she sent away for and her notebooks filled with responses and her notes.

Of significance are the papers regarding Abbie's participation in folklore. Manuscript copies of many of the manuscripts she submitted for publication in magazines are included in various draft forms. Information regarding her participation in the American Folk-lore Society and the Chicago Folklore Society is also included. A review of her book, *Afro-American Folk Lore Told Round Cabin Fires on the Sea Islands of South Carolina* is also included. (The book, itself, can be found in the Book Division of the South Caroliniana Library.)

Documents are also available that provide some insight into the education Abbie received. Included are a catalog from the Ipswich Female Seminary and a historical sketch of Mount Holyoke College.

Evident in the collection is Abbie's interest in Nature Cure. For information on this, see the documents regarding Lindlahr Nature Cure Institute and Sanitariums as well as the pamphlets on Nature Cure. Along with Nature Cure, Abbie was also interested in Mind Cure; the materials she maintained and the correspondence she kept with one of that movement's earliest proponents, Charles Barrows, prove interesting.

Religion was always an important part of Abbie's life. As a member of the Church of Disciples (Unitarian) in Boston, Massachusetts, Abbie came to take an active role in the religious community; she used it as an opportunity to speak out for the things in which she believed (suffrage, temperance, education of African Americans). Of interest are the materials on the Carteret Street Church that Abbie and Niels (along with other interested Beaufort citizens) founded in the 1880s.

There is also a limited amount of information pertaining to Abbie's early career as a schoolteacher. Found in the collection are school reports from Abbie's earliest days teaching at a school for freed slaves, her teaching certificates, and general information on the state of education in South Carolina.

Abbie's involvement in the suffrage and temperance movements is also well documented in her personal papers.

**Niels Christensen's papers** reflect his involvement in the Civil War and in Beaufort civic and business interests. Many of the materials pertaining to his participation in the Union Army are documents that detail his orders and advancements through the service. Also included are muster lists and supply lists as well as reports that Niels had to prepare throughout his time in the military. After the war, Niels settled in Beaufort where he worked for several years as the intendent at the National Cemetery. His records reflect his dedication to turning the cemetery into a park that could be enjoyed by all. Records include monthly reports, descriptive lists of those interred, and landscaping plans.

Also included in this subseries are materials that document Niels' involvement in the following Beaufort civic activities: appointment as Commissioner of Election for Beaufort County; membership in the Ashlar Lodge No. 91; involvement as contractor with the Carteret Street Church; real estate interests in Beaufort; and participation in the Sea Island Relief Committee, the Storm Signal Corps, and the temperance movement.

Of interest are a few files on mysticism and astrology and also information regarding the personal agencies he joined in the late 1860s as a means of meeting a potential wife.

Located within the Family Papers series are several subseries pertaining to the children and grandchildren of Abbie and Niels Christensen. All of the Christensen children are represented in some way in this collection. Contextually, most of the information deals with education, career choices, wedding plans, and community involvement. Found in these papers are old school programs, newspaper clippings, wedding announcements, club membership cards, and memorabilia. \*

The papers of **Niels Christensen, Jr.** are of particular interest as they offer a glimpse into the life of a South Carolina senator. Included in this subseries are articles and editorials written about

and by Christensen, a biographical essay, and information regarding his involvement in South Carolina politics.

Grandchildren represented in the collection are Ann Christensen, Carroll Christensen, Niels Christensen, III, and Stratton Christensen (all children of Niels Christensen, Jr.). Subjects include education, home life, World War II, wedding announcements, and South Carolina politics. Stratton Christensen was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for South Carolina before he died in 1946 while serving for the United States in the U.S. Navy. The materials regarding Stratton generally center around memorial services held in his honor after his death.

Of interest are some documents generated by one of Abbie's grandsons, **Frederik Burr Christensen**. He worked as an engineer on the Savannah River Plant during the 1980s. The collection contains two folders of correspondence pertaining to his views on the maintenance and regulation of the plant by the U.S. government.

Materials found in the **Christensen Family in General** subseries include documents that did not seem to belong to one individual or that were the provenance of several family members. Of interest is a diary kept when the family vacationed at Bay Point, South Carolina. Abbie, Winnie, Andrea, Niels, Jr., Frederik, and several family friends wrote individual entries on a daily basis in this journal. Found also in this subseries is some general information on the Brookline, Massachusetts, school system. Genealogical materials on the Christensen family, a holiday card sketched by Winnie or Andrea, miscellaneous childhood memorabilia, collected writings (some possibly authored by members of the family), and publications collected by family members round out this series.

Abbie often clipped newspaper articles that pertained to family and friends as well as events taking place in the world around her. Located in this subseries are clippings on the Lindbergh baby's kidnapping, World War I, World War II, and the sinking of the *Lusitania*. Lastly, this subseries contains ephemera and realia including an American Flag Pennant with forty-eight stars, a Christmas gift presented to Abbie from a friend, crocheting materials, a female's pocket handkerchief, a packet of seeds, a pressed plant specimen, and stones from a glacier bed.

**The Family Business** subseries contains a limited number of materials pertaining to the businesses that Niels and his sons ran in Beaufort. Materials pertain to N. Christensen & Sons and Christensen Realty Company. Niels, Sr. started N. Christensen & Sons as a lumber/hardware company around 1876. This subseries includes account books, financial records, and 1927 bankruptcy proceedings. Christensen Realty Company was founded and run solely by Niels, Jr. There is a limited amount of information on this business endeavor.\*

### **Series III, Port Royal Agricultural School**

Series III contains the records of Port Royal Agricultural School. Included are copies of prospectuses and information booklets drawn up before the school commenced operations, an account book from 1902-1906, some alumnae records, enrollment statistics, and correspondence. The strength of this series is the correspondence as it is probably the only existent record of communication among members of the school's board, administrators, and Abbie Holmes Christensen. Of interest are some of the early letters exchanged among Abbie and Mr. and Mrs. Booker T. Washington as Abbie went about the business of trying to model the school after

Tuskegee. (see in particular, correspondence for 1900) Additionally, there is correspondence to Abbie from Mr. and Mrs. Shanklin, the school's principal and his wife, who also taught at the school. The correspondence subseries also includes letters to Abbie from students and alumnae. It is in the correspondence that one gets a sense of what was going on at the school in addition to what one learns from information booklets, newspaper articles, and trustees' minutes.

#### **Series IV, Beaufort History**

Series IV, Beaufort History, contains an assortment of documents that relate the town's history. Most likely, these were documents collected by various members of the Christensen family over the years. Included is a copy of a letter regarding the adoption of the commission form of government signed by W.H. Townsend and dated 1915. There are several articles and essays regarding the history of Beaufort, a map with land plots (or city blocks) laid out. Also included in this series are original and copied documents pertaining to the business of the Beaufort Town Council, an organization Niels, Sr., was active in for some years. Most of these documents are from the 1890s and address issues such as town ordinances, financial management, relief funds after the hurricane of 1893, issuance of municipal bonds, and management of several town offices and businesses.

#### **Series V, Miscellaneous Oversized**

The Miscellaneous Oversized materials contained within the Christensen Family Papers include materials collected by various members of the family. Included are five volumes of *Harper's Weekly: A Journal of Civilization* from the early 1860s. The editions contain many Civil War articles and artists' sketches of battle scenes. A copy of *The Illustrated London News* contains an article on the devilfish in South Carolina. The subseries also contains several old maps of the New England region as well as a map entitled "Caledonian Railway and Its Connections in England and Scotland."

#### **Series VI, Photographs and Postcards**

Over the years, the Christensen Family collected numerous photographs. Included are images from the Holmes Family Reunion in 1932, photographs of students at PRAS, formal portraits of various family members, numerous informal photographs of Christensen children (several of the family at the beach during the summer months). Many of the photographs are not identified but it is assumed that many of the images were taken at family gatherings. The collection includes ferrotypes, daguerreotypes, cartes de visite, and early twentieth century black and white prints.

Wherever she traveled, Abbie collected postcards. The collection originally contained numerous South Carolina images (see general postcard collection). Winnie and/or Andrea may also have drawn some postcards. Images are from all over the United States and Europe. The collection contains many images of the Pacific Northwest and of the Northeast.

Abbie also kept Christmas cards she received every year. Maintained in this collection are some of the earlier, more unique holiday cards, in particular images drawn from the late 1800s before the commercialization of the holiday card industry.

#### **Sources Consulted:**

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Extent: 11.25 linear ft. (9 cartons) + 4 oversize folders

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Arranged alphabetically by subseries. Includes newspaper clippings, deeds, legal documents, personal effects, genealogical information, writings, receipts, diaries, wedding announcements, ledgers, Civil War (Union Army) materials.

#### **Port Royal Agricultural School, 1898-1938, undated (Box 6)**

Arranged alphabetically. Account book, newspaper clippings, administrative records, alumni records, and correspondence.

#### **Beaufort History, 1857-1960, undated (Box 6)**

Arranged alphabetically. Municipal government documents, agreements, newspaper clippings, and financial/business records.

#### **Miscellaneous, Oversized, 1858-1909 (Oversized flat files)**

Arranged alphabetically. Journals, maps, real estate titles.

#### **Photographs and Postcards, ca 1850s- 1938, undated (Box 9)**

Approximately 280 photographs, plus a miscellaneous collection of postcards and greeting cards. Arranged topically.

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7	611	Legal sized, 1865-89, 1907

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		Holmes Family
4	258	Agreement Among Reuben Holmes, Jonathan Luther, and Metropolitan Washington Machine Co. re Use of Goodyear Rubber Products in Holmes Patent Washer and Ringer, 1862
	259	Agreement Between John Hartstone and Charles Mills, Peter Butler, and Henry Sheldon, 1857
	260	Estate of Peter Holmes, Settlement, 1851
	261	Fragment of Letter from Frank G. Holmes, ca 1868
	262	Genealogical Information, ca 1910
4, 7	263, 612	Genealogical Information, ca 1931
4	264	Genealogical Information, 1938
	265	Newspaper Clippings (re George Holmes and tax payments), 1915
	266	Receipt for Milk Account, 1862
	267	Receipt, Franklin Holmes in Account with Henry Holmes, 1849
4, 7	268, 613	Reuben Graves Holmes, Advertisements for Inventions, ca 1860
4	269	Estate of R. G. Holmes, 1911
	270-73	Memoirs, 1905
	274	Obituary, 1906
	275	"Sketch of the Life of Col. Peter Holmes," ca 1875 (typewritten copy)
		Winch Family
	276	Abigail Winch Coes, Adoption Papers, Giving Custody of Mary and Estella Coes to Abigail Winch Coes, 1876
	277	Biographical Essay, [undated]
	278	Alden Winch, Obituary, [undated]
	279	Calvin Winch, Obituary, 1885
	280	Harriet Winch, Fragment of letter, [undated]
	281-83	James Winch, Account Books (notebooks), 1806-11, 1822-32, 1836-44, [undated]
	284	Account of Highway Work, 1844
	285	Cattle Sales, 1844-46
	286	Estate of James Winch, settlement, 1848
	287	Inventory of the Estate of James Winch, 1848
7	614-16	Land/Mortgage Deeds(received by Winch), ca 1811-36



- 617 Holden, Massachusetts Mortgages, ca 1840
- 618 John Mann to James Winch, 1844
- 619 Leonard and Louis March to James Winch, 1843
- 620 Lawsuits, Buttrick vs. Winch, 1847; Sheldon vs. Winch, 1847
- 4 288 Obituary, Memoriam, [undated]

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- 4 289 James Winch, Permit to Repair an Outside Wall, 1844
- 290 Personal Prayer/Plan, 1837
- 291 Receipts, 1840-48
- 292 Receipts Made Out to James Winch, ca 1840s, [undated]
- 293 Town Taxes, General Information, 1847
- 294 Town Taxes, Paid by James Winch, 1816-34
- 295 Unidentified, 1843
- 296 Rebecca Winch, Calling Card, ca 1848
- 297 Winch Family, in general, Agreement (bond) to support widow Sally K. Winch, 1848
- 298 Bond (Eli Wilburn to Sally K. Winch), 1848
- 299 Unidentified, [undated]

### Christensen Family:

#### Abbie Mandana Holmes Christensen

- 300 Account of treatment of illness (E.R.A. treatments), 1922
- 301 Address Book, [undated]
- 302 "Allies All," (poem written by Abbie), circa 1917
- 7 621 American Red Cross, Mid-Field Report, 1894
- AMORC (Rosicrucian Order of Christian Mystics):
- 4 303 "The Book of Suggestions," 1929
- 5 304 Incoming Correspondence, 1929
- 305 Lectures: Grade 1, Number 1, 1929
- 306 Grade 1, Number 2, 1929
- 307 Grade 1, Number 3, 1929
- 308 Grade 1, Number 4, 1929
- 309 Grade 1, Number 5, 1929
- 310 Grade 1, Number 6, 1929
- 311 Grade 2, Number 7, 1929
- 312 Notes on lectures – Notebook, 1929
- 313 Publications, "Why Are We Here? And Why Are Our Lives Unequal?" [undated]
- 314 Anti-Saloon League of South Carolina, [undated]
- 315 Anti-Slavery Memorial Meeting (Boston, MA), Program, 1897
- 316 Astrology (Character readings for family), ca 1890-1902
- 317-19 Autobiographical Essays, ca 1930, [and undated]

- 320 Autograph Book, 1864-68  
 321 Beaufort Bank, Deposit Slips, 1923  
 322 Brookline (MA) Public Library Brochure, 1930  
 323 The Brookline (MA) Savings Bank, Pass Book, 1896-97  
 324 Brookline (MA) Trust Company, Account Statements, 1916-17  
 325 Calling Card, [undated]  
 326 Commission on Race Relations in the South, 1931; also, Association of  
 Women of the South for the Prevention of Lynching, 1931  
 327 Cruise with Abbie Winch Christensen (R.M.S.P. Avon), Passenger List,  
 1921  
 8,9 665-828 Diaries: 1865 (pages torn out of volume), 1870 (pages torn out of the  
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- Christensen Family, continued:  
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- 5 328 The Fellowship of the Order of Christian Mystics, 1928  
 Folklore:
- 329 Afro-American Folk Lore told Round Cabin Fires on the Sea Islands  
 of South Carolina, Book Review, ca 1893  
 330 American Folk-Lore Society, 1892  
 331 Brer Rabbit Materials (collected by AHC), ca 1891  
 332 Chicago Folklore Society Annual Meeting Announcement, [undated]  
 333 The Journal of American Folk-Lore (see p. 154-155), 1894  
 Folklore Manuscripts:
- 334 "The Cow Head," [undated]  
 335 "Englis As She Is Jumbled. A Darkey Teachers Address.  
 Recently Heard by Samuel Miller of Georgetown," [undated]  
 336 "Gander an Goose Show How Husban An Wife Fur Lub One  
 Anudder," [undated]  
 337 "A Hard Road to Andy Coggins," [undated]  
 338 "Jonah En Dat Dere Whale," [undated]  
 339 "Let Me Tole You," a scriptural sermon by Rev. July Welcome at  
 Saint Helena Island," [undated]  
 340 "The Man from Mars, Safe and Sound Arrival of the Comet  
 Without Passenger," [undated]  
 341 "Manigo and Heyward" (performance with F.H. Christensen as  
 Manigo), [undated]  
 342 "De Nigguh-Night," [undated]  
 343 "De Rabbit an de Partritch," [undated]  
 344 "Rebibal 'Pon Top Edisto," [undated]  
 345 "Rev. Manigo's Near Visit to Heaven," [undated]

- 346 Silhouettes Nos. 7, 9, 14 by Ambrose E. Gonzales (“The Lady  
Couldn’t Specify,” “Conductor Smith’s Dilemma,” and “A  
Flaw in the Enditement,” [undated]
- 347 “Sun, Nut Grass and Trouble,” [undated]
- 348 “Uncle Mingo’s Bridge Scheme,” [undated]
- 349 Untitled Manuscripts, [undated]
- 350 “Waiting till the Bridegroom Come” and “Not Bound for Brazil,”  
[undated]
- 351 “When the Violets Bloomed Bluer and the Poppies Grew Redder,”  
(James T. Bacon), 1907
- 352 “Wormwood ‘N Sennie,” [undated]
- 353 Text of Speech, [undated]
- 354 The Health Food Company, Advertisement, [undated]
- 355 Health Products Centre (Boston, MA), Advertisement, [undated]
- 356 Holistic Healing/Health, general, [undated]
- 357 Medical Pamphlets re treatment of Folliculosis vs.  
trachoma; surgical requirements of the  
Nasopharyngeal Adenoid; Some Southern  
Feeding Problems; Acrodynia, 1920-22
- 358 “In Memoriam: Abbie Holmes Christensen,” [undated]

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- Christensen Family, continued:  
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- 5 359 Ipswich (MA) Female Seminary, Catalog, 1864  
Journal, 1867
- 360 Legal Materials, [undated]
- 361 Lindlahr Nature Cure Institutes, Examination Report, 1920
- 362 Lindlahr Health Foods, Price List, ca 1923
- 363 Lindlahr Sanitariums/Nature Cure Institutes, Receipts, 1923
- 364 Massachusetts Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Convention Program, 1887
- 365 Mind, Inc., [undated]
- 366 Miscellaneous, [undated]
- 7 bound volume Montessori School Class Record, notebook, 1917-24
- 5 367 Mount Holyoke Seminary (South Hadley, MA) “Historical Sketch of  
Mount Holyoke Seminary,” 1878
- 368 National American Woman Suffrage Association, [undated]
- 369 Nature Cure, Pamphlets, [undated]
- 370 New England Sanitarium Laboratory (Melrose, MA), 1915
- 371 New England Sanitarium Visit (Melrose, MA), 1915
- 372 Newspaper Clippings, general, 1917-37
- 373 Obituary of Aunt Coes (dean of Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA), 1918
- 374 Pre-School for Children run by AHC, advertisement, 1927
- 7 622 Property List (stock portfolio), [undated]

	623	Real Estate, Mortgage/Discharge of Property—Freeborn F. Raymond to Abbie H. Christensen, 1895-96
5	375	Real Estate, Properties Owned, [undated]
	376	Receipts, 1923
8	683-87	Records of Correspondence, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919
5	377	Relationship to Charles Mason Barrows and family, especially regarding Mind Cure, includes memorial tribute written by F. Christensen, 1918
		Religion:
	378	Carteret Street Union Church Society of Beaufort, Rules, 1884
		Church of the Disciples (Unitarian), Boston, MA,:
	379-80	American Unitarian Association, Sermons. [undated]
	381	“Channing’s Message About Jesus,” A Paper by Lucia Peabody, 1901
	382-83	Charles G. Ames Sermons, 1898-1902
	384	“Emerson, Selections from His Writings,” Dr. W. C. Gannett, [undated]
	385-86	Pamphlets, 1904, 1924-26
	387	Program, 1904
	388	Sermon: “The Bible and the Modernist,” Rev. Thomas Henry Billings, [undated]
	389	P. P. Watson, “General Missionary Speaks to Brotherhood,” [undated]
	390	Religious Pamphlets, [undated]
	391	School teacher, general information, ca 1866-1871
	392	The Self Improvement League of America, Inc., 1927
	393	South Carolina Federation of Women’s Club, membership card, [undated]

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5	394	South Carolina Press Association, Annual Convention, 1917
	395	South Carolina Teaching Certificate, 1870
	396	Stock Certificate (Beaufort Telephone Company), 1922
	397	Stock Portfolio, information, 1917-22
	398	Suffolk Savings Bank, Pass Books, ca 1885-96
	399	Suffrage, Brookline (MA) Equal Suffrage Association, 1901
Oversize Folder 1		“What of the Woman Vote?” article clipped from New York Times, Book Review and Magazine, 1920
	400	Woman Suffrage Leaflet, 1889-93
7	624-25	Teacher’s Monthly School Report, State of South Carolina, 1870, 1871
5	401	Teaching, Teacher’s Second Grade Certificate, 1871
	402	Theater/drama participation, ca 1925
	403	Travels, general, [undated]
	404	Pamphlets/Brochures (New England, National Park Tours, Cunard Cruise Line), [undated]

405 Women's Christian Temperance Union, Southern Assembly and School of  
Methods, 1892

Writings:

406 History of the Founding of Beaufort/Hilton Head, [undated]

407 Poetry, [undated]

408 "The Sea Islands" (The Ten Times One Record), 1893

Abbie Winch Christensen

409 Artist, general materials, [undated]

410 Brookline (MA) Grammar Schools, Grade Report, 1897

411 English Folk Dance Society, 1928, 1946

412 Landscape Architect Announcement, [undated]

413 Miscellaneous, [undated]

414 Newspaper Clippings, [undated]

415 Notebook (topics = landscaping, wall building, Judaism), ca 1916

416 Radcliffe Class Day Program, 1910

417 Voter Registration Card, 1932

Andrea R. Christensen (Patterson)

418 Loyal Temperance Union Pledge, [undated]

419 Miscellaneous, [undated]

420 Wedding Announcement (Mr. Lawrence Orr Patterson), 1910

421 Wedding Planning, 1910

Ann Christensen

422 "The Beaufort News: Published Monthly for Our Boys and Girls in the  
Services," Vol. 1, No. 3, 1944

Anne Wales Christensen (Head)

423 Cambridge School Graduates' Bulletin, May 1938

424 Wedding Announcement (Howard Head), 1939

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5 425 Article, "Holds Harvard's Strength Test Record," 1903

426 Brookline (MA) High School Directory, 1898-99

427 Christmas List, ca 1899

428 Miscellaneous, [undated]

429 Newspaper Clippings, [undated]

430 Wedding Announcement (Helen M. Eddy), ca 1912

Carroll Christensen (Paul)

431 Wedding Announcement (Sergeant Donald Paul), 1944

- Frederik H. Christensen
- 432 2 Autograph Books, 1884-88
  - 5, 7 433, 626 Civic/Community Involvement, Beaufort Activities, [undated]
  - 5 434 Chamber of Commerce, 1915
  - 435 Citizens' Service Corp., [undated]
  - 5, 7 436, 627 "Coosawhatchie" Address Beaufort  
County Historical Society, [undated]
  - 5 437 Rotary Club, [undated]
  - 438 Town Council of Beaufort, 1915
  - 439 Drama/Theater Involvement, [undated]
  - 440 Education, ca 1890
  - 441 Loyal Temperance Union Pledge, [undated]
  - 442 Memorabilia, [undated]
  - 443 Miscellaneous, [undated]
  - 444 National School Diary, 1886
  - 445 School Notebook, [undated]
  - 446 Wedding Announcement (Helen Burr), 1929
- Frederik B. Christensen
- 447 Eagle Scout, 1944
  - 447a Letter to Allen Stokes, Director, South Caroliniana Library; includes  
reminiscences of childhood, observations on Klan activities in N. Beaufort  
and  
information on his experiences with the Savannah River Plant in the  
1950s, 1999  
448-49 Savannah River Plant, Correspondence, 1985-86
- James (Jamie) Winch Christensen
- 450 Children's Books, ca 1883
- Niels Christensen
- 451 Account of lawsuit against him, [undated]
  - 452 Agreement re rental of Lumber Yard, [undated]
  - Oversize Folder 2 Appointment as Commissioner of Election for Beaufort Country (sealed,  
signed by Governor Wade Hampton and Secretary of State R. W.  
Fins), 1878
  - 453 "Army, Navy or Marine Land Certificate," 1865  
Ashlar Lodge No. 91, Certificate of Acceptance, [undated]

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- 7 628 Carpenter, Cartaret Street Union Church in account with Niels  
Christensen, [undated]
  - 629 Receipts, ca 1874-75

5	454	Controversy re War Record, 1906
7	630	Deed for Richard Simmons, 1875
5	455	Homesteading (“How to Procure a Homestead”) Leaflet, [undated]
7	bound volume	Ledger/Account Book, ca 1855-77
7	bound volume	Ledger/Account Book, ca 1866-67
7	bound volume	Ledger/Account Book, ca 1869-76
7	bound volume	Ledger/Account Book, ca 1872-76
7	bound volume	Ledger/Account Book, ca 1876-77
7	631-33	Meeker/Christensen Agreement “Meeker Christensen and King Ford Party (Alabama land speculation?), 1866
		Military Service
5	456	1865
7	634	Ca 1866-67
5	457	August – November, 1867
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5, 7	459, 636	1869
	460	1870
7	637	“Army, Navy, or Marine Land Certificate,” 1865
7	638	Article clipped “Liability of Confederate Soldiers for Injuries Done in Kentucky,”
	639	Editorial Letter to the Army and Navy Journal, 1868
5	461	Grand Military Ball, 1870
		Muster-in Roll of Capt. N. Christensen, 44 <sup>th</sup> Regiment, 1865
	462	Order to Non-Commissioned Officers re Loitering, ca 1865
7	640	Orders and Advancements, ca 1867
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6	463	Miscellaneous, unidentified, [undated]
	464	Mysticism/Astrology (“Star of Seven Emblems”), [undated]
		National Cemetery:
7	641	1870
6	465	1871
	466	1872
	467	Appointment of Youth Committee, ca 1871
	468	Citizens’ Petition Protesting Christensen’s Removal, ca 1875
	469	Controversy re Grave of James (Jamie) Winch, ca 1885
	470	Descriptive List of Inhabitants of Cemetery, ca 1870
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7	642	Descriptive List of Superintendent Christensen, 1870
6	471	Landscaping, ca 1870
7	643	Monthly Report of Conditions, 1871

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- 6 472 Monthly Return of Quartermaster's Stores Received, Issued, and Remaining on Hand, 1870-71
- 473 Pay Stubs, 1870-76
- 474 Report of the Inspector of National Cemeteries, 1870-71," 1872
- 475 Obituaries, Memorials, 1909
- 476 Personal Agencies (Personal Advertisements?), ca 1869-70
- Oversize Folder 3 Proposals for Work at National Military Cemeteries, BroadSides, 1878
- 6 477 Report of the Inspector of the National Cemeteries, 1870-1871, (1872)
- 7 644 Report re Poor Management, conducted by the Parker D. Hupple Company, [undated]
- 645 Real Estate in Beaufort, [undated]
- 6 478 Ribault Club, 1903
- 653 Sea Island Relief Committee, Rules for the Government of, 1893
- 480 Storm Signal Corps (Application for), 1870
- 481 Temperance Pledge, [undated]
- 482 Writings, Poetry, [undated]

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- 483 "Address Made Before the South Atlantic Highway Association," 1924
- 484 Baby Book (account by AHC), 1876
- 485 Biographical Essay (History of South Carolina), 1934
- 7 646 Certificate re Contribution to Wilson/Marshall Presidential Campaign, 1912
- 6 486 Childhood Memorabilia, [undated]
- 487 Editorials re Senator Christensen, ca 1908
- 488 Election Campaign Letter, 1920
- 489 Enlistment as Volunteer for Home Defense, 1917
- 490 Materials re Position in U.S. Senate, [undated]
- 491 Miscellaneous, [undated]
- Oversize Folder 1 Newspaper article re disagreement between Niels Christensen and Governor Cole E. Blease as printed in The Beaufort Gazette, 1914
- 492a-f Newspaper Clippings,(general, personal, political), ca 1908-16, 1939, [and undated]
- 493 Obituaries, 1939
- 494 Term as Senator, ca 1914-16
- 495 Wedding Announcement (Katharine Wales Stratton, "Nancy"), 1912
- 496 "Who's Who in America" entry, 1932

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- 497 Wedding Announcement (Eleanor M. Wiedeman), 1937

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- 498 House of Representatives (SC), WWII Memorial Service, 1946
- 499 Memorial Poem, ca 1946



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- 6 501 Bay Point Vacation Diary (AHC, Winnie, Andrea, Niels, Jr., Frederik. . .),  
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- 502 Education of Children of Niels and Abbie, Brookline (MA) Public Schools,  
 ca 1892-1900
- 503 Ephemera, American Flag Pennant (48 stars), [undated]
- 504 Christmas Gift for A.H.C. From a Friend (a handbook), [undated]
- 505 Christmas Seals, [undated]
- 506 Crocheting Materials (A. H. Christensen), ca 1910
- 507 Embroidery, [undated]
- 508 Female Pocket Handkerchief (embroidered in one corner),  
 [undated]
- 509 Luggage Tag (A. H. Christensen), [undated]
- 510 Miniature "Shopping List" Notebook, [undated]
- 511 Pack of "Boye" Brand Gold Eye Needles (The Boye Needle  
 Co., Chicago, New York, San Francisco), [undated]
- 512 Packet of Unidentified Seeds, [undated]
- 513 Pressed Plant Specimen (*Amaranthus spinosus*), ca 1904
- 514 Stones from a Glacier Bed, 1921
- 515 Velvet Case, [undated]
- Family Businesses
- 516 Christensen Realty Company, [undated]
- 517 Dissolution of Christensen & Clark, [undated]
- 518 N. Christensen & Sons, Account Book, 1917-19
- 7 bound volume Account Book, 1917-18
- 7 647 Bankruptcy Proceedings, 1927
- 6 519 Business Endeavors, ca 1900-40
- 7 648 Financial Summaries, 1913-1915, [&  
 undated]]
- 6 520 Newspaper Clippings, [undated]
- 521 Genealogical Information on Christensen Family, [undated]
- 522 Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the State of South Carolina, ca 1891-99
- 523 Holiday Card (sketch of Beaufort home), [undated]
- 524 Late 19<sup>th</sup> or Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Business Advertisements/Business Schemes,  
 [undated]
- 525 Miscellaneous, Childhood Memorabilia, unidentified, [undated]
- 7 649 Miscellaneous Collected Writings, "The Guild Ladies Give a Bazaar," James  
 T. Bacon
- 650 Miscellaneous Collected Writings, "When the Violets Bloomed Bluer and the  
 Poppies Grew Redder! When the Southern White People Did Not Open

- 6      526-27      Their Own Eyes, and When the Naked Pickaninny Ate His Watermelon  
Without a Spoon,” James T. Bacon  
Miscellaneous Collected Writings/Poetry possibly by members of the family,  
[undated]
- 528      Miscellaneous Collected Writings/Poetry not authored by Christensens,  
[undated]
- 529      Miscellaneous, General, [undated]
- 530      Miscellaneous Programs for Plays, Recitals, Festivals, ca 1860-1930
- 531      Newspaper Clippings,      General, [undated]
- 532      Sojourners’ Club, [undated]
- 533      Lindbergh Baby Kidnapping, 1932
- 534      Unidentified, [undated]
- 535      World War I, ca 1914-1919

## SERIES II. FAMILY PAPERS

- Christensen Family, continued:  
Christensen Family, in general, continued  
Newspaper Clippings, continued:
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| 6 | 536    | World War I and the sinking of the Lusitania, 1915  |
|   | 537-38 | World War II, 1940s   |
| 7 | 651    | Niels and Abbie, Civic League/Clover Club, [undated]  |
|   | 652    | Niels and Abbie, Program from First Date, 1874  |
| 6 | 539    | Niels and Abbie, Marriage Certificate, duplicate, 1909                                      |
|   | 540    | Publications, Announcement of Parson Brownlow's Book, [undated]                             |
|   | 541    | Booklet of Poetry, [undated]  |
|   | 542    | "The Bright Side Out," (sermons) Charles F. Dole, [undated]                                 |
|   | 543    | "The Christian Register," Vol. 99, No. 3, 1920  |
|   | 544    | "Herbert Spencer: His Life, Writings, and Philosophy," Daniel Greenleaf Thompson, 1889      |
|   | 545    | "The Living Sand," Leo Kadya Popowska, [undated]  |
|   | 546    | Mind, Inc., Vol. III, No. 3, September 1930, Vol. V, No II, August 1931                     |
|   | 547    | "The Mother's Assistant and Young Lady's Friend," (Vol. VII, No. 1) 1854                    |
|   | 548    | New England Cremation Society, "A Step Forward," Mrs. Alice Lincoln, 1894                   |
|   | 549-50 | Poor Richard's Almanac, (annotated and rebound with twine), 1818, 1823                      |
|   | 551    | "The Problem of Sex Education in the Schools," 1919   |
|   | 552    | "The Rural Carolinian," (vol. iv, no. vii), 1873  |
|   | 553    | "Sermons of James Freeman Clarke: What Good has the Birth of Jesus Brought the World?" 1926 |
|   | 554    | "A Stroller in Beaufort Fields and Gardens," Abbie Holmes Christensen, ca 1909              |
|   | 555    | Sunday School Text, 1884  |
|   | 556    | Twenty-eighth Annual Report – Public Schools – Columbia, SC, 1910-11                        |
|   | 557    | "Unitarian Christianity," William Ellery Channing, 1819                                     |
|   | 558    | Stock Certificates, Seacoast Packing Company, 1921  |
|   | 559    | Unidentified Lists, [undated]   |

## SERIES III. PORT ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL (LATER, BEAUFORT COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL), AKA THE SHANKLIN SCHOOL

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| 560 | Account Book (N. Christensen, Treasurer), 1902-06 |
| 561 | Administration, [undated]                         |
| 562 | Administrative and Alumni Materials, ca 1920      |

- 563 Announcement of Information Session for the School, ca 1900
- 564 Annual Report of the Port Royal Agricultural School, 1903-04
- 565 "Beaufort County Training School News," [undated]
- 7 bound volume Board of Trustees, Minute Book, 1902-04
- 6 566 Commencement Programs, 1914, 1929, 1931, 1936, [undated]
- 567 "Concerning the Port Royal Agricultural School," [undated]

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- 6 568-71 Correspondence, Administrative, 1900-07, 1911-36, [undated]
- 572 Editorials in the Boston Transcript, 1909, 1919
- 573 Financial Statement, Endowment, Solicitation of Funds, 1907-26, [undated]
- 574 Illegible letter from (potential) student, [undated]
- 575 Letterhead, [undated]
- 576 Letters to AHC from students and teachers, [undated]
- 577 Memorial for AHC, [undated]
- 578 Miscellaneous, Unidentified, Student Papers, 1925, [undated]
- 579 Murray, Miss Ellen, essay on, 1933
- 580 Newspaper clippings re other institutions, educational methods, [undated]
- 581 "Outline Sketch of the Origins, Object, Growth, Present Condition, and Needs of the Port Royal Agricultural School," 1911
- 582 Program of Funeral Services for Mrs. India Gordon Shanklin, 12/1939
- 583 "Prospectus of the Port Royal Agricultural School," (with cover and photographic inserts), ca 1903
- 584 "Prospectus of the Port Royal Agricultural School," (without cover; no photographic inserts), ca 1903
- 585 "Prospectus of the Port Royal Agricultural School," (without cover; with photographic proofs), ca 1903
- 586 School Mission, ca 1898
- 587 "Statements by the State and Local Authorities As to the Beaufort County Training School of Burton, South Carolina," 1920
- 588 Student Information, ca 1912
- 589 "To the Patrons of the Port Royal Agricultural School," 1904-05

**SERIES IV. BEAUFORT HISTORY**

- 590 Adoption of Commission Form of Government (letter signed by W. H. Townsend), 1915 (copy of letter)
- 591 Agreement Between John Hartstone and Charles Mills, Peter Butler, and Henry Sheldon, 1857
- 592 Annual Statement of the Condition of the Beaufort Bank, 1915
- 593 Articles: "Conditions in Beaufort County, South Carolina," (typed essay), ca 1902
- 594 Description of Town Buildings, Homes, Owners. . ., [undated]

- 595 "Do You Know Your South Carolina? Beaufort" Chlotilde R. Martin, [undated]; "Sea Islands Revisited," Boston Evening Transcript, 1894
- 596 "History of Presbyterianism in Beaufort, SC," ca 1960
- 597 "Old Beaufort – A Collection of Articles Which Appeared in the Beaufort Gazette During the Year 1907," 1908
- 598 Partial Text of History of Founding of a Union Church in Beaufort (written by A.H.C.), [undated]
- 599 "Sketch of Rev. Robert Smith, First Bishop of South Carolina," [undated]
- 600 "A Christmas Greeting from the Sea Islands," (postcard) [undated]
- 601 Map with Land Plots, city blocks, [undated]
- 602 Miscellaneous writings, unsigned, [undated]
- 603 Miscellaneous, Essay written by J.P. Benahs, 1846
- 604 Miscellaneous, Unidentified, [undated]

#### SERIES IV. BEAUFORT HISTORY, continued

- 6 605 Program, Parris Island – Port Royal Bridge Opening, [undated]
- 606 "Report on Port Royal Naval Station," by Citizens' Committee of Beaufort and Port Royal, SC, 1900
- 7 653 Sea Island Relief Committee, ca 1893
- 653 Sea Island Relief Committee, Rules for the Government of, 1893
- 654 "Sea Islands and Negro Supremacy," Niels Christensen, ca 1889
- 6 607 Sec. 457, Revised Statutes 1902, Volume 2, Part 2, 1902 (printed on cloth)
- 608 "Street Cries of an Old Southern City," Harriet Kershaw Leiding, 1910
- 609 Text of a Protest Petition to Oust an Elected Official, by "we the undersigned ladies," (handwritten), [undated]
- 7 655 Town Council, Discussion re alleged interference with a town ordinance, [undated]
- 656 Financial Management, ca 1880s, 90s
- 657 Fire Department Financial Report, [undated]
- 658 "Regarding relief Funds after Hurricane," 1893
- 659 Monthly Report to the Intendant and Town Warden, 1890
- 660 Resolution by the "businessmen and Citizens of Beaufort" re election of new town judge, [undated]
- 661 Resolution re Issuance of Municipal Bonds, [undated]
- 662 Resolution re Financial Reporting, [undated]
- 663 Safety Procedures in Cotton/Gin Mills, [undated]
- 6 610 Town Resolution Recognizing Valor of Captain G. Jenkins and Crew of the June, [undated]

#### SERIES V. MISCELLANEOUS OVERSIZED

- Oversize Folder 1 Harper's Weekly: A Journal of Civilization, Vol. V, No. 252, October 26, 1861
- Oversize Folder 1 Vol. V., No. 253, November 2, 1861
- Oversize Folder 1 Vol. V., No. 261, December 28, 1861
- Oversize Folder 1 Vol. VI, No. 273, March 22, 1862
- Oversize Folder 1 Vol. VIII, No. 399, August 20, 1864
- Oversize Folder 1 The Illustrated London News, "Frontier Life in America: The Devil Fish in South Carolina" March 27, 1858
- Oversize Folder 4 [undated] Map of the Caledonian Railway and Its Connections in England and Scotland,
- Oversize Folder 4 Map of the Summer Resorts of the Coast, Lake and Mountain Regions Along the Boston and Maine Railroad and Connections, 1909
- Oversize Folder 4 Map of Vermont, ca 1902
- Oversize Folder 2 Title to Real Estate: Nancy Y. Springer to George Springer re land in Beaufort (signed and sealed in Massachusetts, affixed with seal of Massachusetts but on South Carolina legal document), 1868

#### SERIES VI. PHOTOGRAPHS AND POSTCARDS\*

##### Formal, posed images.:

- 9 1 1 albumen print, unidentified (dog, woman in plaid dress, African American woman), [undated]
- 2 1 albumen print, 2 ferrotypes, "Lizzie," [undated]
- 1 albumen print, 1 collodion, "Mrs. L. Z. Laur
- 3 1 albumen print, unidentified baby in carriage, 2 daguerreotypes, unidentified babies

#### SERIES VI. PHOTOGRAPHS AND POSTCARDS, continued

##### Formal, posed images, continued:

- 9 4 2 ferrotypes, images of unidentified young girls (1 from J.U.P. Burnham Photographer, Savannah, GA)
- 1 daguerreotype, unidentified woman
- 5 1 daguerreotype, unidentified woman, probably from Indiana (see folder 21)
- 6 1 glass-covered print, two young, unidentified boys

##### Formal family photographs (photographer noted in parentheses):

- 7 Francis J. Cutting (Allen & Rowell, Photographers, Boston, MA)  
Rev. Ranklin Holmes (Holmes Bros., Charlestown, MA)
- Os 4 Holmes Family portraits, [undated] (fragile, in very poor condition)
- 8 Reuben Graves Holmes, ca 1848  
Holmes family reunion, ca 1887 or 1888 (Arthur Christensen, Harry Holmes (son of Patterson), Almeda Holmes, Charlotte Holmes, Frederik Christensen, Sarah Keith Christensen, Lizzie Holmes, Oscar Holmes, Hattie Holmes, Henry Holmes, Andrea Christensen, Reuben Graves Holmes, Patterson Holmes, Abbie Mandana Holmes Christensen, Abby Winch Christensen, unidentified)
- 9 Reuben Graves Holmes, age 85, circa 1905

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\* Unless otherwise noted, photographs are not dated.

- 10 Henry Holmes (possibly), [undated] (J.W. Black, Boston, MA)
- 11 Christensen relatives, two women, "Elsass und Lothringen"
- 12 Abbie Holmes Christensen portraits, ca 1886 (Taylor & Preston, Salem, MA)
- 13 Abbie Holmes Christensen (?), 1 carte de visite (Geo. S. Cook, Charleston, SC)
- 14 Possibly Abbie Holmes Christensen and her sister, Georgiana, as young girls
- 15 Carte de visite, Niels Christensen ("yours truly, N. Christensen, Capt. 44<sup>th</sup>, U.S.C.S.")
- 16 Possibly Andrea or Abby Winch Christensen
- 17 James ("Jamie") Winch Christensen
- 18 Possibly Andrea Christensen as a toddler, 1886 (Taylor & Preston, Salem MA)
- 19 Arthur O. Christensen, Harvard University portrait (newspaper article on back of photograph re his status as "Nearest Approach to Greek Ideal is Strong Man Arthur Christensen) (photograph signed by Pach?)
- 20 Cartes de visite, Civil War, Union soldiers (Nalvin Nelson, Jekiel Radsback, \_\_\_ Webster, \_\_\_ Griffin, \_\_\_ Cooke, \_\_\_ Garrett, unidentified) (photographers include Baker & Benham, Ypsilanti, MI; Maxwell & Estell, Richmond, IA; Lutge, Detroit, MI)
- 21 Cartes de visite, Ella Walker (G.P. Critcherson, Worcester, MA)
- 22 Briggie (?) Crowe of Jamestown, NY (William Roddy, Meadville, PA)
- 23 Bessie Roberts at 8 months (D. Hinkle, Germantown, PA)
- 24 two images of unidentified men
- 25 three images of unidentified woman from Indiana (B.C. Daily, Peru, IA; Sam Moore, Wabash, IA; John Wharton, Wabash, IA) Also see folder 5)
- 26 unidentified baby (J.N. Wilson, Savannah, GA)
- 27 unidentified woman (S.A. Thomas, New York, NY)
- 28 unidentified man (W.A. Smith, Newark, OH)
- 29 unidentified man (H.J. Reed, Worcester, MA)
- 30 unidentified woman (H.J. Reed, Worcester, MA)
- 31 unidentified woman (Carl Meinerth, Newburyport, MA)
- 32 unidentified woman (Carter, Worcester, MA)
- 33 unidentified African American woman (Jas. M. Osborn, Charleston, SC)
- 34 unidentified young girl (Hubbard & Mix, Beaufort, SC)

#### SERIES VI. PHOTOGRAPHS AND POSTCARDS, continued

- Informal photographs:
- 9 25 Woman ("Deedle"?) holding a baby horse (black and white photo)
- 26 Abby W. Christensen (?), 1938 (black and white photo)
- 27 3 images, people in a field
- 28 Adults, Miss Rassmussim (?) and Mrs. Smith, 1927 (black and white photo)
- 29 Abbie Holmes Christensen and other family members, [undated] (black and white photo)
- 30 Adults, unidentified (primarily black and white photos)
- 31 Children with adults, identified (black and white photos):
- 32 "Baby Mariquita (?) and Grand Aunt Anna"
- 33 Cornelia Christensen (1 yr.) and Grandmother Dutton

- Cornelia Christensen and father  
 Cornelia Christensen, Arthur Christensen, Abbie Christensen, and others  
 “\_\_\_\_\_ Waterhouse, Grandma – Junior, Baby Harriet Brag, Elizabeth Sanders, George  
 Sanders, Eleanor Waterhouse, Richard Brag”  
 “Benjamin Ellis de Treirille and mother”  
 Cornelia, Lillian, and Arthur Christensen, 1923
- 30 Children, with adults, unidentified (black and white photos):  
 31 Father and two sons, unidentified  
 32 Reuben G. Holmes (?) and grandsons (?)  
 33 Abbie and daughters (?)  
 Group of young women (Andrea or Abby Christensen in center?)
- 34 Children (black and white photos):  
 Elizabeth Lynch (12 years old) and Cornelia Christensen (16 months)  
 Niels and Anne Christensen (children of Niels Christensen, III?)  
 Possibly Niels and Anne Christensen with female relative
- 35 Christensen grandchildren?  
 36 Unidentified children  
 37 Holmes family reunions, 1932, 1935 (some identification)  
 38 Beach scenes (various generations of Christensens at the shore)  
 39 Memory book, photos from Beaufort (reproductions)  
 40 Montessori school  
 41 Montessori school (Arthur Christensen, as a young boy, is in photo)  
 42 Class picture  
 43 Christensen home, Beaufort, SC (front, side views; view from porch)  
 44 Beaufort and Myrtle Beach areas (Live oaks, cemetery, plantation), probably taken by  
 Andrea Christensen
- 45 Beaufort scenes (includes office of The Beaufort Gazette)  
 46 Beaufort scenes, 1925  
 47 Beaufort scenes  
 48 Photographs (landscapes) taken by Arthur Christensen (Mexico, Colorado)  
 49 Landscapes  
 50 Pets/animals, 1925, [undated]  
 51 Port Royal Agricultural School (PRAS), miscellaneous  
 52 PRAS, Class picture, taken outside, E. Mahone (teacher) is in pictures  
 53 PRAS, farmhouse  
 54 PRAS, students/teacher feeding the chickens, 1906 (W & O’B Studio, Beaufort, SC)  
 55 PRAS, in the kitchen (reproduction)

SERIES VI. PHOTOGRAPHS AND POSTCARDS, continued

- Postcards, miscellaneous:  
 9 56-7 Holiday postcards

- Postcards, travel:  
 58 Glacier National Park, Montana, [undated]  
 59 Landscapes and unknown locations, [undated]



- 60 Overseas (Belgium, England, France, Germany, Greece, Israel)
- 61-3 New England states, [undated]
- 64 Southern states, [undated]
- 65 Western states, [undated]
- 66 Yellowstone National Park, [undated]

Greeting cards:

- 67-75 late 19<sup>th</sup>, early 20<sup>th</sup> century cards
- 76 Hand painted card (watercolor). Artist: H. Sené Moret (?), Inscribed on back: Comité des Etudiants Américains de l'Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris