

The Boyce Family Papers (1767-1976)
Manuscript Collection One

The Boyce Family Papers is a collection of private materials chronicling the lives of James Boyce (1740-1803) and his descendants for over two hundred years. The land and Bible records, as well as letters offer researchers a unique glimpse of agricultural life in the Carolina backcountry. Other records in the collection include photographs, as well as land surveys, deeds for slaves, sales receipts, doctor bills and other legal documents.

Box 1 denotes materials that are oversized and stored in an appropriate container. All other materials are contained in Box 2.

*Note.

Due to the delicate nature of most of the items in the Boyce Collection, patrons may only use pencil to record their research. Photocopying is not permitted.

For additional information regarding the Boyce Family and their descendants, see **The Descendants of James Boyce and Margaret Morehead by Moffatt and Edward Gilmore Boyce**. This book is part of the Carolina Room Collection.

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Box 1

Series 1

Jane Flannigan

	Date	Item
Box 1 BY 1.1	1767	Land indenture involving George Augustus Selwyn, William Smith and Jane Flannigan– 280 acres to Jane Flannigan for 28 Pounds granted to John Selwyn by King George II. One item. Fragile Condition. Location is the oversize box.
Box 1 BY 1.2	May 8, 1768	Survey Selwyn's land for Jane Flannigan

Series 2 – James Boyce (1740-1803) Papers

Box 2 BY 2.1	April 17, 1775	Indenture for sale of land from William and Janet Smith to James Boyce – 120 acres for 60 Pounds. Only librarians can handle item.
BY 2.2	January 27, 1778	Land entry for James Buoy – 150 acres. Photocopy
BY 2.3	September 20, 1779	Land grant #37 to James Buoy for 138 acres at 50 Shillings per 100 acre. Poor condition. photocopy of above.
BY 2.4	February 25, 1779	Survey of land tract described in BY 2.3. Photocopy.
BY 2.5		
Box 1 BY 2.6	November 27 1797	Land grant #1371 150 acres at 30 Shillings per Acre.
Box 2 BY 2.7	October 1803	James "Boyes" Boyce's will. Good condition.
BY 2.8	November 23, 1803	Agreement of heirs of property not covered by Boyce's will. (Good condition.)
BY 2.9		Facsimile of will registered in Mecklenburg County Book of Wills, Book A, pg. 90.

Series 3

Samuel Boyce (1740-1803) Papers

BY 3.1	December 2, 1811	Receipt for land purchase issued to Samuel Boy By North Carolina Treasury Office. (Fair cond.)
BY 3.2	January 30, 1817	Land survey for Samuel Buoy. (Fair condition)
BY 3.3	March 25, 1831	Land indenture between Silas Alexander and Samuel Boyes. 75 acres and premises for \$400.00. Boyes purchased the land that was Near Hezekiah Alexander. (Fair condition)
BY 3.4	September 1832	Land survey for Captain Samuel Boyes. 410 acres of land along McAlpine Creek. Fair condition.

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		Date	Item
Box 2	BY 3.5	November 28, 1833	Bond between Samuel Boyes and William Alexander. (Good condition.)
	BY 3.6	December 28, 1839	Bill of sale for slave, Evelina age 9 from William Boyce to Samuel Boyce. Good cond.
	BY 3.7	November 19, 1841	Agreement between widow and heirs of Samuel Boyce. (Fair condition.)
	BY 3.8	December 8, 1841	Articles governing sale of Samuel Boyce Estate.
Box 1	BY 3.9	February 27, 1842	Land survey of Captain Samuel Boyce for Distribution to heirs. Hand-stitched. Fragile.
Box 2	BY 3.10	December 16, 1843	Will of Deborah Boyce. (Good condition.)

Series 4

Joseph Haynes Papers

		Date	Item
	BY 4.1	November 2, 1805	Land indenture along Sugar Creek – James Sawyer to Joseph Haynes.
	BY 4.2	December 24, 1815	Land survey for Joseph Haynes. 150 acres along Little Sugar Creek.

Series 5

Miscellaneous

		Date	Item
Box 2	BY 5.1		A.J. Nisbet's Family Records "As Written by Himself." (Photocopy) Fair condition.
	BY 5.2	February 27, 1813	Jane Griffith Tax Receipt
	BY 5.3	December 29, 1815	Documents stating "Rules to be followed on Some public auction" – conducted by James Boyce and Samuel A. Boyes. Good condition.
	BY 5.4	no date	Death notices of William & Margaret Black
	BY 5.5	February 17, 1835	Bill of sale for slaves, Mary (age 3) and Martha (age 2) From Margaret Alexander to her daughter, Margaret for \$1.00 out of maternal love and affection.
Box 1	BY 5.6	September 18, 1831	Power of Attorney granted by Logan Co., KY to James Sawyer to sell land on Sugar Creek.
Box 2	BY 5.7	October 17, 1845	Lorenzo Hunter. Indenture covering sale of land By heirs of Elam B. Boyce to Lorenzo Hunter.
	BY 5.8	September 7, 1864	Confederate States of America Bond for \$100.00. Good condition.
	BY 5.9	March 8, 1869	E.M. Boyce. Homestead document for 120 acres. Good condition.
	BY 5.10	March 10, 1869	Personal property itemization and evaluation of C.B.Griffith. Water stained on notebook paper.
	BY 5.11	June 15, 1880	Humorous talk given at Sardis School by Thomas G. Boyce.

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Series 5 – Miscellaneous

	Date	Item
Box 2 BY 5.12	December 18, 1891	Letter from Emma M. Hunter (missionary in Mexico) to her cousin Emaline. Good condition.
BY 5.13	February 3, 1897	Partition deed between William Boyce and other heirs of S. A. Boyce.
BY 5.14	August 20, 1935	Newspaper clippings.
BY 5.15	May 2, 1819	Land survey for John Henderson.
BY 5.16		Elizabeth Boyce McGill copy of her poem, "Farewell."
BY 5.17	1992	Citation awarded to James Boyce (1808-1889) From Erskine College in Dew West, SC

Series 6 – Boyce Family Bible Records

Box 2 BY 6:1		Birth Records from Boyce family Bible. begins w/ Samuel A. Boyce, November 8, 1815.
BY 6.2		birth records form Boyce family Bible begins with James Boyce July 13, 1808.
BY 6.3		Birth records in Boyce family Bible beginning with Charles B. Boyce, September 13, 1836.
BY 6.4		Marriage Records in Boyce Family Bible begins with James Boyes & Mary Ann Bell, January 24, 1833.
BY 6.5		Death records in Boyce family Bible begins with Samuel Boyce, July 2, 1841.

Series 7 – Aaron Griffith Papers

Box 2 BY 7.1	November 28, 1815	Document naming executors of Aaron Griffith's will. Fair condition.
Box 1 BY 7.2	September 21, 1813	Aaron Griffith's will. Fragment. Fragile condition. Located in Box 1.

Series 8 – Elam B. Boyce (1816-1844) Papers

Box 2 BY 8.1	January 5, 1843	Promissory note from Elam B. Boyes to R.S.T.B Peoples. Good condition.
BY 8.2	July 1844	Court order for the estate of Elam Boyce. (good condition.)
BY 8.3	1844	Articles governing the auction of Elam B. Boise [sic] estate by Samuel A. Boyes. Good condition.
BY 8.4	August 12, 1845	Indenture between Samuel Burns to satisfy debt owned to Elam Boyce's estate.

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Series 9 - James Walker Papers

		Date	Item
Box 2	BY 9.1	November 7, 1817	Indenture for sale of land – 150 acres from Joseph Haynes to James Walker.
	BY 9.2	March 19, 1817	Bill of sale for slave, Abel (age 10 years) to James Walker. Fragile. Water damage.
	BY 9.3	December 5, 1846	Bill of sale for slave, Sam (age 27 years) to James Walker. Good condition.
	BY 9.4	September 21, 1826	Bill of sale for slave, Hannah and her child, Tom to James Walker. Good condition
Box 1	BY 9.5	September 6, 1820	Indenture for three acres from George Baker To James Walker. Fair Condition. Box 1.
Box 2	BY 9.6	October 25, 1818	Land survey – 165 acres on Little Sugar Creek. For James Walker. Poor Condition. (Needs preservation work.)
	BY 9.7	January 22, 1820	Land survey – three acres on Little Sugar Creek, For James Walker. Good condition.
	BY 9.8	June 24, 1829	Deed for one-half of a church pew to James Walker. Good condition
	BY 9.9	August 10, 1822	Bill of sale for slave, Dick (age 22 years) to James Walker. Fragile condition.
	BY 9.10	April 19, 1827	Bill of sale for slave, Peg and baby to James Walker. Fragile condition.
Box 1	BY 9.11	October 30, 1830	Land indenture for Martha Patterson, etal to James Walker and Isabelle Reid- 58 acres along Sugar Creek. Good condition. Box 1.
Box 2	BY 9.12	April 17, 1828	Bill of sale for slave, Wrok (age 17 years) to James Walker. Good condition
	BY 9.13	November 23, 1836	Bill of sale, slave, Nell (51 years) Good cond.
	BY 9.14	December 1, 1825	Bill of sale, slave Fan (21 years) to James Walker. Good condition.
	BY 9.15	February 5, 1834	Bill of sale for slave, Rode (age 43 years) and Daughter, Adaline (age 5 years) to James Walker. Good condition.
	BY 9.16	June 15, 1822	Bill of sale, for slave Diliah (age 11 years) to James Walker. Good condition.
	BY 9.17	July 27, 1840	Bill of sale for slave, Burnet (age 25 years) to James Walker. Good condition.
	BY 9.18	July 1, 1844	Land survey on Sugar Creek for James Walker.

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Series 10 – Samuel Amzi Boyce (1815-1880)

		Date	Item
Box 2	BY 10.1	October 26, 1848	Land lease from Margaret C. Berns to Samuel Boyce fair condition.
	BY 10.2	January 1, 1850	Bill from Dr. S.B. Watson to Samuel A. Boyce. Good condition.
	BY 10.3	March 4, 1844	Letter of testamentary. Authorizes Samuel A. Boyes to administer estate of Elam B. Boyes. Good Condition.
	BY 10.4	April 22, 1844	Same as above.
Box 1	BY 10.5	September 16, 1858	Land indenture of 31 acres from Samuel C. Reid to S.A. Boyce. Good condition, water Stains.
Box 2	BY 10.6	November 22, 1864	Furlough paper –S.A. Boise (Confederate Army)
	BY 10.7	October 17, 1865	Furlough paper–S.A. Boyes (Confederate Army)
	BY 10.8	May 6, 1873	Mortgage – S. A. Boyce & wife E. M. Boyce.
	BY 10.9	February 11, 1867	Agreement between S.A. Boyce & Elick Black (Freedman). Good condition)
Box 2	BY 10.10	December 22, 1880	Letter of Testamentary authorizing E.M. Boyce & S.A. Boyce to be Executrix and Executor for will of S. A. Boyce. Good condition.
	BY 10.11	November 1896	Land survey for plots of Samuel A. Boyce’s estate assigned to Nannie D. Boyce Griffith & E.C. Boyce Wilson. Fragile condition.
	BY 10.12	May 30, 1873	Bankruptcy certificate – Samuel A. Boyce. Good condition.
	BY 10.13	March 8, 1869	E. M. Boyce homestead documents for 120 Acres. Original document. Good condition.

Series 11 – Eliza Boyce Papers

		Date	Item
Box 2	BY 11.1	March 10, 1885	Chattel mortgage – Eliza Boyce to N.P. Tradinick.
	BY 11.2	February 27, 1886	Chattel mortgage – Eliza Boyce to N.P. Tradinick. Good condition.
	BY 11.3	April 2, 1888	Chattel mortgage – Eliza Boyce to N.P. Tradinick.
	BY 11.4	March 16, 1889	Chattel mortgage – Eliza Boyce to N.P. Tradinick.
	BY 11.5	November 9, 1888	Sales Receipt from H. Baruch to Mrs. Sam Boyce. Good condition.
	BY 11.6	October 1, 1890	Sales Receipt from H. Baruch Store to Eliza Boyce. Good condition.
	BY 11.7	no date	Sales Receipt from Wittkowsky & Baruch to Mrs. Boyce. Good condition.
	BY 11.8	February 2, 1894	Mortgage note – Eliza Boyce to Heath & Reid. Good condition.

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Series 12 Boyce Sisters Papers

		Date	Item
Box 2	BY 12.1	March 4, 1896	Land deed from the Reverend T. G. Boyce and Janie Boyce to M.E. and M.A. Boyce (120 acres for \$100.00) good cond.
	BY 12.2	March 4, 1896	Land deed from Lizzie McGill and husband J.A. McGill and M.E. and M.A. Boyce.
	BY 12.3	March 4, 1896	Land deed from Samuel A. Boyce and Maggie Boyce to M.E. Boyce and M.A. Boyce.
	BY 12.4	March 4, 1896	Land deed from William E. Boyce and Fannie Boyce to M.E. & M.A. Boyce. Good condition.

Series 13 – Charles Abner Griffith Papers.

		Date	Item
Box 2	BY 13.1	December 9, 1896	Land deed – Eugenia Boyce Wilson & J. Walker Wilson to C. Abner Griffith and Nannie Boyce Griffith. Good condition.
	BY 13.2	November 29, 1897	Land deed – Margaret Boyce, Mattie Boyce, Elam Boyce & Sallie Boyce to C. A. Griffith. Good condition.
	BY 13.3	May 1, 1909	Receipt from Dr. L. W. Hunter to C.A. Griffith. Good condition.

Series 14 – Boyce / Griffith Family Photographs

		Date	Item
Box 2	BY 14.1	no date	Photograph of Mattie Boyce, Missionary in Mexico. For information on Mattie, See Boyce Genealogy, p. 115. Two prints.
	BY 14.2	c. 1917	Photograph Samuel Leland Boyce
	BY 14.3	February 4, 1885	Wedding portrait of Nancy Boyce & Charles Abner Griffith.
	BY 14.4	1898	Family portrait of Charles Abner Griffith Family. Left-to-right: Charles B. Griffith, Lila Griffith, Nellie Gray (Grey) Griffith, Nancy Deborah Boyce Griffith (daughter of Samuel Amzi Boyce), Fred Griffith, and Mabel Griffith. Back of photograph reads, "S.C. Boyce Maker, Charlotte, NC."
	BY 14.5	1976	E.E. Boyce House in Lancaster County South Carolina.
	BY 14.6	1976	Leland Boyce poses in front of home place, where he was born. Father was E. E. Boyce.
	BY 14.7	c. 1850	Photograph of birth place of Samuel Amzi Boyce Home.

