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## **Selected Calendar to the William Sinkler Manning Papers, 1840-1996**

**Author:** William Sinkler Manning (1851-1938)

**Extent:**

16.25 linear ft. (13 cartons)

84 volumes, 1859-1964 (*see pages 31-35 below*)

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**Background:**

Planter of South Carolina; attended University of Virginia; husband of Margaret C. Adger; WSM was the eldest child of Richard Irving Manning (1817-1861) and Elizabeth Sinkler Manning (1821-1908), who owned Homesley Plantation (4100 acres) and Pineland Plantation (1952 acres) in Clarendon County, S.C.

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**Related Publications:**

*University South Caroliniana Society Annual Program*, 2008, pp. 39-45

"William Sinkler Manning, By an American Army Officer Who Participated in the Action Described, near Damvilliers, France, 6 Dec. 1918," published in *New York Times*, 5 Jan. 1919.

"Mrs. Manning Gave Six Sons to the Army; Major William S. Manning, Now Dead, Came of a Line of Patriots," in *New York Times*, 1 Dec. 1918.

**Summary:**

Correspondence, letter books, and business records re cotton trade, textile mills, and other aspects of life in S.C. during Reconstruction and the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Letters, 1866-1996 and undated; bills and receipts, 1845-1919; legal papers, lien and rent contracts, 1874-1928 and undated [on site - legal-size document box]; and records of various cotton textile mills, 1880-1949 and 1960-1966.

Topics addressed include cultivation and sales of cotton; African Americans and others employed by Manning on his properties; labor contracts and plantation management; education for male and female children; life during Reconstruction; politics and elections at the state and national levels; sales of real estate to satisfy debts; Clifton Manufacturing Company and many other textile mills around S.C., especially in Spartanburg and Anderson Counties, S.C.

Correspondents include Richard I. Manning; D.E. Converse; James P. Lesesne; members of the Moise family; Andrew M. Adger and the cotton factorage firm of Smyth and Adger (Charleston, S.C.); photographer George S. Cook; and others; places represented include the S.C. Counties of Charleston, Pendleton, Sumter, and elsewhere; and others writing from Virginia, Maryland, Philadelphia, and elsewhere.

Eighty-four volumes, 1859-1964, include letter books (1875-1918) of W.S. Manning; accounts with tenants and farm laborers; financial accounts and banking passbooks; and other records of various family members. Smaller volumes filed in Box 13.

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**Abbreviations / Legend**

**ADS** = autographed document signed

**ALS** = autographed letter signed

**ALS (T)** = typed copy of autographed letter signed

**DS** = document signed

**LS** = letter signed

**MP** = printed manuscript

**MS** = manuscript signed

**MS vol. bd** = manuscript volume bound

**n.d.** = undated

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## Description of Selected Letters, 1871 – 1990, in the William Sinkler Manning Papers, 1840-1996

### 1870s Letters and Papers

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**ALS, 27 July 1871**

From Pendleton, S.C., J.B. Adger, Jr., to W.S. Manning, Manchester, S.C.  
(renewing contact with University of Virginia classmate, noting that “by the aid of your notes &c &c I now find myself one of Dr. Mallet’s graduates,” and inviting him to Pendleton to attend the wedding of one of his sisters).

**ALS, 17 August 1871**

Pendleton, S.C., J.B. Adger, Jr., to “My dear Barlow” [WSM]  
(inviting him to attend sister’s wedding, inquiring re Manning’s plans for next year, and discussing his).

**ALS, 7 September 1871**

Stateburg, S.C., H. & W. Ellison, to Mrs. E.A. Manning  
(stating that her gin was repaired and enclosing account).

**ALS, 7 December 1871**

Bellevue, Virginia, Alonzo Hill, to [WSM]  
(mentioning various mutual friends, a visit to the University of Virginia campus, and his academic plans).

**ALS, 7 December 1871**

Charleston, S.C., James R. Pringle & Son, to WSM  
(advising him of the best time to send down peas and noting—“We thank you for your kind expressions. We have quite a number of planters White and colored from your neighborhood”).

**ALS, 29 April 1873**

Charleston, S.C., J.D. Aiken of Stono Phosphate Company, to WSM, Secretary, Cavalry Grange, Manchester, S.C.  
(thanking him for payment on behalf of Cavalry Grange and enclosing statements).

**ALS, 1 January 1875**

Sumter, S.C., E.W. Moise, to WSM  
(re the bankruptcy of Charleston, S.C., factor James R. Pringle & Co. and explaining his understanding of a disagreement between Manning and himself re relations with Pringle—“You are utterly mistaken, as to my having made mention to You of any liability of mine to Mess P & Co”).

**ALS, 18 March 1875**

Philadelphia, Wilson, Childs & Co., to WSM, Manchester, S.C.  
(re weight of wagon shipped to WSM and quoting price for shipping by rail).

**ALS, 24 March 1875**

Charleston, S.C., Smyth & Adger, to WSM  
(re receipt of cotton shipped by steamer *Clarendon* and noting—"The market is very steady with light offerings").

**MS, 29 March 1875**

(Mrs. E.A. Manning acknowledging receipt of funds from WSM and conveying ownership of Pineland plantation to WSM).

**ALS, 13 April 1875**

Charleston, S.C., James P. Lesesne, to WSM  
(re Manning's interest in the bankruptcy of Jas. R. Pringle & Co., including Farmfield plantation and a city lot in Charleston).

**ALS, 16 September 1875**

Pendleton, S.C., R.W. McBryde, to WSM  
(re his availability to assist WSM in managing Pineland and stating that he was referred by John B. Adger, Jr.).

**ALS, 28 September [1875]**

Drifton [Pennsylvania?], EAM, to WSM  
(re a telegram from WSM announcing a change of plans for brother Richard's schooling, commenting—"do not ridicule my anxiety that our boy should be under religious influence.... I feel more & more as years go on that my first wish and prayer for all my children is that they may be true and earnest Christians," regretting Willie Lesesne's decision to leave the bank for planting on Cooper River, and observing—"I fear Robert Harleston is living in a rash way. How can he stand such expenditures").

**ALS, 30 October 1876**

Sumter, S.C., W.F.B. Haynsworth, to WSM  
(reporting results of the nominating convention—"Earle is a first rate nominee. Holmes pretty good. The two others for the Legislature are colored men" and advising—"We are very buoyant as to our State & County; almost confident that a new era has commenced").

**ALS, 10 November 1876**

Baltimore, Maryland, E. Miller Boykin, to WSM  
(noting that business was at a standstill in the midst of the political campaign—"The people here & at the North say that Tilden shall be the next President. I fear it will end in trouble").

**ALS, 25 November 1876**

Sumter, S.C., Chas. H. Moise, to WSM  
(reporting the jailing of the Canvassing Board "until they purge themselves of the contempt by signing the Certificates of the members for Laurens and Edgefield, and undoing the wrongs they have done" and anticipating a Democratic sweep in the state and national elections).

**ALS, 8 December 1876**

R.W. McBryde, to WSM

(re their recent discussion and seeking clarification re board and other privileges that might be available to him as an employee on Manning's plantation).

**ALS, 10 April 1877**

Charleston, S.C., A.M. Adger, to WSM

(explaining Smyth and Adger's policy re 12% interest on debit balances—"It will be perfectly fair too, for Uncle Robert has put out all of our extra money for us during this interval, & is getting interest on it for us, & I don't see how I could prevent the change on you're a/c" and hailing the demise of Chamberlain—"I hope our troubles are now over").

**ALS, 17 April 1877**

Charleston, S.C., Andrew [M. Adger], to WSM

(more re the interest charge and relating the reaction in Charleston to Chamberlain's departure—"It is well that we have been wise & patient during the interval; but the old Governor is to be here tomorrow, & everyone seems to feel they can now give vent to the long pent up feelings, & I think the reception will be a royal one").

**ALS, 17 September 1877**

Sumter, S.C., T.J. Tuomey, to WSM, Manchester, S.C.

(re WSM's appointment to the school board and advising—"it was the Wish of the Board to have both political partys and both colours on the Board").

**ALS, 1 December 1877**

Charleston, S.C., Robt. Adger, to WSM

(advising that he dispose of his SCRR bonds as "From all I can gather from other parties, upon whose judgment I rely, I am only confirmed in the opinion I expressed to you, that the indebtedness of the Road is so large, that it is only a question of time how soon the result, which I deem inevitable will be reached").

**ALS, 5 December 1877**

Homesley (Clarendon County, S.C.), EAM, to WSM

(re Andrew Moffett's interest in employment at Pineland and his account of Cohen Wilson's having a finger shot off "by a gang of masked men who entered his store," meeting of the Democratic club at Privateer, S.C.—"it is not known that there is to be any opposition to Fraser," and inquiring re a Christmas gift for Margaret and himself—"I have not given you any thing nice for some time & it is a great pleasure to me").

**ALS, 28 January 1878**

Belvidere, ? , to WSM

(planning to send his next crop of cotton to Smyth & Adger, relating their favorable impression of Pineland on a recent visit—"your...negroes, notably the 'General' most obsequious & attentive. I was intensely amused at his account of your Screw hands under McBride's regime playing baseball with great skill & persistence, & came to the conclusion that perhaps you wd. not miss him much in case of his departure," inquiring re wages he planned to offer his plowmen—"I have had some difficulty with mine," and relating the "outrage" by persons in his neighborhood who

were “indignant over the proposed separation of our Parish from Charleston County and they are especially angered that the bill should be presented by McCain who is our representative”).

**ALS, 14 February 1878**

Sumter, S.C., R.W. McB[ryde], to WSM

(re the conclusion of his teaching position, proposing terms for payment of his debt and plans for planting, and adding in a PS that he could not get his money as planned as “there will be none until taxes are collected”).

**ALS, 13 November 1878**

Charleston, S.C., Smyth & Adger, to WSM, Wedgefield, S.C.

(re concern among planters over loss of weight in shipping cotton—“We are confident it is not owing to any fault in weighing it at our end of the line, for we have been called nearly every day this season to check over the weights of our weigher...& we have not yet caught him in a single mistake this season,” and inquiring if he properly balanced his scale and giving instructions).

**ALS, 27 February 1879**

University of Virginia, Richard I. Manning, Jr., to WSM

(re his recent consideration of a vocation and soliciting his brother’s opinion, intending to give up studying law at present—“My chief reason for this is that I believe it is Mama’s wish that I should be at home, though she has not told me so,” observing—“I don’t think it would injure my prospects of going into politics later in life except that Law would probably better fit me for it,” and outlining his plans”).

**ALS, 24 October 1879**

Sumter, S.C., R.W. McBryde, to WSM, Wedgefield, S.C.

(re his indebtedness to WSM and intention to meet his obligations, his discussion with a “colored” man, James Colclough who wanted to purchase a horse, Colclough’s factor Mr. A. White, Sumter).

## 1880s Letters and Papers

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**ALS, 12 August 1880**

Homesley (Clarendon County, S.C.), RIM, Jr., to WSM

(reporting a breakin in the storeroom at Pineland and a theft of provisions, giving details and Gabriel’s suspicions re those involved, and soliciting his opinion “as to what course I had best pursue”).

**ALS, 16 August [18]80**

Homesley (Clarendon County, S.C.), RIM, Jr., to WSM

(reporting on the crops at Pineland, his crops at Homesley, and further details re the theft at Pineland).

**ALS, 16 December 1880**

Charleston, S.C., Samuel W. Bennett, Attorney for Pension and Bounty Claims, to WSM, Clarendon, S.C.

(re the claim of Julia Manning, widow of Brister, "both formerly owned by Col. Richard Manning...on account of the death of her husband Brister while in the service of the Government," and requesting information re the relationship of Julia and Brister).

**ALS, 17 December 1880**

Richmond, Va., George S. Cook, to WSM

(Letter from photographer, George S. Cook re his failure to make payment on a debt and explaining that both he and his son in Charleston, S.C., were not doing much business "on account of the weather").

**MS, 1 January 1881**

(receipt for payments by WSM to Pineland tenants for wages witnessed by C.T. Jenkinson and Gabriel Washington).

**ALS, 26 February 1881**

Richmond, Va., George S. Cook, to WSM

(Letter from Geo. S. Cook, proprietor of photograph studio, explaining his failure to make payment on debt and noting that "while the business of this gallery last year from May to May was nearly \$10,000 It has not reached half of that for the past nine months proportionally").

**ALS, 1 April 1881**

Richmond, Va., Geo. S. Cook, to WSM

(re his improving financial situation and remarking—"In my correspondence heretofore with you, I was not aware you were the Mr. Manning I was formily acquainted with, and I was really surprised to find one I supposed to be a stranger show such kind consideration for me").

**ALS, 5 April 1881**

Charleston, Jas. P. Lesesne, to WSM

(reviewing the status of Manning's bonds and mortgages with various people including George Cook and advising re the sale of Farmfield plantation).

**ALS, 11 September 1881**

Belfield, RIM, Jr., to WSM

(informing him of a recent conversation with Samuel in which "he says he (Saml) heard him (Gabl) say that you had treated (G) badly last year & that he owed Mr. Levi something like \$180.00 which he intended to pay if you did not get a cent," noting that very little cotton had been picked, and other information re Gabriel, including a report that he "expects to go to Charleston to work as soon as he gets his rent cotton picked").

**ALS(R), 16 September 1881**

Wedgefield (Sumter County, S.C.), WSM, to D.E. Converse

(responding to Converse's offer of a position with Clifton Manufacturing Company and advising—"I only want to ascertain whether I can arrange to have my business interests here attended to").

**ALS, 10 November 1881**

Charleston, S.C., James P. Lesesne, to WSM

(intending to press the sale of Harleston property (Farmfield) and town lot and discussing a proposal to enter into partnership with Henry Cheves to engage in mining phosphate, “the most lucrative industry in the State,” and proposing terms for a loan from WSM).

**ALS, 16 January [18]82**

Homesley, RIM, Jr., to WSM

(re his visit to Pineland and decision to separate Deschamps and Gabriel—“I found it was essential to peace to separate them entirely about everything,” re money collected, and re Deschamp’s opposition to signing the contract as manager).

**ALS, 13 March 1882**

Charleston, S.C., Andrew [Adger], to WSM

(inquiring re a notice of Converse’s involvement in organizing Pacolet Manufacturing Company—“Please look into it for me, & let me know what you think of it,” his desire to acquire Clifton stock, and noting—“The boom is decidedly ‘off’ in crude phosphates”).

**ALS, 13 March 1882**

Pineland, Mrs. EAM, to WSM

(writing to him in Spartanburg, S.C., reporting “a great deal of sickness among the coloured people,” and news of brother Richard and other family members).

**ALS, 15 April 1882**

Richmond, Virginia, Geo. S. Cook, to WSM

(regretting his inability to meet his financial obligation at this time).

**ALS, 4 July [18]82**

Pineland, S.C., RIM, Jr., to WSM

(wanting to settle financial obligations with his brother—“Please be frank with me about the interest on what I have of yours & let me know what it is—business is business & in these transactions please do with me just as you w’d have me do with you,” and relating circumstances of “a raid yesterday on these negroes about that row I told you of—5 bound over to keep the peace & for good behavior”).

**ALS, 18 October 1882**

Charleston, S.C., Andrew M. Adger, to WSM

(re his agreement with WSM about Confederate bonds, discussing his other investments, relating his conversation with Ellison Smyth about the prospects for Pelzer—“[I] cannot but think well of its prospects,” and mentioning the good opinion of the bagging factory stock in Charleston).

**ALS, 3 November 1882**

Richmond, Virginia, Geo. S. Cook, to WSM

(re his financial commitment to WSM).

**ALS, 8 November 1882**

Mrs. EAM, to WSM

(giving an account of her trip home by train, re the diagnosis of Richard's condition by the physician in Richmond, relating an incident with a group of African-American men while driving with Richard—"When we got to the church we saw there was a large meeting outside which I suppose they wished to be secret," mentioning fellow black passengers on the train from Columbia to Gadsden—"there had been the noisiest, roughest dirtiest set of negroes in the car I ever had been so near to—and I do not think conduct such as theirs ought to be permitted in a car with gentlemen & ladies. I am sure some were drunk," family news, and commenting on the election—"The election here seemed to pass quietly—there was no voting at Fulton because the managers refused to serve").

**ALS, 13 March 1883**

Homesley, S.C., RIM, Jr., to WSM

(discussing guano, accounts, and freight charges and enclosing "List of rents on Pineland for year 1883").

**ALS, 24 April [18]83**

Richmond, Va., Geo. S. Cook, to WSM

(re his indebtedness to WSM and explaining his reaction to 12% interest").

**ALS, 1 June [18]83**

Richmond, Va., Geo. S. Cook, to WSM

(informing him that his son "has made arrangements to take up the mortgage in full" on the gallery in Charleston, S.C., and awaiting a reply to his offer).

**LS, 23 November 1883**

Charleston, S.C., Augustine T. Smythe, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(advising that Keithfield and Greenfield plantations in Georgetown County were to be sold separately—"To sell them together would reduce the number of purchasers who would bid, as there are persons who would be able to purchase one, and not both and they would be shut out from the auction," re acreage of the properties, and suggesting a strategy to sell the properties and satisfy his debt).

**ALS, 13 July 1885**

Charleston, S.C., Andrew M. Adger, to WSM

(a detailed account of an investment opportunity in a coal and iron mining company in Birmingham, Ala., headed by Henry F. DeBardeleben).

**ALS, 12 December 1885**

Bossis [Charleston County, S.C.], Olney Harleston, to WSM

(expressing the opinion that his lease could be terminated by "an advantageous sale of Farmfield," re the problems encountered in planting rice on the property, especially the lesser ebb tides "which are not what they were"—"For the past two seasons the Cooper River lands have depreciated fearfully, & I have been unsuccessful from the same causes both seasons," referring him to Jno. C. Porcher and W.J. Walker, "both of them are of large experience as to advantages & disadvantages of the River lands of Cooper river," and mentioning prices for which neighboring plantations sold).

**ALS, 24 December 1885**

Jno. C. Porcher, to WSM

(expressing doubt “of your selling your property on East Cooper at any but ridiculously small figures. It really looks as if that section will be abandoned and in fact, at the present prices of rice, we are all in a bad way,” and recommending that he “flow your plantation deep, and kill over all grasses for this year”).

**ALS, 27 February 1886**

Charleston, S.C., C.W. Seignious, to WSM

(stating that he was not interested in purchasing Farmfield plantation as “I have several plantations now idle not being able to rent the same to any responsible person”).

**ALS, 27 February 1886**

Charleston, S.C., Theodore G. Barker, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(declining the offer to purchase Farmfield and commenting—“I deem the outlook of the Rice Interest too discouraging to be tempted with any further ventures”).

**ALS, 1 March 1886**

Bossis [Charleston County, S.C.], Olney Harleston, to WSM

(awaiting sale of his crop, re his lease agreement with Manning and explaining his situation—“I have no seed, having sent very nearly all of the last crop to market & my agents are slow in selling,” and reviewing his plan for planting the next year).

**ALS, 13 July 1886**

RIM, Jr., to WSM

(re a visit to Pineland and mentioning several of the tenants, discussing repairs that were needed on his mill and the cost, soliciting WSM’s advice, and the appearance of his cotton).

**ALS, 19 July 1886**

Birmingham, Alabama, Andrew M. Adger, to WSM

(Adger writing as secretary and treasurer of DeBardeleben Coal and Iron Co. re progress of getting organized and noting—“The railroads are hard at work, laying side tracks to our furnace”).

**ALS, 21 August 1886**

Birmingham, Alabama, AMA, to WSM

(explaining his sale of Clifton stock, re his investments in DeBardeleben’s enterprises, re opportunities for investing in Birmingham and inquiring if WSM would participate, and commenting—“The town is simply wild over business—lots speculation”).

**ALS, 14 September 1886**

Birmingham, Ala., AMA, to WSM

(re the business climate in Birmingham and DeBardeleben’s activities).

**ALS, 14 October [18]86**

RIM, Jr., to WSM

(relaying a report from Samuel that Gabriel was involved in selling cotton and soliciting advice about action he should take).

**ALS, 20 October [18]86**

Belfield, RIM, Jr., to WSM

(re his interview with Deschamps who “told me all about his transactions with Gabl.,” his subsequent talk with Gabriel—“the old fellow wept & acknowledged that he had done wrong,” his resolution of the matter, and reporting his collections from the tenants).

**ALS, 13 December [18]86**

RIM, Jr., to WSM

(re Gabriel’s inquiry re remaining at Pineland and if so his wish to occupy another tract—“he wants to move back to his old place but says it is nearly rotted down & he has no money or anything with which he can get any help to build,” mentioning inquiries about locating on Pineland, re collections and shortages of other tenants, and inquiring re Clifton stock at \$95).

**ALS, 1 March 1887**

Birmingham, Ala., AMA, to WSM

(briefing him re business affairs and advising—“Do not sell your DeB Co. stock, or, rather, any part of it too hastily. I hope it will bring much more in the fall than now, & much more again next year. That is, if our Bessemer ore proves to be what we hope it is...”).

**ALS, 24 May 1887**

Charleston, S.C., T.W. Waring, to WSM

(requesting one share of Clifton stock, applauding Church of the Advent’s decision that sustained the ‘seceders’ and that does not approve of the Bishop’s decision, nor the foistering of the Negro upon us,” and reporting on the ups and downs of Bessemer stock).

**ALS, 24 October [18]87**

RIM, Jr., to WSM

(re rent collections and shortages of various tenants and requests of tenants for lumber, etc.).

**ALS, 9 August 1888**

Bessemer, Alabama, AMA, to WSM

(apprising him of news re developments in Bessemer, organization of two new companies, and stating—“We have only one of our two furnaces in blast. By some curious blunder, Mr. Witherow did not supply sufficient blast power.... But the needed addition is now being made”).

ALS, 10 October 1888

Union, S.C., Theo. S. Fitzsimons, to WSM

(re contract for purchasing cotton for various mills).

**ALS, 2 November 1888**

Belfield, Mrs. EAM, to WSM

(re her financial needs, relating the appearance of a circus in their neighborhood—“the children & servants went out to look at the huge creatures and the men made them stand on their hind legs, dance, turn somersalts and perform various tricks to the great amusement of the crowd,” the capture of two bears that escaped, and her concern about the election).

**ALS, 3 November 1888**

Union, S.C., Theo. S. Fitzsimons, to WSM

(re his purchases of cotton and commenting on his reputation in the market vis-a-vis other buyers).

**ALS, 8 November [18]88**

Belfield, RIM, Jr., to WSM

(expressing discouraging news re the Presidential election, noting the local scene—"things passed off without any serious disturbance here tho' the blacks had a good deal of excitement in the morning in trying to find the polls," re Pineland collections, the tenants wanting to see WSM to make arrangements for next year, and discussing his crop—"I have 61 bales packed & will get several more").

**ALS, 21 November [18]88**

Belfield, RIM, Jr., to WSM

(re discussions with various tenants for the next year and inquiries re locating on Pineland).

**ALS, 10 December 1888**

Union, S.C., Theo. S. Fitzsimons, to WSM

(advising that Lucas and Capt. [J.H.] Montgomery "are very anxious to get me out of his market...they wish to have some one here who is more pliable who they can control for the benefit of Pacolet Mills," and re his opinions and thoughts on the local market).

**ALS, 4 May 1889**

Bessemer, Ala., AMA, to WSM

(re the "encouraging" financial condition of DeBardeleben Coan & Iron Co. and providing information, and noting that "Bessemer Land & I. Co. has been simply at rest for several months").

**LS, 15 November [18]89**

Charleston, S.C., A.T. Smythe, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(discussing the consolidation of DeBardeleben Coal & Iron, Bessemer Iron & Steel, and Little Belle Iron Co.).

**ALS, 16 November 1889**

Bessemer, Ala., AMA, to WSM

(a detailed explanation of the consolidation).

**LS, 12 December 1889**

Bessemer, Ala., AMA, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(re a meeting of stockholders of DeBardeleben Coal & Iron Co. held in the office after meeting on December 10 in which "the subject was considered of making a sale of their stock in the Company," inviting him to participate, and advising—"Please keep this matter entirely confidential, as its becoming known might wholly defeat the object desired").

## 1890s Letters and Papers

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### **ALS, 14 February 1890**

Bessemer, Ala., AMA, to WSM

(re the financial position of DeBardleben Coal & Iron Co. and Tennessee, Coal, Iron & Railway Company and reporting that the coal miners who went on strike the previous week “seem disposed to come to their senses & it is likely they will go to work again on Monday, without our having in any way yielded to their demands which were wholly unreasonable”).

### **ALS, 4 April [18]90**

Huntsville, Ala., AMA, to WSM

(reviewing re the Bessemer Land & Iron Co.).

### **ALS, 25 June [18]90**

RIM, Jr., to WSM

(business matters and discussing the gubernatorial election—“I think the feeling [in Columbia] is that they shd stand to Bratton first but that Earle is the man who is really making the fight & will be the man—but my own feeling is that the hoped for turn of the tide will not come--& that the dear people will have their way this time”).

### **MS, 3 July 1890**

(“Statement of amount due Margaret C. Manning by former firm of James Adger & Co #4, settled for under the Coosaw Deed & to which interest is now added by R. & J.E. Adger”).

### **ALS, 1 October 1890**

Belfield, RIM, Jr., to WSM

(sending him money collected from tenants for rent, relating the unfavorable prospects for the cotton crop—“on my swamp cotton wh promised very finely the loss by rotting of both cotton & unopened bolls is considerable,” commenting that a recent note from his brother “made me feel sad & depressed, for you seemed to feel that we are drifting apart—this can never be my dearest & best of brothers tho’ our correspondence may be slack,” seeking his advice re the Broun place, and discussing his interest in the political campaign and his effort at reconciling the two factions—“My position has been this—that the time has come when prejudice and personal feeling must be subordinated to the matter of greatest importance—viz the maintenance of white supremacy”).

### **ALS, 18 November [18]90**

RIM, Jr., to WSM

(thanking him “for the information & opportunity both in the matter of the DeB Co. loan & also about D.E. Converse Co. increase in their capital” and his interest in acquiring “\$1000 in this stock”).

### **ALS, 29 December 1890**

Bessemer, Ala., AMA, to WSM

(advising “our Company is getting along very well, considering the low price of iron, the tightness of money, & our strike,” providing details of the strike—“It was a bad time for this action, at such a depressed time, if they expected any sympathy from the public,” the use of African-American laborers by the company and the reaction, DeBardleben’s plan to offer #5 slope to whites on his terms or “Else we will put in negroes there, also, & so run all our mines with negroes,” news of operations, and commenting—“I hope Tillman is not going to squelch old Coosaw”).

**LS, 9 March [18]91**

Charleston, S.C., A.T. Smythe, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(thanking him for sending an article in the Spartanburg paper, presumably re the Coosaw Co., re the Attorney General's refusal to accept the company's bond, and advising—"We have fought hard to make a market for Carolina River rock, and harder still to keep it, against the Florida people, the land miners, the Belgian rock, the Spanish rock, and other phosphates. Now if the State keeps us tied up in Court indefinitely, and shuts us out from our customers, they will of course, go elsewhere for their supplies").

**ALS, 15 July 1891**

Bessemer, Ala., AMA, to WSM

(informing him that Debardeleben Coal & Iron Co. was "not making much money at present" which he attributed to the low price of iron, but noting that the company was in a strong position, and advising—"So things are just hanging, waiting for the improvement, when it comes; which we hope may be in the fall. But our Company is now in better trim than it has ever seen").

**ALS, 25 October [18]91**

Mayesville, S.C., D.H. Cooper, to WSM

(explaining that he had not paid interest due WSM "since I was forced in self defense to shoot a very influential negro in our community," explaining that the victim was only wounded "but as a consequence this infernal negro alliance have tried to Boycott me on cotton picking, so up to this time have picked very little," hoping "to get some hands as I think the feeling is dying out to some extent," and planning to pay when his cotton was picked).

**ALS, 27 January [18]92**

RIM, to WSM

(re Margaret's persistent illness, re a visit to Pineland and noting arrangement with each tenant for 1892, seeking advice re selling cotton at present prices, inquiring re drop in Clifton stock, and fertilizer prices).

**ALS, 28 October 1892**

Belfield, RIM, to WSM

(re visit to Pineland and rents collected and others not collected, and information re various tenants).

**ALS, 15 November [1892]**

Belfield, Mrs. EAM, to WSM

(noting that Richard was going to Columbia for opening of the legislative session—"he heartily wishes that he had stood out against going to the Legislature, but he has to make the best of it now and I earnestly hope he will accomplish good there," and approving Bishop Doane's opposition to opening the World Fair on Sundays).

**ALS, 24 November [18]92**

Bessemer, AMA, to WSM

(re money needed to make payment on a note from Elyton Land Co., re improving prospects for Tennessee Co. and hoping "we struck bottom in September," and advising—"If our Southern Congressman would only stop their tariff talk, we would soon see the improvement we need").

**ALS, 14 December 1892**

Columbia, S.C. (S.C. General Assembly - House of Representatives), RIM, to WSM  
 (regretting that the House passed the factory labor bill—"I am sorry it has passed & think the feeling against it was growing but many voted for it thinking that the compromise was satisfactory to the mill men").

**ALS, 2 November [18]93**

RIM, to WSM

(responding to his brother's anguish re the sickness among families at Pineland, his intention to provide medicine for the needy ones—"I think it a good charity," re collections and information re various tenants, noting that "Crops very short & I am doing worse in a business way than I have ever done," listing rents collected, and advising—"I really think things here are in a deplorable condition & it is hard to know how to draw the line between business & charity when the evidences of suffering are so apparent").

**ALS, 19 February [18]94**

RIM, to WSM

(considering a move to Sumter "which offers probably the best opening in this way but school advantages there are little in advance of what my children can have at home & no college advantage," re his opinion that "planting is at a low ebb & profits (as in other pursuits) small & uncertain & with expenses certain I w'd like to get into something that gives a salary").

**ALS, 28 May 1894**

Bessemer, Ala., AMA, to WSM

(re his opinion that the Coosaw Co. "is progressing very slowly, & doing little more than paying expenses," commenting on report from WSM that the Directors received salaries—"If you are not speaking in joke, please let me know what you may have heard," and stating—"I have no doubt the counsel take in big fees whenever they have a chance to grab").

**L, 24 October 1894**

Nashville, Tenn., N. Baxter, Jr., to John H. Inman

(re the effect of the miners' strike from April to August, discussing the output of iron and pig iron in 1894, and re prospects for sale in the near future).

**ALS, 25 October [18]94**

Nashville, Tenn., AMA, to WSM

(reviewing the impact on production and earnings of the strike by the miners, citing the improved production, and anticipating a more favorable climate for the business).

**MS, 1894**

("Pineland Rent Roll").

**ALS, 22 February [18]95**

RIM, to WSM

(commenting on the political climate in South Carolina and expressing optimism "of a better condition in this state" based in part on "the events of the past week culminating in the interview with Tillman (wh[ic]h I knew of beforehand)," anticipating an even division of the factions in the Constitutional Convention—"The State on one side & yr Head-light to the contrary notwithstanding," but predicting—"Unless this settlement is made an appeal to the negro will be

inevitable—to this I am unalterably opposed—for every reason & one of the least of these is that at this game they can beat us in the long run tho' we might probably be successful in the contest”).

**ALS, 15 March 1895**

Columbia, S.C., RIM, to WSM

(citing the need for improvements to tenant houses, re the heavy rains which restricted plowing to 5 days in 8 weeks, and inquiring re his opinion of Patten's plan for regulating suffrage—“The more I study that question the more I think the qualification sh'd be educational—but that must apply to all alike”).

**ALS, 18 February 1896**

S.C. House of Representatives (Columbia, S.C.) RIM, to WSM

(re the unfavorable vote on his election bill which he expected—“the opposition were complimentary to me & the bill but could not vote it. They were under orders & the only objection that has been advanced in private & elsewhere is that the bill does provide for honest elections & we cannot afford yet to have them so but this will come after the registration law has been tested,” and predicting that the “factory labor bill...will be killed on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading [in the Senate]”).

**ALS, 30 March [18]98**

Bessemer, Ala., AMA, to WSM

(business matters and expressing opposition to the war—“I wish I could send the judges in Congress & in many of the newspaper offices to the moon. I sincerely hope we will have no war”).

**ALS, 31 March [18]98**

RIM, to WSM

(stating that it was probably fruitless to go before the Board re assessments and stating—“It looks very like war & I fear there is little probability now of averting it”).

**ALS, 26 April [18]98**

Bessemer, Ala., AMA, to WSM

(observing—“Everything hearabouts is now under the war influence. I will be thankful when it is all over”).

**ALS, 27 April [1898]**

Carter Hill, Mrs. EAM, to WSM

(informing him “my heart is heavy about this dreadful war which is fraught with so much trouble,” commenting on the Episcopal convention and business and family news).

**ALS, 14 October [18]98**

Sumter, S.C., RIM, to WSM

(reporting the tenants at Pineland “low-spirited & discouraged—such low prices makes it very slow in paying rents & it looks as if many will not get far on paying their debts,” and the celebration of his election—“That night the crowd serenaded me with a band & called me out—the next night, they fired cannon in honor of the victory—tho' I was out at Belfield & got in after it was over”).

**MP, [October 1898]**

(broadside issued by Richard I. Manning "To The Democratic Voters of Sumter County").

**ALS, 20 January 1899**

Columbia, S.C. (S.C. Senate Chamber), RIM, to WSM

(re matters concerning tenant housing and inquiring—"What do you all (cotton mill people) think of Marshall's bill—putting Mill Employees on same footing as R.R. Employees").

**ALS, 23 February 1899**

Sumter, S.C., RIM, to WSM

(stating that his sons had contracted measles and planning "to take steps to have negroes on Ashwood & Pineland vaccinated," and report of 50 cases of smallpox in Summerton—"spreading generally & it will be serious for labor sh'd it become general").

**ALS, 2 March 1899**

S.C. Senate Chamber (Columbia, S.C.), RIM, to WSM

(re arrangements to have vaccinations at state expense "for that neighborhood & hope it will succeed," and noting—"I am thinking of selling my cotton but 6 cents is best price").

## 1900s Letters and Papers

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**ALS, 23 June 1901**

Atlantic City, N.J., A.H. Twichell, to WSM

(re cotton supply for Glendale and Clifton, advising him to purchase 1,000 bales for Clifton and 200 for Glendale, and commenting on the market—"Am glad to see prices for goods improving. The danger now is in the Mills advancing their prices too much").

**ALS, 26 June 1901**

Spartanburg, S.C., B.M. Stallworth, to WSM

(re the cotton market, its ups and downs, and commenting—"My people claim to be selling pretty freely at these prices principally to N.C. mills").

**ALS, 27 June 1901**

Scarboro, Paul J. Kennedy, to WSM

(noting the unfavorable crop prospects—"worse in this section than ever known before," and the heavy rains of the past week interfering with chopping cotton).

**ALS, 27 September 1901**

Sumter, S.C., RIM, to WSM

(re his visit to Pineland—"Cotton coming in slowly & tenants cant pay yet," "old Gabl in distressing condition," suffering, according to doctor from cancer of the throat, Dickey's crop very poor—"he estimates it 20 B/c on 75 acres—some of his tenants not making anything—so will not pay for this year's expenses," and the illness of their baby).

**ALS, 15 November 1901**

[Charlottesville, Va.], Andrew A. Manning, to WSM

(enclosing broadside re "MASS MEETING" of the students re "the illegal arrest of certain students by the Charlottesville Police, Saturday night," and explaining the events that led to the arrest after a football game).

**LS, 4 June 1904**

Sumter, S.C., RIM, to WSM

(agreeing with his brother's opinion "about the decline in cotton and cotton goods. We have been selling yarn against what we are manufacturing, but this product seems to be declining so fast that we are now in doubt what is best to do," and urging him to attend Andrew's graduation—"It is an event that will always be prominent in his mind and I am sure he would appreciate your being there very much").

**ALS, 7 November 1904**

Boston, Mass., Andrew A. Manning, to WSM

(explaining that he saw Frank Zimmerman "who embezzled the Tel Co.'s funds" at the Boston Public Library and requesting his father to inform the solicitor).

**ALS, 1 December 1904**

Sewanee, Charles [Manning], to WSM

(re his daily schedule at college, explaining his poor mid-term grades "on account of my eyes," and the steam in his dorm off at 9:30 pm).

**ALS, 5 December 1904**

Sewanee, Charlie [Manning], to WSM

(stating that he completed a 25-page "essay on Neo-Platonism," re his election as vice-president of Sigma Epsilon Literary Society, and his exam schedule).

**ALS, 12 December 1904**

Sumter, S.C., RIM, to WSM

(reporting that "matters at Pineland are not working as smoothly as usual, & I thought it would be well for a few matters to be settled definitely," stating that he dismissed the Touchberry family—"I do this reluctantly, but feel pretty well satisfied that some of the old woman's sons are running a store, dealing in seed cotton and, I suspect, strongly, whiskey," and inquiring re the market for cotton goods).

**LS, 17 June 1905**

Sumter, S.C., RIM, to WSM

(re the cotton crop in his area, noting some recent improvement—"conditions are generally improving as to cotton, but the corn crop is the worst I have seen since 1881").

**ALS(T), 19 October 1907**

Spartanburg, S.C., WSM, to Andrew

(reporting that he attended William Jennings Bryan's lecture entitled "The Prince of Peace"—"I was very much disappointed in it. It was a good deal of a sermon & not as good as many sermons I have heard though of course what he said was good & on high plane—calculated to help especially the college boys who heard him").

**LS, 9 March 1908**

Sumter, S.C., RIM, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(reporting that "I think I have the Pineland matters now practically fixed and the rent of the land that was left by the running away of Hampton Johnson has been guaranteed by David Levi," noting that he "let some of the parties have a little money so as to fix their business for the year," their mother's health, and hopeful of their attending the Diocesan Council in Charleston).

**LS, 23 May 1908**

Sumter, S.C., RIM, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(explaining his actions re Gonzales at the convention, his opposition to "anything that Blease or Ragsdale were doing," business matters, and work on ditching at Pineland, and commenting—"Some of the tenants, however, are in distress for supplies").

**ALS, 15 October 1908**

Spartanburg, S.C., James M. Magruder, to Vestry of Church of the Advent  
(informing the vestry of his intention to resign).

**ALS, 3 November 1908**

Charleston, S.C., Bishop Wm. A. Guerry, to R.L. Cates, Spartanburg, S.C.

(recommending Rev. Jas. G. Glass of Anniston, Ala., as successor to Rev. Magruder and suggesting other names if "this nomination does not prove acceptable to you").

**LS, 29 April 1909**

Sumter, S.C., RIM, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(commenting on the timber cutting at Pineland, the cotton crop looking good, noting—"There is no special trouble down there, except further disturbances among the negroes at their church and society meetings, and I think we will have to recall our permission to them to use the building further," and discussing rents).

**ALS, 7 May 1909**

Spartanburg, S.C., W.H.K. Pendleton, to Vestry of the Church of the Advent  
(accepting their call to become rector).

## 1910s Letters and Papers

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**October 1910**

(letters from various individuals offering their services as cotton buyers for Clifton Manufacturing Co. and others reporting on their purchases).

**LS, 26 April 1911**

Sumter, S.C., [RIM], to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(discussing "matters" at Pineland that "are not satisfactory," re theft of timber during Ross's illness, stating his negative opinion re Holladay as a tenant, condition of the houses and the large barn, and advising sale of gin, engine, and boiler).

**MS, 1 May 1912**

(Church of the Advent membership list).

**ALS, 2 January 1913**

Spartanburg, S.C., Paul Petty, to WSM

(advising that he had 20 shares of Spartan stock at \$111.50 and stating that he considered it "a bargain, especially since the mill is again on an 8% basis," relating confidential information from Mr. Montgomery, and concluding—"I do not become so confidential with one in a hundred of my customers; but with such men as you I think it due them to have such information").

**LS, 12 March 1913**

Sumter, S.C., [RIM], to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(re prospects for harvesting timber at Pineland and negotiations with renter Charlie Johnson).

**LS, 4 April 1913**

Atlanta, Ga., Charles H. Henry, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(re the sale of his stock in the Journal Publishing Co. to C.O. Hearon and Ambrose Gonzales and their desire "to localize the ownership of the paper, and [they] expect to be able to convince the stockholders, or most of them, that a consolidation of The Journal and Herald will bring about such economies as will make the business a very profitable one, and assure a good dividend to the stockholders").

**DS, 18 June 1913**

(Family Cow Permit issued by Spartanburg Dept. of Public Health and Board of Health rules for the family cow).

**MS, 20 June 1913**

(acknowledging his subscription of \$300 to the new Building Fund of the Spartanburg YMCA).

**LS, 4 October 1913**

Sumter, S.C. [RIM], to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(re negotiations with two of the renters at Pineland).

**MS, 9 and 10 November 1913**

(report of United Missionary Campaign in Spartanburg County, S.C.)

**ALS, 10 January 1914**

Remini, S.C., H.H. Mathis, to WSM

(requesting a loan of \$150 which would be added to the \$50 received from RIM).

**ALS, 13 February 1914**

Remini, S.C., A.J. Geddings, to WSM

(responding to a conversation with Manning "in regards to Gus Johnson...since studying over the matter I must say that somebody is very effichers to allways be taking news to you on me which is absolutely untrue. I try to live straight and up right and honest to my Fellow man and if I had advised this nigro I would certainly say so and am sorry to think that it was impressed upon you that I was dirty enough to be guilty of such an act").

**LS, 17 April 1914**

Charlotte, N.C., Charlie [Manning], to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 (re an opportunity to join a corporation organized to operate a movie theatre, a local boycott of the other four movie theatres who raised the admission fee to \$.10, and seeking his father's assistance to enable him to invest).

**LS, 18 June 1914**

Sumter, S.C., Herbert A. Moses, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 (re a fine reception for RIM on the 17<sup>th</sup> and reporting—"A large crowd of automobiles is going over from here to Manning this morning with large streamers with 'Manning for Governor' on them").

**ALS, 2 September 1914**

Davis Station, S.C., C.M. Davis, to WSM, Sumter, S.C.  
 (stating—"Mr. C.B. Aycock is doing business with us and we will settle his rent as soon as we get the cotton in hand").

**ALS, 21 October 1914**

Pinewood, Mrs. C.W. Bates, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 (re her inability to collect from A.A. Wells, one of Manning's tenants whom "I furnished...this year").

**MS, 10 December 1914**

(list of tenants and renters).

**LS, 31 December 1914**

Sumter, S.C., RIM, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 (re some issues he wanted to discuss, including "the matter of raising the age limit in child labor. As you know, I have always advocated the proposition, and the question was, when it should be done. My judgment is, the present is a good time to do it, when labor is abundant").

**ALS, 20 February 1915**

Remini, S.C., E.S. Jenkinson, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 (informing him that "the negroes that is living off the place is hauling wood and straw off the place, and I asked theam who gave them permission to do so and they say that they got permission from J.Q. Ross" and noting that the tenants "on the place can hardly get wood and straw for themselves").

**4 LsS(T), 17 March 1915**

WSM, to various dealers  
 (listing individuals renting from him and inquiring if the merchants would "make advances to the party this year for fertilizers, etc., and if not, if you will carry over the balance due you").

**ALS, 19 April 1916**

Remini, S.C., Jesse J. Gray, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 ( asking him to supply the lumber to build a cotton house).

**LS, 26 June 1916**

Walhalla, S.C., Andrew [A. Manning], to WSM

(commenting on the “war situation” and his “hope that the time will not come when I see it my duty to enlist as a private, but that when it is my duty I will see it promptly and do my duty as a man and as you would have me do it”).

**ALS, 7 August 1916**

Somerset [Berkeley County, S.C.?], W.H.K. Pendleton to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(a lengthy letter pondering his ministry at Church of the Advent and debating whether or not it was time for him to move on).

**LS, 30 August 1916**

Columbia, S.C., Charlie [Manning], to WSM

(re his personal situation involving his wife and child and reporting that rain on the 29<sup>th</sup> “hurt Uncle’s vote a good deal, but I confidently expect him to beat Blease by a big vote on the 12<sup>th</sup>,” and speculating that Capt. Smyth would support Blease—“I would not be surprised at anything Capt. Smyth does in this, for he is far more of a Republican than he is a Democrat”).

**LS, 27 November 1916**

[RIM], to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(given the prospects, “the policy we should adopt is to urge our tenants to make their provisions, and then put in all the cotton possible, and fertilize heavy for the coming year,” not expecting damage from the boll weevil in 1917 but anticipating “the coming of the boll weevil by getting a full crop as well as debts paid”).

**LS, 26 January 1917**

Columbia, S.C., [RIM], to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(noting that he regarded the “Insurance” situation as serious, re a “brutally frank talk” with the Senate committee and advising—“I see a fight ahead, but I have taken the step and I am going to do everything I possibly can, without reservation, to bring the old companies back so as to relieve the situation”).

**LS, 25 March 1917**

Andrew [A. Manning], to WSM

(re the likelihood of U.S. involvement in the war and his duty and the pro-German sentiment in Walhalla).

**LS, 30 May 1917**

Spartanburg, S.C., D.E. Camak, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(thanking him for his subscription to the Textile Industrial Institute and noting the publication by a young lady who “is a weaver from the Watts Mill, Laurens and is now attending the normal college at Asheville, N.C. preparatory to teaching and doing social work in mill villages”).

**ALS, 12 July 1917**

Spartanburg, S.C., D.E. Camak, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(thanking him for his contribution and “your kind remarks regarding my life work. As Wesley once said of his work. ‘I get very tired in my work but not of it”).

**ALS, 26 September 1917**

Cross Anchor, S.C., Mrs. W.Y. Dillard, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
(describing the three cows that she could offer for sale and the characteristics of each animal).

**LS, 5 November 1917**

Spartanburg, S.C., Geo. E. Ladshaw, Consulting Civil Engineer, to WSM  
(detailed information re Blue Ridge Power Co. in which Manning was considering investing).

**LS, 20 March 1918**

Columbia, S.C. [RIM], to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
(re his meeting with President Wilson and the latter's "assurance of a contribution of forty thousand dollars as a minimum from the Federal Government to the Girls' Reformatory" and securing "a good rate on the money that we have to borrow for the State").

**LS, 26 March 1918**

Graniteville, S.C., Anna E. Sands, to Mr. & Mrs. Manning  
(explaining the situation of Miss Alice Phillips who was hired to serve as recreational head of the company's "amusement hall," commending her work, reporting that she was terminated after a strike and change in management, and soliciting \$200 to hire her to supervise "a summer kindergarten and playground and club work at the Mission from May 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept 1<sup>st</sup>").

**ALS, 24 June 1918**

Columbia, S.C., CSM, to WSM  
(seeking his father's advice about whether he should take a position with H.A. Taylor, Inc. of Columbia or join the army where he would prefer to serve in Intelligence than as a private in an infantry or artillery regiment).

**ALS(T), 4 July 1918**

Spartanburg, S.C., WSM, to RIM, Columbia, S.C.  
(noting that "In view of Tillman's death, there must be many in this State who now realize that your judgment about Lever's candidacy was right. I feel much concerned about the present situation and would like to be able to talk it over with you").

**ALS(T), 12 August 1918**

WSM, to J.P. Booth, Sumter, S.C.  
(advising him re the cotton market, the mills about Spartanburg "are not buying cotton for fall delivery because the Govmt has not yet fixed the price for goods after Oct 1 & the mills do not want to go in & buy without knowing," and discussing the mills' requirement re length of staple).

**ALS(T), 30 August 1918**

WSM, to Andrew [A. Manning]  
(advising that he had purchased 15 shares of Brandon for him and commenting on a speech by Blease—" [It] will doubtless have the effect on you it did on me but friends here say outrageous as it is nothing can be done by us about it. I feel it is a reflection on the citizenship of the state that such statements should not or were not called down by some of those who heard them," re his gratification at Blease's defeat "but it is mortifying to our state pride that he got some 40,000 votes in the primary election").

**ALS, 13 February 1919**

Cheraw, S.C., Edwin Malloy, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 (predicting that unless farmers cut cotton acreage by 25%, "I do not see how we can expect anything but prices below the cost of production, unless there is a crop disaster" and commenting on quoted prices for fertilizer, blood, and soda).

**LS, 10 May 1919**

Spartanburg, S.C., A.M. Law, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 (re a meeting of stockholders of Country Club Realty Corp. and the sentiment of a majority of those present "to continue the club as a necessary institution for Spartanburg to maintain").

## 1920s Letters and Papers

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**ALS(T), 9 March 1921**

WSM, to RIM  
 (en route on train to visit Pineland and observing—"I feel as perplexed—perhaps even more perplexed than ever as to the wisest course to pursue on the farm for I can see no encouragement for either the tenants or myself for the present year," and inquiring "Whether the fresh complications in Europe are affecting the work of your corporation").

**MS(T), 28 June 1921**

Spartanburg, S.C., WSM, to RIM  
 (advising his brother traveling in England that conditions in the mills "do not seem to me quite as hopeful as they were several weeks ago," some mills passing dividends "while others will pay out of their previous earnin[g]s for nearly all show a loss," and an equally dark forecast for agriculture—"it seems to me bad when boll-weevils eat up the cotton and drought almost ruins the corn; when seed peas are not to be had in any sufficient quantity").

**MS, 17 November 1921**

(regulations for tenants and sharecroppers at Pineland).

**MS, 22 November 1921**

(progress report re American Products Export and Import Corp signed by RIM).

**LS, 22 August 1922**

Columbia, S.C., [RIM], to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 (re the devastating impact of the boll weevil on the cotton crop and other factors—"lack of demand; railroad strike; bad foreign conditions, etc.").

**LS, 25 August 1922**

Columbia, S.C. [RIM], to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 (wanting to discuss with his brother "the plans" for True Blue and Cane Savannah).

**LS(T), 17 October 1924**

WSM, to RIM, Columbia, S.C.

(expressing concern “over the conditions in Sumter and Clarendon Counties. It appears probably that collection even of interest will be very slow and difficult and I expect losses not only in that way but on the years work on the farm”).

**MP, 25 January 1926**

(newspaper article entitled “Spartanburg American Legion Post has Experienced Great Growth and Expansion of Service Since 1919”).

**MS, 4 July 1926**

(speech by Andrew A. Manning “In Honor of The Signers of the Declaration of Independence”).

**MS, 1926**

(“1926 History of the Spartanburg Post No. 28, American Legion”).

**ALS, 7 December 1929**

Pinewood, F.H. Chewning, to WSM

(re a visit by Mr. Ross and himself to the Eden Place and noting that they “saw several of the Negroes on the place and all of them seem anxious to stay there,” some as sharecroppers and others by contract, and planning to meet with them the following week).

**ALS(T), 19 December 1929**

WSM, to R.W. Brice, Fort Motte, S.C.

(assuring him of his intention to employ Brice as manager if he acquired True Blue).

**ALS, 31 December 1929**

Fort Motte, S.C., R.W. Brice, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(re detailed information concerning estimate of cost for operating True Blue plantation, sharecroppers and contract labor, fertilizers and feed).

## 1930s Letters and Papers

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**ALS, 8 March 1930**

L.E. Purdy, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(relating a proposal from J. Singleton Moore “to give without consideration two acres of his Cane Savannah place to a negro school,” Mr. Rowland’s pledge to release the lien of his mortgage without pay, inquiring if WSM would do the same, and stating—“Mr. Rowland says he thinks it a wise move as it will bring in negro tenants, and thereby be helpful to the place”).

**LS, 7 March 1931**

Spartanburg, S.C., A.M. L[aw], to WSM, Chick Springs, S.C.

(relating recent conversations with mill men from which he concluded “unless I am badly mistaken the Industry is going to enter better times within the near future,” optimistic re textile preferred stocks, but doubting “any permanent advance in the New York stocks and think that the recent rallies were hardly justified by business conditions”).

**LS, 5 May 1931**

Clemson College, J.T. McAlister, Extension Agricultural Engineer, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C. (re his evaluation of the work going on at True Blue under R.W. Brice's supervision and commenting on the difficulty of transitioning to farming with the newer types of machines, and advising—"While Mr. Brice feels that he has a fairly good negro tractor operator, it is my observation if it were possible to get a better one it would help. Of course, good negro tractor operators are also very scarce. They would have to be trained and of course the person training them must know something about the machinery").

**MS(T), 5 January 1932**

Sumter, I.C. Strauss, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C. (explaining that "We are going through hectic times here due to the closing of the Peoples State Bank of South Carolina, a chain bank with some forty-five branches and with Twenty-four to Twenty-five Million dollars on deposit").

**ALS, 20 March 1932**

Sumter, S.C., Wyndham [M. Manning], to Andrew [A. Manning] (explaining that he was "trying to solve the delinquent tax question in the County" which was aggravated "by the cuts in salaries of county officials (for which I take full responsibility)," anticipating "a hot fight between them and me," and discussing his position on the 18<sup>th</sup> amendment and his rationale for voting against in a referendum—"I propose to vote for that on the ground that the voters have a right to be heard on any question of great importance").

**MP, 19 February 1933**

(article in the *News & Courier* newspaper entitled "Laurence Manning, of Lee Legion, Dam' Yankee, or Irish Volunteer?").

**LS(T), 30 December 1933**

W.S. Manning, to John A. Law, Saxon Mills, Spartanburg, S.C. (tendering his resignation as a director with Saxon and Chesnee mills and stating—"It seems to me that you do share the apprehension I feel about the financial situation of Saxon as well as Chesnee but I sincerely hope that the future may show my fears to be groundless").

**LS, 8 November 1935**

Saxon Mills, S.C., Jno. A. Law, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C. (re his loyalty to Marjorie Potwin and defending "her devotion and loyalty to me," discussing actions of the strikers at Saxon and opposing a proposed action of the Board as suggested by WSM, and concluding—"If Mr. Richard I. Manning, under whose urgings I became 'an irritant' to organized labor, (and by whom I have ever since been hounded) was the occupant of the Governor's chair in Columbia I would start the Saxon Mills up next week").

**L(T), 16 Jan. 1937**

Cheraw, S.C., Edwin Malloy, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C. (re a recent visit to the Pineland and his opinion of the work going on there, other stops and condition of the roads, and suggesting a meeting with representatives of the Highway Department).

**L(T), 20 May 1937**

Cheraw, S.C., Edwin Malloy, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
(re good appearance of most crops, including True Blue, Cane Savannah, and Pineland).

**L(T), 3 August 1937**

Sumter, I.C. Strauss, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
(discussing considerations re installation of a distribution line by Carolina Power & Light and the issue of right-of-way through various properties).

**L(T), 29 September 1937**

Spartanburg, S.C., WSM, to Emory W. Clark, Detroit, Michigan  
( re the cotton crop at Pineland and inquiring if Clark wanted "to continue renting the shooting privilege there as heretofore").

**LS, 4 October 1937**

Cheraw, S.C., Edwin Malloy, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.,  
(re funds on hand and reporting sales of cotton at all farms, noting "that a good many of the tenants will not pay out, caused by the cheap prices for cotton and the work of the boll weevil, and this of course is very much regretted," and discussing the government subsidy for 1938).

**LS, 11 October 1937**

Detroit, Michigan, Emory W. Clark, to WSM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
(sending payment of \$500 for "shooting rights for the coming season on your Pineland Plantation," and requesting that Malloy "bear down all he can on Ross to see that the darkies are not trapping or shooting birds").

**LS(T), 17 November [19]38**

AAM, to sister Elizabeth  
(re returns anticipated from investments and cautioning that 1939 would not be as good a year as 1937 and "if they equal 1938, I think we ought to be thankful. Nearly all mills whose dividends have been declared declared them out of earnings of previous years. Government is taxing them heavily and the Labor Board officials are making more trouble for them than the operatives themselves. I have not lost all confidence in the future, but in answer to your question, I do not look for another year like 1937..." and discussing the estate tax matter.

## 1940s Letters and Papers

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**LS(T), 25 January 1940**

Spartanburg, S.C., Andrew A. Manning, to John A. Law, Saxon Mills, S.C.  
(responding to a letter from Law three days after WSM's death, explaining "I take it your letter was written from the heart and I am trying to reply in the same vein," re Marjorie Potwin and other matters, stating—"He [WSM] did not believe all that was said about you," noting that WSM "did not approve your having through the years made yourself vulnerable to the slanderers," commending his handling of the strike at Saxon, and advising—"a man can't have a female man Friday without being talked about").

**LS, 17 October 1940**

Cheraw, S.C., Edwin Malloy, to AAM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(re the visit of the Farm Security Administration committee in S.C., pondering the future of agriculture—"With good luck and help from the Government in the way of parities, usbsidies [sic] and what not, farmers are now able to break a little better than even at present prices of farm products on average crops, but this program cannot continue forever, and I have often thought of what is going to become of us with our large plantations, with numerous tenants when the inevitable happens," and advancing his opinion that "the wise policy would be to sell the lands of the Corporation with the exception of the Pinelands when we can get a satisfactory price").

**LS, 30 October 1940**

Cheraw, S.C., Edwin Malloy, to AAM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(re an informative meeting with an official of the Farm Security Administration, reviewing the points they discussed, mentioning the poor appearance of Cane Savannah, and conversation with C.G. Rowland, a potential buyer for the place).

**ALS, postmarked 27 September 1942**

[Princeton], Will , to Mother and Pop

(re freshman orientation activities, expenses—"It rained the first two days and I had to get a raincoat," and cost of books, food, laundry, etc.).

**L, 9 October 1942**

Cheraw, S.C. [Edwin Malloy], to Andrew Manning, Spartanburg, S.C.

(reporting on the farms and prospects and noting "the acute shortage of farm labor").

**ALS, 28 December [1943]**

Marine Aviation Detachment, Harold, to Andrew

(re his dislike of the base where they were training—"I hate the Navy more and more all the time. They treat us Marines like swabbies and kids and we hate there guts. We want to get back to a good Marine base..." looking forward to "becom[ing] a flying Marine sergeant," and mentioning his postwar plan of going to Alaska).

**ALS, 14 January 1944**

[Ft. Bragg, N.C.], Johnny, to Sammy [Manning]

(re his position as a battery commander and re a small house off base occupied by his wife and himself).

**ALS, 28 January 1944**

Citadel Station (Charleston, S.C.) Floyd, to Sam [Manning]

(re the training they were undergoing and mentioning the broadcast of Vox Pox from the Citadel—"We had 6,500 people in the Armory and 1000 cars on the parade field which the Corps (and me) had to park").

**ALS, 22 December 1944**

England, Jack, to Virginia

(re his movements since he last saw her, his wound from a piece of shrapnel, praising the personnel in military hospitals, his impressions of France, and recalling his meeting her at camp Croft).

**ALS, 12 January 1945**

Spartanburg, S.C., Grandmother, to Sam [Manning]  
 (commenting on his case of the mumps, discussing Mackenzie's *Mr. Roosevelt*—"He is an Englishman & ranks Roosevelt as one of the greatest statesman of all time, far above Churchill in all respects. However, my confidence in his judgment is seriously impaired by his poor estimate of Wilson whom he considers to have been a complete failure in both his domestic & foreign policy. To me Wilson was a very great man whose career was ruined by selfish party politics").

**ALS, 26 January 1945**

The Citadel (Charleston, S.C.), Henry Dale, to Sam [Manning]  
 (re visit by brother of Field Marshall Montgomery, basketball game with USC the following night, re the Vox Pox program, resuming writing after returning from a morning military class on the compass, and re their activities in Charleston on furlough).

**LS(T), 8 September [19]45**

Andrew A. Manning, to Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C.  
 (re his service in WWI and chair of numerous war loan campaigns in WWII, mentioning the service of his three sons, and citing especially the case of the youngest son and his "flight mates" who would not get their wings as they fell short of two years service).

**ALS, 28 January 1945**

Johnny, to Mr. Manning  
 (re consideration of his future, his interest in entering the field of radio broadcasting—"Radio is a big field, one in which many people are interested and one which has many phases in which one may become involved," re a meeting with Walter Brown in June 1944, his interest in starting with WSPA, and requesting Mr. Manning to make some inquiries on his behalf).

**ALS, 14 June 1947**

Virginia, to "Dearest Sambo"  
 (re their purchase of antiquarian maps in Paris, other travels, her impression of Switzerland, and Johnny's plan not to resign from the Army).

## 1950s Letters and Papers

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**LS(T), 27 June 1951**

Andrew A. Manning, to Gov. James F. Byrnes, Columbia, S.C.  
 (re his opinion that "I do not think that everyone realizes the tremendous importance of the Clarendon County case," approving of Byrnes's words and actions re the case, including his reception of the order of Judges Parker and Timmerman "and your recommendation that its terms be promptly complied with by School District #22," and commenting on the necessity of compliance by the school district—"Any publicity given to aid to that end by private parties or to the possibility of such fact would undoubtedly prove dynamite used most damagingly by those who would mix the races in our common schools").

**LS, 28 June 1951**

Columbia, S.C., James F. Byrnes, to AAM, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 (acknowledging his letter and expression of support and remarking—"Unfortunately, the Supreme Court has not yet decided the case involving the school program, and, therefore, the officials can

do nothing except to make plans as to what steps they will take should the court uphold the act of the Legislature”).

**ALS, 19 June 1953**

West Central Korea, Johnny, to Din and Mrs. Manning

(re his arrival in Korea and impressions of the country, noting that “The Japanese, although their standard of living is also nothing like ours, are a much more prosperous and progressive people than the Koreans,” and possibility that he might be promoted to command the battalion).

**LS, 25 June 1953**

Nashville, Tenn., Edward F. Webb, to AAM, Spartanburg, S.C.

(reminiscing re his years in Spartanburg inspired by a recent one-day visit).

## 1960s – 1990s Letters and Papers

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**LS, 11 May 1962**

Columbia, S.C., R. Beverley Herbert, to Sam Manning, Spartanburg, S.C.

(re the meeting of the Caroliniana Society, complimenting him on his remarks concerning Avery Craven’s address, remarking—“I was a little afraid that someone might speak out publicly in reference to what Dr. Craven said as I think Dr. Craven has, on the whole, been helpful to our Southern traditions,” commenting that Craven’s *Edmund Ruffin, Southerner* “changed my thinking. I had become too intolerant of the Southern fire eaters and hot heads but his book convinced me that any reasonable people would have felt their safety lay in leaving the Union rather than staying in it,” and advising—“the complete unfairness and intolerance of the North in reference to segregation at the present time confirms my judgment in justifying the course that was taken before the Civil War”).

**MP, April 1970**

(“Battleground of Freedom, South Carolina and the American Revolution”—first report of the committee to study the advisability of establishing a Bicentennial Commission of the American Revolution).

**MS(T), 28 May 1972**

(“Summary of Memorial Day Address...by Rep. Sam P. Manning”).

**MS(R), March 1982**

(news release by Sam P. Manning announcing his decision not to seek re-election to the S.C. House of Representatives).

**LS, 12 November 1990**

Spartanburg, S.C., Sam P. Manning, to President George Bush, Washington, D.C.

(citing his military service in WWII and Korea, mentioning Vietnam, expressing concern about the buildup of forces in the Middle East, and cautioning against hasty action without the approval of Congress and support of the American people).

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## Manuscript Volumes Bound, 1859-1964

### Letterbooks (1875 - 1918) of William Sinkler Manning:

Letterbook, 4 February 1875 – 29 January 1878  
 Letterbook, 2 August 1884 – 8 June 1891  
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 Letterbook, 7 December 1914 – 27 January 1916  
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### MS vol. bd., 1859-1862, 1865-1868

(R.I. Manning in account with Coffin & Pringle, estate of RIM in account with Coffin & Pringle, and Mrs. E.A. Manning in account with James R. Pringle).

### MS vol. bd., 1865-1872

(Mrs. E.A. Manning in account with James R. Pringle, Charleston factor).

### MS vol. bd., 1867-1879

(household and plantation expenses and accounts with laborers apparently kept by Mrs. E.A. Manning).

### MS vol. bd., 1870-1872

(accounts with tenants).

### MS vol. bd., 1872-1874, 1878-1892

(Mrs. E.A. Manning in account with James R. Pringle & Son, William Sinkler Manning, and tenants).

### MS vol. bd., 1872-1879

(Miss M.C. Adger in account with James Adger & Co.).

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(accounts with tenants).

### MS vol. bd., 1874-1876

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(William S. Manning and Mrs. E.A. Manning in account with James Adger & Co.).

**MS vol. bd., 1878-1880**

(passbook, People's National Bank of Charleston).

**MS vol. bd., 1878-1886**

(W. S. Manning and Mrs. E.A. Manning in account with Smyth & Adger).

**MS vol. bd., 1880-1892**

(account book for Pineland plantation and accounts with tenants).

**MS vol. bd., 1880-1882**

(passbook, First National Bank of Charleston).

**MS vol. bd., 1880-1883**

(passbook, First National Bank of Charleston).

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(passbook, People's National Bank of Charleston).

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(passbook, National Bank of Spartanburg).

**MS vol. bd., 1882-1883**

(W.S. Manning's household and plantation accounts).

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(passbook, First National Bank of Charleston).

**MS vol. bd., 1883-1887**

(passbook, South Carolina Loan & Trust Co., Charleston).

**MS vol. bd., 1883-1884**

(W.S. Manning's household and plantation accounts).

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(passbook, National Bank of Spartanburg).

**MS vol. bd., 1884-1885**

(W.S. Manning's plantation and household accounts).

**MS vol. bd., 1885-1886**

(William S. Manning's cash accounts, chiefly re farm expenses).

**MS vol. bd., 1886**

(William S. Manning's cash accounts re household and plantation expenses).

**MS vol. bd., 1886-1887**

(William S. Manning's cash accounts, chiefly re farm laborers).

**MS vol. bd., 31 August 1887 – 8 December 1889**

(diary, apparently kept by a Mrs. Tuttle, of Newark, N.J.).

**MS vol. bd., 1887-1891**

(passbook, South Carolina Loan & Trust Co., Charleston).

**MS vol. bd., 1888**

(William Sinkler's Manning's household expenses).

**MS vol. bd., 1888, 1893**

(deposit book, Fidelity Loan & Trust Co. of Spartanburg).

**MS vol. bd., 1889-1892**

(W.S. Manning in account with J.A. Lee & Son).

**MS vol. bd., 1889-1892**

(passbook, National Bank of Spartanburg).

**MS vol. bd., 1889-1891**

(passbook, Bank of Sumter).

**MS vol. bd., 1890**

(deposit book, Fidelity Loan & Trust Co. of Spartanburg).

**MS vol. bd., 1890-1891**

(chiefly household expenses).

**MS vol. bd., 1891-1892**

(passbook, Bank of Sumter).

**MS vol. bd., 1891-1892**

(W.S. Manning's cash accounts).

**8 MS vols. bd., 1892-1933**

(W.S. Manning's record of household and business expenses and income).

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(household accounts and accounts with farm laborers).

**MS vol. bd., 1901-1909**

(passbook, National Bank of Spartanburg).

**MS vol. bd., 1904, 1911-1912**

(William Sinkler Manning's Christmas lists).

**MS vol. bd., 1907-1910**

(W.S. Manning's household accounts and Christmas lists).

MS vol. bd., 1913-1914

(passbook, National Bank of Spartanburg).

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(farming / plantation time book).

**MS vol. bd., 1915-1916**  
(WSM's Christmas lists).

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(ledger, accounts with farm laborers).

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(ledger, accounts with farm laborers).

**MS vol. bd., 1931**  
( record of cotton harvested by Pineland laborers).

**MS vol. bd., 29 January 1935 – 4 October 1958**  
(minute book, W.S. Manning's Farm Corporation).

**MS vol. bd., 1937-1939**  
(passbook, Commercial National Bank, Spartanburg).

**MS vol. bd., 1938-1945**  
(re estate of William Sinkler Manning).

**MS vol. bd., 1956**  
(personal expenses of Andrew A. Manning).

**MS vol. bd., 1962-1964**  
(estate of Andrew A. Manning).

**MS vol. bd., n.d.**  
(chiefly accounts with tenants).