George E. Walker... and a Collection Of South Caroliniana Rediscovered

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A N OUTSTANDING collection of personal letter records and other papers of the Charleston architect, George E. Walker, have been turned over to the South Caroliniana Library. They belonged to George E. Walker, architect of the mid-19th century who, among other interests and accomplishments, is known to have built the First Baptist Church in Columbia, the Charleston Female Academy later the College of Charleston "an admirable structure," the Columbia Female Academy, the Methodist College, St. Luke's Presbyterian Church at Yorkville near Columbia, and Battery Bee at the old site on Elmwood Ave. in Charleston.

George E. Walker was one of the most valuable correspondents of the Charleston Architectural Society at the time of his death in 1863. These maps, remarks, and notes, as well as numerous letters which have been preserved, give rise to interesting speculation. The facts are of an older Calhoun, and it is customary to portray him as a man of strong and straight words. Whether is was done from life--Calhoun was active in the political life of the country. It was at the time of his death also in 1863.

Second in importance as a collection is the album of personal letters contained in the collection. The letters are a valuable source of information on the life and times of the period, particularly in the Civil War era. It is of interest to note that the letters were written to Mr. George E. Walker, the senior member of the family, and that he was a loyal and steadfast supporter of the Union cause. The letters contain much that is interesting and informative.

There is a book of invocations concerning the Charleston Company 1861, George E. Walker, Pres. There are plans and specifications for buildings, work at the C. H. C. Hospital, the South Carolina College, a Baptist Church to be erected in Columbia, a church to be erected in the Admas settlement, Richmond District, specifications for the Agricultural Society buildings, for residences, and the像 such things.

In the military category there is a handbook of Confederate War officers' notes and sketches on Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie as well as a variety of military supplies. Among the letters are the Thunderbolt Batteries near Savannah and Battery Bee in Charleston. It is treated with fairly specific detail and with drawings back to the New State Capitol letters. It appears that George Walker advertised a steadily rising and rising popular career.

The collection of personal letters records and other papers of the Charleston Architectural Society is one of the most valuable and interesting in the country. It is of particular interest to students of American architecture and to those interested in the history of the South Carolina region.

The collection is now being preserved and made available to the public for research and study. It is a significant contribution to the historical record of the period, and it will undoubtedly prove to be a valuable resource for future generations.

By tracing the collection's history, we can gain a better understanding of the architectural movement in the South during the 19th century. This work is a significant contribution to the field of architectural history and will undoubtedly prove to be a valuable resource for future generations.

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