

Records of the Surveyors of the City of Charleston, 1817-1916

Descriptive Summary

Title and Dates:

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Creators:

Maj. Charles Parker, Captain of the Municipal Guard, *c.* 1825-1826
Deputy and Surveyor of the City of Charleston, *c.* 1826-1850
Captain of the Citadel and Magazine Guard, 1833-1843
City Surveyor of the Lower Ward, 1850-1859

John A. Michel, City Surveyor of the Upper Ward, *c.* 1853-1858

S. Lewis Simons, Simons-Mayrant Company, *c.* 1900-1922

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Series I: Charles Parker's Agenda Books, 1842-1859

Series II: John A. Michel Records

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Subseries II: Annotated Copies of Charles Parker's Agenda Books, 1842-1859, copied 1861-1867

Subseries III: John A. Michel's Field Notebooks, 1856-1869

Series III: S. Lewis Simons Records

Subseries I: S. Lewis Simons Field Notebooks, *c.* 1882-1886

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Abstract

The Records of the City Surveyors of Charleston, South Carolina, 1817-1916 contain the notebooks, agendas, and business-related material of three prominent surveyors who operated in Charleston and its vicinity during the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Charles Parker acted as both an independent surveyor and the City Surveyor in Charleston from 1817 to 1859. Parker also served as the Captain of the Citadel and Magazine Guard, later known as The South Carolina Military Academy (The Citadel), from 1833-1843. John A. Michel worked as an independent surveyor, engineer, and architect until at least 1870. During that time, he also held the position of Surveyor of the Upper Wards for the City of Charleston from approximately 1853-1858. S. Lewis Simons acted primarily as an independent surveyor prior to establishing the surveying firm of The Simons-Mayrant Company with W.R. Mayrant in 1901. The Simons-Mayrant Company worked extensively on street and sidewalk paving contracts for the City of Charleston.

Background Information

Maj. Charles Parker was born into one of Charleston's most prestigious families. The Parker family established Hayes Plantation in 1716 in the St. James Goose Creek Parish. In 1793 this land was subdivided into Ingleside Plantation, which passed to John Parker IV, and Woodlands Plantation, which passed to Charles' father, Thomas Parker. Although owner of a large rice plantation, Thomas Parker devoted the majority of his time to a career in law. He held the position of the first U.S. District Attorney for the State of South Carolina from 1792 until his death in 1820.¹ Charles' maternal uncle was John Drayton, a U.S. District Court Judge and the Governor of South Carolina from 1800-1802 and 1808-1810.

In 1814 Charles Parker gained entrance into The United States Military Academy at West Point. There he studied under the famed surveyor Andrew Ellicott. Upon graduating in 1817, Parker returned to Charleston, where he served in the 28th Regiment of the South Carolina Militia.² Although his exact dates of service are unknown, Parker eventually rose to the position of Captain of the Municipal Guard. In May 1826 Parker mentioned having resigned the office of "Captain of the City Guard." His reasons for resignation are unclear; however, it was around this time that Parker offered his services as City Surveyor to the Charleston City Council. After the Nullification Crisis, Parker once again took up military service when Governor Robert Y. Hayne appointed him to the position of Captain of the Citadel and Magazine Guard. He held that position from 1833-1843, after which the arsenal was converted into The South Carolina Military Academy.³

¹ Agha, Andrew, Philips, Charles F., Jr., and Joshua Fletcher, "Inland Swamp Rice Context, c. 1690-1783," National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form, (Charleston, S.C.: Brockington and Associates, June 6, 2011).

² "Charles Parker," *City Gazette and Daily Advertiser*, March 3, 1819, America's Historical Newspapers (accessed December 7, 2017).

³ *Reports and Resolutions of the General Assembly of South Carolina, Passed at its Regular Session of 1845*, (Columbia, S.C.: A.G. Summer, State Printer, 1845), 156-157.

When the City expanded its boundary from Boundary (now Calhoun) Street to Mount Pleasant Street in 1850, the position of Surveyor of the Upper Wards was created to alleviate some of the demands made upon Parker, who then became the Surveyor of the Lower Wards. Several local engineers and surveyors acted as Surveyor of the Upper Wards during the 1850s and early 1860s including Robert K. Payne, John L. Branch, and John A. Michel. Due to a dearth of extant records, the periods of their employment with the City are not entirely clear.

John A. Michel graduated from the College of Charleston in 1847 and operated as an independent surveyor, engineer, and architect until at least 1870. During that time he also held the position of Surveyor of the Upper Wards for the City of Charleston from approximately 1853-1858.⁴ Parker and Michel worked closely together on a number of projects until Parker's death in 1859. Between 1861 and 1870 Michel created copies of many of Charles Parker's notebooks and agendas, which he went on to utilize in his later career.

Eventually Charles Parker's agendas, Michel's annotated copies of Parker's agendas and notebooks, and Michel's own records came to be in the possession of S. Lewis Simons. How or when the material came into Simons' possession is unclear; however, by 1888 Simons was advertising in *The Charleston City Directory* as a Civil Engineer and Surveyor, "Owning exclusively the Entire Collections of Papers, Plats, Note Books [*sic*], Etc., of John Diamond, R.K. Payne, John A. Michel, R.Q. Pinckney, Wm. Hume and Simons & Howe Surveyors, together with a three-fourths interest in the Purcell and Parker papers."⁵

S. Lewis Simons went on to have a long career in surveying and engineering. He worked both independently and as a part of several different engineering firms. His most successful business undertaking, the Simons-Mayrant Company held numerous contracts with the City of Charleston. Some of the infrastructure improvement projects they worked on included the construction of sewage pump stations as well as street and sidewalk paving in high profile areas like Murray Boulevard, Hampton Park Terrace, and Colonial Lake.

Scope and Content Note:

Charles Parker took extensive notes of his daily activities. He recorded a variety of information relevant to his occupational activities along with information of a more personal nature including healthcare concerns, literary interests, and community and family events. Historical events of interest include the great fire of 1838, yellow fever epidemics of 1852 and 1854 along with various meteorological events. It should also be noted that Parker took extensive notes on magnetic variation. Meridian measurements along with meteorological and astrological observations are located throughout the records.⁶

⁴ Ravenel, Beatrice St. Julien, *Architects of Charleston*, (Charleston, S.C.: Carolina Art Association, 1964), 262-263.

⁵ *The Charleston City Directory Together with a Compendium of Governments, Institutions, and Trades of the City*, (Charleston, S.C.: Southern Directory Publishing Company, 1888), 20.

⁶ For more information on Charles Parker's investigation of magnetic variation see: Parker, Charles, *Report on Monuments Erected At the Magazines and Vicinity, (Charleston Neck,) on A True Meridian. In Pursuance of a Resolution of the Legislature of South Carolina, adopted at its Session of 1847 And Also, On The Magnetic Needle*, (Charleston, SC: Miller & Brown, 1849).

As an independent surveyor, Parker surveyed plantations, wharves, waterways, and individual lots, residences, and businesses. A vital part of creating land surveys involved determining the original bounds of a property along with any subsequent land divisions. By scouring records of land grants and property conveyances, Parker traced the history and lineage of the properties he surveyed. His meticulously recorded research provides a valuable tool for property researchers and offers important information on antebellum plantations in the Charleston area.

Parker's work for the City mainly focused on street measurements for paving and sewerage purposes. This involved establishing street elevation levels and boundaries which he used to direct the individuals responsible for their pavement or sewerage. Parker also created lists of homeowners and residents for paving and drainage tax assessments.

Parker's agendas also contain references to his work as Captain of the Citadel and Magazine Guard. When The Citadel building was completed in 1829, the State requested that federal troops from Fort Moultrie be stationed there. During the Nullification Crisis just a few years later, however, Governor Hayne requested the removal of federal troops from the Magazine and appointed Charles Parker as Captain of the Citadel and Magazine Guard. Parker held that position from 1833-1843 during which time he kept records of military enlistments, expenses, and weapon stores.⁷

In both his official duties and independent labor, Parker used the services of skilled slaves. References to the work performed by slaves either owned by Parker or hired from other slave-holding families are located throughout the papers. Parker paid particular attention to the behavior of slaves, some of whom acted out through sabotage or "absenting" themselves. Parker also detailed the punishment given for such behavior which often involved the slave workhouse also known as the "sugar house."

The records of John A. Michel and S. Lewis Simons, although not as extensive, also offer valuable historical information. Michel's records contain surveys of several plantations and large estates along with street surveys. S. Lewis Simons' records contain surveys of individual property owners and local businesses. Topics of special interest in Simons' records include discussions of concrete and mortar formulas along with the composition of the walls of Fort Moultrie.

Note to Researchers:

It is important to note that the names of many streets, street addresses, plantations, and other locations referenced in the material may have changed (sometimes multiple times). It is sometimes necessary to compare current maps with antiquated maps, such as the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, in order to ascertain what property a document is referencing. Some of the

⁷ For more information on the early history of The Citadel see: Thomas, John Peyre, *The History of the South Carolina Military Academy with Appendixes*, (Charleston, SC: Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co., 1893). Also see: Bond, Col. J.O. *The Story of the Citadel*, (Richmond, VA: Garrett and Massie Publishers, 1936).

street names referenced in the collection which have changed include Boundary Street, which is present-day Calhoun Street; Parsonage Street, which is now Market Street; Lynch Street, which is now a part of Ashley Avenue; Smith Lane, which is now Lamboll Street; Friend Street, which is now Legare Street; and Mazyck Street, which is now Logan Street.

Related Material:

For more information on the work completed by the Simons-Mayrant Company for the City of Charleston, see the Thomas P. Stoney Mayoral Papers, 1921-1931 and the City of Charleston Engineering Records, 1867-1979.

Charles Parker's Agenda Books, 1842-1859

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| 1 | 10 | Charles Parker Agenda No. 1, September 1842-February 1843: re: treatment of slaves, The Citadel, military enlistments, Laurel Island, Fort Moultrie |
| | 11 | Charles Parker Agenda No. 2, March 1843: re: Wentworth St. drains, Market St. survey |
| | 12 | Charles Parker Agenda No. 3, April-July 1843 [fragile]: re: Hutson/Boundary St. survey |
| | 13 | Charles Parker Agenda No. 4, July-August 1843 [fragile]: re: Wentworth St. paving tax assessments, slave sales |
| | 14 | Charles Parker Agenda No. 5, August-October 1843: re: paving regulations, colonial land grants and conveyances, Society St. survey, Chisolm's Upper Wharf |
| | 15 | Charles Parker Agenda No. 6, October 1843-January 1844 [fragile]: re: treatment of slaves, St. Julian Ravenel property, Stobos Island, Pon Pon ruins |
| | 16 | Charles Parker Agenda No. 7, January-March 1844: re: conveyance of potter's field to the City, Plainsfield Plantation, Pawlette Plantation, Pringle Field Plantation, Gilbert Geddes, Geddes Hall Plantation, Society St. survey |
| | 18 | Charles Parker Agenda No. 8, March-May 1844: re: Wentworth St. survey, land grants and conveyances, St. Philips Episcopal Church cemetery, Berkeley County plantations |

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- 1 19 Charles Parker Agenda No. 9, May-June 1844: re: Werner's Carriage Factory, St. Philips Episcopal Church cemetery, land grants and conveyances, Pinckney/Anson St. survey, King St. survey
- 20 Charles Parker Agenda No. 10, June-August 1844: Gadsden St. encroachment, Wyatt's Square, Lynch St. survey
- 21 Charles Parker Agenda No. 11, August-September 1844: re: Cumberland St. survey, St. Philips Church, Harleston Village history, Hayne St. survey, William Ravenel House
- 23 Charles Parker Agenda No. 12, September-November 1844: re: Gadsden's Wharf, East Bay St. survey, Robert L. Pinckney, An Ordinance to Regulate the Office of City Surveyor
- 24 Charles Parker Agenda No. 13, November 1844-February 1845: re: Prioleau St. wharves, Dockon Creek
- 25 Charles Parker Agenda No. 14, February-March 1845: re: Concord St. dimensions, Henry Horlbeck property, Boone Hall Plantation, Vanderhorst St. survey, land grants and conveyances
- 26 Charles Parker Agenda No. 15, March-May 1845 [fragile]: re: Atlantic St. paving tax assessments, John Schnierlie Estate-Queen/Chalmers St., Daniel Hart Estate-Meeting/Society St., East Bay/Pinckney St. survey, Archdale St. levels
- 27 Charles Parker Agenda No. 16, May-June 1845: re: Trapman Estate-Short/Mazyck St. survey Estate, Cooper River, Amerinthea Elliott Estate, Pinckney St. survey, Santee Canal, Ann/Meeting St. survey
- 29 Charles Parker Agenda No. 17, July-August 1845: re: Gadsden's Wharf, Holloway family property, Wraggsborough
- 30 Charles Parker Agenda No. 18, August-October 1845: re: Gadsden's Wharf, land grants and conveyances, Church St. survey, Cooper River settlements, Middle St. survey, East Bay/Concord St. survey
- 32 Charles Parker Agenda No. 19, October 1845-January 1846: re: Bennett's Wharf, Bennett's Steam Mill, Saint Paul's Church, Water/Church St. survey, Cooper River
- 33 Charles Parker Agenda No. 20, January-February 1846: re: Princess St. survey, Point Comfort Plantation

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- 1 34 Charles Parker Agenda No. 21, February-March 1846: re: land grants and conveyances, East Battery/South Battery St. survey, East Bay/Boundary St. survey, street drains
- 35 Charles Parker Agenda No. 23, May-June 1846: re: Edisto/Ashley River Canal, Bacons Bridge, Givhan's Ferry, Slans Bridge, Parkers Ferry, Sullivan's Ferry, Normans Landing, Harts Bluff, Rantowles, Ashley Ferry, Little Edisto, Edisto Ferry, Wentworth/St. Philip St. survey, Gibbes Wharf, Edward Trescott plantation—St. Johns Berkeley [Harry Hill Plantation a.k.a. "The Farm"]
- 36 Charles Parker Agenda No. 24, June-July 1846: re: Hayne/Church St. levels, Boundary St. levels, Wentworth St. tax assessments, East Bay St. levels, Mulberry Plantation, tidal measurements, Santee Canal, George St. levels
- 37 Charles Parker Agenda No. 25, July-August 1846: re: Market St. tax assessments, Samuel Prioleau Estate, Vendue Range survey, Boundary St. assessment, Union Wharf, Knox's Wharf
- 38 Charles Parker Agenda No. 26, August-September 1846: re: Boone Hall Plantation, Knox's Wharf, Bennett's Wharf, Esther Barron, John Boone, John Fenwick, Reuben Moses property—Society St.
- 39 Charles Parker Agenda No. 27, September-November 1846: re: Knox's Wharf, tidal measurements, Williams Wharf, James Schoolbred property—Gadsden St., Legare St. levels
- 40 Charles Parker Agenda No. 28, November 1846-January 1847: re: Meeting/Ladson St. survey
- 41 Charles Parker Agenda No. 29, January-March 1847: re: land conveyances, railroad route survey, Boyce & Co. Wharf, treatment of slaves, Exchange Wharf, Hope Plantation, Bluff Plantation, Wilton Plantation [a.k.a. Willtown Bluff Plantation]
- 42 Charles Parker Agenda No. 30, March-April 1847: re: East Bay/Tradd St. survey, Grimke-Fraser House, McLeod Plantation [a.k.a. Lightwood Plantation], Alice Cassidy property—Elliott St.
- 43 Charles Parker Agenda No. 33, June-July 1847: re: Harleston, Hasell/Meeting St. survey, Barre St. survey, Morris Island, Quarantine Station
- 44 Charles Parker Agenda No.34, July-August 1847: re: Tivoli Garden, land conveyances, Church St. tax assessments, Rutledge St. levels, Hasell St. levels

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- 1 45 Charles Parker Agenda No. 35, August-September 1847: re: Joseph Dill, Round O Plantation, Albert Elfe property—Montagu St., East Bay St. levels
- 46 Charles Parker Agenda No. 36, September-October 1847: re: Charleston Gas Light Company property—Church St.
- 47 Charles Parker Agenda No. 37, October-November 1847: re: magnetic variation, King/Smith Lane survey, Charleston Library Society, Meeting/Society St. survey
- 48 Charles Parker Agenda No. 38, November 1847-January 1848: re: Belle Isle Plantation—Cat Island, Richard H. Lowndes, Edward P. Wall property
- 49 Charles Parker Agenda No. 39, January-March 1848: re: Mount Pleasant Plantation, Richard H. Lowndes, Santee land grants, Pon Pon Plantation, Pinckney St. property, treatment of slaves, slave resistance, Jonathan Lucas Estate, Middleburg Plantation
- 50 Charles Parker Agenda No. 40, March-May 1848: re: Lewis Trapman property, Tradd St. levels, Fitzsimons’s Wharf, treatment of slaves, Boone Hall Plantation, tax payment for slaves, Cat Island, Pon Pon Plantation
- 51 Charles Parker Agenda No. 41, May-June 1848: re: colonial land grants, Williams Wharf, “Battery Garden” [White Point Garden], Battery Sea Wall, slave badges, Boone Hall Plantation, street drains
- 52 Charles Parker Agenda No. 42, June-July 1848: re: Steamer *G.W. Coffee*, 1847 City Tax Book, Santee Canal
- 2 1 Charles Parker Agenda No. 43, July-September 1848: re: magnetic variation, Queen St. survey, Holmes Family Estate, land grants and conveyances
- 2 Charles Parker Agenda No. 44, September-November 1848: re: William Ravenel property, Broad/East Bay St. survey, Board of Health
- 3 Charles Parker Agenda No. 46, January-February 1849: re: street drains, Market St. levels, Pon Pon Plantation [Bluff Wayne Plantation], Charleston Hotel—Meeting St.
- 4 Charles Parker Agenda No. 47, February-May 1849: re: Market St. levels, William Gibbes property, land grants and conveyances, Ann Morris Estate, Col. John Ashe
- 5 Charles Parker Agenda No. 48, May-June 1849: re: East Bay St. survey, Lewis Trapman Estate

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- 2 6 Charles Parker Agenda No. 49, June-July 1849: re: King/Parsonage survey, land grants and conveyances, Ann Morris Estate, old "Sugar House" [slave workhouse and jail], George St. levels, Tradd/Council St. survey, St. Philips Church cemetery
- 7 Charles Parker Agenda No. 50, July-August 1849: re: City Assessor Book, drain construction, South Battery survey, Lamboll St. survey
- 8 Charles Parker Agenda No. 51, August 1849: re: Broad St. levels, Savage St. dimensions, Laurens St. levels, South Carolina Military Academy Magazine
- 9 Charles Parker Agenda No. 52, September-October 1849: re: South Carolina Military Academy Magazine, Hope Plantation, King St. levels, Pinckney St. levels, Chalmers St. tax assessments, Linguard St. tax assessments
- 10 Charles Parker Agenda No. 53, October-November 1849: re: Rye Harbor, Anderson Island, Cumberland St. levels, treatment of slaves, slave resistance, East Bay/Atlantic St. survey, Broad St. survey
- 11 Charles Parker Agenda No. 54, November 1849: re: street drains, Broad/Rutledge St. levels, Wentworth St. levels, East Bay St. tax assessments, Gadsden's Wharf
- 12 Charles Parker Agenda No. 55, November 1849-January 1850: re: Cooper River/Santee Canal survey, Savannah Creek, Mattassee Lake, Col. Samuel Palmer Gravel Hill Plantation, Hell Hole Swamp, William Ball, Huger Bridge, Wall Eye Swamp
- 13 Charles Parker Agenda No. 56, January-February 1850: re: Mattassee Lake, Strawberry Road levels, Gadsden's Wharf, Market drains, Anson St. survey
- 14 Charles Parker Agenda No. 57, February 1850: re: Gadsden's Wharf, 62 Meeting St. conveyance, street drains, Wentworth St. drain levels
- 15 Charles Parker Agenda No. 58, February-March 1850: re: Meeting/Water St. survey, street levels, street drains, will of Jonah Horry
- 16 Charles Parker Agenda No. 59, March-April 1850: re: street drains, Nathan Hart Estate, will of Edward Fenwick, land conveyances, Queen St. survey
- 17 Charles Parker Agenda No. 60, April 1850: re: Boundary St. levels, Boundary/East Bay St. survey, Bennett's Rice Mill, Wentworth St. levels, Gadsden's Wharf

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- 2 18 Charles Parker Agenda No. 61, April-May 1850: re: Broad St., Pinckney/East Bay survey, Cumberland/East Bay survey, Anson St. Presbyterian Church, King St. dimensions, George St. dimensions, Hon. Thomas Bennett, Jr., property
- 19 Charles Parker Agenda No. 62, May 1850: re: paving tax assessments for streets: Cumberland, Beaufain, George, Pinckney, Wentworth, Queen, East Bay
- 20 Charles Parker Agenda No. 63, May-June 1850: re: East Bay/Pinckney St. survey, Charleston Land Company, Hayne/Pinckney survey, Anson/Church survey, Market St. survey, Hayne/Market St. fire, Wentworth St. tax assessments, railroad, King/Meeting St. survey, Coming St. tax assessments
- 21 Charles Parker Agenda No. 64, June 1850: re: city boundary, George St. tax assessments, Robert H. Lucas property—Cannonboro, Wilson St. tax assessments, Magazine St. tax assessments, Clifford St. tax assessments, Kirkland Lane tax assessments
- 22 Charles Parker Agenda No. 65, June-July 1850: re: J. Clarence Cochran property, Robert H. Lucas property, Fish Market Dock, Calvary Church, Broad St. tax assessments, Wentworth St. tax assessments, slave resistance, Beaufain St. dimensions
- 23 Charles Parker Agenda No. 66, July-August 1850: re: Meeting St. survey, land conveyances, Exchange Wharf, Accommodation Wharf, Williams Wharf, Boundary St. levels, Pinckney St. survey, Vernon St. tax assessments, Inspection St. tax assessments, Washington St. tax assessments
- 24 Charles Parker Agenda No. 67, August-September 1850: re: Washington/Charlotte St. survey, Hawes Wharf, street brick laying practices, Mordecai Cohen property, Mazyckboro, Mazyck family
- 25 Charles Parker Agenda No. 68, September-October 1850: re: Glebe St. tax assessments, Beaufain St. tax assessments, Bull St. drainage
- 26 Charles Parker Agenda No. 69, October-November 1850: re: slave resistance, L.C. Clifford property—Cumberland St., R.K. Payne, James Earley property—Church St., Philadelphia St. property – Thomas Garety, Shell Hall, East Bay St. survey
- 27 Charles Parker Agenda No. 70, November 1850-January 1851: re: East Bay St. survey, James G. Holmes Estate, Beaufain/Smith St. survey, Castle Pinckney, Harleston survey, John Lewis Faber—King St. survey, Laurel Hill Plantation, mortar batteries

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- 2 28 Charles Parker Agenda No. 71, January-February 1851: re: St. Philip/Vanderhorst St. survey, New/Tradd St. survey, Broad/Orange St. survey, Mordecai Cohen Estate
- 29 Charles Parker Agenda No. 72, February-April 1851: re: Rutledge/Queen survey, John S. Bird property–King St., land grants and conveyances
- 30 Charles Parker Agenda No. 73, April-May 1851: re: Lamboll/Legare survey, New St. survey, Cherry Hill–Bears Island, James Macbeth–East Bay St. survey, Thomas N. Gadsden–Rutledge St., Governor Thomas Bennett, Jr.,–Line St. survey, Cumberland / East Bay survey, land conveyances
- 31 Charles Parker Agenda No. 74, May-June 1851: re: Tradd St. survey, Bears Island, Meeting St. survey, Bennett’s Mill Pond, John Torrent–Pritchard St. survey, monument at St. Michaels Church, Yeaman Hall Plantation
- 32 Charles Parker Agenda No. 75, June-July 1851: re: Bennett’s Mill Pond, Pinckney/Church St. survey, Hayne / Church St. drainage, Ravenswood Plantation, Hebrew cemetery, Boyce & Co. Wharf, Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, Castle Pinckney, Hampstead marsh lands
- 33 Charles Parker Agenda No. 76, July-September 1851: re: Adger’s Wharf, Bennett’s Mill Pond, Lodge Alley drainage, land grants and conveyances Bridge Company, State St. survey
- 34 Charles Parker Agenda No. 77, September-October 1851: re: Pinckney St. survey, Coming St. tax assessment, David Lopez, College/Green St. tax assessments, German Fire Station, Mordecai Cohen Estate
- 35 Charles Parker Agenda No. 78, October-December 1851: re: Mordecai Cohen Estate, Queen St. levels, Gabriel Capers Estate–Dubose tract
- 36 Charles Parker Agenda No. 79, December 1851-January 1852: re: Bulow Estate–King St., College/Green St. tax assessments, Kerrison property–King/Market St., Mordecai Cohen Estate
- 37 Charles Parker Agenda No. 80, January-February 1852: re: Col. Samuel J. Palmer–Gravel Hill Plantation, Hugh P. Cameron House–Bull St., railroad extension, Charleston Battery, White Point Garden, Calhoun St. tax assessments, Anson St. tax assessments, Middle St. tax assessments

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- 2 38 Charles Parker Agenda No. 81, February-March 1852: re: Kerrison property–King/Market St. survey, Beaufain/Kirkland St. survey, Calhoun St. tax assessments, South Bay St. tax assessments, Thomas Corbett property–Ashley/Bull St. survey, Lewis Trapman–Franklin St. survey
- 39 Charles Parker Agenda No. 82, March-April 1852: re: Pezant Estate –Cumberland/State St. survey, Rutledge/Wentworth St. survey, J.M. Walton property–Wentworth St., Gadsden’s Wharf, Pritchard/Concord St. survey
- 40 Charles Parker Agenda No. 83, April 1852: re: Adger's Wharf, E.J. Barnwell property, Kohn Estate–Broad St. survey, Archdale/West St. survey, Julian Ravenel–Belvedere Ave. property, Catholic Church–Broad St. survey, Hon. Thomas Bennett, Jr., property
- 41 Charles Parker Agenda No. 86, June-July 1852: re: Bee/Ashley St. survey, William Lucas Estate, Bennett’s Mill Pond–Bridge Causeway, slavery, Magnolia Cemetery, Shutes Folly, Eliza Lee–Tradd St. survey
- 42 Charles Parker Agenda No. 87, July-August 1852: re: Washington/Charlotte St. survey, Eliza Lee property, Ashley/Bee St. survey, King St. levels, Bridge Company, Lynch/Bull St. survey, Magnolia Cemetery, St. Philip/Calhoun St. survey, Clement’s Ferry, James B. Campbell – Rutledge St. survey, Thomas N. Gadsden–Montague St. survey
- 43 Charles Parker Agenda No. 88, August-September 1852: re: Governor Thomas Bennett Estate, Middle/Minority St. survey, Mazyck St. widening, Laurens/Wall St. survey, slavery, slave resistance
- 44 Charles Parker Agenda No. 89, September-October 1852: re: yellow fever epidemic, Boundary St. survey, Beaufain St. survey, Harleston St. survey, Wentworth St. drainage, State Bank of South Carolina, treatment of slaves, slave workhouse, slave resistance, King St. levels
- 45 Charles Parker Agenda No. 90, October-November 1852: re: slave workhouse treatment of slaves, Rutledge Ave. drainage, tide levels, the Hut Plantation, Bellvue Plantation–Adelaide Gibbes
- 46 Charles Parker Agenda No. 91, November 1852: re: Burns Lane widening, tide levels, Bennett’s Mill Pond, street flooding, N.E. Railroad, Smiths Wharf
- 47 Charles Parker Agenda No. 92, November-December 1852: re: land conveyances, Archdale/Beresford St. survey, Tradd St. survey, Bellvue Plantation–Adelaide Gibbes, the Hut Plantation, Smith/Bull St. survey

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- 2 48 Charles Parker Agenda No. 93, December 1852-January 1853: re: Dr. Eli Geddings, treatment of slaves, slave resistance, N.E. Railroad–Washington St., Millar Farm–Belvedere Road, East Bay St. survey–Joye Estate
- 49 Charles Parker Agenda No. 94, January-February 1853: re: John Ravenel property, Tivoli Garden, Adger's South Wharf, Wragg Square survey, Second Presbyterian Church
- 50 Charles Parker Agenda No. 95, February-March 1853: re: The College of Charleston, Daniel Hart Estate–Meeting St., Henry Deas Estate–Friend St., Dr. George Caulier–Society/Meeting St. survey, the Charleston Club–Meeting St., Octavius J. Guerard Estate–Montague/Harleston St., the Poor House–Magazine St., East Bay/Wentworth St. levels
- 51 Charles Parker Agenda No. 96, March 1853: re: Society St. survey, John A. Winthrop–Meeting St. survey, Dr. Carrere property–Broad/Friend St., Second Presbyterian Church, Broad St. assessment, Nathan A. Cohen property–Archdale/Beresford St., Short St. levels, James L. Pettigrew's plantation–Prince Georges Parish
- 52 Charles Parker Agenda No. 97, March-April 1853: re: Rutledge/Smith St. survey, Joseph A. Winthrop property–Meeting/Moore St., Hanover St. survey, Hampstead Square–Blake St.,
- 53 Charles Parker Agenda No. 98, April-May 1853: re: J.S. Ryan–Isaac S. Bailey Estate, Archdale/Market St. survey, Bennett's Canal, Robert Limehouse property –Tradd St., Queen/Franklin St. survey, *Ann Morris vs. Matthews*, Lewis Trapman property
- 54 Charles Parker Agenda No. 99, May 1853: re: Bennett's Mill Pond, Rutledge Ave. survey, Radcliffe/Smith St. survey, South Carolina Railroad, Bedons Alley drainage, Vanderhorst's Wharf, Lucas Mill Pond
- 55 Charles Parker Agenda No. 100, May-June 1853: re: South Carolina Railroad, Lucas Mill, Tradd/Council St. survey, Philadelphia St. levels, Hasell/Concord St. survey, land conveyances
- 56 Charles Parker Agenda No. 102, July-August 1853: re: A.R. Haig–Ashley/Bee St. survey, Hasell St. tax assessments, Wilson St. levels, Peter Horlbeck Estate, Philip Gunn property–Smith/Franklin St.
- 57 Charles Parker Agenda No. 103, August-September 1853: re: street levels, Boundary St. survey, East Bay St. survey–Fish Market, city boundary

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- 2 58 Charles Parker Agenda No. 104, September-October 1853: re: city boundary, Catholic cemetery, tide levels, street levels
- 59 Charles Parker Agenda No. 105, October-November 1853: re: Broad St. survey, Smith/Wentworth St. survey, Bennett/King St. survey, Society St. levels, John F. Steinmeyer property–America St., H. Sahlmann property–Laurens/East Bay, Queen St. levels, Nassau/Amherst St. survey
- 3 1 Charles Parker Agendas Nos. 106, November-December 1853: re: Institute Hall, Circular Congregational Church, Queen St. levels, George St. levels, Meeting St. survey, land conveyances, Longitude Lane levels
- 2 Charles Parker Agenda No. 107, December 1853-January 1854: re: Committee on Tidal System, Bennett’s Mill Pond, Committee on Drains of Upper Wards, King/Queen St. survey, Thomas Ryan property–Cannon/Rutledge St. survey, land conveyances
- 3 Charles Parker Agenda No. 108, January-February 1854: re: drainage system, Otis Mills' property, Anson St. survey, Thomas M. Hume–Thomas St. survey, Queen St. levels, Calhoun Square survey
- 4 Charles Parker Agenda No. 109, February-March 1854: re: Limehouse St. levels, Jonathan Lucas–Gadsden’s Canal, sewer specifications, Queen St. levels, Concord/Hassel St. survey, Burns Lane drainage
- 5 Charles Parker Agenda No. 110, March 1854: re: land conveyances, street levels, property tax assessments, Circular Congregational Church, Water St. levels
- 6 Charles Parker Agenda No. 111, March-April 1854: re: Water St. levels, East Bay St. survey, Queen St. drainage, street levels, Shepherd St./Line St. survey
- 7 Charles Parker Agenda No. 113, May 1854: re: George H. Kelsey property–Hayne St., Water St. survey, Washington/Chapel St. survey, Grace F. Latham–Motte Lane, Charles T. Lowndes property, solar eclipse
- 9 Charles Parker Agenda No. 114, May-June 1854: re: Queen St. dimensions, Charles T. Lowndes property dispute, Meeting St. survey, East Bay St. survey, Calhoun St., Smith St. widening, Tradd St. survey, Ashley River, wharves, South Bay/Legare St. survey
- 10 Charles Parker Agenda No. 115, June-August 1854: re: Bull/Pitt St. survey, Prioleau St. survey, Spring St. bridge, street levels

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- 3 11 Charles Parker Agenda No. 116, August-September 1854: re: East Bay St. tax assessments, Beaufain / Mazyck St. survey, Daniel Ravenel property–Water/East Bay St., 1854 hurricane
- 12 Charles Parker Agenda No. 117, September-October 1854: re: Meeting/Ann St. survey, Thomas L. Bulow–King/George St. survey, magnetic variation, The Citadel magazine, yellow fever epidemic, Charleston Library Society, slave resistance, Burns Lane tax assessments
- 13 Charles Parker Agenda No. 118, October-November 1854: re: magnetic variation, The Citadel magazine, tide levels
- 15 Charles Parker Agenda No.119, November-December 1854: re: Moreland’s Wharf, land conveyances, Calhoun St. survey, Battery repairs, T.L. Bulow property–Reid/Amherst St.
- 16 Charles Parker Agenda No. 120, December 1854-January 1855: re: Battery repairs, tide levels, Mills Wharf, Boyce’s Wharf, Clifford St. levels, White Point Garden
- 17 Charles Parker Agenda No. 121: January-February 1855: re: Battery repairs, 1699 and 1752 hurricanes, Boyce’s Wharf, land conveyances, T.N. Gadsden property, Smith St. levels, William Izard Bull property, Albert Schmidt–Vernon/Marsh St. survey
- 19 Charles Parker Agenda No. 122, February-April 1855: re: George St. drainage, slavery, slave resistance, Gahagan Plantation, land conveyances
- 20 Charles Parker Agenda No. 123, April-May 1855: re: Market St. levels, George W. Brown–Belvedere farm, East Bay/Market St. survey, Church/Chalmers St. survey, drainage tax assessments, Bull St. dimensions, land conveyances
- 21 Charles Parker Agenda No. 124, May-June 1855: re: Cleland land grant, slavery, treatment of slaves, Coming Creek, N.E. Railroad, William Ravenel Estate, Spring St. bridge, land conveyances
- 23 Charles Parker Agenda No. 125, June 2-21, 1855: re: T.N. Gadsden Estate, land conveyances, Wentworth St. levels, South Carolina Railroad, New/Broad St. survey, Tradd/New St.–William Middleton property, slave hire agreement, Bennett’s Mill

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- 3 24 Charles Parker Agenda No. 126, June-July 1855: re: Hon. Thomas Bennett, Jr., Estate, South Carolina Railroad, N.E. Railroad, Charles T. Mitchell–King/John St. survey, Charleston Bridge Company, W.A. Caldwell property–State/Chalmers St.
- 25 Charles Parker Agenda No. 127, July-August 1855: re: Carolina Gas Company–Washington/Charlotte St. survey, Broad/Church St. survey, Daniel McNeil Estate–Doughty St., Hampstead Mall, Bethel Methodist Church, Ashley/Doughty St. survey, Presbyterian Church–Calhoun/St. Philip St. survey, South Carolina Railroad, Know-Nothing Party, land conveyances
- 26 Charles Parker Agenda No. 128, August-October 1855: re: Market/Rafers Alley survey, South Carolina Railroad, Anson St. tax assessments, John H. Steinmyer property–Wentworth/Gadsden St., magnetic variation, The Citadel magazine
- 27 Charles Parker Agenda No. 129, October-November 1855: re: magnetic variation, The Citadel magazine, Hobcaw Plantation, George/King survey, Thomas N. Gadsden property–Clifford/Queen St., Wall St. survey, George Just property–Hassel St., Tradd St. survey, Jonathan Lucas Estate, Joseph Righton Estate–Water St.
- 28 Charles Parker Agenda No. 130, November 1855-January 1856: re: Joseph Righton house
- 29 Charles Parker Agenda No. 131, January-February 1856: re: Bull St. dimensions, King St. survey, Broad St. survey, Trapman St. drains, Williman Estate–King St.
- 31 Charles Parker Agenda No. 132, February 6-25, 1856: re: Williman Estate survey
- 32 Charles Parker Agenda No. 133, February-April 1856: re: Charles T. Lowndes–East Bay St. survey, plantation of J.A. Sanders, N.E. Railroad, drainage/tidal system, Meeting/Calhoun St. survey, Trapman St. drains
- 33 Charles Parker Agenda No. 134, April 1856: re: Lamboll St. survey, Somerton Plantation, Mazyck St. encroachments, King St. survey, Society St. surveys, Wall St. survey
- 34 Charles Parker Agenda No. 135, April-June 1856: re: Rev. Dr. John Forrest–King St., brick mortar formula, Atlantic St. levels, Battery Seawall, Market St. levels, N.E. Railroad, land conveyances
- 35 Charles Parker Agenda No. 136, June-July 1856: re: N.E. Railroad, tidal system modifications

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- 3 36 Charles Parker Agenda No. 137, July-August 1856: re: Market St. assessment, N.E. Railroad, Wragg Estate
- 37 Charles Parker Agenda No. 138, August-September 1856: re: Magazine St. levels, East Bay St. levels, William Henry Estate, William Izard Bull, Archdale/Market St. survey, slave sales, slave deaths, Henry C. Gefkin Estate, land conveyances
- 38 Charles Parker Agenda No. 139, September-October 1856: re: Maria C. Faber–Alexander St. survey, William Wightman Estate, William Brunges–Laurens/Minority St. survey, duel of William R. Taber and Edward Magrath, Lynch St. survey, Philip Gadsden Estate survey–Cannonboro
- 39 Charles Parker Agenda No. 141, December 1856-February 1857: re: slave-hire arrangement, H.D. Walker Estate, Hampstead Mall, Poor House/House of Correction, slave badges, College/Green St. survey
- 40 Charles Parker Agenda No. 142, February-March 1857: re: College Square, James S. Colburn–King St. survey, Andrew Grey Estate–Rutledge/Spring St. survey, Chapel/Alexander survey, Bennett’s Mill Pond, graves at The Citadel magazine
- 41 Charles Parker Agenda No. 143, March-May 1857: re: George St. tax assessments, street drain construction, Calhoun St. drains, Cooper River marsh land grants, mortar cement formula, Broad St. survey
- 42 Charles Parker Agenda No. 144, May-June 1857: re: wharves, George St. tax assessments, Smith/Calhoun St. survey
- 43 Charles Parker Agenda No. 146, July-August 1857: re: Bull/Smith St. survey, street drains, Tradd St. tax assessments Rutledge / Queen St. survey, Logan St. dimensions, Friend St. tax assessments
- 44 Charles Parker Agenda No. 147, August-September 1857: re: Logan St. assessment, Tradd/Greenhill St. survey, Thomas Garety property–Philadelphia St.
- 45 Charles Parker Agenda No. 148, November-December 1857: re: Col. Richard Reynolds Estate, wharves of Charles Manigault
- 46 Charles Parker Agenda No. 149, December 1857-February 1858: re: F.Y. Glover property–Bull/Rutledge St., N.E. Railroad, Col. Samuel Warren–Echaw Creek, “Old Store” tract, St. James-Santee land conveyances

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- 3 47 Charles Parker Agenda No. 150, February 1-13, 1858: re: Col. Samuel Warren Estate, "Old Store" tract, St. James-Santee land conveyances, King/Lamboll St. survey, Meeting St. artesian well, Meeting/George St. survey
- 48 Charles Parker Agenda No. 151, February 13-18, 1858: re: Col. Samuel Warren Estate, Echaw Creek, St. James-Santee land conveyances "Old Store" tract
- 49 Charles Parker Agenda No. 152, February 18-25, 1858: re: Col. Samuel Warren Estate, Echaw Creek, Noah Serree, St. James-Santee land conveyances
- 50 Charles Parker Agenda No. 153, February 25-March 5, 1858: re: Col. Samuel Warren Estate, St. James-Santee land conveyances, Noah Serree, N.E. Railroad
- 51 Charles Parker Agenda No. 154, March 5-15, 1858: re: Col. Samuel Warren Estate, St. James-Santee plantations, land grants and conveyances, Noah Serre
- 52 Charles Parker Agenda No. 155, March 15-28, 1858: re: Col. Thomas D. Condy, Col. Samuel Warren Estate, Noah Serre, "Old Store" tract, provincial land grants, St. James-Santee plantations, Daniel E. Huger
- 4 1 Charles Parker Agenda No. 157, April-May 1858: re: Col. Samuel Warren Estate, land grants and conveyances, Lewis Miles Estate, "Old Store" tract, Exchange and Customs House Building
- 2 Charles Parker Agenda No. 158, May-June 1858: re: Four Mile House, Col. Samuel Warren Estate, land conveyances, "Old Store" tract, Cannonboro, Thomas Gadsden Estate
- 3 Charles Parker Agenda No. 159, June-August 1858: re: Logan / Broad St. survey, "Old Store" tract, Col. Samuel Warren Estate, N.E. Railroad
- 4 Charles Parker Agenda No. 160, August-September 1858: re: No. 5 Water St., Col. Samuel Warren Estate, "Old Store" tract, Theodore L. Gourdin Estate, Colonial South Carolina settlements, St. James-Santee land conveyances, Noah Serre Estate
- 5 Charles Parker Agenda No. 161, September-October 1858: re: colonial land grants, St. James-Santee land conveyances, Col. Samuel Warren Estate, Lynch St. drain levels, Queen St. drain levels
- 6 Charles Parker Agenda No. 163, November 1858-February 1859: re: Calhoun St. drain levels, St. James-Santee land conveyances, Col. Samuel Warren Estate

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4 7 Copy of Charles Parker's Statement to City Council dated June 6, 1850, copied 1893: re: Mount Pleasant St.–city boundary

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- 1 1 Annotated Copy of Charles Parker's Notebook No. 1, September 1817-January 1818, copied 1861: re: wharves, Dockon Plantation, The Hut plantation–James Holmes, Thomas Simons' plantation–Johns Island
- 2 Annotated Copy of Charles Parker's Notebook No. 3, 1818, copied 1861: re: Church St. survey, Beresford Alley survey
- 3 Annotated Copy of Charles Parker's Notebook No. 19, 1825-1826, copied 1866: re: Motte's Wharf, City Market, King / Lamboll St. survey, Wentworth/Smith St. survey, Boundary St. survey, East Bay St. widening, Chalmers St. survey
- 4 Annotated Copy of Charles Parker Notebooks No. 31 and No. 41, 1838 and 1849-1850, copied 1867: re: Andrew Turnbull/John Lining House survey, Horlbeck Alley survey, Water St. survey, Mazyck St. survey, Pinckney/Anson St. survey, the Battery Mall plan, King St. survey, wharves, fire of 1838–damaged property, property tax assessments
- 5 Annotated Copy of Charles Parker Notebook No. 35, April 1841-June 1842, copied 1867: re: Laurel Island, Washington Race Course, Gadsden Lands survey, Pinckney St. survey, Coates Row survey
- 6 Annotated Copy of Charles Parker Notebook No. 36, July 1842-January 1844, copied 1861: re: The Citadel, Vanderhorst / Coming St. survey, King St. surveys, Clifford St. survey, No. 17 Tradd St. survey, Wentworth St. tax assessments
- 7 Annotated Copy of Charles Parker Notebook No. 43, 1851-1852, n.d., re: Mordecai Cohen Estate, Lewis Trapman property
- 8 Annotated Copy of Charles Parker Notebook No. 47, 1854-1856, n.d., re: Thomas N. Gadsden, South Carolina Railroad, Charleston Bridge Company, Carolina Gas Company, N.E. Railroad, Village of Washington
- 9 Annotated Copy of Charles Parker Country Book No. 4, December 1850- June 1855, copied 1867: re: Robert Fenwick Tract, Laurel Hill Plantation, Rutledge St. survey, Bennett's Mill Pond, Hon. Thomas Bennett, Jr., Frederick Kohne Estate, Tradd St. survey, Broad St. / East Bay St. survey, Daniel G. Joye Estate, King St. survey, Burns Lane survey, George St. survey, Lucas Mill Pond

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| 4 | 8 | John A. Michel Agenda No. 6, February 1856-January 1857: re: Spring St. survey, Pee Dee River plantations |
| | 9 | John A. Michel Agenda No. 8, February-October 1858: re: Judith St. survey, Spring/President St. survey, Ashley / Spring St. survey, Vardell Creek |
| | 10 | John A. Michel Notebook No. 17, Ward No. 3, January-September 1866: re: East Bay St. survey, Queen St. survey, Hasell/Meeting St. survey |
| | 11 | John A. Michel Notebook No. 18, Christ Church, March-December 1866: re: John T. Elsworth Estate – Christ Church, African Americans |

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- 4 12 John A. Michel Notebook No. 24, Ward No. 6, September 1866-April 1869: re: King St. survey, Patrick O'Neill estate—Cannon/Morris St., Coming/Calhoun St. survey, George Shrewsbury property
- 13 John A. Michel Notebook No. 25, Ward No. 7, April 1867: re: Drake / Blake St. survey
- 14 John A. Michel Notebook No. 26, Ward No. 8, May 1866-April 1868: re: Rutledge/Bogard St. survey, Coming/Sheppard St. burial ground [St. John's Burial Association], Rodgers Alley survey, Spring/King St. survey
- 15 John A. Michel Notebook, c. January-February 1869: re: C. Thurston Chase property—Stono River, Johns Island

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- 16 S. Lewis Simons Notebook, May-October 1882: re: Charleston Hotel stables, L.D. DeSaussure property—Rodgers Alley, M. Storen property—King St., Etiwan Phosphate Company survey, Dorchester Free School Board property, Rumney Village, King/Race St. survey, Memminger School, concrete and mortar formulas, the Charleston Mill, composition of the walls of Fort Sumter
- 17 S. Lewis Simons Notebook, July 1883-June 1884: re: Standard Manufacturing Company survey, Charleston Neck, Harris Farm, Thompsons Court survey, Shipyard Creek, Grove/Rutledge St. survey, T.M. Mordecai property—Society/King St., Beaufain/King St. survey, *N.E. Railroad vs. South Carolina Railroad*
- 18 S. Lewis Simons Notebook, c. September 1886: re: Bear Swamp Road, West Point Mill
- 19 S. Lewis Simons Memoranda Books, c. 1890-1892: re: Morris St., Reid/Meeting St.
- 20 S. Lewis Simons Memoranda Books, c. 1898-1900: re: expenses, *Peter Horlbeck vs. Simons & Mayrant Company*
- 21 S. Lewis Simons Memoranda Books c. 1901-1902: re: expenses
- 22 S. Lewis Simons Memoranda Books, c. 1906-1916: re: expenses
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