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THE PAPERS OF ALTON OCHSNER, M.D.

The Ochsner Clinic and Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation have named The Historic New Orleans Collection as the repository for papers, letters, and memorabilia concerning the founding and subsequent development of the institution as one of the major health care centers in the United States.

The announcement was made jointly by Dr. Frank A. Riddick, Jr., medical director of the Ochsner Clinic, Dr. George H. Porter III, president of the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation, and Stanton Frazar, director of The Historic New Orleans Collection. The collection will be known as the Ochsner Archives and will not include personal medical records.

The family of the late Dr. Alton Ochsner, one of the five founders of the institutions which bear his name, has also contributed his personal papers, awards, and other memorabilia to The Historic New Orleans Collection. Work has already begun on the cataloging of the Alton Ochsner papers, which experts in the field have characterized as significant because of their completeness. The Collection will also seek the personal papers of the other four founders of the Ochsner Clinic, including Dr. Curtis Tyrone, and the late doctors Edgar Burns, Guy A. Caldwell, and Francis LeJeune.

Dr. Merrill O. Hines, honorary chairman of the foundation's board of trustees, heads a committee which is culling and handling the transfer of the Ochsner Archives to The Historic New Orleans Collection.

EDITORIAL PROJECT UNDERWAY

Dr. Patricia Brady Schmit is currently editing for publication a selection of letters and documents from the Butler Family Papers at The Historic New Orleans Collection. The Butler Family Papers center around the family of Col. Edward George Washington Butler (1800-1888), a professional soldier and Iberville Parish

sugar planter. Over 2,000 items of personal, business, and professional correspondence, financial and military records, and artifacts are included.

These papers illuminate many aspects of nineteenth-century American life. University life, courtship and marriage, the vicissitudes of a professional military career, plantation life and economic patterns, the purchase and care of slaves, child birth and child care, family relationships, and politics are subjects encompassed by the Butler Family Papers. The close personal and political ties enjoyed with Andrew Jackson and the significant involvement of Col. Butler in Indian affairs and in the Mexican-American War are subjects of special importance in the papers.

The housekeeping book of Nelly Custis Lewis, Col. Butler's mother-in-law, is included among the Butler Family Papers. Dr. Schmit has edited the housekeeping book, and it will be published this spring by The Historic New Orleans Collection.

PERFORMING ARTS IN NEW ORLEANS

In recent months, considerable attention has been paid to the Performing Arts Collection. Already large in scope, the collection contains over one thousand theatre, concert, and ballet programs, including items such as an autographed copy of Paul Wittgenstein's 1943 performance of the Ravel Concerto for the Left Hand, which had been written for him. Efforts are now being made to obtain programs of every musical or theatrical event presented in New Orleans.

Because of the large number of requests for biographical information about nineteenth-century musicians, a biographical file of classically trained musicians presently working in New Orleans has been established. The Performing Arts Collection complements the Manuscript Division's Sheet Music Collection which contains approximately one thousand nineteenth-century New Orleans imprints.

FAMILY PAPERS AT THE HISTORIC NEW ORLEANS COLLECTION

Family papers are a large part of the holdings in the Manuscripts Division of the Historic New Orleans Collection, and they are invaluable for the insights they provide into life in New Orleans during the nineteenth and the twentieth centuries. In addition to the obvious genealogical uses for family papers, the collections in our holdings can provide the researcher with good sources for New Orleans and Southern social and cultural history, the War of 1812, Civil War and Reconstruction, the Mexican-American War, and many other economic, religious, intellectual, and artistic topics. Family papers are by nature diverse, so, because of this diversity, the following manuscript collections have been described with as much detail as space will permit. Registers and calendars exist for all collections designated by a manuscript number, e.g. MSS 171. Several small collections of family papers are being processed, so that descriptions of them have not been included in this list. However, they are available on a limited basis to qualified researchers. None of the cataloged family papers have any restrictions to access. The Manuscripts Division at THNOC is open from 10:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Tuesday through Saturday.

MSS 57. VILLERÉ FAMILY PAPERS. 1819 - 1906. 11 items.

These papers of the Villeré Family of Louisiana include accounts of the Rouer de Villeray or Villeré Family in Canada and Europe, and histories of related families in Louisiana and in Europe. Of special interest is the Family Record Book compiled by Alcée Joseph Villeré, which contains copies of original statistical records and documents concerning the Villerés and allied families. The collection also includes an official appointment by Jacques Villeré signed during his tenure as Governor of Louisiana. The Manuscripts Division also houses two other collections of Villeré Family interest. MSS 14, the JACQUES PHILIPPE VILLERÉ PAPERS contains 106 items, dating from 1813 - 1815. The collection consists of correspondence and official communications concerning the defense of New Orleans, 1813 - 1815. Material in the collection also deals with the problems of providing arms and supplies to troops, military roster reports, returns for provisions and receipts for prisoners of war. The ERNEST CALISTE VILLERÉ COLLECTION, MSS 13, is composed of official appointments, commissions, and correspondence by and pertaining to members of the Duvergé and Villeré Families. Also included in the papers is genealogical material concerning the Duvergé and Villeré Families.

MSS 64. MERRICK FAMILY PAPERS. 1865-(1866-1889)-1913. 35 items.

This is a collection of scattered letters, papers, household bills, and receipts of the Edwin Thomas Merrick Family of Jefferson City, La., near New Orleans. The collection contains Oaths of Allegiance to the United States of America (1865), a Federal pardon (1865), and voter registration for Edwin Merrick. The collection also includes bills and receipts for household and personal purchases. Letters of special interest in the papers are those of Frances Willard (1884-1885) and Susan B. Anthony (1885) to Mrs. Caroline Merrick. Included in the holdings of The Historic New Orleans Collection are MSS 107 and MSS 108, the EDWIN T. MERRICK RECONSTRUCTION ARTICLES. These article drafts were written by Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Edwin Merrick, and discuss conditions in Louisiana under the Reconstruction regimes of 1874 - 1876.

MSS 65 and 99. GRIMA FAMILY PAPERS. 1788 - 1921. 458 items.

MSS 65 dates from 1788 - 1814, and consists of 14 items. These items include certified copies of baptismal records and property transactions of the Grima Family of New Orleans and the related Filiosa and Montegut families. MSS 99 is composed of 444 items, dating from 1856 through 1921. The collection documents the life of a Creole family in New Orleans during and after the Civil War. The papers consist of correspondence (1856-1888) among members of the Felix Grima Family in New Orleans and Europe. Also included in the collection are invitations and social memorabilia (1859-1884), military papers (1862-1864), family succession documents (1878-1887) and some undated manuscript poetry. The majority of the Civil War letters were written by a Grima son on duty in Virginia with the Washington Artillery of New Orleans.

These two groups of family papers are being integrated into a large body of Grima Family Papers recently acquired by The Historic New Orleans Collection. The collection will consist of several thousand items, and, in many cases, missing pieces of correspondence and important series of letters have been discovered. The papers will eventually document with great thoroughness the histories of the Grima, Claiborne, Villere, Montegut and Filiosa families in New Orleans well into the twentieth-century. Most of the correspondence in all of these collections is in French.

MSS 102. BUTLER FAMILY PAPERS. 1778-1975. 2034 items.

These family papers center around the family of Edward George Washington Butler (1800-1888), the son of Col. Edward Butler, one of the "Five Fighting Butlers" of Revolutionary War fame. Edward G.W. Butler was married to Frances Parke Lewis of Woodlawn Plantation, Virginia. She was the daughter of Eleanor Parke Custis and Lawrence Lewis of Woodlawn Plantation. E.G.W. Butler was made the ward of General Andrew Jackson after the death of his father. After graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Butler served in the U.S. Army as 2nd Lieutenant, 4th Artillery (1821), as Second on Topo-

graphical Duty (1820-1923), as Aide de Camp to Bvt. Major General Edmund Pendleton Gaines, and as Acting Asst. Adjutant General, Eastern and Western Departments, 1823 - 1831. Butler resigned from the Army on May 28, 1831. During the years 1846-1847, Butler served as Maj. General in the Louisiana State Militia. In 1847 he was reappointed to the U.S. Army, with the rank of Colonel, Third Dragoons. He served in the Mexican War, in command of the District of the Upper Rio Grande, from September, 1847 - June, 1848. After his marriage, Butler lived in Louisiana, where he owned and worked several plantations in the Iberville Parish area. His primary residence was Dunboyne Plantation, Iberville Parish, La. He died in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1888.

The Butler Family Papers consist of correspondence (1778-1972) between family members, including letters from John Parke Custis to George Washington, and from Andrew Jackson to various family members. Other letters include series of correspondence from Robert and Caroline [Butler] Bell of Louisiana, Richard Henry Lee, Eliza Butler Donelson, Winfield Scott, Edmund Pendleton Gaines, Andrew Jackson Donelson, Morgan Lewis, Lawrence Lewis, Eleanor Parke Custis Lewis, and many other correspondents.

The Butler Family Papers also include papers of Andrew Hynes during his tenure as Adjutant General of Tennessee, and those of the Tennessee Militia for the years 1812-1815. Papers of Edmund Pendleton Gaines (1816-1832) are in the collection. Edward G.W. Butler served with Gaines during the 1825 negotiations with the Creek Indians, and many of his notes and observations of these talks are to be found in the Butler Family Papers.

The collection contains other Family Military Papers (1816-1861), Family Records (1803-1844), Property Documents from Iberville Parish, La. (1805-1861), Financial Records (1779-1896), and Photographs (1865-1941). Bound volumes include a House-keeping Book kept by Eleanor Parke Custis Lewis (1831-1835), a Record Book of the Third Dragoons (1847-1848). This book contains some miscellaneous entries made prior to 1847, and several plantation record books, account books, and journals. Printed Military Orders, Acts and Registers (1815-1870) concerned with Indian treaties, and western frontier defenses complete the collection.

MSS 103. D'AUBERVILLE - BOULIGNY FAMILY PAPERS. 1618-1873; 1964. 189 items.

This is a collection of correspondence (1733-1867), legal and military papers (1618-1860), and genealogical material relating to both the d'Auberville and Bouligny families of Louisiana. The majority of the papers are land tenure documents and succession settlements involving lands in and around Brest, France. Of special interest are the papers of Louis Charles Le Senechal, Sieur d'Auberville, Royal Naval Ensign and head of the Company of Vallerenne in New France (1688-1696) and the papers of his son Vincent Guillaume Le Senechal, Sieur d'Auberville, Intendent Commissary of Louisiana (1752-1757). Some papers belonging to Francisco and Luis Bouligny, officers of

the Louisiana Infantry in the service of Spain are also included in the collection. Genealogical material in the papers refers to the Petit de Coulange, Dreux families. In French and Spanish.

MSS 135. WALTON - GLENNY FAMILY PAPERS.

1855-(1860-1865)-1967. 292 items.

These family papers consist of general and military correspondence, journals, photographs, broadsides, and other printed material. The general correspondence (1855-1916), primarily covers the period of the Civil War, especially the occupation of New Orleans by Federal troops, beginning in 1862. The Civil War letters also document the participation of the Washington Artillery of New Orleans in the Virginia theatre of war. Most of these letters were exchanged by Col. James B. Walton, commanding the Washington Artillery, and his daughter, Emma Walton Glenny. Later letters examine the lives of the Walton and Glenny families during Reconstruction in New Orleans.

Other families which figure prominently in the correspondence are the Day, Slocomb, and di Brazza families. The military correspondence (1846-1887), includes some printed orders and broadsides, all dealing with the Washington Artillery during the Mexican and Civil Wars. Correspondents include Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard, Judah P. Benjamin, Gen. James Longstreet, Duncan F. Kenner, and W.N. Pendleton. The collection also contains three items pertinent to the Louisiana State Militia (1872). Records of special interest in the collection are those documenting the attempted confiscation of the Walton home by Federal troops (1862-1864). These records include a detailed diary kept by Isabel Walton Waldo, who recorded the attempts to confiscate the Walton home.

MSS 168. SCHAUMBURG — WRIGHT FAMILY PAPERS. 1800 - 1896. 53 items.

These papers consist of correspondence, journals, clippings, and genealogical notes of the Wright and Schaumburg families of New Orleans and St. Louis, Mo. Correspondents include Orleana Christy Wright Schaumburg, her husband, Charles Schaumburg, and her son, Wright Schaumburg. A series of letters from Zachary Taylor at Bay St. Louis, Miss., to Maj. Thomas Wright in New Orleans (1820-1821), discuss the Missouri Compromise and personal matters. One letter (1800), from Manuel de Lanzos, Mobile, to Lieut. John McCleary, Commandant of Fort Stoddard, discusses Indian unrest in the area due to deaths of Indians at the hands of the Spanish. Wright C. Schaumburg served in the Civil War under Generals Van Dorn, E. Kirby Smith, and Dabney Maury, CSA, and communications from all of these men are present in the collection. A journal (1862) recounts Schaumburg's participation in the Battle of Corinth. Correspondence and appointments, and a pass signed by Abraham Lincoln (1865), and post-Civil War letters to Schaumburg from J.B. Magruder, Kirby Smith, and Wade Hampton are included in the papers. Wright Schaumburg served in the Cuban Army and was appointed Colonel in 1869. Miscellaneous items include a eulogy delivered upon the death of Bartholomew Schaumburg

in 1835, and genealogical notes. Also included in the holdings of the Manuscripts Division is MSS 21, the **BARTHOLOMEW SCHAUMBURG LETTER** of Jan. 25, 1815. In this letter to General James Wilkinson, Schaumburg describes in great detail the Battle of New Orleans that took place below the city on January 8, 1815.

MSS 170. THE DYMOND FAMILY PAPERS. 1853- (1868-1922)-1952. Approximately 1300 items.

This collection centers around the family of John Dymond (1836-1922), businessman, sugar planter, and founder of the **Louisiana Planter and Sugar Manufacturer**, which was a publication designed to promote the sugar cane industry in Louisiana. The personal and family correspondence (1853-1952), provides tremendous insight into post-bellum plantation life in South Louisiana. John Dymond was a northerner by birth, and he did not move South until 1868, when the New York firm of Dymond and Lally acquired Belair Plantation in Plaquemines Parish, La. A series of correspondence documents the acquisition of the plantation by sheriff's sale in 1868. John Dymond was in the vanguard of the modernization of the sugar industry in Louisiana. With many of his neighbors in Plaquemines and surrounding parishes, he promoted research and implementation of many new agricultural methods. These papers chronicle the re-birth of the sugar industry after the Civil War, the struggle to maintain tariffs on sugar (1883-1888), the founding of the Louisiana Sugar Planter's Association, and the establishment of The Sugar Experiment Station in Audubon Park (1885). After John Dymond's death, his daughter, Florence Dymond, continued to edit the **Louisiana Planter and Sugar Manufacturer**. The collection contains Miss Dymond's memoirs of her childhood on Belair Plantation, poetry, articles, and business correspondence, as well as many family and plantation photographs. The Dymond Family Papers also contain division books for Belair and Fairview Plantations (1870-1902), newspaper clippings, programs, calling cards, and other ephemera.

MSS 171. BOULIGNY - BALDWIN PAPERS. 1710-1863- (1900 -). 186 items.

These papers center around the family of Francisco Bouligny (1736-1800), who served the King of Spain in Louisiana from 1769 to 1775, and again from 1777 until 1800. Bouligny married Marie Louise Senechal d'Auberville, daughter of Vincent Guillaume le Senechal d'Auberville, Marine Commissioner of Louisiana. The collection consists of official and personal correspondence, appointments, commissions and genealogical material. Included in the correspondence is a series of personal and official letters to Francisco Bouligny from Baron de Carondelet (1793-1797). A document of great importance to the collection is the "Memoria" by Francisco Bouligny, written in 1776 as a report to the Spanish government on the state of affairs in Louisiana. The "Memoria" presents information on Louisiana's trade, ways to eliminate Britain's monopoly on trade, and the acquisition of trade goods from France for consumption in Louisiana. The "Mem-

oria" has been published in translation as **Louisiana in 1776: A Memoria of Francisco Bouligny** (New Orleans: 1977), edited and translated by Gilbert C. Din, with a forward by Jack D.L. Holmes.

MSS 179. TRIST WOOD PAPERS. ca. 1880-(1890-1915)-1953. 574 items.

This collection of papers was compiled by Trist Wood, a noted Louisiana political cartoonist. In addition to being interested in art, Wood was an accomplished biographer and historian. He spent many years compiling detailed family histories, and much of his research is contained within these papers. Trist Wood was the editor of **Quartier Latin** in Paris during the 1890's, and he worked as cartoonist for the **Times-Democrat**, the **Item**, and finally, as cartoonist for Huey P. Long's newspaper, the **American Progress**. The collection consists of correspondence (1880-1923) made up of personal letters between family members, letters written to Trist Wood during his stay in Paris and in London (1897-1899), and some genealogical inquiries. A large series of letters pertinent to Trist Wood's genealogical research (1922-1941) contains much information on the DuBourg, Trist, Bringier, and Taylor families, as well as information on Hermitage and Tezcuco Plantations. The collection includes several unpublished manuscripts written by Trist Wood: **Reminiscences**, 1869-1882, an autobiography that covers his early life until the time he left New Orleans to go to Mexico with his father, Robert C. Wood: the **Mexican Diary**; and another volume of **Reminiscences** which records his life through 1883. A letter book dating from 1901 contains incoming original letters and copies of outgoing letters. The rest of MSS 179 consists of newspaper clippings, miscellaneous personal material, and drawings by Trist Wood.

MSS 180. THE TRIST FAMILY PAPERS. 1625 -1952. 445 items.

This collection of family papers is enhanced by the presence of manuscript drafts of **The History of the Trist Family** by Trist Wood. The accompanying appendix includes a group of letters copied and annotated by Trist Wood. Some of these letters were written during the Civil War by General Allen Thomas and Myrthe Bringier Taylor, wife of General Richard Taylor. Correspondence and family documents (1625-1929), include letters exchanged between members of the Trist and Bringier families, and official documents and correspondence relating to Nicholas P. Trist, negotiator of the treaty that ended the Mexican War. A series of letters (1856), written by Hore Browse Trist to his children, Browse, Bringier, and Wilhelmine, document life on Bowdon Plantation in Ascension Parish, La. H.B. Trist was the ward of Thomas Jefferson, and he married Rosella Bringier. Other material in the collection includes pamphlets and articles regarding Nicholas P. Trist's consular duties in Havana (1839-1841), copies of letters annotated by Trist Wood, and genealogical notes and correspondence. Daguerreotypes and photographs of family members are present in these papers, as is a complete set of photo-engravings produced for Trist Wood's **History of the Trist Family**.

MSS 181. BROU - RIVET FAMILY PAPERS. 1802 - 1953. 325 items.

These papers are composed of correspondence, legal documents, financial records, photographs, books, and genealogical material regarding the Brou Family of St. Charles Parish, La. and the Rivet Family of New Orleans. The correspondence (1841-1900), documents life on Pelican Plantation in St. Charles Parish. The legal documents (1835-1869), are plantation contracts, estate inventories, acts of sale, and labor agreements. The financial records (1829-1872), consist of many bills, receipts, and steamboat freight bills. Books of note in the collection include the two-volume French dictionary, *Dictionnaire L'Academie Francaise*, published in Paris in 1798.

The Historic New Orleans Collection announces the availability of *The Vieux Carre Survey*, by Florence M. Jumonville, a description of the preparation and a guide to the use of the major architectural study known as The Vieux Carre Survey. This recently published pamphlet summarizes the type of research material to be found in the Survey, and suggests how it may be used to learn more about buildings and pieces of property in the historic Vieux Carre of New Orleans. Complimentary copies of *The Vieux Carre Survey* may be obtained from The Historic New Orleans Collection Library, 533 Royal Street, New Orleans, La. 70130.

MANUSCRIPTS UPDATE will be published on an occasional basis to inform interested persons about manuscript collections available for research at The Historic New Orleans Collection. This publication is in keeping with our desire to nurture interest in our area and our heritage. We invite you to visit the facilities, and to make inquiries by telephone or mail.

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**THE HISTORIC NEW ORLEANS COLLECTION
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Robert D. Bush, General Editor:

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Foster, William Lovelace, *Vicksburg: Southern City Under Siege*. Edited with an Introduction by Kenneth Trist Urquhart. New Orleans: The Historic New Orleans Collection, 1980. \$15.00*

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