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PAPERS OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS: AN UPDATE

THE PUBLICATION OF THIS FINAL ISSUE OF *MANUSCRIPTS DIVISION UPDATE* PROCLAIMS A MISSION accomplished! Since 1982, these annual listings of manuscripts at the Historic New Orleans Collection have encouraged researchers interested in a wide variety of New Orleans and Louisiana subjects.¹ Subjects treated in the first twelve volumes of *Manuscripts Division Update* include:

- Family Papers (vol. 1, no. 1)
- New Orleans Sheet Music (vol. 1, no. 2)
- Papers Relating to the Battle of New Orleans (vol. 2)
- German Archives (vol. 3)
- Papers Relating to the Civil War, Part 1 (vol. 4)
- Papers Relating to the Civil War, Part 2 (vol. 5)
- Papers Relating to the Visual Arts (vol. 6)
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- Land Records (vol. 9)
- Papers Relating to Colonial and Territorial Louisiana (vol. 10)
- Papers Relating to Religion (vol. 11)
- Papers Relating to Antebellum Louisiana (vol. 12)

All accessioned material was reported in *Update* volumes 1 through 10. Volumes 11, 12, and 13 describe only fully cataloged manuscript material.

Volume 13 of *Manuscripts Division Update*, this final issue, describes cataloged manuscript holdings on subjects not treated in earlier volumes — especially late 19th- and 20th-century holdings — as well as recently acquired manuscripts on topics covered in earlier volumes. Examples of the latter include the Nicholson (Mss 219), Davis (Mss 236), and Destrehan (Mss 490) Family Papers; Civil War manuscripts such as the Jonathan A. Watkins (Mss 9), L. W. Perce (Mss 77), and Johnson Kelly Duncan (Mss 110) Letters; and collections from the colonial and territorial periods and the War of 1812. The late 19th century and the 20th century are well documented in such major collections as the Joseph Ansoetegui Shakspeare Collection (Mss 96), Anti-Long Propaganda Collection (Mss 112), New Orleans Airport Commission Minute Book (Mss 145), Walle and Company, Ltd., Counter Book (Mss 169), Records of the Repertory Theatre, New Orleans (Mss 192), Gallery Circle Theatre Records (Mss 197), World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition Collection (Mss 214), North, Central, and South American Exposition Collection (Mss 215), Alton Ochsner Papers (Mss 220), Alvin Andrew Callender Papers (Mss 240), Mississippi River Flood of 1927 Insurance Collection (Mss 244), Tobin Family Papers (Mss 249), Fort De La Boulaye Collection (Mss 251), Louisiana Lottery Collection (Mss 302), Pitot-

Le Gardeur Correspondence (Mss 406), and the Records of John G. Weinmann as Commissioner of 1984 New Orleans World's Fair (Mss 407).

During the dozen years since the Collection issued the first number of *Manuscripts Division Update*, technology has drastically improved the accessibility of research materials at the Historic New Orleans Collection and throughout the nation. Our participation in the National Union Catalogue of Manuscript Collections makes information about the Collection's manuscript holdings available at research libraries through RILIN (Research Library Information Network) and OCLC (Online Computer Library Center). Unpublished calendars detailing the Collection's manuscript holdings that were previously available only in the manuscripts division can now be consulted anywhere that scholars have access to the National Inventory of Documentary Sources issued on microfiche by Chadwyck-Healey. And, for the Papers of Pierre Clément Laussat and related collections, the Collection recently published its first detailed calendar.²

In 1995, when the Collection opens its new Research Center in the restored municipal court and police building at 410 Chartres Street, our manuscripts, library, and curatorial divisions will realize a long-awaited dream.

MSS 3. LEMUEL P. CONNER PAPERS, 1907. 3 items.

Natchez attorney Lemuel P. Conner writes to President Theodore Roosevelt on 9 September 1907 proposing a bear hunt in the territory formed by the Cocodra Bayou and Red River on land adjacent to the cotton plantation of W. L. Shaw, Conner's brother-in-law. In his reply dated 12 September 1907, Roosevelt thanks Conner for the invitation and mentions a speech he will be giving in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

MSS 4. JOSEPH ALBRECHT LETTER, 1893. 1 item.

This letter from Joseph Albrecht, Melter and Refiner's Department, Mint of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, to R. S. Rickey, vice-president, Planter's Well Co., New Orleans, gives the results of an analysis of water from a new well.

Working together our curators, archivists, and librarians will provide researchers with access to manuscripts, books, and visual materials in one spacious reading room. Patrons and scholars researching New Orleans and Louisiana history will be able to consult the full range of available evidence in a single location. News of manuscript, library, and curatorial acquisitions will continue to appear in the pages of the *Historic New Orleans Collection Quarterly*, guides to major collections may be published when resources and needs coincide, and Collection holdings will continue to be listed and updated on the Collection's in-house computerized catalogue and for national on-line networks and reference works — but after a successful 13-year run *Manuscripts Division Update* has done its job.

— Jon Kukla, Director

1. The first two issues of *Manuscripts Division Update* were identified as vol. 1, nos. 1 and 2, but in subsequent years one annual issue was published. In 1986 issue numbers were discontinued, and the annual *Manuscripts Division Updates* were identified only by the volume numbers.
2. Jon Kukla, ed., *A Guide to the Papers of Pierre Clément Laussat, Napoleon's Prefect for the Colony of Louisiana, and of General Claude Perrin Victor at the Historic New Orleans Collection* (New Orleans, 1993).

MSS 9. JONATHAN A. WATKINS LETTER, 1861 January 25. 1 item.

Jonathan A. Watkins, New Orleans, writes to Abraham Lincoln urging him to hold a convention that would permanently resolve the issue of slavery by defending it on the grounds of political unity and practical economy.

MSS 10. WILLIAM PRESTON JOHNSTON LETTER, 1886 November 8. 1 item.

William Preston Johnston, president, Tulane University, New Orleans, asks James B. Pond, Everett House, New York City, to recommend speakers for the winter lecture series at Tulane.

MSS 16. WILLIAM DARBY LETTER, 1815 April 7. 1 item.

This letter from William Darby, New Orleans, to Levin Wai-les, Opelousas, Louisiana, describes Andrew Jackson's departure from New Orleans on 6 April 1815. Darby also comments on having received a copy of a pending bill to reduce the army to 20,000 men.

MSS 28. JANE VIRGINIA FLETCHER WILL, 1868 January 21. 1 item.

In her last will and testament, signed and dated at Vidalia, Louisiana, Jane Virginia Fletcher bequeaths all of her worldly goods to Anna Fletcher, wife of her brother John.

MSS 35. GEORGE T. ROSS AFFIDAVIT, 1815 February 14. 1 item.

This affidavit signed by Joseph Pedrage and Christopher Adams concerns the death of Colonel George T. Ross's horse in the Battle of New Orleans. The value of the horse is given as sixty dollars.

MSS 36. TREATY OF GHENT MEMORANDUM, 1815 February 19. 1 item.

Jean Etienne Boré lived on a sugarcane plantation above New Orleans. He served as mayor of New Orleans from 1803 to 1804. This memorandum, dated "At Mons. Boré 12 o'clock on Sunday 19th Feby. 1815," states that Captain Reuben Kemper announced the signing of the peace treaty at Ghent and the surrender of Fort Bowyer (Alabama) to the British and that the news of the surrender was brought by Edward Livingston and Captain White.

MSS 40. CHARLES GIRAULT DISCHARGE, 1862 April 25. 1 item.

The discharge paper of Charles Girault of the First Brigade of Orleans Guards is signed by Captain Victor Burthe of Company D.

MSS 42. GENERAL HOSPITAL FEES BILL, 1863 November 21. 1 item.

This bill issued by Jacob Makle, captain and assistant quartermaster, New Orleans, to H. George is for 39 barrels of molasses at a total of \$9.75.

MSS 43. EDWARD FENNER MILITARY PASS, 1865 January 17. 1 item.

This military pass, issued by the Department of the Gulf, grants Frederick Arnott, master, and his crew of eight men permission to sail the British steamer *Edward Fenner* from New Orleans to Matamoros, Mexico.

MSS 45. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA PASSES, 1867. 2 items.

These blank passes issued by the Confederate States Naval Station, Savannah, Georgia, grant the bearer permission to leave Savannah.

MSS 50. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA RECEIPTS, 1864. 3 items.

This collection consists of receipts issued to J. Fisher and Edward J. Gray for the purchase of registered bonds and an 1863 business tax receipt issued to Dr. Jephtha McKinniy of Greensburg, La.

MSS 53. BANK OF MONROE CHECK, 1884 January 2. 1 item.

This check from the Bank of Monroe made out to F. Hollander & Co. for payment at the State National Bank, New Orleans, is signed by G. A. Singer, cashier, Bank of Monroe, and printed by the Gugler Lith. Co., Milwaukee.

MSS 56. PIERRE AND JEAN LAFITTE COLLECTION, 1813. 3 items.

This collection contains an unsigned request for a letter of marque for the schooner *Diligente*, owned and commanded by Pierre and Jean Lafitte; a roll of the crew of the *Diligente* listing name, rank, age, and birthplace; and a certificate of inspection issued in New Orleans for another vessel owned by the Lafittes.

MSS 60. ROBERT EDWARD LEE COLLECTION, 1868 September 28. 2 items.

Robert E. Lee, Lexington, Virginia, thanks George I. Dicks for naming his son after him and wishes the child a happy and useful life. Included is a photograph of Lee with "Robert E. Lee Dicks with the regard of R. E. Lee" inscribed on the back.

MSS 62. GEORGE WASHINGTON CABLE COLLECTION, n.d. 2 items.

Two holographs by George Washington Cable compose this collection — a draft of the foreword to "Tite Poulette" and Cable's account of an anonymous letter received from a reader of "Tite Poulette."

MSS 63. JOSEPH PENNELL LETTER, 1883 December 23. 1 item.

Joseph Pennell, the Philadelphia-born writer and illustrator of George Washington Cable's *Creoles of Louisiana* (1885), writes to J. B. Pond about the proposed meeting of a Mr. Williams with

George Washington Cable. Pennell also asks about Cable giving readings in Philadelphia.

MSS 67. F[LO] FIELD LETTER, 1934. 1 item.

Flo Field writes to Mrs. O'Keefe concerning *The Story of the Old French Market*, a rare, out-of-print book written by her mother, Martha Reinhard Smallwood Field, as an advertisement for a coffee company.

MSS 70. JOHN RHEA LETTER, 1815 August 23. 1 item.

John Rhea, Sullivan Courthouse, writes to Major General Andrew Jackson regarding the possibility of succeeding Joseph Anderson as U.S. senator from Tennessee. Rhea also comments on newspaper accounts of the Congress of Vienna.

MSS 73. ZACHARIAH FREDERICK SMITH LETTER, 1904 January 14. 1 item.

Zachariah Frederick Smith, Louisville, Kentucky, informs Judge William Henry Seymour that he has sent him a copy of *Southwest Campaign of Jackson and the Battle of New Orleans, 1814-1815*, the Filson Historic Club book of 1904.

MSS 77. L. W. PERCE LETTER, 1862 October 28. 1 item.

L. W. Perce, Carrollton, writes to the commanding officer at Mannings Battery concerning arrangements made under Col. W. J. Shaffer, chief quartermaster, for the latter's transport to Fort Pike by horse, rail, and steamer.

MSS 80. JOHN S. WALTON COMMISSION, 1867 August 10. 1 item.

This presidential commission appoints John S. Walton to assume the duties of treasurer of the branch mint and assistant treasurer of the United States at New Orleans until the judgment of William R. Whitaker is received. Whitaker was suspended from the position by the United States Senate. The commission is signed by President Andrew Johnson and Secretary of State William H. Seward.

MSS 81. JOHN A. SCULL LETTER, 1806 August 5. 1 item.

John A. Scull, Philadelphia, writes to Charles Biddle, Philadelphia, concerning his financial obligations to Biddle and the possible sale of land in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Scull also mentions his new partnership in a printing office in New Orleans.

MSS 83. THOMAS OVERTON MOORE LETTER, 1862 February 17. 1 item.

Thomas Overton Moore, governor of Louisiana, tells General Braxton Bragg, Mobile, Alabama, that the Confederate government is greatly in need of iron. He urges Bragg to forward the

old iron from his plantation to M. L. Smith, major of engineers, New Orleans.

MSS 84. HOBBS FAMILY CHRISTMAS LETTERS, 1959-1974. 18 items.

Morris Henry Hobbs, artist and botanist, lived and worked in New Orleans for many years, producing etchings, watercolors, and drawings. He and his wife, Judy, elaborated on their travels and family activities in their annual "Christmas Letter from Old Louisiana." The collection consists of 16 mechanically reproduced Christmas newsletters, many containing sketches and poems by members of the Hobbs family. Topics include events at the Hobbs home in Mandeville; observations from trips to Costa Rica, Guatemala, and southern Florida; and descriptions of local Louisiana wildlife and flora.

MSS 86. F. MEILLEUR RECEIPT, 1838 July 21. 1 item.

This receipt records payment for a debt in the amount of \$71.50 by the plaintiff in the case of Guesendort vs. U. Wright. The receipt was written and signed by F. Meilleur.

MSS 93. WILLIAM BOBB COLLECTION, 1868-1871. 11 items.

William Bobb worked in the brick-making and sawmill industry in New Orleans. The collection contains a promissory note for the rent on his dwelling at 631 St. Charles, nine bank checks dated between 1868 and 1871, and a notice from the office of F. J. Herron, United States marshal, regarding the bankruptcy of R. C. Cummings & Company.

MSS 95. WILLIAM GREER ARMSTRONG CERTIFICATE, 1891 April 6. 1 item.

This certificate names William Greer Armstrong, a resident student, surgeon in the ambulance service of Charity Hospital. The certificate is signed by Francis T. Nicholls, governor and ex-officio president; C. J. Bickman, vice-president; Albert B. Miles, house surgeon; J. D. Bloom, assistant house surgeon; Edwin Marks, secretary and treasurer; and six administrators. It bears the seal of Charity Hospital, State of Louisiana.

MSS 96. JOSEPH ANSOETEGUI SHAKSPEARE COLLECTION, 1870-1900. 50 items.

Joseph Shakspeare served as mayor of New Orleans from 1880 to 1882 and from 1890 to 1893. This collection contains correspondence to Mayor Shakspeare concerning his opposition to Italian gangsters and correspondence from his secretary, Wright Schaumburg. There are also six letters to Shakspeare's daughter, Nita, and newspaper clippings regarding her reign as

queen of Carnival in 1890 and her father's political career and death.

MSS 105. GEORGE BALDEY LETTER, 1877 March 24.
2 items.

George Baldey, adjutant general of Louisiana under Governor S. B. Packard, responds to a letter dated 19 March 1877 from W. W. Kelly, Port Byron, New York, offering money to the Packard government. Baldey refuses the offer and suggests that support for Packard should come from investors as a loan upon state securities or by purchase of official warrants until the Packard government is recognized by the president of the United States.

MSS 110. JOHNSON KELLY DUNCAN LETTERS, 1861 September 9-1862 April 23. 2 items.

Johnson Kelly Duncan graduated from West Point in 1849. After serving in Florida against the Seminoles, he resigned his army commission in 1855 and moved to New Orleans where he served as chief engineer of the Board of Public Works. He joined the Confederate army during the Civil War and in 1861 became commander of the coast defenses in and around New Orleans, including Forts Jackson and St. Philip. This collection consists of two letters written by Duncan while he was commander of the coast defenses. The letter dated 9 September 1861 describes coast defenses and fortifications and recommends the abandonment of Ship Island; the other letter, written on the eve of the United States Navy's attack on Forts Jackson and St. Philip, concerns the use and placement of the ironclad gunboat *Louisiana*.

MSS 112. ANTI-LONG PROPAGANDA COLLECTION, 1930-1932. 4 items.

The items in this collection relate to the senatorial election of 1930. The collection contains three identical printed broadsides entitled "The Truth Will Bury Huey Long" and a pamphlet entitled *Kidnapped by the Kingfish*, published by Sam Irby, ca. 1932, after his alleged abduction by Long.

MSS 116. JAMES MADISON WELLS APPOINTMENT OF JOHN R. KILBY, 1866 January 27. 1 item.

John R. Kilby's appointment as commissioner of oaths for the State of Louisiana is signed by James Madison Wells, governor, and J. H. Hardy, secretary of state.

MSS 117. HENRY CLAY WARMOTH APPOINTMENT OF JOHN R. KILBY, 1868 December 3. 1 item.

This 1868 appointment of John R. Kilby as commissioner of oaths for the State of Louisiana is signed by Henry Clay Warmoth, governor, and George E. Bovee, secretary of state.

MSS 130. ANDRE BIENVENU ROMAN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT, 1832 April 20. 1 item.

This certificate naming Persifor Frazer Smith an associate judge of the City Court of New Orleans is signed by A. B. Roman, governor, and Thomas T. McCaleb, secretary of state of Louisiana.

MSS 131. WILLIAM P. FULLER LETTER, 1866 April 17.
1 item.

William P. Fuller, president and treasurer of the Detroit Iron-Clad Paint Co., writes to General P. G. T. Beauregard asking for verification of the signal given to commence firing on Fort Sumter on 16 April 1861 and the place from which the signal was given.

MSS 133. PHILIPPE REGIS DENIS DE KEREDERN DE TROBRIAND LETTERS, 1864-1880. 12 items.

Philippe Regis Denis de Keredern de Trobriand (1816-1897), a French lawyer, author, soldier, and *bon vivant*, married an American and moved to New York in 1847. De Trobriand became an American citizen and joined the Union forces in the Civil War, serving as brigadier general of volunteers. He served in New Orleans, continuing to reside in the city after his retirement in 1879. This collection includes letters written to General de Trobriand from Generals David Bell Birney, William Tecumseh Sherman, Winfield Scott Hancock, and Philip Henry Sheridan; two letters from Louis Philippe d'Orléans, comte de Paris; and one from Ernest Duvergier de Hauremine. English, French.

MSS 141. ROBERT FULTON LETTER, 1814 November 18.
1 item.

Robert Fulton, statesman, civil engineer, and inventor, writes to John Livingston, New Orleans, concerning business matters. Fulton mentions that funds are needed to finish work on the *Elna*.

MSS 145. NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTE BOOK, 1925-1958. 1 volume.

The minute book of the New Orleans Airport Commission includes the charter and minutes of the board of directors meetings from the commission's creation in 1925 until title to the airport was transferred to the City of New Orleans in December 1938. Also included are minutes from meetings in 1945 concerning the creation of a memorial to Alvin Callender and George A. Hero, Sr., and from a 1958 meeting concerning the formal dedication of the field to Alvin Callender.

MSS 147. THOMAS KELSO PORTAGE BOOK, 1871-1872.
1 volume.

The portage book of the steamer *Thomas Kelso*, a steel-hulled side-wheeler built in Chester, Pennsylvania, lists the names, positions, and wages of the crew as kept by the purser. Two pages of the book record the same information for the steamer *Francis*.

MSS 151. JAMES WILKINSON LETTER, 1813 March 29.
1 item.

James Wilkinson, commander of the Southern Department, United States Army, writes to Captain John Ballinger, acting commander at Balize, giving military advice on the placement of weapons and troops. Wilkinson also states that he is leaving for two or three weeks, and Colonel Courtant will be in command during his absence.

MSS 153. BERCIER FAMILY PAPERS, 1810-1862. 13 items.

These papers trace the Bercier family from Loir-et-Cher, France, to St. Barthelemy Island, to Guadeloupe, and to New Orleans in the 1830s. During the occupation of New Orleans in 1862, the Bercier family attempted to establish themselves as French and Swedish nationals in order to escape the punitive measures of the Union army. Included in the collection are a certificate of nationality from the consul of France for Ursule Bercier, certificates of nationality from the acting vice-consul of Sweden and Norway for Joseph Bercier and Marie Elizabeth Bercier, French military documents from the empire of Napoleon I, baptismal certificates, passports, marriage certificates, and a military appointment signed by Governor André Roman of Louisiana.

English, French.

MSS 159. SOCIÉTÉ MÉDICALE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS RECORDS, 1818-1820. 3 items.

The Société Médicale de la Nouvelle-Orléans, an outgrowth of the Comité Médical, was created to fight the yellow fever epidemic of 1817. The first officers were Drs. Trabuc, Taillefer, Gros, Gerardin, Conant, and Grandchamps. These records consist of correspondence with Dr. Jean Frederic Lobstein of Strasbourg and a certificate conferring on him the title *Socii-Correspondentis*.

French, Latin.

MSS 162. BRAXTON BRAGG LETTER, 1869 April 15.
2 items.

New Orleans civil engineer and former Confederate General Braxton Bragg writes to Colonel Andrew G. Kellar, Memphis, Tennessee, concerning President Grant's appointment of Gen-

eral James Longstreet as surveyor of customs at New Orleans. Bragg thinks that Longstreet is a scalawag.

MSS 163. JUBAL A. EARLY LETTER, 1887 May 11. 1 item.

Former Confederate General Jubal A. Early explains to Confederate General William Henry Fitzhugh Payne that he cannot accompany him to Europe because his position with the Louisiana lottery requires his presence at the drawings.

MSS 167. WILLIAM KERNAN DART THEATRE RECORD BOOK, 1905-1906. 1 item.

The theatre record book of William Kernan Dart contains sixteen programs from the Orpheum, Crescent, and Tulane Theatres in New Orleans. Included with the programs are Dart's impressions of the plays, his comments on the performances, and criticisms of the actors. Ticket stubs from some of the performances and newspaper clippings about a few of the shows are also in the book. Plays include Shakespeare's tragedy *Richard III* performed by Richard Mansfield and Company; *Raffles*, *The Amateur Cracksman* with Kyle Bellew; and *The Clansman* by Thomas Dixon, Jr.

MSS 169. WALLE AND COMPANY, LTD., COUNTER BOOK, 1919-1926. 1 item.

The Walle and Co. counter book of job-printing orders lists New Orleans businesses and their orders for labels. End papers of the book show full-color samples of labels and different typefaces.

MSS 174. DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY COLLECTION, 1902. 4 items.

Founded in 1894, the Daughters of the Confederacy was organized to benefit veterans of the Civil War and their families and to preserve the "glories of the lost cause." The collection consists of an invitation and tickets to a benefit to raise money for the National Association.

MSS 188. CIVIL WAR ATLAS COLLECTION, 1861-1862.
29 items.

This collection contains Civil War maps that were clipped from contemporary newspapers. The maps, most of which are from unidentified newspapers, depict troop movements and battle sites.

MSS 192. RECORDS OF THE REPERTORY THEATRE, NEW ORLEANS, 1967-1972. 22 linear feet.

The Repertory Theatre was formed in 1966 with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Office of Education. The theatre struggled and eventually closed in 1972.

These records document almost every aspect of its operation, including fund raising, publicity, ticket sales, and costume design.

MSS 197. GALLERY CIRCLE THEATRE RECORDS, 1951-1977. 3,181 items.

Gallery Circle, a theatre-in-the-round, staged nearly 200 plays in New Orleans from 1948 to 1977. The theatre also organized a children's theatre and Arena '67, an experimental theatre group that presented new playwrights, new forms of theatre, and avant-garde productions. The records consist of correspondence, financial records, reviews, publicity material, and a large collection of scripts, some of which have been annotated by directors, technicians, and actors.

MSS 207. ALEXANDER COCHRANE PERMIT TO PASS, 1815. 1 item.

Signed by Admiral Alexander Cochrane, this permit to pass instructed the officers of the British navy to permit François Lambert, a French citizen, to travel between Havana and New Orleans on any neutral vessel.

MSS 214. WORLD'S INDUSTRIAL AND COTTON CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION COLLECTION, 1883-1885. 19 items.

The World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition was held in New Orleans from 16 December 1884 to 2 June 1885. The collection includes correspondence, notices, programs, receipts, a magazine article, and a gate pass.

MSS 215. NORTH, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH AMERICAN EXPOSITION COLLECTION, 1883-1885. 7 items.

The North, Central, and South American Exposition, more popularly referred to as the American Exposition, was held in New Orleans from November 1885 to March 1886 as a successor to the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition. The collection includes correspondence, programs, announcements, and an exposition newspaper entitled the *North, Central, and South American Gazette*.

MSS 217. JOHN WILDS RESEARCH NOTES, 1976. 3,969 items.

These notes were taken by John Wilds, former city editor of the *New Orleans States-Item*, while researching *Afternoon Story: A Century of the New Orleans States-Item* (Louisiana State University Press, 1976). The notes concern the newspaper's history, as well as events covered by the paper.

MSS 219. NICHOLSON FAMILY PAPERS, 1884-1962. 2,318 items.

Eliza Jane Nicholson was the first woman publisher of a major daily newspaper in the United States. With her second husband, George Nicholson, serving as business manager, she ran the *Times-Picayune* from 1876 until her death in 1896, bringing the paper from bankruptcy to financial success. These papers focus on Mrs. Nicholson's publishing career and on her work as a poet ("Pearl Rivers"). Also included are records of the *Times Picayune* from the late 1940s until the takeover of the newspaper from the Nicholson family by Samuel I. Newhouse in 1962.

MSS 220. ALTON OCHSNER PAPERS, ca. 1954-1981. 200 linear feet.

Dr. Edward William Alton Ochsner was a pioneer in the identification of cigarette smoking as a cause of lung cancer and heart disease and was one of the founders of the Ochsner Clinic and Ochsner Foundation Hospital. These papers include correspondence, journals, minutes of meetings, research notes, manuscripts of published material, memorabilia, and materials relating to Dr. Ochsner's various affiliations, including the Information Council of the Americas and the International House of New Orleans. The papers document Dr. Ochsner's medical career, research interests, and community activities, but do not include medical records of patients.

MSS 224. INSURANCE POLICIES COLLECTION, 1795-1937. 65 items.

This collection includes insurance policies issued by companies in Louisiana, the northeastern United States, and Great Britain. The policies insure a wide range of items including dry goods, clothing, dwellings, cotton, barns, stables, bedding, household furniture, kitchens, bakeries, servants quarters, a machine shop, and a gin house. Also included are receipts, personal letters, and an article from an unidentified newspaper describing the growth of fire insurance companies in New Orleans. English, German.

MSS 230. JAMES WILKINSON LETTERS, 1790-1810. 4 items.

Prior to his term as governor of the Louisiana Territory, James Wilkinson served as co-commissioner, with William C. C. Claiborne, at the 1803 transfer of Louisiana from France to the United States. In these letters Wilkinson describes his part in the transfer. He also discusses the constitutionality of congressional investigations of nonimpeachable officials.

MSS 231. THE PORT HUDSON FORLORN HOPE STORMING COLUMN COLLECTION, 1888. 3 items.

The Forlorn Hope Storming Column was a group of volunteers from the 19th Union Army Corp who constructed a bridge over the ditch in front of the Confederate breastworks in order to facilitate the storming of the fort during the siege of Port Hudson (27 May 1863-8 July 1863). Included in the collection are a roster of volunteers, a list of volunteer officers, and an envelope from the office of the secretary of the Port Hudson Forlorn Hope Association issued on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the siege of Port Hudson.

MSS 232. CONFEDERATE INTEREST SCRAPBOOK, 1873. 1 item.

This fragment of a scrapbook contains newspaper clippings of poems about the Civil War and a newspaper article describing the experiences of a former Confederate artillery officer at the Battle of Appomattox.

MSS 234. GEORGE HICKS COLLECTION, 1865. 3 items.

This collection contains an oath of allegiance taken by George Hicks in 1865, a fragment of a flag which may have belonged to the Tiger Zouaves, and a newspaper article written by *States-Item* columnist Charles L. Defour tracing the history of the Tiger Zouaves from their formation to their disbandment in 1865.

MSS 236. DAVIS FAMILY PAPERS, 1868-1906. 23 items.

The Davis Family Papers consist primarily of letters from Varina Howell Davis, wife of Jefferson Davis, to David Pell Secor of Connecticut. The letters provide insight into the life of Varina Davis after the Civil War. She mentions the social activities of her daughter, Winnie, and the state of her family's health. Letters written after her husband's death in 1889 originate from New York and concern the dilapidated state of Beauvoir House, her failing health, and her financial situation.

MSS 238. GEORGE A. PIERCE COLLECTION, 1862-1866. 96 items.

Colonel George A. Pierce served as inspector quartermaster, Department of the Gulf, United States Army, during the Civil War. This collection includes letters, official correspondence, and financial documents relating to his service, as well as an extract from a journal of an unidentified Union soldier that gives a first-hand account of the siege of Vicksburg.

MSS 240. ALVIN ANDREW CALLENDER PAPERS, 1843-1977. 147 items.

Alvin Andrew Callender, a native of New Orleans and graduate of Tulane University, was a member of the Canadian

Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Air Force of Great Britain during World War I. These papers consist primarily of Callender's personal correspondence relating to his wartime experiences. The collection also includes letters of condolence sent to Callender's mother after he was shot down over France in October 1918, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other miscellaneous items. English, German.

MSS 244. MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLOOD OF 1927 INSURANCE COLLECTION, 1927. 83 items.

The bulk of this collection consists of reports and bulletins regarding the status of certain cities and towns in Mississippi and the potential hazards caused by the 1927 flood. Correspondence between New Orleans insurance companies and their principal holders in the flooded areas of Mississippi is also included.

MSS 249. TOBIN FAMILY PAPERS, 1860-1943. 327 items.

The Tobin Family Papers consist of financial records relating to the building and maintenance of John W. Tobin's steamboats and correspondence pertaining to his activities as a steamboat captain and owner. The papers also contain family correspondence, photographs, legal documents, and the letters of John Frank Pargoud, a close friend of Tobin's.

MSS 251. FORT DE LA BOULAYE COLLECTION, 1932-1969. 72 items.

Fort de la Boulaye, located on the Mississippi River near present-day Phoenix, Louisiana, was constructed in 1700 to protect French interests in the lower Mississippi Valley from British incursions. Periodic flooding caused the abandonment of the fort seven years later. In 1933, after a number of expeditions, a group of four history enthusiasts — Maurice Ries, Albert Lieutaud, Gordon Callender, and Prescott H. F. Follet — discovered the exact site of the fort and recovered artifacts. This collection contains reports, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs that document how the fort was located. English, French.

MSS 252. G. WILLIAM NOTT PAPERS, 1897-1972. 322 items.

George William Nott was a faculty member of Soulé College in New Orleans from 1923 through 1973 and served as director of the college's language school. In addition to typescripts of articles written by Nott, the collection contains 34 letters and notes from such notables as Grace King, Dorothy Dix, Archibald Henderson, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Albert Einstein.

MSS 254. DANIEL RUGGLES LETTER, 1862 September 11. 1 item.

Brigadier General Daniel Ruggles, C.S.A., (1810-1897) writes to Brigadier General Samuel Cooper, C.S.A., (1798-1876) regarding the possibility of the recapture of New Orleans by Confederate forces. Ruggles comments on the condition of the federal forces occupying the city, stating that they are "greatly demoralized and enfeebled by sickness." He also outlines the city's defenses and proposes a plan to recapture the city.

MSS 256. JAMES WILLIAM PORCH COLLECTION, 1879-1921. 251 items.

In 1898 James William Porch moved to New Orleans as the local manager of the Lukens Steel Company of Philadelphia. A leading figure in the commercial development of New Orleans, Porch helped advance the idea of a Public Belt Railroad system and was active in the New Orleans Board of Trade and the New Orleans Progressive Union. President Taft appointed Porch to represent the United States at the Fifth International Congress of Chambers of Commerce and Commercial and Industrial Associations. This collection contains documents and reports from that meeting. Other items include business documents, correspondence, photographs, and scrapbooks of newspaper clippings. English, French.

MSS 263. JARED YOUNG SANDERS PAPERS, 1916. 4 items.

Jared Young Sanders served as governor of Louisiana from 1908 to 1912 and as a U.S. congressman from 1917 to 1921. Two letters regarding his election to Congress, a certificate commemorating his election, and an undated photograph of Sanders make up this collection.

MSS 288. SAMUEL B. JONES PAPERS, 1863-1909. 9 items.

Colonel Samuel B. Jones served as commander of Company C of the 78th Federal Regiment at Port Hudson, Louisiana. His papers include muster rolls, pension claims, a sketch of his brigade headquarters at Port Hudson, obituaries, and two letters regarding his Civil War experiences.

MSS 291. MORGAN-FALCONER FAMILY PAPERS, 1827-1905. 291 items, 4 volumes.

Aurora Morgan, wife of Dr. William R. Falconer, was the daughter of Charles Morgan, a prominent planter and member of the first state legislature. These papers deal primarily with her family and provide colorful insights into daily life in the 19th-century South. Included are business receipts, correspondence, diaries, and family documents. Of particular interest are the Civil War letters of Aurora's son Ramsay which give vivid descriptions

of military camp life and Aurora's diary in which she recorded household events, weather patterns, and the level of the Mississippi River.

English, French.

MSS 293. VON MEYSENBUG-LYONS FAMILY PAPERS, 1859-1983. 532 items.

Louise Quentell von Meysenbug, a native of New Orleans, collected correspondence, programs, photographs, carnival invitations, and sheet music. Many of these items bear the signatures of noteworthy performing artists, composers, writers, and scientists. The signatures of Anton Rubinstein, Richard Wagner, Thornton Wilder, and Albert Einstein are among those in the collection.

English, French, German.

MSS 299. M. A. DUNN DIARY, 1877-ca. 1887. 1 item.

The daily entries in this diary describe Dunn's medical practice in Montgomery, Louisiana. He discusses treatments for liver ailments and pneumonia and on several occasions mentions the 1878 yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans.

MSS 301. LOUIS MOREAU GOTTSCHALK LETTER, 1869 February 9. 1 item.

Pianist and composer Louis Moreau Gottschalk wrote this letter while visiting San Isidro, Peru. He comments on the Peruvian Civil War, the climate, and religious practices. Gottschalk also mentions a recent concert tour of California that was marred by physical hardship and poor audiences and tours of Argentina and Chile that were comparatively successful. French.

MSS 302. LOUISIANA LOTTERY COLLECTION, 1877-1902. 12 items.

This collection contains Louisiana State Lottery Company tickets, prize circulars, and pamphlets. Of particular interest is *The Cornucopia of Old, The Lottery Wheel of the New: The Generous and Tender Hand-Maiden of All the Virtues: A Historical Resumé*, an 1877 pro-lottery pamphlet that reviews previous lotteries and their benefits.

MSS 358. JOHN P. JONES APPOINTMENTS, 1813-1820. 3 items.

John P. Jones served in the First Regiment of the Louisiana Militia. The collection consists of official appointments received by Jones to various posts within the regiment. The appointments mark the promotion of Jones from first lieutenant to major and are signed by Governors William C. C. Claiborne and Jacques Philippe Villeré.

MSS 361. BOULIGNY-GENIN FAMILY PAPERS, 1769-1912. 39 items.

Louis Bouigny, a distinguished Louisiana soldier, planter, and politician, was the son of Francisco Bouigny, a military leader in New Orleans during Spanish rule. This collection consists of correspondence and legal documents of Louis Bouigny's ancestors and descendants and documentation on land holdings of the Dauterive family.
English, French, Spanish.

MSS 367. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CEMETERY, THIRD DISTRICT, TOMB MAINTENANCE RECEIPTS, 1902-1903. 2 items.

St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery is a private cemetery that was acquired by Jose "Pépe" Llula in 1857. The cemetery remained in the Llula family until it was sold to Albert L. Stewart in 1910. The collection contains two receipts for the whitewashing of a tomb signed by M. Suarez.

MSS 373. PALETOU APPRAISAL FILES, ca. 1930-1962. ca. 17,200 items.

The realty firm of J. Wallace Paletou maintained a card file of property sales arranged by street address. Each card notes the date of sale and the purchase price. Sometimes an image of the property and a brief description are attached to the card. The cards refer to property in Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard Parishes and were used to help determine property values.

MSS 381. EVELINA BREAUD COPYBOOK, 1893. 1 item.

This copybook belonged to Evelina Breaud, a schoolgirl at the Convent of Perpetual Adoration in St. James, Louisiana. The book contains the lyrics to two songs, "Comrades" and "Ma Petit Maison," as well as miscellaneous notes.
English, French.

MSS 403. GUY SEGHERS SURVEY FILES, ca. 1810-1920. 157.5 linear feet.

These files consist of maps, surveys, elevations, plats, and some property records created or collected by Guy Seghers and Associates, a leading land-surveying firm. The records have been maintained in original order and can be accessed by district and square.

MSS 406. PITOT-LE GARDEUR CORRESPONDENCE, 1962-1971. 1 item, 4 volumes.

The correspondence between Henry C. Pitot, insurance executive, and René J. Le Gardeur, Jr., president of Southport Manufacturing Co., covers a multitude of subjects. Both men had a passion for Louisiana history which is evident in the letters.

Other topics discussed include politics, restoration of the Pitot House on Bayou St. John, and their European ancestors. Also included is an analytical index of their correspondence composed by Pitot.

English, French.

MSS 407. RECORDS OF JOHN G. WEINMANN AS COMMISSIONER OF 1984 NEW ORLEANS WORLD'S FAIR, 1983-1984. 10.5 linear feet.

President Ronald Reagan appointed New Orleans lawyer and diplomat John Giffen Weinmann U.S. commissioner general for the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition. Weinmann's personal records as commissioner of the fair include correspondence, monthly status reports, financial documents, procedures, photographs, and fair memorabilia.

MSS 408. BARTHELEMY LAFON SURVEY BOOKS, ca. 1806-1819. 2 volumes.

Barthélémy Lafon was an architect, engineer, city planner, and surveyor. As deputy surveyor of Orleans Parish from 1806 to 1809, Lafon subdivided Faubourg Marigny and Faubourg Annunciation and designed a plan for Donaldsonville. Volumes I and II of Lafon's surveys make up this collection. The volumes contain surveys of property in the French Quarter, the Bayou St. John area, Faubourgs St. Mary and Marigny, and St. Charles, St. John, and St. James Parishes.

English, French.

MSS 432. GILMORE FAMILY PAPERS, 1877-1910. 4 items, 1 volume.

Included in these papers is the Gilmore family housekeeping book which contains recipes, remedies for ailments, instructions for routine household maintenance, and financial records of Foley Plantation. Also included are newspaper clippings regarding the death of attorney and congressman Samuel L. Gilmore in 1910.

MSS 435. LUDLOW MANOR PAPERS, 1777-1966. 27 items.

The Ludlow Manor Papers contain mortgage papers and legal documents relating to the home built by John S. Ludlow at 2021 Brainard St. The papers also contain family and business correspondence, legal documents, receipts relating to the Ludlow family, and genealogical notes on the Sidle family. There is a letter dated 11 August 1777 from James Mingies, London, to his mother about the uncertainty of his travel plans and return to America because of the war.

MSS 440. LENNOX PAPERS, 1883-1899. 4 items.

Included in these papers are two letters written by "Sallie" to her "Cousin Alice" discussing illness in the family and the

difficulty her father has had in finding work; a letter written to Colonel Manuel Garcia of Havana, Cuba, regarding financial matters; and an undated newspaper clipping of a photograph of the "Shorthand Graduates of Soulé's College."

English, French.

MSS 449. FRANK ADAIR MONROE COLLECTION,

ca. 1860-1927. 3 items.

Frank Adair Monroe served on the Louisiana Supreme Court from 1899 to 1921, serving as chief justice from 1914. Included in the collection are an autograph book with signatures of public figures of the 1860s, an undated photograph of the justices, and a booklet of extracts from court proceedings, *Chief Justice Frank Adair Monroe*, in honor of his retirement on 2 January 1922.

MSS 467. HENRY WARE PAPERS, 1854-1900. 249 items.

Henry Ware (1813-1898) lived in Pass Christian, Mississippi. With his sons, Richard and William, he owned and operated H. Ware and Son, Cotton and Wool Factors in New Orleans. The collection consists of correspondence, financial and legal documents, newspaper clippings, photographs, drawings, and genealogical material.

MSS 474. FRANK A. BARTLETT FAMILY PAPERS, 1859-

1891. 14 items.

Frank A. Bartlett, a newspaperman in New Orleans from 1850 to 1891, served as a colonel in the Confederate army. These papers include correspondence, certificates, grade reports, and obituaries relating to Frank A. Bartlett, his wife Emma, and their son Aubrey. Also included is a letter to "The Citizens of New Orleans" from Louisiana Governor Henry W. Allen dated 30 January 1864 exhorting New Orleanians not to allow the indignities of Federal occupation to weaken their spirits.

MSS 476. TOLEDANO SOUTHERN HISTORY COLLECTION, ca. 1820-1929. 303 items, 4 volumes.

This collection contains correspondence, receipts, financial documents, and broadsides. Of particular interest is a telegram from Lieutenant General William J. Hardee, C.S.A., to General Joseph E. Johnston, C.S.A., concerning the movement of Hardee's troops from Cheraw, South Carolina, to Rockingham, North Carolina. The telegram was sent one month before Hardee surrendered in North Carolina. Also included are the John McClure and Basil Thompson collections which contain original manuscripts of literary works by McClure and Thompson, two poets instrumental in the founding of the *Double Dealer*.

MSS 488. COLONIAL FRENCH LOUISIANA LETTER COLLECTION, 1642-1802. 3 items.

This collection consists of a letter dated 6 July 1642 from Louis XIII of France to Monsieur de Polier, a letter to Lieutenant General Comte de Merci dated 8 August 1747 informing him that rations are being sent, and a letter dated 4 July 1802 from Charles Victor Emmanuel LeClerc requesting a report on the ecclesiastical tribunal.

French.

MSS 489. BONZANO FAMILY PAPERS, 1862-1949.

22 items.

President James K. Polk appointed Dr. Maximilian Ferdinand Bonzano to the position of melter and refiner of the New Orleans Mint in 1848. After holding various positions at the Mint, Bonzano retired to the Hermitage, formerly Macarty Plantation, in 1883. Included in these papers are photographs of Dr. Bonzano's parlor and private rail car and his diary which chronicles the last five years of his life, 1889-1894, and provides insights into events such as an 1889 riot in Gretna, the 25th anniversary of Lincoln's assassination in 1890, and the Hennessy affair in 1891.

English, German.

MSS 490. DESTREHAN FAMILY PAPERS, ca. 1830-1884.

11 items.

These papers concern Nicolas Noël Destrehan and his four children, Louise, Adseide Adèle, Nicholas Azby, and Eliza. There are two letters from Nicolas Noël Destrehan to his daughters at school in St. Louis, two extracts from the register of baptisms concerning Louise Destrehan, two true copies of an act of sale partitioning the estate of Nicolas Noël, a plat showing the division of his property among his four children, and a notebook he used to record the birth and death dates of family members.

English, French.

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MANUSCRIPTS STAFF NEWS

M. Theresa LeFevre has been named registrar of manuscripts. Sara J. Holmes has joined the staff as a reference archivist, and Nancy Ruck has joined the staff as a manuscripts assistant.

Dr. Joseph D. Scott, formerly registrar of manuscripts, has taken the position of coordinator of the Career Information Center at Louisiana State University. Marie Louise Martin, formerly a reference archivist, has left the department to further her studies.

The manuscripts division is fortunate to have the services of a number of volunteers—Lawrence C. Barthe, Dr. Harry Redman, Jr., Dr. George Reinecke, Dan B. Ross, and Laura Sitges. The staff extends sympathy to the family and friends of the late Charles “Chic” Sale, manuscripts division volunteer.