

HAZEL AND NELLIE ELLIS FAMILY PAPERS

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Inventory

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Summary

Size. 5,451 items, 15 volumes.

Geographic locations. New Orleans, La., Arkansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Pennsylvania

Inclusive dates. 1848-1938.

Bulk dates. 1903-1911.

Languages. English, French.

Summary. Correspondence, legal documents, financial records, printed items, photographs.

Access. No restrictions.

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Citation. Hazel and Nellie Ellis Family Papers, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Stack location. U:67-90, G:1

Arrangement. Chronological order.

Biographical/Historical Note

Hazel and Nellie Ellis were members of the Caswell Prewitt Ellis family of Montgomery, Alabama, and New Orleans, Louisiana. In the 1880's their father, Caswell Prewitt Ellis, son of R. M. Ellis, found employment as a cotton broker with the firm J. D. Peet and Co. of New Orleans. In 1886 he entered into a partnership with Jules Janin for the wholesale merchandising of grocery staples, but later returned to cotton brokering, later becoming a partner and subsequently successor to J. D. Peet and Co. Their uncle Richard W. Ellis was also employed in New Orleans as an agent for a pulley covering firm. Hazel and Nellie resided in New Orleans, but attended school in Pennsylvania.

Scope and Content Note

Personal correspondence and papers of Ellis family members comprise this collection. Early papers, some in French, include receipts, legal documents relating to the affairs of Benjamin Webre and family, printed booklets concerning medical conditions, a stock certificate for the Mountain View Mining Co., and correspondence. Letters to R. W. Ellis pertain to a patent for his "crowned pulley covering" (1887), other letters for the period ending about 1890 indicate the various occupations of Richard W. and Caswell P. Ellis. Correspondence of Junius Jordan of Pine Bluff, Fayetteville and Little Rock, Arkansas, to Richard W. Ellis span the period of 1886-1904, and that of Mary A. Sanders of Patterson cover the time of 1888-1895. The correspondence of Richard W. Ellis diminishes in the early 1900's, with only a few until his death in 1910.

The majority of the correspondence relates to family matters, news of friends, health, and social events. Letters of Hazel Ellis begin in the 1895 and along with those of Caswell P., Jr. and Erl Ellis, her older brothers, and form an appreciable part of the correspondence. After 1900, with the addition of Nellie Ellis' letters, this group of letters constitutes the bulk of the collection. A considerable number of letters in the first years of the century concern Erl's death in 1901 and Hazel's trip abroad in 1902.

The largest portion of the collection centers around the 1900-1909. The attendance of the girls at Ogontz School in Pennsylvania is marked by letters, programs, invitations, bills, and receipts. Vacations spent at Magnolia, Massachusetts; Pass Christian, Mississippi; and other summer resorts are reflected in the papers of this period. Much of material of 1905 consists of items pertaining to social events related to Hazel when she was Queen of the Mardi Gras; items include letters, programs, and invitations to balls and parties. With the exception of some letters of parents and two younger boys, Richard and Walker, the correspondence is almost exclusively

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that of Hazel and Nellie. Letters written by various suitors to Hazel include Francis Kemble of Pennsylvania (1905-1910); Herbert Bonifield (1907-0909) and Joseph M. Woodward, later her husband, (1906-1911) and letters of Sam Crocker of Fitchburg, Mass. to Nellie (1906-1907). There is also correspondence of Richard Ellis and Elise Urquhart of New Orleans, and a large amount of undated correspondence written by various individuals.

Miscellaneous items (undated) include postcards, announcements, visiting cards, business cards, greeting cards, and invitations to social events. Also among the miscellaneous items are printed advertisements in the form of letters, pamphlet, and broadsides, and theater and concert programs. Printed items also contain published volumes that include *Colonel W. De Basil's Ballets Russes*, and *The Copley Prints* (1897). Manuscript volumes consist of a cash book (1898-1899); day book (1898-1899); journal (1898-1899); ledger (1898-1899); a notes and bills register (1898-1899); various notebooks; and a minute book of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity (1900-1901). In addition, there are several photographs comprised mostly of unidentified and undated cabinet cards (ca. 1880's).

Index Terms

Bonifield, Herbert
Crocker, Sam
Ellis, Caswell P., Jr.
Ellis, Nellie
Ellis, Caswell P.
Ellis, Richard
Ellis, Richard W.
J. D. Peet and Company
Jordan, Junius
Kemble, Francis
Mardi Gras
Massachusetts
Mississippi
New Orleans, La.
Ogontz School
Pass Christian, Miss.
Pennsylvania
Pulleys
Sanders, Mary A.
Urrquhart, Elise
Woodward, Joseph M.

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Container List

<u>Stack location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>
U:67	1	1848-1889.
	2	1890-1892.
U:68	3	1893-1899.
	4	1900:Jan.-1901:July.
U:69	5	1901:Aug.-Sept.
	6	1901:Oct.-Dec.
	7	1902:Jan.-July 14.
U:70	8	1902:July 15-Sept.
U:71	9	1902:Oct.-Dec.
	10	1903:Jan.-Mar.
U:72	11	1903:Apr.-June.
	12	1903:July-Sept.
U:73	13	1903:Oct.-Dec.
	14	1904:Jan.-Mar.
	15	1904:Apr.-June.
U:74	16	1904:July-Dec.
U:75	17	1905:Jan.-July
	18	1905:Aug.-Oct.
U:76	19	1905:Nov.-Dec.
	20	1906:Jan.-Feb.
U:77	21	1906:Mar.-July.
	22A	1906:Aug.-Sept. 11
	22B	1906:Sept. 12-30.

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U:78	23	1906:Oct.
	24	1906:Nov.
U:79	25a	1906:Dec.-1907:Jan. 20.
	25b	1907:Jan. 21-Feb.
	26a	1907:Mar.-May.
	26b	1907:June.
U:80	27	1907:July-Aug.
	28	1907:Sept.-Dec.
U:81	29	1908:Jan.-Mar.
	30a	1908:Apr.-May.
	30b	1908:June.
U:82	31	1908:July-Sept.
	32	1908:Oct.-Dec.
U:83	33a	1909:Jan.-Feb.
	33b	1909:Mar.-Apr.
	34	1909:May-Aug.
U:84	35a	1909:Sept.-Nov. 15.
	35b	1909:Nov. 16-Dec.
	36	1910:Jan.-June.
U:85	37	1910:July-Oct.
	38	1910:Nov.-Dec.
U:86	39	1911:Jan.-Mar.
	40	1911-1929.
U:87	41a	Correspondence (undated).
	41b	Correspondence (undated).
	42a	Correspondence (undated).
	42b	Correspondence (undated).
U:88	43	Miscellaneous (undated).

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U:88	44a	Miscellaneous (undated).
	44b	Miscellaneous (undated).
U:89	45	Photographs (1879, undated).
	46	Invitations (undated).
U:90	47	Invitations (undated)
	48a	Invitations (undated), miscellaneous (undated).
	48b	Invitations (undated), miscellaneous (undated).

Manuscript volumes

Stack location	Volume	Contents	
G:5	v. 1	Cash book (1898-1899).	
	v. 2	Day book (1898-1899).	
	v. 3	Journal (1898-1899).	
	v. 4	Ledger (1898-1899).	
	v. 5	Notes and bills register (1898-1899).	
	v. 6	Minute book, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity (1898-1899).	
	v. 7-8		Notebooks (1899, undated)

Printed volumes

G:5	v. 10	<i>Americana</i> . Catalogue 192 (1932).
	v. 11	<i>Casino Theatre and Roof Garden</i> (undated).
U:90	v. 12	Booklet, <i>Colonel W. de Basil Ballets Russes</i>
G:5	v. 13	<i>The Copley Prints</i> (1897).
	v. 14	<i>Student's Handbook</i> . Tulane University (1896).
	v. 15	<i>The Wooden Hen</i> .