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SUMMARY

Size. 2 linear feet (740 items, including 3 manuscript volumes, 58 printed volumes).

Geographic

Louisiana.

Locations.

Inclusive dates. 1829-1937.

Bulk dates. 1829-1859; 1889-1900 (Badin Papers).

Languages. English, French, Spanish.

Summary. Antebellum materials are business papers of Celestin and Michel LaCaze,

"mulatres libres" of Isle Brevelle, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, consisting of receipts and bills for goods and taxes. The Badin papers comprise personal and business correspondence of Norbert Badin (d. 1903) and family, relating primarily to family matters and the cotton trade. Badin was a planter and a free man of color who lived in the Cane River community of Melrose, in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. Also included are financial and legal papers, a manuscript journal, a notebook, a memo book, elementary school writings books, and printed items (primarily advertising and promotional materials).

Related

Metoyer (Adeleda) Papers, Mss. 836; Metoyer (Auguste) Papers, Mss. 871.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The Badin family was the oldest family of free people of color of Creole ancestry and their descendants who lived in the Cane River colony, a large community of free people of color in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. The family is descended from the enslaved persons of Pierre Badin, a planter of tobacco from Thorigne, France in the diocese of Poitiers. In 1791, Pierre manumitted all twenty enslaved persons in his possession. The freed slaves continued to live with Pierre and adopted his surname. Prior to Pierre's death in 1805, he drafted a will naming his former enslaved persons as his legatees.

Norbert Badin (approximately 1830-1903) was born a free person of color and lived in the Cane River settlement, a large community of free people of color in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. Badin and his family were planters and landowners who owned rental property on Bayou Bourbraux. Badin's ancestors were formally the enslaved persons of Pierre Badin.

Norbert Badin married Sylvia Phermance (born approximately 1835), who was also a free person of color. Their children included Zeline (born approximately 1860), Oscarine (born approximately 1862), Justinian L. (born approximately 1866), Pascali (born approximately 1868), Augustine, and Nerestin. The couple had a daughter who became a Catholic nun at the Holy Family Convent in New Orleans and took the name Sister Mary Celestine.

Zeline Badin married Joseph Roque, a descendent of Marie Thérèse Coincoin, in 1893. The couple lived in the Badin-Roque House, an early colonial bousillage home built by Jean Baptiste Metoyer. Oscarine Badin married Edgar Antee (died 1938, sometimes spelled "Anty), and the couple had at least one child, a son named Edward (born approximately 1894). Edward Antee married Ethel Moran (born approximately 1898) of Melrose, Louisiana. The couple had a number of children, including Joe and Tony Antee.

Badin and his descendants appear to have stayed in the Cane River (Isle Brevelle) area of Natchitoches Parish during the creation of the papers, with the exception of Joe and Tony Antee, who corresponded from Beaumont, Texas and Mansfield, Ohio, respectively. Their great-aunt, Zeline Badin Roque, lived in Natchez, Louisiana.

The family connection between the Badins and the LaCaze brothers is not clear. Celestin (born July 18, 1798) and Michel (born April 12, 1801) LaCaze (also spelled Cassa, Lacases, Cassard, and Lacase) were the sons of an enslaved woman named Rosalie who was the property of a white planter of Little River named Jacques LaCaze. The identity of their father is not known. The brothers are described as "mulatres libres." Michel LaCaze married a free woman of color named Marie Delphine Laisa, on October 24, 1831. Celestin married Elisa Rouquier on March 22, 1835.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Early papers (1829-1856) relate to the brothers Celestin and Michel LaCaze; the majority are in French. They contain a tax receipt, bills and receipts for various goods, and one receipt that was issued to their mother Rosalie, an enslaved woman. Many of these papers mention the names of other free people of color from the Cane River colony who were merchants to the community, including Auguste Metoyer.

Correspondence, financial and legal papers of Norbert Badin, his extended family, and their descendants make up a large part of the collection. The personal correspondence (1882-1937) reflects day-to-day life and common concerns of the Badins, their extended family, and their friends in the community. Many letters are from Pauline and Gabriel Metoyer, of Campti, Louisiana, to Norbert and other members of the Badin family (1889-1929).

The financial correspondence and papers (1873-1934) include bills and receipts for goods and services, statements of account, cotton receipts, and transactional correspondence concerning the cotton trade. Much of the correspondence is from cotton factors in New Orleans including R. M. Walmsley & Co. (1888-1891), their successor S. P. Walmsley & Co. (1893), John T. Hardie & Co. (1894-1895), their successor Wm. T. Hardie & Co. (1895-1902), and later A. J. Forstall & Co. (1902-1904). There is also correspondence from James McCook, from whom Badin leased land (1888, 1890). There are only five legal documents.

Various other materials include verses and lyrics, a report card of Tony Antee (1919-1920), a small letterbook belonging to J. L. Badin (1890), elementary school writing books and printed materials mostly of a promotional nature. Also included is a manuscript journal, which has the name of H. A. Thompsen etched on the cover, Horace Thompson written inside, and the name W. E. Wakefield of New Orleans written on the inside back cover; it appears to have been used by more than one person. The journal contains expenditures and receipts of Boy Jack and Harriet Permelia Woods from 1858; personal journal entries from 1904 of an employee of the Charles A. Kaufman Co. of New Orleans, Louisiana; a list of names with height, age, and degree of skin color specified; various other lists and pages of drawings including some of Theodore Roosevelt; lists broken down by girls and boys; lists of categories entitled waists, Scientific American, positions 1904; and a list of supplies used. A full list of published items can be found in the series descriptions.

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SUBGROUP AND SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Subgroup 1. LaCaze Papers, 1824-1856. (42 items)

Business papers of Celestin and Michel LaCaze, "mulatres libres," of Isle Brevelle, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, consisting of bills and receipts for various goods. All but three items are in French.

Subgroup 2. Badin Family Papers, 1867-1937.

Series I. Personal Correspondence, 1882-1937. (123 items)

Includes letters from a variety of correspondents from throughout Louisiana, including New Orleans and towns along or near the Cane River. A few letters are from correspondents living or working in Texas, Ohio, and Illinois. Personal correspondence primarily concerns family news of health, crops, local happenings, and mutual friends. There is a series of letters spanning the years 1889-1896 to Norbert and the years 1901-1906 to J. L. Badin from Gabriel and Pauline Metoyer. Two letters (1910, 1911), to Mrs. Norbert Badin, are from her daughter Sister Mary Celestine of the Holy Family Convent in New Orleans. This correspondence, with the exception of one letter in Spanish, is in English.

Series II. Financial Correspondence and Papers, 1872-1934. (313 items)

Includes bills and receipts, statements of account, cotton receipts, cotton market reports, and correspondence with New Orleans cotton factors R. M. Walmsley & Co. (1888-1891), John T. Hardie & Co. (1894-1895), and later A. J. Forstall & Co. (1902-1904). Letters from James McCook (1888 and 1890) concern land leased from him by Badin. Two letters refer to land owned and leased by Norbert Badin on Bayou Bourbraux (1888 and 1890).

Series III. Legal Documents, 1867-1919, undated. (5 items)

Includes an Oath of Citizenship for Celestan Loquell (1867), two notices of nonpayment of sight drafts drawn on the account of Norbert Badin (1890), a life insurance policy in the name of Ethel Antee of Melrose, Louisiana (1919), and a record of baptisms of the children of Pierre Robin and Agatha Metoyer signed by Father A. Dupré (1882, 1884, 1886).

Series IV. Miscellaneous Material, 1890-1921, undated. (20 items)

Includes lyrics and verses (1890-1899, undated), a drawing of a house (undated), three elementary school writing books (1891, 1914), and a report card for Tony Antee (1919). A memorandum book (1890) contains what appear to be letters written by someone at Melrose as practice for writing. A journal (1856-1904) used by Horace A. Thompsen (or Thompson), W. E.

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Wakefield of New Orleans, and possibly others, is also present. The journal contains various lists of names, including one specifying height, age, and degree of skin color; expenditures and receipts of Boy Jack and Harriet Permelia Woods from 1858; personal journal entries from 1904 of an employee of the Charles A. Kaufman Co., New Orleans; lists of categories entitled waists (possibly referring to shirtwaists sewn); Scientific American, positions 1904; a list of supplies used; and drawings of Theodore Roosevelt.

Series V. Printed Material, 1874-1934. (185 items)

The printed materials include business cards, commencement announcements, circulars and prices lists for various businesses, religious brochures, almanacs, promotional pamphlets for medical products, product catalogs, periodicals and newspapers, two speeches, and a copy of a Louisiana Supreme Court Decision.

Published materials are as follows:

- "Almanac of the League of the Sacred Heart 1896" (2 copies). New York: Apostleship of Prayer, 1896.
- "Almanach illustré de Hostetter pour les États-Unis 1894." Pittsburgh: Publié par la Compagnie Hostetter, 1894.
- "American Consumers' Alliance general mail-order house preliminary catalogue of specialties." Chicago: American Consumers' Alliance, 1899?
- "The annals of the Association of our Blessed Lady of Victory." West Seneca, New York: Association of our Blessed Lady of Victory, 1896.
- "A capable cat." Burlington, VT: Wells, Richardson & Co., 1890-1899?.
- "Classified price list of school and college text books." [S.1.]: American Book Company, 1895.
- "Clear complexion, blooming health, the result of the use of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey." Rochester: Duffy Malt Whiskey Company, 1896-1899?
- "The Crusaders 1901 almanac." New York?: Commissariat of the Holy Land, 1900, c. 1899.
- "The delineator." New York: Butterick Publishing Co., 1897.
- "The derby game bird." Derby, Ind.: Alex W. Cummings, 1902, Aug., Nov.
- "Dr. Harter's almanac and weather forecasts for 1899." Dayton: Dr. Harter Medicine Co., 1899, c.1898.

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"Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills." Morristown, New York?: W. H. Comstock Company, Limited, 1903.

"Dr. Thatcher's lucky day almanac." Chattanooga: Thatcher Medicine Co., 1920, c. 1919.

E. C. Meacham Arms Co., St. Louis: E. C. Meacham Arms Co., 1880-1889?.

E. V. Roddin & Co. Manufacturing Jewelers and Diamond Importers. Chicago: E. V. Rodding & Co. Manufacturing Jewelers and Diamond Importers, 1900.

Emery, Mrs. S. E. "Seven financial conspiracies which have enslaved the American people." Lansing: Emery & Emery, 1892?.

Fitzpatrick, Walter J. The "K" Hand Power Stump Puller. San Francisco: [s.n.], 1918?.

"Hamlin's Wizard Oil song book." Chicago: Hamlins Wizard Oil Co., 1899.

"A happy family." Buffalo: World's Dispensary Medical Association, 1891?.

Hartman, S. B., M. D. "The ills of life; and how to cure them; or everybody his own physician." Columbus: Peruna Drug Manufacturing Co., 1895?.

Hartman, S. B., M. D. "The ills of life; and how to cure them; or everybody his own physician" (2 Copies). Columbus: Peruna Drug Manufacturing Co., 1897?.

"Here! I want it!" Chicago: Montgomery Ward & Co., 1895.

"Higher than a kite." Paragould, Ark: Paragould Medicine Co., 1900?.

Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute (2 copies). Buffalo: World's Dispensary Medical Association, 1888?.

Kelso, Rebecca, Appellant. Succession of John K. Elgee. [S.1.: s.n.], 1874-1880?.

"Kentucky album." Burlington, VT: Wells, Richardson & Co., 1895?.

"The ladies birthday almanac 1901." Chattanooga: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1901, c. 1900.

"The ladies birthday almanac." Chattanooga: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1918, c. 1917.

"The ladies birthday almanac." Chattanooga: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1920, c. 1919.

"The ladies birthday almanac." Chattanooga: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1921, c. 1920.

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"The ladies birthday almanac." Chattanooga: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1931, c. 1930.

"The ladies birthday almanac." Chattanooga: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1932, c. 1931.

"The ladies birthday almanac." Chattanooga: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1934, c. 1933.

"The ladies birthday almanac." Chattanooga: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1935, c. 1934.

"The ladies birthday almanac for 1894." Chattanooga: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1894.

"The ladies birthday almanac for 1895." Chattanooga: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1895.

"The ladies birthday almanac for 1897." Chattanooga: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1897, c. 1896.

"List of our standard remedies and what our agents say about them." New York: National Remedy Company, 1890-1899?

"Louisiana album." Burlington, VT: Wells, Richardson & Co., 1897?.

McEnery, Samuel D., Hon. "The Tariff." Washington?: [s.n.], 1897.

"Milk or beef." Minneapolis: International Food Co., 1880-1889?.

"The missionary." New York: Office of the Catholic World Magazine, 1898.

Morgan, John, Elder. "Doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints: its faith and teachings." Chattanooga: [s.n.], 1880-1889?.

"The new moon." Lowell: New Moon Publishing Co., 1894.

"The new non-partisan book on trusts." Chicago: American Consumers' Alliance, 1899.

Ogden, Henry W., Hon. "Speeches of Hon. Henry W. Ogden in the House of Representatives of the United States." Washington: [s.n.], 1898.

"Park's floral magazine." Libonia, Penn.: [s.n.], 1898.

"The pilgrim of Our Lady of Martyrs." New York: Apostleship of Prayer, July, 1896.

"The pilgrim of Our Lady of Martyrs." New York: Apostleship of Prayer, September, 1896.

"Ramon's wee almanac." New York?: Brown Manufacturing Co., 1902.

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Russell Big Boll Prolific Cotton. Alexander City, Alabama: Russell Big Boll Prolific Cotton, 1908.

"The salesman – a proposition to you." Racine, Wis: Dr. Shoop Family Medicine Company, 1891?.

"Unseen dangers." New York?: Brown Manufacturing Co., 1898-1900?.

"Warner's safe cure." Rochester: Warner's Safe Cure Co., 1895-1900?.

"Warner's safe cure pamphlet." Rochester: Warner's Safe Cure Co., 1897.

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		21	Published materials, 1894-1896 (5 items) Digitized items include a copy of Almanach Illustré De Hostetter Pour Les États-Unis (1894), a copy of The Ladie's Birthday Almanac (1894), and a copy of the Almanac of the League of the Sacred Heart (1896). <u>View online</u>
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		25	Published Materials, 1891-1897 (6 items) Two pamphlets were selected for digitization: a copy of <i>The Salesman</i> (probably 1891) and a copy of <i>The Ills of Life and How to Cure Them; or, Everybody His Own Physician</i> (probably 1895). <i>View online</i>
	5b	26	Published Materials, 1893-1907 (3 items) One pamphlet entitled <i>Seven Financial Conspiracies</i> Which Have Enslaved the American People (1893) by Sarah E. Van De Vort Emery was digitized. <u>View</u> online

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		28	Published Materials, approximately 1896-1900. (4 items.) Two items were selected for digitization: a copy of <i>The Annals of the Association of Our Blessed Lady Victory</i> (1896 July) and a copy of <i>The Pilgrim of Our Lady of Martyrs</i> (1896 July). <i>View online</i>
		29	Published Materials, 1897-1898. (3 items) Two items were selected for digitization: a copy of the women's magazine <i>The Delineator</i> (1897) and a copy of a Christian publication called <i>The Missionary</i> (1898). <i>View online</i>
		30	Published Materials, approximately 1876-1902. (5 items.) Three items were selected for digitization: a copy of the Succession of John K. Elgee (approximately 1876); a copy of a speech given in the Senate of the United States by Samuel D. McEnery (1897); and a copy of <i>The Derby Game Bird</i> (1902 August). <i>View online</i>
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