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SUMMARY

Size.	872 items, 59 volumes
Geographic locations.	Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana
Inclusive dates.	ca. 1886-1932
Bulk dates.	1900-1931
Language.	English
Summary.	Account books and personal papers of Dr. John W. Lambert, 1861-1932, physician, mayor of Tangipahoa, Louisiana, owner of a drug and mercantile business, and director of the Amite (La.) Bank and Trust Company. Dr. Lambert's varied interests are reflected in the papers.
Organization.	Arranged by type, then chronologically.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	Lambert Family Papers, Mss. 2111, 2354
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
Citation.	John Walter Lambert Papers, Mss. 829, 1556, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
Stack location(s).	U:196-197, G:15, OS:L

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Dr. John Walter Lambert was born in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana, August 25, 1861. He was the son of Daniel Gilbert Lambert and Lydia Bond Lambert, who moved to the state from South Carolina in 1800. He died March 28, 1932.

Lambert attended medical school at Tulane University in New Orleans and graduated in 1887. He married Miss Julie Lee of St. Helena Parish on October 26, 1898, and moved shortly afterwards to Tangipahoa, La., to establish his medical practice. They had two daughters, Norma and Eunice Lambert.

Dr. Lambert was a member of the Tangipahoa Baptist Church, serving as its clerk for many years, and was also owner of the J.W. Lambert mercantile and drug business. For a number of years he was mayor of Tangipahoa and is credited with having renewed the incorporation of the town under the administration of Governor John M. Parker, after it had lapsed for several years.

He was the physician and surgeon of the Illinois Central Railroad at Tangipahoa for 33 years; former manager of the Tangipahoa Bank; a director of the Amite Bank and Trust Co.; a member of the Greensburg and Masonic lodge and the Royal Arch Masons of Amite, La.; chairman of the board of Commissioners, Camp Moore Confederate Cemetery; and a member of the parish and state medical societies.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

School programs and class cards (1872-1899) of Tulane University Medical School constitute the early papers in the collection. Lambert's professional associations are documented by his appointments as chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Camp Moore Confederate Cemetery (1903); medical examiner for the Illinois Life Insurance Company (1905); local registrar of vital statistics (1918); mayor of the town of Tangipahoa (1923); and medical examiner for Pilot Life Insurance Company (1928).

Letters, petitions, ordinances, and bills relate to Lambert's professional activities and appointments. Business papers are comprised of bills for merchandise, drug and tobacco licenses and certificates, and deposit slips of the Amite Bank and Trust Company. A letter (1924) and printed material (1899-1914) document Lambert's interest in the Tangipahoa Baptist Church and the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. Ledgers (1886-1931) record patients' names and charges for medical examinations and drugs. Later volumes pertain chiefly to the J. W. Lambert mercantile and drug business and include 3 cashbooks (1899-1909); a checkbook (1933); 21 ledgers (1886-1931); 3 notebooks (1914-1931); and 7 record books (1902-1932).

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

[The collection is arranged chronologically, but like items are described in groups below. See the Container List for description reflecting physical arrangement]

Personal Papers, 1872-1934

Earliest papers in the collection are associated with Lambert's time at Tulane University and include a reward of merit awarded by a teacher (1872), commencement programs and class cards (1885-1887), a handwritten summary of Lambert's thesis (1887), and Lambert's diploma from Tulane's Department of Medicine (1887). A broadside issued by the Louisiana State Board of Health discusses the diagnostic signs of yellow fever (1899).

Lambert's appointment to medical examiner for the Illinois Life Insurance Company (1905), his appointment to the Board of Commissioners, Camp Moore Confederate Cemetery (1903), as well as a number of bills and letters concerning Camp Moore Cemetery Association are included. Certificates and licenses grant Lambert the authority to pursue the occupation of general merchandise and the permission to sell drugs and tobacco (1910-1919), certify his appointment as local registrar of vital statistics (1916-1918) and membership in the Volunteer Medical Service Corps (1918). Of note is correspondence with a lawyer concerning Lambert's seizure of a yearling from an African American customer for payment of a bill (January 1917). Also included are tax forms and receipts (1920-1924, undated), official order forms for cocaine and opium (1920-1928), permits issued under the National Prohibition Act "to use intoxicating liquor for other than beverage purposes" (1922-1930), and petitions and letters regarding the reincorporation of the town of Tangipahoa (1922).

Other documents include Lambert's appointment and confirmation of his election to mayor of Tangipahoa (1923, 1925), ordinance No. 18 regulating speed of trains through the corporation of Tangipahoa (1924), letters from the Gipsy Smith Evangelistic Campaign concerning services (1924), an ordinance regulating cattle on the streets at night (1925), Lambert's appointment as medical examiner for the Pilot Life Insurance Co. (1928), correspondence with Charity Hospital regarding a patient to be placed in the State Colony for the Feeble Minded (1929), a petition to Robert S. Ellis, district attorney, requesting the removal of W. H. Lillard as mayor of Tangipahoa (1931), burial permit forms (1931-1934), mercantile reports (undated), price lists (undated), and bank deposit slips from Amite Bank and Trust (undated).

Printed Items and Photographs, 1884-1931, undated

Printed items include newspaper clippings concerning murders in Tangipahoa (undated), a number of printed volumes (see container list), and photographs comprised of images that depict scenes in Tangipahoa, including Lambert's place of business, and an image of Lorena Hidalgo and Irene Badon (undated).

Manuscript volumes, 1886-1932

Volumes include cash books, a check book, ledgers, notebooks and record books belonging to Lambert. For a detailed list of manuscript volumes, see container list.

INDEX TERMS

Amite Bank & Trust Co.
Camp Moore Confederate Cemetery.
Cashbooks.
Checkbooks.
Drugstores--Louisiana--Tangipahoa.
Illinois Life Insurance Company.
J.W. Lambert (Firm)
Ledgers (account books)
Mayors--Louisiana.
Merchants--Louisiana--Tangipahoa.
Notebooks.
Petitions.
Pharmacists.
Physicians--Louisiana.
Physicians--Louisiana--Tangipahoa.
Pilot Life Insurance Company.
Southern Baptist Convention. Woman's Missionary Union.
Tangipahoa Baptist Church.
Tangipahoa Parish (La.)--History.
Tulane University. School of Medicine.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
U:196	1	1-7	Personal papers (1872-1924)
	2	8-14	Personal papers (1925-1934)
U:197	3	15-16	Personal papers (undated)
		17	Newspaper clippings (undated)
		18	Photographs (undated)
		19-20	Bank deposit slips, Amite Bank and Trust (undated)
	4a		<u>Printed volumes</u> , 1885-1937, undated
		21	Roosa, D. B. St. John. <i>A pocket medical lexicon; being a dictionary of the words, terms, and symbols of medical science, collated from the best authorities, with the addition of new words not before introduced into a lexicon.</i> New York: Wood, 1884.
		22	"Dealers Price List, Number 105," Cole Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Ill., 1923 "The Modern Business Necessity: The Locke Adder," C. E. Locke Mfg. Co., Kensett, Iowa, undated "The Locke Adder Instruction Booklet," C. E. Locke Mfg. Co., Kensett, Iowa, undated "The Reliable Coin and Stamp Guide," New York: W. N. Swett & Co., 1892 Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention 1908, containing the proceedings of the fifty-third session sixty-third year held at Hot Springs, Arkansas, May 14-18, 1908
		23	"Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners: Official List Physicians, Surgeons, Midwives, Chiropodists," 1930 "Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners: Official List Physicians, Surgeons, Midwives, Chiropodists," 1931 Minutes of the twelfth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Louisiana, auxiliary to State Baptist Convention, November 1910 Sixty-second annual session of the Louisiana Baptist Convention held with the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., November 1910 Minutes of the seventy annual session of the Tangipahoa Parish Missionary Baptist Association held with the Hammond Baptist Church, November 1910 Annual Louisiana Baptist Convention, Sixty-sixth annual session

- U:197 4b 24 held with the First Baptist Church, Monroe, La., November 1914
 Minutes of the fifty-first annual session of the Louisiana Baptist
 Convention, held with the Emanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, La.,”
 July 1899
 “Regulations 2, Relating to Permits as provided in Title II, National
 Prohibition Act for the Manufacture of and Traffic in Intoxicating
 Liquors for Nonbeverage Purposes,” Washington: U. S. Government
 Printing Office, 1931.
 “The Parish of Tangipahoa, Louisiana, 1913,” Issued by The
 Southern Manufacturer, New Orleans, 1913
- 25 “Constitution Laws and By-Laws of the Supreme Forest Woodmen
 Circle,” 1909
 “Official journal of the Constitutional Convention of the State of
 Louisiana,” New Orleans, February 1898 [partially torn]
- 26 Sixty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of
 Mississippi, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons held at Jackson,
 Miss., February 1885
- G:15 -- -- Manuscript volumes
 Cash Book
 Vol. 1 1899-1902; 208 pp.
 Vol. 2 1902-1908; 22 pp.
 Vol. 3 1902-1909; 192 pp.
- G:15 -- -- Check Book
 Vol. 4 1933
- G:15 -- -- Ledger
 Vol. 5 1886-1890; 84 pp.
 Vol. 6 1888-1902; 128 pp.
 Vol. 7 1890-1910; 1896 pp.
 Vol. 8 1899-1908; 190 pp.
 Vol. 9 1902-1929; 282 pp.
 Vol. 10 1903-1907; 183 pp.
 Vol. 11 1908-1909; 25 pp.
 Vol. 12 1908-1909; 88 pp.
 Vol. 13 1909-1912; 187 pp.
 Vol. 14 1912-1913; 100 pp.
 Vol. 15 1913-1915; 188 pp.
 Vol. 16 1915-1916; 188 pp.
 Vol. 17 1916-1917; 31 pp.
 Vol. 18 1916-1918; 172 pp.
 Vol. 19 1917-1918; 172 pp.
 Vol. 20 1918-1919; 108 pp.
 Vol. 21 1919-1920; 192 pp.
 Vol. 22 1920- ; 88 pp.

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			Vol. 23 1920-1921; 145 pp.
			Vol. 24 1925-1931; 276 pp.
			Vol. 25 1928-1931; 188 pp.
G:15	--	--	Notebook
			Vol. 26 1914-1922
			Vol. 27 1928-1930
			Vol. 28 1930-1931; 20 pp.
G:15	--	--	Record Book
			Vol. 29 1902-1915; 84 pp.
			Vol. 30 1915-1917; 28 pp.
			Vol. 31 1918-1919; 25 pp.
			Vol. 32 1920-1928; 106 pp.
			Vol. 33 1922-1923; 102 pp.
			Vol. 34 1927-1932; 103 pp.
			Vol. 35 1928-1932; 51 pp.
OS:L	--	1	Diploma (1887); certificates (1903-1926);
	1	--	Picture of monk with child (undated)