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SUMMARY

Size.	0.5 linear feet
Geographic locations.	Orleans Parish, St. John the Baptist Parish, Livingston Parish, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Inclusive dates.	1838-1920, undated
Bulk dates.	1838-1909, 1917-1920
Language.	English, French
Summary.	Papers of Charles Louque (b. 1845), a native of St. John the Baptist Parish, prominent New Orleans attorney, and Louisiana State Senator, reflecting his legal activities and participation in the economic development of New Orleans. The collection includes postcard views of Louisiana State University and Baton Rouge, ca. 1905.
Organization.	Arranged chronologically.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	None.
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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Stack location(s).	UU:112; OS:L

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Charles Louque was born November 29, 1845, in St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, to Candide Delhommer and Norbert Louque, a sugar planter. He attended Spring Hill College in Alabama and Old Jefferson College in Convent, La. in St. James Parish, but left college during the Civil War for military service from 1864-1865. After the war, he began studying law and graduated from the University of Louisiana in 1866, and compiled and published *A Digest of Decisions of the Supreme Court of Louisiana* in 1878.

Louque was a member of the City Council of New Orleans from 1884-1888 during Mayor John Fitzpatrick's administration and served as chairman of the public order committee. He was elected state senator in 1902 and served five consecutive terms, retiring in 1920. He was instrumental in draining and reclaiming land in and around New Orleans (in what is now the neighborhood of South Lakeview), making the land available for agricultural and residential purposes through his New Orleans Swamp Land Reclamation Company (later renamed The New Orleans Land Company).

He married Edna Stewart in 1871 and the two had six children. Louque died in 1927.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers contain records of Louque's legal, political, and business affairs, including his work as a state senator and in land reclamation and development in New Orleans.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I, Financial and Legal Documents, 1838-1920, undated

The majority of papers relate to sales of land in Louisiana. These include deeds, transfers, and purchases such as those by Stoddart Howell in St. John the Baptist Parish (1838-1840), by Stamaty Covas in Livingston Parish (1855), by N. D. Harvey in Grand Isle, La., (1869), the sale of Edmie Plantation in St. Charles Parish (1885), and many more in and around New Orleans. Also included are two Livingston Parish land plats (1850), mortgage certificates (1876-1895), tax receipts (1868-1899), and bills and receipts for rent, home repairs, purchases, clothing, and electricity. Other items include the succession papers of François Lacroix (1879-1883), statements of account issued the steamship *G. G. Marseille* (1882-1883), documents pertaining to the estate of A. Carriere and the partnership of A. Carriere and Sons (1884-1885), and the succession papers of Jean Petit (1888-1889), George H. Shotwell (1888), T. W. Bothick (1888-1901), and Samuel Stewart and wife (1889).

The collection also includes a number of legal documents pertaining to cases such as Wilmer Coal and Railroad Company vs. Alto Thomas (1889), New Orleans Fort Jackson and Grand Island Railroad Company vs. Dr. E. Rabasse (1890-1891), Mrs. M. M. Fisher vs. City of New Orleans and School Directors (1895-1896), and many more. Also included is a suit of Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company vs. Otto Touche (1887) as well as daily reports of the Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company listing names and classes of vessels and furnishings information regarding cargo (1894). A number of documents, letters, and accounts pertain to the New Orleans Swamp Land Reclamation Company (1893-1896).

Broadsides include one of the New Orleans Board of Trade listing officers, directors, and committees (1890), and another advertising a benefit performance for the Sisters of Mount Carmel (1894).

Also included are letters from R. G. Pleasant, governor of Louisiana, to Charles Louque, state senator, seeking his stand on the matter of borrowing money for building fire-proof vaults in the Secretary of State and State Auditor's offices, and assistance to the Railroad Commission in investigating rate advances (1917). He also discusses appointment and financing of the State Food Preparedness Committee (April-May, 1917).

The collection contains three manuscript volumes:
Volume 1, Mde. Commagere Bank Book, 1878-1879
Volume 2, Stoddard Howell Receipt Book, 1888
Volume 3, Emil Waldhauser Sketch Book, 1880-1886

Series II, Printed Items and Photograph, 1905, undated

Printed items include a valentine (undated), a broadsheet concerning Southern Mutual Live Stock Association in New Orleans, a report on New Orleans drainage, and various printed cards and advertisements (undated). Also included are three Baton Rouge postcards depicting the National Cemetery, Confederate Monument, and Court House (1905), and seven postcards depicting the former LSU campus, showing the president's residence, auditorium of Garig Hall featuring picture of Lee and Jackson, Heard Hall, a bird's eye view looking northeast, Hill Memorial Library, Foster Hall, and campus and dormitories (undated).

A photograph of a drainage machine manufactured by Mansfield Machine Works in Mansfield, Ohio, is also included (undated).

CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Baton Rouge (La.)	1905	3 post cards showing National Cemetery, Confederate Monument, and Court House
Chamber of Commerce of the New Orleans Area.	1888	New Orleans Chamber of Commerce extends membership invitation to Louque
Craighead, Edwin Boone, 1861-1920.	1905	President of Tulane University, urges Louque to appoint free scholar in academic department of Tulane University, June 21
Denham Springs (La.)	1855	Transfer of property in Livingston Parish by William Denham to Stamaty Covas
Drainage--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1821, 1877, 1886, undated	Assessment of property in First Drainage District, 1861, and in Burtheville Drainage District, 1877, 2 items; supplemental lists of contributors to drainage machines, 1886; picture of drainage machine, undated
Fabacher, Lawrence.	1918	President, Jackson Brewing Company Routine business letter to Louque, August 13
Gaines, Myra Clark.	1879-1880, 1889	Articles of agreement and suit filed by plaintiff for recovery of New Orleans property inherited from father, Daniel Clark
Hebert, Paul Octave, 1818-1880.	1855	Louisiana governor, land patent signed by Hebert and Sigur transferring swamp lands in Livingston Parish to Covas
Knapp, James S.	1882	Dentist in New Orleans, answer filed regarding legal suit of Knapp against Roseida LeBreton
Lawyers--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1838-1920, undated	Papers reflecting legal activities, efforts to obtain the drainage and reclamation of lands in New Orleans area, the development of the Carondelet Canal and Navigation Company, and participation in the economic development of the city.
Legislators--Louisiana.	1905, 1917, 1920	Craighead urges Louque to appoint free scholar in academic department of Tulane University, June 21,

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		1905; 6 letters by Pleasant concerning the borrowing of money for construction of vaults, payment of printing bills, assistance to Railroad Commission, and financing of Food Preparedness Committee, 1917; Parker commends Louque for work with Carondelet Canal, June 2, 1920
Louisiana State University Campus (Baton Rouge, La. : 1886-1926)	undated	7 post cards showing residence of president, Garig Hall auditorium, Heard Hall, bird's eye view looking northeast, Hill Memorial Building, Foster Hall, and campus and dormitories
Louque, Charles, 1845-1927.	1838-1920, undated	Business and professional papers of Charles Louque reflecting his activities as a New Orleans attorney, state legislator, and interest in engineering projects
Lumber--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1894-1895	Routine business letters from Gulf Lumber Company, dealers in cypress
Mayors--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1887	Routine business letter showing seal of mayoralty, July 19
New Basin Canal (New Orleans, La.)	undated	Brief filed by Board of Control in case of Natt G. Scott vs. Benedict and Co.
New Orleans Swamp Land Reclamation Company.	ca. 1885, 1893-1896	Business letters, renunciation of company's rights, accounts, and property sale
Parker, John Milliken, 1863-1939.	1920	Governor of Louisiana, commends Louque for work with Carondelet Canal, June 2, 1 letter by,
Pleasant, Ruffin Golson, 1871-1937.	1917	Governor of Louisiana, discusses the borrowing of money for construction of vaults, payment of printing bills, assistance to Railroad Commission, and financing of Food Preparedness Committee, 6 letters by,
Railroads--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1892	New Orleans Southern Railroad Company, statements of account issued Dr. Rabasse for transportation of freight
Sugar plantations--Louisiana--Orleans Parish.	1892	Notice of seizure of plantation; legal suit of Leon Joubert vs. Victor Reaud; terms of lease of plantation now owned by Beka Plantation

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
UU:112	1	1-13	1838-1893
	2a	14-26	1894-1920, undated
	2b	27-29	Volume 1, Mde. Commagere Bank Book, 1878-1879 Volume 2, Stoddard Howell Receipt Book, 1888 Volume 3, Emil Waldhauser Sketch Book, 1880-1886
OS:L	--	1	Plat of land on Amite River, land patent of Stamaty Covas (1855), certificate appointing George Becker councilman of Kenner (1888), extract from assessment rolls (1888), New Orleans Board of Trade broadside (1890), seizure and sale of real estate to Hibernia Insurance (1893), livestock certificates (1896)