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SUMMARY

Size.	2.5 linear ft., 15 v.
Geographic locations.	Louisiana.
Inclusive dates.	1794-958
Bulk dates.	1920-1958.
Language.	English
Summary.	Papers consist of correspondence and records documenting sugar production on at the Cinclare Central Factory in West Baton Rouge Parish and blueprints and maps. Printed items pertain to sugar manufacturing, cotton production, business practices and success, and travel.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

William Whipple was a native of Cold Springs, New York. He received a degree in engineering from MIT in 1901. After working four years for U.S. Leather Co., he moved to Louisiana in 1905 to become the factory superintendent of the sugar refinery on the Cinclare Plantation situated north of Brusly in West Baton Rouge Parish. He left that position in 1929 when he was appointed sugar cane specialist with the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station at LSU. While employed at LSU, he developed apparatus for drying hay artificially. Whipple retired from LSU in 1947; three years later he was named professor emeritus.

He was a member of the several professional organizations, including the Louisiana Engineering Society, American Association of University Professors, Louisiana Sugar Technologists, International Society of Sugar Technologists, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He was also an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Delta Psi Fraternity, the Mayflower Society and Society of Colonial Wars. Whipple married Genevieve Liddell Randolph, the great granddaughter of John Hampden Randolph (1813-1883) of Nottaway Plantation. Blythewood Plantation, Bayou Goula, Iberville Parish, La., was owned for a time by Franklin A. Hudson and later by John Hampden Randolph.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Correspondence, photograph and records document sugar production at the Cinclare Central Factory in West Baton Rouge Parish. Records include reports and laboratory data sheets of the Cinclare Central Factory in West Baton Rouge Parish (1916-1926), as well as blueprints of evaporator equipment used in sugar refining (1909-1910).

For the most part the collection consists of printed material relating to cotton production, sugar manufacturing, the sugar industry, engineering, and the U.S. Military. Printed material also pertains to travel to Cuba, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and other cities, maps include the United States, and the world. They also include *Delta Psi: Catalogue of the Members of the Fraternity*, and a small volume of botanical specimens, v. 2 (ca. 1853). The earliest printed item is a Greek translation of the Bible (1794).

LIST OF SERIES AND SUB-SERIES.

- SERIES I. Papers, 1898-1958, undated.**
- SERIES II. Printed Items. 1794-1958.**
- SERIES III. Photographs, ca. 1895-1927.**

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES I. Papers, 1898-1958, undated.

Correspondence, photograph and records document sugar production at the Cinclare Central Factory in West Baton Rouge Parish. Records include laboratory record book, v. 3 (1923-1924), daily report book, v. 4 (1922-1923), requisition book, v. 5 (1919-1920). There are also loose laboratory data (1916-1926), as well as blueprints of evaporator equipment used in sugar refining (1909-1910). Additional material includes *Aerial Navigation Instructions*, *Summer Aviation Course, 1926* and a notebook of botanical specimen, v. 2 (ca. 1853).

Note: Series is arranged chronologically.

SERIES II. Printed Items, 1794-1958, undated.

The earliest printed item is a Greek translation of the Bible, v. 15 (1794). Printed material relates to cotton production, sugar manufacturing, the sugar industry, engineering, and the U.S Military. Also found is *Delta PSI: Catalogue of the Members of the Fraternity*, bulletins and circulars of the LSU Agricultural Experiment Station (1908-1927) and musical scores, *A. E. Blackmar & Bro's Parlor Gems* published by A. E. Blackmar of New Orleans (ca. 1860-1865). A reprint by the American Sugar Cane League discusses research of the java P.O.J. canes in Tucumán and Puerto Rico, 1927. Another reprint of an article, *Cotton Warehouses and Terminal of the State of Louisiana*, was taken from the journal from *Manufacture's Record*, May 7, 1915. Printed material also pertains to travel to Cuba, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and includes maps of the United States, South America, Africa, Asia and Europe, and the world (1921-1922). In addition there is the *County and Railroad Map of the State of Louisiana*.

Note: Series is arranged alphabetically by title; see Appendix A for an alphabetical list of titles

SERIES III. Photographs, ca. 1895-1927.

This series is comprised of snapshots, card photographs, cyanotypes, and one tintype of three unidentified men (ca. 1900-1920). The Cinclare Sugar Factory warehouse is among the card photographs and prints of unidentified buildings (ca. 1895-1915). Images of people, buildings, and a sugar factory are found in the cyanotypes (ca. 1910). Photographs of the 1912 Mississippi River flood show the flood waters in the towns of Lettsworth and Torras in Pointe Coupee Parish, and downtown Baton Rouge. The photographs of the 1927 flood show men working on the levee at Cinclare sugar factory. There are also photographs of a sugar mill, railroad cars and a group of four unidentified men in Cuba (1915). Other images are of U.S. naval ships passing through the Panama Canal (1919). Of particular interest is a photographic postcard depicting an African American man hanging from a road sign labeled *Cut Off Road* located between Port Allen and Plaquemine, West Baton Rouge Parish (ca. 1901-1907). Published musical scores, *Blackmar & Bro's Parlor Gems by Favorite Authors*, published in New Orleans by A. E. Blackmar (ca. 1860-1865). **Note: Series is arranged chronologically.**

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CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents with dates</u>
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		2	Musical scores, <i>A. E. Blackmar & Bro's Parlor Gems</i> , ca. 1860-1865. <i>Cotton Warehouses and Terminal of the State of Louisiana</i> , reprint from <i>Manufacture's Record</i> , 1915, May 7, <i>Item Magazine</i> , 1923, July 29. <i>Army-Navy Journal</i> , 1944, Aug. 5. Maps.
R:4	4	1-10	Series III. Photographs, ca. 1895-2927, undated.

APPENDIX A
Alphabetical list of printed items.

Agricultural Experiment Station bulletins and circulars. LSU, 1908-1927
American Sugar Cane League reprint, 1927.
Call of the Caribbean, 1916.
Corps of Engineers. U. S. Army, ca. 1941.
Cotton Warehouses and Terminal of the State of Louisiana, reprint from Manufacture's Record, May 7, 1915.
Cuba and the Cuba railroad, 1914.
Delta Psi. Supplement to catalog, 1932.
Diamond Jubilee, LSU, 1935.
Digest of Laws of the State of Louisiana relative to Police Juries and the ordinances of the Police Jury of West Baton Rouge, 1901.
Fiat money inflation in France. The Duke endowment. 1933.
Geometrical Optics, undated.
Guide Book of New Orleans, January 1917
Historic Lexington and Concord, 1903.
How to Systematize Your Factory, 1913.
International Sugar Journal, 1912-1924.
Introductory Problems in Engineering, 1944.
Labor and Capital are One, 1886.
Louisiana Conservation Review, 1933.
Louisiana Engineering Society, 1922.
Manners, Customs, and Antiquities of the Indians of North and South America, 1864.
Mechanical Engineering, 1939.
Members in Charge of Service Activities at Various Centers, March 1945.
Mentor, Oct. 1924 - June 1925.
Military Engineer, 1930.
Military Gov. of Germany... Report of Military Governor, 1945.
MIT Business Law, undated.
Newspaper Clippings, 1907, 1913-1946.
Once Over Lightly, 1938.
Pilot Rules for Certain Inland Waters, 1939-1940.
Pocket Pointers for the Electrical Man, 1923.
Popular Mechanics. Shop Notes, 1904.
Post Cards, 1902-1903.
Practical Points for Oil Mill Managers and Superintendents, 1932.
Prize Essay Awards U.S. Naval Institute, 1926.
Pumping Machinery of St. Louis, 1904.
Smokeless Furnaces, undated.
Souvenir of New Orleans, 1921.
Standard Guide to Havana, 1915.
Status Report on Military Gov. of Germany, 1946.
Sugar Machinery, 1917.

Technology Review, March 1942.

Three Dozen Recipes for Cooking Rice, undated.

Times of Cuba, May 1915 – Aug. 1916.

Top or Bottom-Which?, undated.

Torbin Bronze, 1907.

United States Department of Agriculture, 1922.

University Presses a Cooperative Exhibit, Oct. 1940.

Variety Tests of Sugarcanes in Louisiana During the Crop Year, 1923-1933, 1927-1935.