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SUMMARY

Size.	0.25 linear feet; 1 manuscript volume
Geographic locations.	Ohio, Missouri, Mississippi, Louisiana
Inclusive dates.	1867-1927
Bulk dates.	1867-1897
Language.	English
Summary.	Letters and commonplace book of Andrew Jay Jacobs, a Louisiana State University student from Richland Parish, and later railroad employee in Ohio, Kentucky, and New Orleans.
Organization.	Arranged chronologically.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	N/A
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Andrew Jacobs was born in Clinton, Louisiana, a son of Elvira Elizabeth Nettles and Richard Jacobs, formerly of Philadelphia. At the age of about six, his family and other Nettles family members moved to Girard, Richland Parish, Louisiana, where he grew up. He attended Louisiana State University during 1871-1872. Throughout his adult life, Jacobs was employed by railroad companies. His first railroad service was with the Clinton and Port Hudson Railroad, and he was conductor on the first Pullman car that ran from Cincinnati to New Orleans. Jacobs was subsequently employed by the Louisville and Nashville (L&N) Railroad for 40 years, during which time he was chief clerk in the office of the Superintendent of the New Orleans and Mobile Division. Jacobs wed Adelaide Elizabeth Bohne in 1881; they had five daughters.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Two letters written by Jacobs, while a student at LSU, comment on General William T. Sherman's visit to campus and on political and farming conditions in Richland Parish (1871). Three letters from Jacobs to his 10 year old daughter, Louise, in Louisville with her mother and sisters, reflect Jacob's paternal interest in the child. His family was sent north to Kentucky during the yellow fever epidemic and quarantine of New Orleans in 1897; no mention of the epidemic is made in the letters (1897). A 1927 memorial to Jacobs from a Louisville and Nashville Railroad publication is also present, as well as an issue of *The Courier-Journal* (Louisville, Ky.), Sept. 16, 1881.

The commonplace book provides entries, 1867-1869, regarding Jacobs' work and trips with the A&GWRR Company. In 1878 he began using this railroad record book as a journal and copybook, apparently at a time when he was unemployed and searching for work. He took two trips during 1878, from Ohio to Girard, Louisiana, and from Girard to St. Louis, Missouri. He describes transportation by steamboat and train, various towns, and railroad employees. He discusses his reasons for recording his activities and reminiscences (page 58), describes his trip from Cincinnati to Vicksburg aboard the steamer *Golden Crown* (page 71), and recalls his youth, including the death of his younger sister (page 87). Original and published poems, articles, quotations, and anecdotes were also copied in this volume.

CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College--Students.	1871	Jacobs writes to a friend in Girard, Louisiana, commenting on LSU and General Sherman's visit to the campus.
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891.	1871	Comments on favorable reception given General Sherman to the LSU campus.
Richland Parish (La.)--History--19 th century.	1871-1879	LSU student letter, 1871, gives political and farm conditions; travel account in Commonplace book, p. 71, tells of hometown reception and economic situation.
Railroads--Employees.	Ca. 1878	Jacobs speaks with and discusses railroad employees throughout his travels. Commonplace book.
Vincennes (Ind.)--Description and travel.	Ca. 1878	Commonplace book, p. 89.
Saint Louis (Mo.)--Description and travel.	Ca. 1878	Commonplace book, p. 89.
<i>Golden Crown</i> (Steamer)	Ca. 1878	Account of travel on steamer from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Vicksburg, Mississippi. Commonplace book, p. 71

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