

**KELLER (ANATOLE J.) FAMILY PAPERS**  
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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	2.5 linear feet
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Hahnville, Louisiana; New Orleans, La.; Baton Rouge, La.; Dominican Republic
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1885-1919, undated
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1908-1919
<b>Language.</b>	English, some French
<b>Summary.</b>	Sugar technologist from Hahnville, Louisiana, involved in the support of various African American causes (1918-1919). Correspondence pertains to social life, Keller's work as a sugar technologist, sugar technology in the West Indies, and elementary school education in Louisiana. Papers related to African American activism include copies of the <i>Negro Advocate</i> and related writings. Also included are class notes and assignments (1907-1911) from LSU.
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<b>Related collections.</b>	None.
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<b>Citation.</b>	Anatole J. Keller and Family Papers, Mss. 2910, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack locations.</b>	77:94-95, OS:K

## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Anatole J. Keller (1889-1970), son of Josephine Marie Haydel and Pierre Anatole Keller, was a sugar technologist from Hahnville, Louisiana. He married Isma LaNoue, a schoolteacher from New Orleans, and spent some time working in Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic. He was involved in the support of various African American causes, 1918-1919.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The majority of correspondence is written to Keller from Isma, a student and later elementary school teacher. Letters pertain to social life in New Orleans, Carnival (March 1916), Keller's work as a sugar technologist, and hers as a teacher in Louisiana (1910-1916). Isma mentions her worries about the possibility of going to war with Germany (April 21, 1916), her wish that the U.S. not become involved in the conflict in Europe (June 4, 1916), and her concern for Keller in the Caribbean as U.S. troops entered into Dominican Republic (May-June, 1916). Other letters concern job offers and recommendations for Keller and various aspects of the sugar business. One letter to Keller from his mother is in French.

Papers related to African American activism include copies of the *Negro Advocate*, writings, including a publication about the Hayward Unit, an African American branch of the National League for Women's Services in New York City (Aug. 10, 1919), pamphlets, and circular letters related to the publication (1918-1919, undated), and an issue of "The Crisis: A Record of the Darker Races" (August 1919).

Also included are class notes and assignments (1907-1911) from Louisiana State University; printed items concerning sugar technology and equipment; and photographs of friends and family members, sugar refineries and equipment, and family homes (1908-1915).

**INDEX TERMS**

African Americans--Civil rights--Louisiana.

Education, Elementary--Louisiana.

Keller, Anatole J.

Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College--Students.

*Negro advocate.*

Sugar--Manufacture and refining--Louisiana.

Sugar--Manufacture and refining--West Indies.

**CONTAINER LIST**

<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents</u>
77:94	1	1-8	Correspondence and other papers (1885-1919, undated)
		9	<i>The Negro Advocate</i> and related correspondence, pamphlets, printed items, and clippings (1918-1919, undated)
		10	Envelopes
		11-15	Photographs, newspaper clippings (1908-1919), postcards (undated), and other printed items (1910-1919, undated)
		16	Ink stamp (undated)
		17-21	LSU student papers (undated)
77:95	2		<u>Manuscript volumes</u>
		1	Vol.1, Catechism notebook [in French] (undated)
		2	Vol.2, Time book (1884-1891)
		3	Vol.3, Miscellaneous chemistry notes (1908-1909)
		4	Vol.4, Miscellaneous chemistry notes (1908-1909)
		5	Vol.5, Photographic notes (undated)
		6	Vol.6, General notebook on organic chemistry (undated)
		7	Vol.7, Notes on math (undated)
		8	Vol.8, Math notes (undated)
		9	Vol.9, Chemistry and calculus notes (undated)
		10	Vol.10, Notes on Chemistry 12 (1910)
		11-14	Vols.11-14, Notes (undated)
		16	Other notebooks (1909-1911)
			<u>Printed volumes</u>
		17	<i>Louisiana State University Quarterly</i> (Aug. 1911, Apr. 1912)
		18	Hymnal (undated)
OS:K	--	22a	Assembly drawing and details (1910-1911);
		22b	Baton Rouge <i>New Advocate</i> , including special section about LSU (1911); book of drawings (1907); map of Dominican Republic (1910); Vol.15, Order blank for suits (1910)