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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	337 items and 4 manuscript volumes
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Louisiana, Virginia, South Carolina, Delaware, Georgia, Peru.
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1836-1974, undated.
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1861-1947.
<b>Language.</b>	English, French.
<b>Summary.</b>	Polish-born Louisiana politician, journalist, and newspaper publisher who served as mayor of Baton Rouge (1876-1882) and United States consul in Callao, Peru (1893-1897). Correspondence pertains to Jastremski's military service in the Civil War, his political career in Baton Rouge, and his term as U.S. Consul in Peru. The collection also contains copies of speeches made by Jastremski, photographs, and prints. Included are three scrapbooks containing clippings and articles about Jastremski's political career.
<b>Organization.</b>	Arranged chronologically.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	Leon Jastremski Papers, Mss. 893.
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<b>Citation.</b>	Leon Jastremski Family Papers, Mss. 2951, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack locations.</b>	W:23, 98:J, M:21, OS:J, Mss.MF:J

## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Leon Jastremski, a Polish-born Louisiana politician, journalist, and newspaper publisher, served as mayor of Baton Rouge from 1876-1882. He was chairman of the state central committee of the Democratic Party in 1884, United States Consul in Callao, Peru from 1893-1897, and an unsuccessful candidate for governor of Louisiana in 1903-1904, and in 1907.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Correspondence (1836-1947) pertains to Jastremski's military service in the Civil War, his political career in Baton Rouge, and his term as U.S. Consul in Peru. Civil War letters describe camp life in Virginia, the Peninsula Campaign of 1862, and his experience as a prisoner-of-war at Fort Delaware, Delaware; Morris Island, South Carolina; and Fort Pulaski, Georgia (1861-1865). Other letters pertain to U.S. policy in Latin America and trade with South America (1894-1898), elections (1894-1924), and the Louisiana Sugar Experiment Station (1899-1900). Political papers include copies of speeches made by Jastremski (1904), minutes of the State Board of Agriculture and Immigration (1900), and a petition (undated).

Photographs and prints document his life and career, and include a photograph of Jastremski at the Old Railroad Commission Office (undated). Other papers include a biography of Jastremski (undated), a map of Louisiana (1896), newspaper fragments and clippings (1837-1954), and 3 scrapbooks containing clippings and articles about Jastremski's political career, illness and death, about Louisiana personalities, cities and social events, and about European and American writers and celebrities. A fourth scrapbook compiled by Sallie Land Ashton Jastremski contains literary works from newspapers, obituaries, and other references to the Jastremski family.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description of relevant documents</b>
Baton Rouge (La.)--Politics and government.	1868-1879	Papers pertaining to property, minutes of meetings of city councils, petition pertaining to relocation of state capital.
Blanchard, Newton C. (Newton Crain), 1849-1922.	1894-1895	Louisiana governor, letters pertaining to election of 1894.
Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925.	1896	Letters commenting on his defeat by McKinley, Oct. 15, Dec. 3.
Caffery, Donelson, 1835-1906.	1894-1898	U.S. Senator from Louisiana, letters pertaining mainly to U.S. policy in Latin America, competition between U.S. and Europe for trade with South America;
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Peru.	1893-1897	Correspondence pertaining to Jastremski's term as U.S. Consul in Callao, Peru;
Long, Huey Pierce, 1893-1935.	1921-1924	Letters from, pertaining to election campaign of 1918, August 28, 1921; to activities of Public Service Commission, May 13, 1924.
McEnery, Samuel Douglas, 1837-1910.	1897-1899	Letters from, July 5, 1897; Mar. 15, 1898; June 12 and 28, 1898
Prisoners of war--Confederate States of America.	1864	Officer's letters describing prisoner-of-war experience at Fort Delaware, Delaware, Morris Island, S. C., and Fort Pulaski, Georgia, 1864
Sugar--Louisiana.	1899-1900, undated	Letters, minutes, and other papers pertaining to establishment and support of Louisiana Sugar Experiment Station, Folder 15.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.	1861-1865	Letters describing camp life in Virginia; the Peninsula Campaign of 1862; and prisoner-of-war experience at Fort Delaware, Delaware, Morris Island, South Carolina, and Fort Pulaski, Georgia, 1864.

**CONTAINER LIST**

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents</u>
W:23	1	1	Biography (undated)
		2-11	Papers (1836-1903)
	2	12-13	Papers (1918-1947, undated)
		15	State Board of Agriculture and Immigration Minutes (1900, undated)
		16-19	Speeches (1904, undated), printed material (1903-1907), empty envelopes (1894, undated)
		20-21	Photographs and prints (1974, undated)
		22-24	Duplicates (1903), newspaper clippings (1881-1954, undated)
		25-26	Loose items from volume 1 (1907, undated) and volume 3 (1927-1931, undated)
	27	Loose items from volume 4 (1878-1881, undated)	
OS:J	--	1	Photograph (undated); certificates (1880, 1884); petition pertaining to relocation of state capital (undated); article "The Platform of General Leon Jastremski, candidate for governor" (1903)
		2	Map of Louisiana (1896)
98:	--	--	Newspapers (1837-1923) <i>Truth</i> (souvenir edition, Confederate reunion), July 3-4, 1899 <i>Daily Picayune</i> , January 5, 1908 <i>Louisiana Democrat</i> , December 29, 1902 Reproduction of first <i>Times Picayune</i> , [January 25, 1837] <i>Democratic Advocate</i> (Baton Rouge), December 5, 1850 <i>Louisiana Review</i> , April 19, 1893
M:21	--	--	Volume 1, Scrapbook, 1895-1906, undated Volume 2, Scrapbook, 1882-1903, undated Volume 3, Scrapbook, 1907-1909, undated Volume 4, Scrapbook of Sallie Land Ashton Jastremski, 1878-1881, undated
Mss.MF:J	--	--	1 microfilm reel: Jastremski and Family Papers