

**FLORENCE BALLANTINE HUGUET COLLECTION**

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	1 linear foot
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	[1819]-1980
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1880s, 1968-1975
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	This collection contains research, correspondence, and other documents relating to Florence Huguet's involvement in the restoration of Highland Historic Cemetery in Baton Rouge, La. It also contains the photograph album of Mr. & Mrs. William H. Pilant, once owners of Mt. Hope Plantation and grandparents of Huguet's husband.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	None.
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<b>Citation.</b>	Florence Ballentine Huguet Collection, Mss. 3345, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack locations.</b>	W:43, OS:H

### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Florence Ballentine Huguet was a trustee of the Historic Highland Cemetery, a Catholic cemetery in Baton Rouge, during its restoration. She and her husband, William Stephen Huguet, conducted research on the cemetery between the years of 1923 and 1978 and were involved in its restoration which was completed in 1978.. Mrs. Huguet Mr. Huguet was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Pilant, owners of Mount Hope Plantation in Baton Rouge.

Florence Ballentine Huguet later became a donor and trustee of several organizations involved in the restoration of the Historic Highland Cemetery, eventually donating all of her research data to LSU Special Collections.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection accommodates a collection of documents assembled by Florence Ballentine Huguet and her husband during the course of their research on Historic Highland Cemetery. These documents comprise maps, blueprints, correspondence, testimonies and other legal documents, burial records, financial reports, and newspaper clippings. The majority of these documents were created or copied in the late 1970s.

In addition to this, the collection also contains the family photograph album of William Stephen Huguet's grandparents. Mostly dating from the 1870s, the photographs from this album feature friends and members of the Pilant family.

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Series I, Papers [1819]-1980**

The majority of this series is made up of correspondence of Florence Huguet Ballentine and her research with her husband, William Huguet, on Catholic-Highland-Penny Cemetery, now known as Historic Highland Cemetery. The correspondence includes letters to and from members of the Trustees of Historic Highland Cemetery, Baton Rouge Bicentennial Commission, Foundation for Historical Louisiana, Baton Rouge Beautification Commission, and the Committee on Old Highland Cemetery as well as copies of letters written by various title holders and their legal representatives (1958-1980). Also included is a photocopy of a legal document in which George Garig donates a tract of land to the East Baton Rouge Parish Catholic Church to be used as a cemetery [1918].

In addition to this, there are also copies of maps of the cemetery and surrounding areas [1858-1955], blueprints [1923-1977], newspaper clippings (1970s), court records including testimonies [1849-1970], histories (1968-1969), brochures (1975), financial reports (1976-1977), and minutes of meetings of the Trustees of Historic Highland Cemetery (1976-1977). Photocopies of surveys include those of College Town [1923, 1959], as well as a tract of land in Greensburg District, La. [1858].

### **Series II, Photographs, ca. 1883-1930**

Family photograph album of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Pilant, owners of Mount Hope Place from 1891 to 1921. Mostly taken in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century (1880s), the photographs document friends and family members of the Pilant family. Among those named are: Flossie Babin, G.B. Babin, Caroline Bullion, H. Demorny, Lillian Delaville, Paul Delaville, Charles L. Hewes, Bessie Jones, Julie LeBlanc, Samuel McConnell, Arthur Pilant, William Pilant, Irene Pujol, and Ruth Roberts.

The professional photographers who created these include the Danbly Brothers, A. D. Lytle, Kilbourne and Dion, T. Lillenthal, the Owen Brothers, Early Rogers, Adam V. Simon, and W.W. Washburn.

**INDEX TERMS**

**Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found in the series indicated, as represented by their numbers.**

<b>Terms</b>	<b>Series Location</b>
Baton Rouge Beautification Commission.	I
Baton Rouge Bicentennial Commission.	I
Baton Rouge Foundation for Historical Louisiana.	I
Baton Rouge--Louisiana--Maps.	I
Catholic-Highland-Penny Cemetery (Baton Rouge, La.)	I
Cemeteries--Louisiana--Baton Rouge.	I
Friends of Historic Highland Cemetery.	I
Historic Highland Cemetery (Baton Rouge, La.)	I
Historic preservation--Louisiana--Baton Rouge.	I
Historic sites--Louisiana--Baton Rouge.	I
Huguet, Florence Ballantine.	II
Martindale, Evelyn.	I
Lytle, Andrew David, 1834-1917.	II
Photographic prints.	II

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents</u>
			<b>Series I, Papers [1819]-1980</b>
W:43	1	1-10	Correspondence, legal papers, newspaper clippings, minutes
OS:H	--	1	College Town land survey [1923]
		2	College Town land surveys (1923, 1959), George Garig document [1918]; Light Pole Plan for Campus and College Town [1923]; newspaper clippings (1970s)
		3	Greensburg District land survey [1858]; restoration plans for Historic Highland Cemetery (1977)
W:43	2-3	1-52	<b>Series II, Photographs, ca. 1883-1930</b>