

FRELSEN (HENRY) PLANTATION DIARY

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SUMMARY

Size.	1 volume (101 pages)
Geographic locations.	St. Charles Parish, Louisiana
Inclusive dates.	1878-1884
Bulk dates.	N/A
Language.	English
Summary.	Diary of Henry Frellsen, immigrant to Louisiana from Denmark and plantation owner. Diary records crop and weather information, plantation maintenance, and farmhand salaries.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Henry Frellsen (ca. 1800-1884), born in Copenhagen, Denmark, traveled extensively in his youth and fought in the Greek War of Independence, 1824. He returned to Copenhagen, married Caroline Friederike Gorrissen (d. 1838) in 1829, and arrived in Louisiana in 1836. By 1840, he had moved to North Louisiana and married Jane Larche of Ouachita Parish in 1839.

Frellsen was the Danish Consul in New Orleans, he worked as a cotton factor in New Orleans, and he owned the Fairview Plantation in Saint Charles Parish.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The diary entries document Frellsen's operation of the Fairview Plantation. Weekly reports detail crop and weather conditions, record maintenance of a sugarhouse, machinery, and levees, and list farmhands (including children) employed and their wages. The diary reflects sugar cultivation and beginning in 1883, rice cultivation on the plantation.

CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Child labor--Louisiana.	1878-1884	Mention of children employed in rice fields
Fairview Plantation (La.)	1878-1884	Plantation diary kept weekly by Henry Frellsen, owner of Fairview Plantation, during the years preceding his death: weekly entries, recording cultivation of sugar, corn, rattoons, rice; hauling wood; upkeep of farm machinery and buildings; employment of labor; weather, and Mississippi River water levels.
Plantation workers--Louisiana.	1878-1884	Some figures on number of farmhands employed on Fairview Plantation, wages paid to them, and to overseers.
Rice--Planting--Louisiana.	1883-1884	Beginning in 1883, frequent mention of rice cultivation on Fairview Plantation; some statistics, e. g. "290 acres of rice" in April, 1884.
Sugar growing--Louisiana.	1878-1884	Frequent entries on sugarcane grown, harvested, and refined at Fairview Plantation

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