

George Smith Collection

RG 35

Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

December 2021

Descriptive Summary

Provenance: Gift of George L. Smith.

Title: George Smith Collection

Dates: c.1759-c.1912

Abstract: Miscellaneous historical records collected by George Smith. Also documents related to state expenditures for criminal prosecutions.

Extent: .5 ln. ft., (1 box & 3 o/s folders)

Accession: 09334A.01-26, 09334B.1-.9, 09976

Biographical / Historical Note

Scope and Content

Miscellaneous historical records collected by George L. Smith. There is colonial marriage record dated 1757. There are letters sent to William Beer (1849-1927), a library at Howard Memorial Library. Other miscellaneous correspondence includes a letter sent by W.C.C. Claiborne to Samuel Smith, and a published letter from Charles Etienne Arthur Gayarre (1805-1895) to his acknowledged, natural, son, Charles Nicholas Arthur Gayerre (b.1825), a free person of color, challenging his attempt to pass for white. There is a certificate of membership to the Louisiana Histrionic Association, and a letter from the Mercantile Library Association. There are assorted documents related to the Schweitzer family (naturalization paper, voter registration, passport), and papers related to political appointment of John A. Watkins. Other assorted items of varying topics are also included in the collection.

There are also documents related to state expenditures for criminal prosecutions. These include various warrants, travel expenses, room rents for judges chambers, etc. These items are from the fall term of 1830.

Subjects

French Colonial Records
Marriage Record

Appointment / Commission
Military
Political

Associations
Louisiana Histrionic Association
Mercantile Library Association

Louisiana Payment Orders
State Court Cases

Confederate States of America (CSA)
Correspondence
Election Certification

Music Lyrics
Dixie

Masonic Lodge
Prison Escape
USS Horace Beals
Yellow Fever

Individuals

William Beer
W.C.C. Claiborne
John G. Dunlap
Charles Gayarre

Charles Gayarre, Jr.
Schweitzer family
John A. Watkins

Access of Use Restrictions

Access

Collection is **open** for research

Related or Separated Materials

RG 5 – Louisiana State Records – Acc. # T0025.2003.002

RG 34 – Nathaniel Cox Papers (George Smith Collection) – Acc. # 09334b.10.1-.7

Colonial Documents:

Marriage Contract between Jean Arnout and Marie Delisle Dupart.
October 1, 1757. (acc. #09334A.04)

NOTE [2021]: Stored with Oversize Colonial Documents, Box #5. Scanned and indexed under the number 1757-10-01-01

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

The first part of the collection, acc. # 09334A & B, was donated by George L. Smith in September 1937.

The second part of the collection, acc. # 09976, was donated by George L. Smith in August 1930.

Notes

Contents:

Box	Folder	Accession #	Date	Item Description
1	1	09334A.01	October 1, 1757	Marriage Contract. Contract between Jean Arnout and Marie Delisle Dupart, before Jean Baptist Garic, Notary. New Orleans. WPA description only. NOTE [n.d]: "This document was transferred by Mrs. Pleasonton to the French Judicial Records and microfilmed there." NOTE [2021]: Original currently stored in Col.Docs Oversize Box #5.
	2	09334A.02	n.d.	"Dixie" First edition of "Dixie." New Orleans, Howard Memorial Library. Facsimile Imprint.
	3	09334A.03	n.d.	Letter. From Dr. W.G. Austin to "My Dear Daugt." Regarding Yellow Fever Treatment.
	4	09334A.04.1	n.d.	Membership Certificate. William Beer. Mentor Association Membership Certificate.

		09334A.04.2	n.d.	Letter. To William Beer, in New York, from C. Beckworth.
		09334A.04.3	April 12, 1912	Letter. To William Beer, from J. Forbes-Robertson.
		09334A.04.4	April 29, 1912	Letter. To William Beer, from J. Forbes-Robertson.
		09334A.04.5	July 13, [?]	Letter. To William Beer, addressed from Havana, Cuba. Sender unknown.
	5	09334A.05	n.d.	Manuscript Genealogy. Handwritten notes on the genealogy of Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821.
	6	09334A.06	May 10, 1815	Letter. From William C.C. Claiborne, in New Orleans, to Samuel Smith, Commissioner of Revenue, Washington D.C. Regarding advising him of the appointment of William Marshall as collector. [Old Encapsulation]
	7	09334A.07	January 29, 1846	Appointment. Appointment of James Cooper as justice of the peace in East Baton Rouge Parish. Signed: Alexandre Mouton, Governor of Louisiana. New Orleans.
	8	09334A.08	November 22, 1861	CSA General Orders. General Orders No. 9, Confederate States of America. Approval of sentences passed at general courts martial at New Orleans and Fort Jackson. New Orleans.
	9	09334A.09.1	January 29, 1853	Report of Kentucky Military Institute. Bill/Report of Cadet J.B. Dunlap at the Kentucky Military Institute. Sent to John G. Dunlap by R.J.P. Allen.
		09334A.09.2	June 5, 1841	Letter. To John G. Dunlap, in Augusta, GA, from Mary A. Newson[?], in New Orleans.
		09334A.09.3	May 26, 1858	Letter. To John G. Dunlap, from John R. Dow.
		09334A.09.4	November 2, 1864	Letter. To John G. Dunlap, in New Orleans, from Tho. W. Casking.

		09334A.09.5	March 10, 1862	Letter. To John G. Dunlap, in New Orleans. Sender unknown.
	10	09334A.10	September 28, 1874	Masonic Lodge Notice. “Loge La Solidarite, No. 24.” New Orleans. Notice/Recommendation of a potential[?] member.
	11	09334A.11	April 29, 1859	Letter, Published. From Charles Etienne Arthur Gayarre, to his acknowledged natural son, Charles Nicolas Arthur Gayarre, (b. 1825), FPOC, alias Charles Gayarre, Jr. Challenging his son’s attempt to pass for white.
	12	09334A.12	October 26, 1849	Certificate, Membership. Certificate of membership for John Turpin to the Louisiana Histrionic Association. New Orleans.
	13	09334A.13	December 8, 1857	Letter of Invitation. From Mercantile Library Association of New Orleans, Lecture Committee, to Brantz Mayer, Baltimore. Invitation for Mayer to lecture before the association.
	14	09334A.14	n.d.	Book of Quotations. Small, handwritten, book containing quotations from various literary works. (e.g. theatre, poetry, etc.)
	15	09334A.15.1	September 29, 1856	Voter Registration. John Schweitzer. Form acknowledging status as registered voter.
		09334A.15.2	May 27, 1851	Naturalization. John Schweitzer. [FRAGILE-TAPE]
	16	09334A.16	n.d.	Manuscript “The Right of Secession”
	17	09334A.17		“Landing duties for schooners and ships sailing from friendly colonies of Spain, and collections in March, April, & May 1779. [Display Label] NOTE: Original Document Not Located.
	18	09334A.18	September 23, 1857	Birth Certificate. Louise Weiss. New Orleans, September 23, 1857.
	19	09334A.19	June 19-20, 1862	Letter. From K. Randolph Breese, aboard USS Horace Beals, to Commander David D. Porter, commanding mortar flotilla. Regarding naval operations on the Mississippi River below New Orleans.

	20	09334A.20	1903	Signature. Sir Winston Leonard Spenser Churchill, 1874-1965.
	21	09334A.21	n.d.	High School Diploma. NOTE [n.d.]:“On Display in the 1850 House.”
		09334B.02	1804	Kurze Beschreibung von der Provinz Louisiana. (Photographic copy from an indentified German almanac.)
		09334B.06	n.d.	Essay. General Georges Victor Collot’s arrest, an unwritten episode of Louisiana history. Read before the Ursuline Alumnae, New Orleans.
		09334B.07	n.d.	Rite d’York, 2me et 3eme Degre; Comp[agnon] et Maitre.
		09334B.08	n.d.	Manuscript Extract. Extrait d’un memoire sur La Louisiane pour etre presente avec la Carte de ce pays au Conseil Souverain de Marine, Fort Louis, March 7, 1717.
		09334B.09	c. 1759	Document. Etat des services du Sieur Aubry, capitaine d’Infanterie dans les troupes du Roy a la Louisiane.
		09976.1	1855	Petition to Governor. Petition to Gov. Robert Wickliffe by citizens of New Orleans to grant respite to James Costello, convicted of the crime of murder. Signatures of all citizens.
		09976.2.01	1830	LA Office of State Treasurer – Payment Orders. Cover Page. “Year 18330, Criminal Prosecutions From No. 1103 to 1220 in conformity to the accounts. [FRAGILE – FULL ENCAPSULATION]
		09976.2.02 a-c	Nov. 1830	Payment Order # 1103. St. Landry Parish. State vs. Alexis Courville. Larceny. Payment to witnesses: (a) Joseph D. Heister, fils for \$8.50, (b) Domingo Makins[?] for \$8.50, and (c) Pierre Courville.
		09976.2.03	Nov. 1830	Payment Order # 1104. St. Landry Parish. Payment to Francis D. Leath for his attendance as constable at court. \$18.

		09976.2.04	Oct. 1830	Payment Order # 1105. St. Martin Parish. Payment to William T. Palpey[?], late sheriff of the parish. \$89.20.
		09976.2.05	Dec. 1830	Payment Order # 1111. Rapides Parish. Payment for maintenance of Jason D. Tacks in prison from April 29-July 9, 1830. \$59.
		09976.2.06	Oct. 1830	Payment Order # 1112. Rapides Parish. State vs. Elijah Loyde. Payment to William Hoggart for attendance in court. \$9.
		09976.2.07		Payment Order # 1113. Rapides Parish. Payment for maintenance of inmates in parish jail.
		09976.2.08	1829-1830	Payment Order # 1118. East Baton Rouge Parish. Payment to John Butler for services as sheriff.
		09976.2.09	1829-1830	Payment Order # 1122. St. Helena Parish. Payment to John Kinchen for services as sheriff. \$80.
		09976.2.10	Nov. 1830	Payment Order # 1126. East Feliciana Parish. Payment to Abel T. Noviroad[?] for services as sheriff.
		09976.2.11	Nov. 1830	Payment Order # 1127. East Feliciana Parish. Payment to Ellis Gore for services as constable. \$15.
		09976.2.12	Nov. 1829	Payment Order # 1128. East Feliciana Parish. State vs. Higginsbotheum & Bryant. Payment to John Brackville for three days of court attendance. \$4.20.
		09976.2.13		Payment Order # 1129. East Baton Rouge Parish. State vs. Henry Collins. Payment to witness Winifred Collins. \$6.
		09976.2.14 a		Payment Order # 1130. State vs. Salomon LeClerk. Indictment for “cruelly beating a slave.” Payment to Irinocencia de Beclries [?] for court attendance. \$14.
		09976.2.14 b	1830	Letter. Baton Rouge. Letter from Irinocencia de Beclries [?] to Garcia. In Spanish.

		09976.2.15		Payment Order # 1135. East Feliciana Parish. Payment to sheriff W.J. McKneely for maintaining Archibald Gaines as a state prisoner. \$27.
		09976.2.16		Payment Order # 1136. Payment to the estate of W.J. McKneely for services as sheriff. Agent of the estate is Hardesty. \$49.95.
		09976.2.17 a-b	Oct. 1830	Payment Order # 1137. Rapides Parish. Payment to: (a) John Pettway for services as parish constable for \$34.20, and (b) Betsy McWilliams for attendance in court for \$10.20.
		09976.2.18		Payment Order # 1141. East Baton Rouge Parish. Payment to Benjamin Bryan, jailor, for the keeping and feeding of inmates John Baptist Attazan, \$13.50, and a Spaniard named Antonio Durero, \$6.75.
		09976.2.19	Nov. 1830	Payment Order # 1146. Payment for maintenance of the state prison.
		09976.2.20		Payment Order # 1147. East Baton Rouge Parish. Payment to Charles J. Cannon for attendance in court. \$24. [DOC. IN TWO PIECES]
		09976.2.21		Payment Order # 1150. East Baton Rouge Parish. Payment to John Buhler, justice of the peace, for attendance in multiple cases.
		09976.2.22		Payment Order # 1151. East Baton Rouge Parish. Payment to Buhler, sheriff, for delivering to prison: W. J. Thompson, Antonio Durero, and J.B. Attazan. \$44.
		09976.2.23		Payment Order # 1155. State vs. Ephraim Sweat. Larceny. Expenses regarding case attendees totaling \$117.60.
		09976.2.24		Payment Order # 1156. Ascension Parish. Payment for the keeping and maintenance of state prisoners.
		09976.2.25		Payment Order # 1163. Iberville Parish. Payment to clerk of court for services rendered. \$50.

		09976.2.26		Payment Order # 1164. Iberville Parish. Payment to Joseph Bujol for attendance in court. \$15.
		09976.2.27		Payment Order # 1165. La Fayette Parish. State vs. Ainaud Car, fils [?]. Larceny. Payment to witness, Jean I. Neven. \$15.
		09976.2.28		Payment Order # 1166. St. Martin Parish. Payment for maintenance of the public prison.
		09976.2.29	1829-1830	Payment Order # 1171. Ouachita Parish. Payment to Jonathan Morgan for services rendered as sheriff. \$80.
		09976.2.30		Payment Order # 1172. Ouachita Parish. State vs. Joseph Jon Adair. Payment to William Crocby for attendance at court. \$16.
		09976.2.31		Payment Order # 1173. State vs. James Odell. Payment to Jefferson Turner for attendance at court. \$12 or \$13.
		09976.2.32		Payment Order # 1174. Natchitoches Parish. Payment to William Johnson for services rendered as sheriff. \$171.87 ½.
		09976.2.33		Payment Order #1175. Natchitoches Parish. Payment to William Johnson for conveyance of state prisoners. \$341.90.
		09976.2.34		Payment Order # 1176. Ouachita Parish.
		09976.2.35		Payment Order # 1177. Rapides Parish. State vs. Huffman. Payment to David Mills for attendance at court. \$7.55.
		09976.2.36		Payment Order # 1187. Orleans Parish. Payment to George Morgan, sheriff of 1 st district, for rent of room to be used by court in New Orleans. \$743.37.
		09976.2.37		Payment Order # 1188. Orleans Parish. Payment to George Morgan, sheriff of 1 st district, for rent of room to be used by Supreme Court in New Orleans from 15 July – 30 Sep. 1830. \$225.

		09976.2.38		Payment Order # 1196. Orleans Parish. Payment to Thomas Fullam for services rendered as constable. \$39
		09976.2.39		Payment Order # 1197. Orleans Parish. Payment to Adolphe Gilly for services rendered as constable. \$39.
		09976.2.40		Payment Order # 1198. Orleans Parish. Payment to Jean Baptiste Latour for services rendered as constable. \$39.
		09976.2.41		Payment Order # 1199. Orleans Parish. State vs. Thomas Wm Julen. Assault & Battery. Rates related to witness attendance.
		09976.2.42	April 1829-April 1830	Payment Order #1200. West Baton Rouge Parish. Payment to William Joyce for ex-officio services rendered from April 1829-April 1830. \$50.
		09976.2.43 a		Payment Order # 1220. Natchitoches Parish. State vs. Collin M. Graham. Payment to Jerimiah Kalfos for attendance at court. \$5.
		09976.2.43 b		Payment Order # 1220. Natchitoches Parish. State vs. Collin M. Graham. Payment to John Carlton for attendance at court. \$6.30.
		09976.2.44	Dec. 31, 1831	Payment Order # 1221. Orleans Parish. Payment to Francais Gardere for his salary as clerk of criminal court for the 1 st district in New Orleans. \$83.33.
		09976.2.45		Payment Order # 1222. Orleans Parish. Payment to Francais Gardere for his salary as interpreter for the 1 st district in New Orleans. \$125.
		09976.2.46		Payment Order #1223. Orleans Parish. Payment to Edmund Murphy for services rendered as constable for the 1 st district court. \$40.50
		09976.3.01	Sept. 1830	East Baton Rouge Parish. Payment to C. Acosta for attendance in court for case against Sampson Muse [?]. \$8.

		09976.3.02		East Baton Rouge Parish. Payment to John Buhler for transportation of prisoners Antonio Durero & J.B. Attazan, and Joseph Niad. Travel via the steamboat "Red River." \$106.10.
		09976.3.03		East Feliciana Parish. State vs. A. Briant & Ann M. Higginbotham. Payment to John Hamilton for attendance in court. \$11.50. [DOC. IN TWO PIECES]
		09976.3.04	Oct. 1830	Iberville Parish. Payment to Pierre Dufresne for services rendered as constable during October 1830. \$21.
		09976.3.05	Oct. 1830	Iberville Parish. Payment to Joseph Bujol for services rendered as constable during October 1830. \$24.
		09976.3.06	Oct. 1830	Orleans Parish. Payment to George W. Morgan for the rent of a room from July-Sept. 1830, at a rate of \$900 per annum. Total paid \$225. [TAPE]
		09976.3.07	Dec, 31, 1830	Orleans Parish. Payment to George W. Morgan for the rent of a room from Oct.-Dec. 1830. \$225.
		09976.3.08	Dec. 1830	Natchitoches Parish. State vs. Wm. Teal. Payment to Abraham Winkle for attendance in court. \$7.
		09976.3.09	Dec. 16, 1830	Natchitoches Parish. State vs. Polimaro Castro. Receipt of prisoner delivery at jail. Polimaro Castro sentenced to prison for 9 months.
		09976.3.10	Dec. 16, 1830	Natchitoches Parish. State vs. Collin M. Graham. Receipt of prisoner delivery at jail. Collin M. Graham sentenced to 20 years hard labor. [DOC. IN TWO PIECES]
		09976.3.11	Oct. 1830	Rapides Parish. State vs. John Haley. Payment to Ralph Smith for attendance in court. \$14.55

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Oversize

Folder	Accession #	Date	Item Description
1 of 2	09334A.22.1	November 20, 1861	Appointment. Jean Schweitzer. As 2 nd Lt., Chassuer d'Orleans 1814/15, 1 st Division, Louisiana Militia. By Governor Thomas Overton Moore.
	09334A.22.2	March 8, 1862	Appointment. Jean Schweitzer. As 2 nd Lt., Chassuer d'Orleans 1814/15, Cazadose Regiment, 1 st Brigade, Louisiana Militia. By Governor Thomas Overton Moore.
	09334A.23.1	May 15, 1855	Passport. Claude Schweitzer. An inhabitant of Louisiana to have safe passage as he travels to France via Havana.
	09334A.23.2	May 5, 1856	Appointment. Claude Schweitzer. As 2 nd Lt., 6 th Company, Orleans Artillery, Louisiana Militia. By Governor Robert C. Wickliffe.
	09334A.24	May 1, 1818	Appointment. David B. Morgan. As Surveyor, Parish of St. Tammany. By Governor James Villere.
	09334A.25.01-.03	1856, 1857, 1858	Commission. John A. Watkins. Commission as assessor in Orleans Parish.
	09334A.25.04	November 18, 1837	Election Certification. Certification of election of John A. Watkins as Justice of the Peace, County of Jefferson, Mississippi. By Charles Lynch, Governor of Mississippi.
	09334A.25.05	November 27, 1843	Election Certification. Certification of election of John A. Watkins as Justice of the Peace, County of Jefferson, Mississippi. By Tilgham M. Tucker, Governor of Mississippi.
	09334A.25.06	August 26, 1837	Election Certification. Certification of election of John A. Watkins as Justice of the Peace, Town of Rodney, Mississippi. By Charles Lynch, Governor of Mississippi.

	09334A.25.07	December 24, 1841	Appointment. John A. Watkins. Appointed as Justice of the Peace, Jefferson County, Mississippi, upon recommendation of police of said county. By Governor Alexander G. McNutt.
	09334A.25.08	November 9, 1841	Election Certification. Certification of election of John A. Watkins as Justice of the Peace, Jefferson County, Mississippi. By Alexander G. McNutt, Governor of Mississippi.
	09334A.25.09	November 12, 1837	Appointment. John A. Watkins. Appointed as 2 nd Lt. of the "Rodney Guards in the 3 rd Regiment, Mississippi. By Charles Lynch, Governor of Mississippi.
	09334A.25.10	August 8, 1846	Election Certification. Certification of election of John A. Watkins as Colonel of 3 rd Regiment of the Mississippi Militia. By Albert G. Brown, Governor of Mississippi.
	09334A.25.11	October 19, 1846	Appointment. John A. Watkins. Appointment as Commissioner to take Depositions of prods of Deeds in the State of Mississippi for the State of Louisiana. By Isaac Johnson, Governor of Louisiana. Also signed by Charles Gayarre, Secretary of State.
	09334A.26.1	January 28, 1846	Escape Certification / Deposition. Certification of escape from Louisiana Penitentiary in Baton Rouge of Jordan Jones, alias John H. Johnson, on August 4, 1842. Deposition of Samuel L. Isett, Clerk of Louisiana Penitentiary. Jordan Jones now residing in Jefferson County, Mississippi.
	09334A.26.2	January 29, 1846	Extradition Request. Request for extradition of Jordan Jones, alias John H. Johnson, from Jefferson County, Mississippi to Louisiana. Request made and signed by Alexandre Mouton, Governor of Louisiana to the Governor of Mississippi.
2 of 2	09334B.01		Miscellaneous Photostats Assorted items include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letters from Braxton Bagg to his wife. - 1838 Order of Seizure for debt owed - Official report of bombardment of Fort Sumter - Report concerning Battle of Lookout Mountain - Other unidentified documents.