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SUMMARY

Size. 0.25 linear feet

Geographic locations. Paincourtville, Assumption Parish, La.; New Orleans, La.

Inclusive dates. 1871-1892, undated

 Bulk dates. N/A

Language. English


Organization. Arranged chronologically.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Christopher Clifton was a sugar planter of Paincourtville, Assumption Parish, Louisiana. He was associated with New Orleans sugar factors and commission merchants, including Howell and Ker, Pierre Lanaux, and E. M. Scott.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers consist of business correspondence, financial statements, and receipts which document Clifton’s production and sale of sugar and molasses and his financial relationships with agents in New Orleans. Correspondence comments on the quality of sugar and molasses produced by Clifton and on the current prices in the New Orleans marketplace. Included are some receipts for household supplies purchased by Clifton from Pierre Lanaux.
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<td>Notes sales of 3 hogsheads of sugar. Suggests he can’t give any advances but will endeavor to get best prices possible for future shipments. Asks Clifton to tell that fact to W. Dugas, his father in law. L. Bibolet to Christopher Clinton, New Orleans, Apr. 15, 1872.</td>
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<td>Howell and Ker (Sugar Factors and Commission Merchants) to Christopher Clifton, New Orleans, Nov. 21, 1872. Notes he is sending a list of current market prices (not included).</td>
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<td>L. Bibolet to Christopher Clifton, New Orleans, Dec. 24, 1872 and check. Notes he is forwarding the last balance of the year for sugar and molasses sales. States that sugar (clarified) is selling at 6.5 to 10.75 cents per lb.; molasses at 35 cents to 60 cents per gallon.</td>
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<td>Ker and Co. to Christopher Clifton, New Orleans, Jan. 23, 1873. Notes that they have received 9 hogsheads of sugar shipped via the Lizzie Hopkins. Have decided to offer it for sale next week when the sales climate may be better.</td>
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<td>L. Bibolet to Christopher Clifton, New Orleans, Jan. 26, 1874. Notes sale of 4 hogsheads of sugar. Claims low return resulted from grayish color of sugar. Claims that molasses is in good demand and market active.</td>
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<td>Receipt, Mrs. Paul Savoy, from E.M. Scott, Commission Merchant, for supplies, June 16, 1875.</td>
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<td>Statement of sugar sold by Pierre Lanaux, (Sugar Factor and Commission Merchant) for Christopher Clifton, New Orleans, Dec. 29, 1875, with deductions for freight and other expenses. Attached is a statement from A. J. Pardo, (Weigher and Gauger).</td>
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<td>Receipts from Pierre Lanaux Co. for household supplies shipped to Christopher Clifton by steamer dated Jan. 21, Mar. 13, July 25, Nov. 16, and Dec. 15, 1876 and Jan. 27, 1877.</td>
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<td>Receipts from A. Klotz, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, etc., for Achille Dugas and Christopher Clifton, Feb. 15, and Mar. 15, 1879.</td>
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Receipt for payment of accounts of Christopher Clifton through Achille Dugas, signed Jean Lafitte, Paincourtville, Mar. 3, 1877.

Pierre Lanaux to Christopher Clifton, New Orleans, Feb. 7, 1876. Notes receipt of 3 barrels of molasses and 1 barrel of sugar. Lanaux says one barrel of molasses was greatly fermented and the quality of the sugar is poor.

Statements of molasses sold by Pierre Lanaux for Christopher Clifton, New Orleans, Dec. 18, 1876, Feb. 1, 1887. Attached are statements from Block and Gerard, Weighers and Gaugers, of New Orleans.


Pierre Lanaux to Christopher Clifton, New Orleans, Jan. 15, 1878. Notes the sale of 3 hogsheads of sugar. Claims sugar is grey, a defect which lowers proceeds.


Statement of molasses sold by Raphael Beltran, Commission Merchant, for Christopher Clifton, New Orleans, Dec. 24, 1880. Attached are a duplicate statement and a statement from A. Cabiro, Jr., Weigher and Gauger, New Orleans.


Letter and statement from D. Levy, General Commission Merchant to Christopher Clifton and (Olive Branch), New Orleans, Feb. 14, 1889.

David Levy to Christopher Clifton, New Orleans, Dec. 8, 1891. Notes sale of two lots of molasses.

Statement of sale of molasses sold by David Levy for Olive Branch, New Orleans, Nov. 2, 1892.
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