

OF KIN & CANE



Selections from the Edward J. Gay and Family Papers

on exhibition March 18 - July 6, 2013

Symposium Schedule March 24, 2013 Hill Memorial Library Louisiana State University

- 12:30 Hill Memorial Library opens for viewing exhibit
- 1:00 Welcome
- 1:15 Kenneth Gravois, PhD, Sugarcane Specialist, LSU Ag Center
"Sugarcane: Its Origin and Establishment as a Major Crop in Louisiana"
The presentation will focus on the origins of sugarcane and its spread into the Western Hemisphere and Louisiana; its establishment in Louisiana and the technologies that caused it to flourish; and the introduction and use of science into the Louisiana sugar industry.
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 Richard Follett, PhD, Reader in American History, University of Sussex, England
"Slavery and Freedom in Edward Gay's Plantation World"
Professor Follett's talk will cover the 1840s to 1880s and focus on both Gay as a planter and businessman and his relationships with his slaves and freed laborers. He will discuss Gay as a modern progressive nineteenth-century man, who managed his plantation with a remarkable degree of acumen and skill, and whose uniqueness as a manager lay in his ability to get his laborers to be wholly invested in the success of the plantation.
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 John Gay, Co-owner St. Louis Planting and Vice President, E.J. Gay Planting and Manufacturing Co., Plaquemine, La. and E. Phelps Gay, President, E.J. Gay Planting and Manufacturing Co., New Orleans, La.
"Raising Cane: Sugar Farming and the E.J. Gay Properties Today" The descendants of Edward J. Gay who carry on the family's business will bring the discussion up to the present date by providing an overview of their current sugar operations.
- 3:45-5:00 Additional time for viewing the exhibit

For additional information, contact Interim Head of Special Collections Tara Laver, tzachar@lsu.edu, 225578-6546.

Hill Memorial Library is located between the Indian Mounds and Middleton Library on the LSU Campus.

Directions:

From the West:

- Exit I-10 at the first exit off the bridge, Highland Rd/Nicholson. Follow signs for Nicholson Dr. and turn left onto Nicholson.
- Continue south on Nicholson for 1.6 miles to North Stadium Dr. (runs between Tiger Stadium on the south and Bernie Moore Track Stadium and the Maravich Assembly Center on the north side). Turn left.
- At the traffic circle, proceed to the left, onto Field House Drive.
- Immediately past the traffic circle and before the Indian Mounds, there will be a parking lot on the right (the “Indian Mounds Lot”). Park there. The parking lot is immediately behind Hill Memorial Library.
- Alternately, continue on Field House Drive, past the Indian Mounds and around the corner, and turn right into the parking lot just past the cypress tree in the island in the street. In addition, you can park anywhere on the street itself.

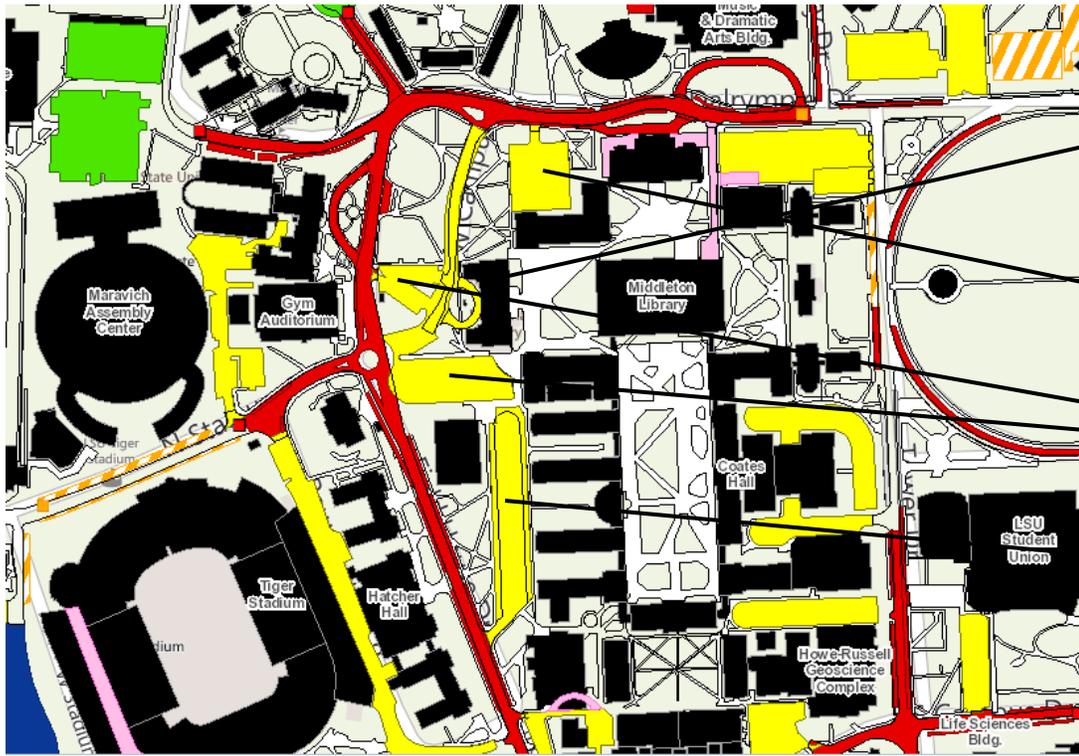
From the East:

- Exit I-10 at Dalrymple. Follow the signs to LSU.
- Proceed through the intersection of Dalrymple and Highland Rd.
- Dalrymple curves to the left and becomes Field House Dr. Just past the Indian Mounds, which will be on your left, turn into the “Indian Mounds Lot” parking area. The parking lot is immediately behind Hill Memorial Library.
- Alternately, from Dalrymple, turn left into the “Peabody Lot” just before the cypress tree in the island in the street. In addition, you can park anywhere on the street itself.

Parking:

Parking is free and unrestricted on Sundays. The closest lots are the Indian Mounds and Peabody lots, or behind the west side of the quadrangle. (See directions above for how to get to these lots and map on next page.) Street parking on Field House Drive or Dalrymple is also available.

For additional directional and parking information, see <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/about/map.html> and <http://psaf-gis.lsu.edu/parking/>.



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Peabody Lot

Indian Mounds Lot

Lot behind West Quad