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LOUIS A. BRINGIER AND FAMILY PAPERS

Mss. 43, 139, 544

Inventory

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Summary

Size. 2 linear ft., 13 volumes

Geographic locations. Louisiana.

Inclusive dates. 1786-1901.

Bulk dates. 1845-1880.

Languages. English, French.

Summary. Financial and legal papers, correspondence, printed items and graphic material, writings, and manuscript volumes.

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- Microfiche 10264, Southern Historical Manuscripts, Plantation Records from the Department of Archives, Louisiana State University.
- Microfilm 5322, Records of Ante-bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution to the Civil War, Series I, Part 1, Reel 13
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Biographical/Historical Note

Louis Amedee Bringier, son of Michael Doradou Bringier and Louise Elizabeth Aglae Du Bourg, was a planter residing at Hermitage Plantation, Ascension Parish, Louisiana. As a youth he attended University of Virginia from 1845-1849, and in 1850 married his cousin, Stella Tureaud. During the Civil War, Bringier served as a colonel in the Confederate Army under Colonel Louis Bush of the 4th Louisiana Cavalry. After Colonel Bush's resignation, Louis Bringier commanded the 7th Louisiana Regiment. At the close of the war he returned to Hermitage Plantation to resume planting. During the 1880s he moved to Florida taking up residence at Last Resort as a fruit farmer.

Scope and Content Note

Financial and legal documents, containing land records, military orders, receipts and bills; personal, business, and military correspondence; printed and graphic materials with photographs of family members; and manuscript volumes comprise the Louis A. Bringier and Family Papers.

List of Series

Series I. Financial and legal papers, 1786-1892, undated

Series II. Correspondence, 1786-1895, undated

Series III. Printed items and graphic materials, 1864-1883, undated

Series IV. Writings, 1844-1887, undated

Series V. Manuscript volumes, 1826-1900

Series Descriptions

Series I. Financial and legal papers, 1786-1892, undated (box 1, oversize folder 1)

Financial and legal papers include a travel document verifying that John Jackson, was a freedman, (1800); baptismal certificate for Jacques Marius Tureaud (1820), legal documents concerning Hermitage and Houmas Plantations [in fragile condition], Civil War military orders and reports, a land survey of Bagatelle Plantation (1879), certificate appointing Louis Amedee Bringier aide de camp to Governor Francis Nicholls (1877), receipts, lists of accounts for plantations and individuals, and official copies of land records for St. John Parish, Louisiana [in French] (1806-1834).

Series II. Correspondence, 1786-1895, undated (boxes 1-3)

Early correspondence, primarily written by Louis Bringier, pertains business affairs, family matters, social events including horse races in New Orleans, and also describes travel to St. Louis, Missouri, Ascension Parish, Louisiana, Washington, D.C., and to Charlottesville, Virginia in winter. Other letters relate to course study, class assignments, educational opportunities of boys and girls, and a patent for clarification of sugar obtained by the president of Jefferson College (November 8, 1846).

Civil War letters reflect camp life, military discipline, scarcity of food, and medical care (July 8, 1864); letters also tell of military engagements including victories at the Battles of Pleasant Hill and Mansfield. Several letters comment on the search for jayhawkers and army deserters. Military correspondence, including letters by Colonel Louis Bush and Simon B. Buckner, relates the history, organization, election of officers, military orders and discipline of the 4th Louisiana Cavalry Regiment. Other letters by Louis Bringier discuss camp conditions, morning reports, election of officers of the 7th Louisiana Cavalry Regiment, and cause for rejoicing at the assassination of Abraham Lincoln (April 23, 1865). A handwritten copy of General Beauregard's report of the Battle of Manassas is included and discusses his rejected strategy. Military correspondence pertains specifically to the 4th and 7th Louisiana Cavalry and includes letters by Colonel Louis Bush and Simon B. Buckner related to the history, organization, and election of officers of the 4th Louisiana Cavalry Regiment. Other letters discuss camp conditions, morning report, and election of officers of the 7th Cavalry.

In his postwar correspondence to his wife, Louis Bringier tells of making claims for damages caused to Hermitage Plantation during the war and his attempts to finance the plantation. Letters from I. G. Wilson, manager of Hermitage during the war give a full account of plantation affairs. Correspondence of the 1870s and 1880s relate social events, family matters, and personal activities and include letters to Stella Bringier from her son, Julian Trist Bringier, while he attended Virginia Military Academy. In letters to his children during the 1880s, Louis Bringier

discusses his activities on his fruit farm in Florida. Correspondence from Julian Trist Bringier and Louis Amedee Bringier, Jr. from Houmas Plantation and "Browse" (DuBourg) Bringier to their parents comprise the remaining correspondence.

Series III. Printed items and graphic materials, 1864-1883, undated (box 4)

Among the printed items are a Kingman and Co. bicycle catalog (1893) showing various models and prices; a handbill issued by General Richard Taylor directing all persons who owed military service to report for duty (May 18, 1864); broadsides advertising equipment sold by the Bringier family; and photocopies of newspaper clippings of poetry and obituary for George Mather Tureaud (1823). Graphic materials include cartes-de-visite of Stella, Julian Trist, Louis Amedee, Jr., "Browse" Bringier, and a photograph of former slaves.

Series IV. Writings, 1844-1887, undated (box 4)

Writings include poetry, schoolwork of various members of the Bringier family, and miscellaneous notes.

Series V. Manuscript volumes, 1826-1900 (box 4, range F:9)

Manuscript volumes consist of Michel Doradou Bringier's journal (volume 1, 1826-1847), in French, containing accounts of Hermitage Plantation, description of Houmas Plantation, sale of sugar and molasses, Bringier genealogy, and financial accounts; ledgers (volume 2, 1867-1871, 1900) containing business and personal accounts; a record book of bills payable (volume 12, 1846-1850); a plantation diary (volume 4, circa 1867-1869) of L. E. Tureaud describing flooding, weather, crops at Bagatelle Plantation; letter book (volume 3, 1890, 1893) containing outgoing correspondence of Mather D. Bringier, merchant of Burnside, Louisiana, concerning purchase of bicycles, typewriters, and firearms; a scrapbook (volume 13, 1860, 1880-1883) containing a collection of postmarks; and several notebooks containing poetry, notes and drawings (volumes 5-11, 1845-1893).

Container List

Stack location	Box	Folders(s)	Contents (with dates)
Series I. Financial and legal papers, 1786-1892, undated			
T:96	1	1-11	Financial and legal papers, 1786-1892, undated
OS:B	--	1	Legal documents of Hermitage and Houmas plantations, 1858, 1869, 1870; certificate, 1887
Series II. Correspondence, 1786-1895, undated			
T:96	1	12-15	Correspondence, 1786-1858
	2	16-35	Correspondence, 1859-1889
T:97	3	36-45	Correspondence, 1889-1895, undated
		46-49	Military correspondence, 1864
	4	50-52	Series IV. Writings, 1844-1887, undated
Series III. Printed items and graphic materials, 1864-1883, undated			
OS:B	--	53-56	Printed items and graphic materials, 1864-1883, undated
		2	Louisiana Purchase facsimile, undated
Series V. Manuscript volumes, 1826-1900			
F:9	--	--	Manuscript volumes 1-3
T:97	4	57-60	Manuscript volumes 4-7
	5	61-66	Manuscript volumes 8-13