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SUMMARY

<b>Size</b>	12.6 linear feet; 85 volumes
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Louisiana; Liverpool, England
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1791-1912
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1827-1882
<b>Languages</b>	English, French
<b>Summary</b>	Financial records and personal papers of the Consolidated Association of the Planters of Louisiana, a land bank of sugar planters. Collection consists of banking papers, account books, legal documents, documents recording the sale of land and enslaved people, diaries, letter books, plantation records, correspondence, minute books, and printed materials, among other items.
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Consolidated Association of the Planters of Louisiana was a land bank of sugar planters that was designed to aid them in securing better credit facilities. It was chartered by an act of the Louisiana Legislature in 1827, and further modified in 1828 by a legislative act that guaranteed the bank's loan by an issue of state bonds. These bonds were sold mainly through Baring Brothers and Company of London.

New Orleans banks made every effort to stay the demands made on them as a result of the Panic of 1837, and the Consolidated Association was one of the two banks paying specie upon demand in August 1837. In the same month, a proposal by Levi Woodbury that the bank becomes a United States Branch Bank was unanimously rejected. Ultimately, the financial strain caused by crop failures, insecure financing, and depreciation of land values proved too great a burden upon the bank. It failed to meet interest payments in 1839, and in 1842 came under state control through the terms of the banking act of that year. Much litigation ensued between the liquidators and the stockholders in attempts to restore the bank to solvency. One such effort was the extension of membership to individuals other than planters.

Various means were undertaken to reestablish the bank's credit. In 1848 a Board of Managers was created by the Legislature, and A. B. Roman went to Europe and succeeded in negotiating the renewal issue of state bonds through F. de Lizardi and Company and Baring Brothers. The Board of Managers submitted a report to the Legislature in 1856. The Civil War curtailed liquidation proceedings, however, in 1866 a special legislative act designed for the final liquidation of the Association was passed by the Louisiana Legislature. In June of 1876, Benjamin F Flanders was appointed Receiver and Liquidator. The period of Liquidation involved much litigation as is manifested by the prevalence of court papers and other documents found among the minutes and business papers. In 1877, Flanders and Allain Eustis were appointed receivers and Louis A. Wiltz, the lieutenant-governor, was appointed receiver later in that same year. A legislative act for the further liquidation of the Association was passed in 1878 and the receivership was declared vacant. In 1879, control reverted to the board of directors which completed the process under the terms of the Funding Act of 1874. Final liquidation occurred in 1888.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Papers represented here include the financial records of the Consolidated Association of the Planters of Louisiana. These records consist of banking papers, account books, legal documents, documents recording the sale of land and enslaved people, diaries, letter books, plantation records, correspondence, minute books, and printed material.

**LIST OF SERIES AND SUBSERIES**

**Series I. Papers, 1791-1912, undated**

**Series II. Oversize Materials, 1817-1912, undated**

**Series III. Manuscript Volumes, 1827-1887, undated**

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Series I. Papers, 1791-1912, undated**

Early papers (1827-1835) concern the establishment of the institution and contain such items as subscriptions for stock, applications for loans, minutes of meetings, letters from various prominent Louisiana sugar planters, and negotiations and correspondence with the London banking firm of Baring Brothers and Co., which sold the state bonds guaranteeing the bank's loan. Also among the early papers are three letters written by James (Jim) Bowie (1829, 1831) concerning the purchase and sale of stock. The original Bowie letters have been moved to the vault, but photocopies remain in place and are available for research. A photocopy and transcription of the 1831 Bowie letter can also be found in the J. Fair Hardin Collection, Mss. 1014 (Box 10, Folder 568).

Numerous papers reflect the effects of the Panic of 1837 on New Orleans banks. Other materials (1839-1866) relate to the failure of the bank in 1839, the establishment of state control in 1842, the means taken to reestablish the bank's credit, and the liquidation proceedings. Reconstruction papers deal almost exclusively with business affairs consisting of the operation of three plantations--La Vacherie, Home, and Kenmore--which were owned by the Association. These papers include tax records, insurance policies, and payroll sheets. The period of liquidation involved the proceedings (1876-1878) and much litigation as is reflected by the prevalence of court papers and other documents found among the minutes and business papers. Later papers (1879-1888) reveal attempts at reorganization and the final liquidation process, but also contain insurance policies and renewals, certificates of appointment to the Board of Directors, and printed materials. Printed items include issues of the *Weekly Observer* (Feb. 26, 1881), *Le Louisianais* (March 26, 1881), and *Monroe Bulletin* (April 13, 1881), among others. Papers are all arranged chronologically.

### **Series II. Oversize Materials, 1817-1912, undated**

This series consists of tax records, land surveys, correspondence, payroll sheets, insurance documents, bonds, proposals, receipts, certificates, and printed material. There are also undated street maps of New Orleans and French-language documents. The materials are housed either in boxes or a single folder, depending on the size of the document. Items are arranged chronologically.

### **Series III: Manuscript Volumes, 1827-1887, undated**

This series is arranged alphabetically by type of volume, then chronologically within type. Volume types include bank deposit books, bond books, cashbooks, checkbooks, diaries, index books, insurance books, journals, ledgers, letter books, minute books, account books, mortgage books, notebooks, receipt books, stock books, and a legal record book. Nine of the eighty-four volumes are housed in the Vault and cannot be examined due to their fragility. Patrons should contact a curator for more information about the contents of these particular volumes.

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