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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	632 items and 2 volumes
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	West Feliciana Parish, New Orleans, Louisiana; Wilkinson County, Mississippi; Mexico City, Mexico.
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1789-1826
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1820-1823
<b>Language.</b>	English, Spanish, some French
<b>Summary.</b>	Personal and business papers of Captain Antonio Patrick Walsh reflecting his military and maritime service; and commercial interest as commander and of the <i>Louisiana</i> and owner of <i>La Mexicana</i> ; and as a planter in West Feliciana Parish, La.
<b>Organization.</b>	Arranged chronologically.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	N/A
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

A native of Dublin, Ireland, Antonio Patrick Walsh served in the Spanish military and in the militia of colonial Louisiana under Spanish rule. He later became involved in shipping, serving Spanish commercial interests in the Caribbean and Mexico as third commander of the ship *Louisiana* and as the owner of the ship *La Mexicana*. Following his maritime service, Walsh settled in West Feliciana Parish, La., where he owned a cotton plantation.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Personal and business papers of Antonio Patrick Walsh. Documenting his military career in Europe and colonial Louisiana and his involvement in maritime shipping, the early papers in the collection consist of military orders from Spanish authorities conveying instructions to Walsh regarding ships he is to procure for use in possible hostilities with the British; passports granting Walsh entrance to Philadelphia, Pa., Vera Cruz, Mexico, Bordeaux, France, and other cities; and documents concerning Walsh's employment on the ship *Louisiana*. They include a letter from Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, the Spanish governor of Louisiana, commending Walsh for his military service on the *Louisiana*; papers related to cargoes of goods shipped from Vera Cruz, Mexico, to New Orleans, La.; a letter from Baron de Carondelet concerning the arming and staffing of the ship *Louisiana*; and a letter from Andres Lopez de Armesto, secretary of the government of the Spanish province of Louisiana and West Florida, naturalizing Walsh as a citizen of the province and mentioning his service as commander of squadron of galleys of the Mississippi.

Later papers reflect Walsh's more settled life as the owner of a cotton plantation in West Feliciana Parish. They comprise receipts from merchants for purchases of building implements, foodstuffs, clothing, and other dry goods; bills of sale for the purchase and sale of slaves; travel to Dublin, Ireland, to visit family and attend the wedding of his daughter, Maria; letters concerning cotton growing and trade; and documents related to debts owed to and by Walsh. Included among the papers are a bank book (1794-1814) and a memorandum book (1807-1809).

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1789	Fragment of a document concerning the sale of indigo, Pointe Coupee
1791	Acknowledgement of debt of money for books to Arthur Jones and letter from his father-in-law indicating Walsh was in Bordeaux in 1791.
1792	Letters and passports from Madrid concerning passage from Madrid to New Orleans stopping at Bordeaux for his wife. Passports indicate Walsh was a merchant.
1793	Walsh requests place in cavalry company; Baron de Carondelet's recommendation; granted by J. B. Macarty. Passport issued by Carondelet for Walsh to enter Philadelphia.
1794	Safe conduct passport through England and permit to possess arms.
1796	Letter of request by Henry Stuart of Philadelphia for the introduction of a Mr. Cadbury to Baron de Carondelet in the hope of promoting Cadbury's mercantile ventures in Louisiana, by Joseph Ignacio de Viar, Consul General to the king in stating that he may sell his cargo at any port in Europe provided he first report to the Spanish consul in that city.
1797	Letter from Carondelet in Mexico to Walsh in New Orleans asking him for the date of his employment on the <i>Louisiana</i> so that he may send a certificate. Carondelet promotes Walsh to the rank of Lieutenant. Document signed by Carondelet concerning the arming and staffing of the <i>Louisiana</i> to fight the British. Walsh and DuParc named officers under Lieutenant Colonel Pedro Rousseau. Letters from Carondelet in Mexico concerning a certification and the delayed arrival of a ship from Vera Cruz.
1798-1799	Gayoso de Lemos recommends Walsh for promotion to captain in view of his excellent service on the <i>Louisiana</i> , 1798. Letters by Gayoso giving Walsh instructions concerning the selection of ship pilots, 1798. Letter by Gayoso to Walsh instructing him to procure ships at Vera Cruz for use in the war, 1799. Report (printed copy) of the ships which are to compose the Royal Armada, 1799. Letter to Julien Poydras relating to a cargo of indigo to be delivered for sale in New Orleans, 1799; letter from Vera Cruz to Samuel and James Moore of New Orleans concerning a commission referred to by Walsh, 1799. Letter of Arthur Morgan introducing Walsh to Richard Shea of Kingston, Jamaica, 1799. Passport issued by military governor of La. and West Florida giving safe passage to Walsh to Vera Cruz, 1799.
1800-1801	Passport issued to Walsh at Vera Cruz; letter to Walsh from Aranza in Mexico in which he mentions the news of enemy ships; record of the military service of Walsh from the year 1797; letter from Aranza in Mexico to Walsh discussing letters of recommendation; letters of Casa Calvo; letters from Marguina in Mexico to Walsh announcing the departure of several cargo ships from Vera Cruz bound for New Orleans; passport issued at Vera Cruz to Captain Antonio Patricio Walsh, Second commandant of the Mississippi Fleet on the

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- vessel of war *Diligencia*; statement signed by Father Antonio de Sedella of the Capuchin Order certifying that Walsh has performed all duties of the Christian faith during his time in the colony, written at New Orleans.
- 1802 Accounts current with Captain John Smith of the frigate *La Mexicana*; letters from Casa Calvo in Mexico concerning a license, shipment of wine, and Walsh's plans to go to Europe; papers and letters regarding the erection of a cathedral in Baltimore; contract between Walsh and Captain Smith for half ownership of the *Defiance* later called *La Mexicana*; document for the purchase of the *Defiance* for 8000 pesos; wage agreement between Walsh and a seamen on *La Mexicana*; copy of a document concerning the value of *La Mexicana*; certification that Walsh was naturalized in 1789 and of his zeal in the performance of duty in the service signed by Salcedo; passport signed by Salcedo, governor of Louisiana at New Orleans
- 1803 Passport issued to Walsh by Aguado at Bayona, Spain, destination France; accounts current of sailors on *La Mexicana*; letter from Terrier Brunel in Bordeaux, stating that the *Mexicana* belongs to the House of Reuelta in Vera Cruz, which has instructed them to deal with Walsh; certification of *Mexicana*'s cargo, entering New York, signed Consul Thomas Stoughton; certificate of *Mexicana*'s sailing from New York, destination Bordeaux; personal letters between Walsh in Bayonne and Leon Carricaburu in Bordeaux; two notes requesting Blandin pay wages to George Piler and Joseph Lamontagne, employees on *La Mexicana*; letters from Carricaburu in Santander to Walsh in Bordeaux about a trip to Vera Cruz and about *La Mexicana*'s return trip; letter and duplicate to Walsh from Ectraguel concerning money owed to the writer; personal letter to Walsh, in Bordeaux, from Santiago Blandin in San Sebastian
- 1804 Letter, 1804, to Walsh, in Panage, Spain, from Levante, in Bordeaux; itemized account of debt of Walsh to Lacoste and receipt of payment by Walsh; letter to Walsh, in Bordeaux, from Carricaburu, in Santander, concerning the late arrival of the *Mexicana*, on which he wants to return to Vera Cruz; letter to Walsh, in Bordeaux, from Hernanos, in Santander, announcing Carricaburu's departure for Vera Cruz on receipt of Walsh's letter; letter from Walsh, in Bordeaux, to Ageurre and Armanos at St. Anvers, announcing the departure of Carricaburu for Vera Cruz and describing the *Mexicana*;
- 1805 Accounts current of Walsh with Laine Jeune;
- 1806 Accounts of Walsh with Jean Francois Merieult; note written at New Orleans, inviting Walsh to attend the property disposal of Ursin Deurel; document concerning will of Antonio Defan, signed by Pedro Pedersclaux, in New Orleans;
- 1807 Statement of textile materials bought by Walsh from P. Hoffman, Jr.; letter of Jose Cevallos, Pensacola, stating ownership by Walsh of a mulatto slave born on his property;
- 1808 Financial statement of Walsh to Marot, in New Orleans; receipt of money by Shiapella

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	from Walsh, in New Orleans; agreement between Walsh and Jacob Collins concerning land in Bayou Sarah; letter to Walsh from Vincent Nolte, in Philadelphia, requesting a note for \$4,200 to permit R. I. Oliver in Baltimore to buy slaves;
1809	Letter from Villanueva, Philadelphia, to Walsh in Baltimore stating the price of equipment at \$800; letter signed Thomas Egan, William Griffin, A. Vencento, Baton Rouge, concerning a voyage on the Mississippi to be made by George German, also a note from Thomas Estcovan stating that John M. Pintard will reimburse Walsh for salvage of boat and proving of property; letter from Walsh to Louis Sere in New Orleans discussing money; letter from Villanueva, Philadelphia, to Walsh in Baltimore enclosing \$2,276 from Bank of U. S. in payment for debt, and letters to be given to Blanque and La Porte; notebook of accounts of Walsh with Tontine Coffee House; letter from Henry Bennett requesting merchandise; letter from Walsh in Baltimore to Sere and Valverde in New Orleans stating bill of goods drawn on their house; business letter to Walsh in Bordeaux from Dufans Guillorit
1810	Document signed Walsh, notarized Peter Pedersclaux, giving the latter power of attorney over Walsh's land and containing detailed description of land; statement of account of Walsh with Villanueva; personal letter from Sere in New Orleans to Walsh in Vera Cruz; account of Jacob Collins with Walsh in Bayou Sarah, W. Feliciana Parish, 1808-1810; account current of Robinson, Pati, Newton, with Robert Percy;
1811	Account of Walsh with H. Bennett; personal letter from Bennett to Walsh on his plantation; receipt for \$200 from Walsh by William Draughton; account of Walsh with H. Bennett;
1812	Letter from Bennett to Walsh concerning accounts 1809-1811; bill from Walsh to H. Bennett for services rendered; account current of Bennett with Walsh; account of Walsh with Charles Curtis;
1813	Accounts current of Bennett with Walsh; statement of final settlement of accounts between Bennett and Walsh; note to Walsh from Bennett ordering payment at sight of \$166.50 to John Towles; letter from Vincent Nolte in New Orleans to Walsh in Bayou Sarah, concerning money owed to Walsh
1814	Account of Walsh with Brooks, a blacksmith at Pinckneyville;
1815	Account of Walsh with blacksmith; financial letter from James Hope to Walsh; letter from Dominick Hall, a judge in New Orleans, concerning news of the fleet; letters to Walsh from James Hope about corn and fodder; from Benjamin Morgan, New Orleans, requesting payment of debt; from E. S. Bernard, Baton Rouge, mentioning a shipment of cotton received by Vincent Nolte at St. Francisville; from James Hope asking him to send team of mules; financial statement of Walsh to Sterling; letter from Walsh, New Orleans, to Ganet, Bordeaux, stating himself free of all responsibilities concerning <i>Mexicana</i> ; letters to Walsh

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- in Bayou Sarah from Evariste Blanc in New Orleans about farming; from James Hope, mentioning hide sent to Hope and debt Walsh owes him; letter from Natchez about textiles; a group of financial statements, promissory notes, receipts, and accounts between Walsh and Lynd, Crocker, Martin, Millandon, Montgomery, Flower and Finley; letter from Blanc in New Orleans asking Walsh to watch river boats for runaway slave; note to Walsh written at Cecelia Vale by Francis Keller concerning money.
- 1816 Receipt of money owed to Turnbull from Walsh; account of Walsh with William T. Smith, in Bayou Sarah; receipt signed Maria Walsh in Dublin; letters from Lataymes and Garesche, both in Philadelphia, introducing James P. Kingston to François Clapier and Co. in Marseilles and Laine in Bordeaux; personal letter to Walsh from David Walsh in La Rochelle, c/o Aine, New Orleans merchant.
- 1817 Receipt of money, Parker from Walsh; account current of Walsh with Sere, Valverde, Nolte and Villanueva.
- 1818 Personal letter to Walsh from Geoghigan, apparently in Europe; letter to Walsh at Bayou Sarah from L. D. Mere Monchosse, inquiring of welfare of Marota in America; financial notes with Henry Livingston; account of Walsh with Robert Collins; account with Henry Bennett; personal letter to Walsh from Nathaniel Evans about leaving New Orleans by ship; financial notes concerning transactions with Lynd; printed circular of information on Liverpool School for the Blind; letter from Walsh, in Dublin, to American consul at Rochelle, France, requesting that he deliver enclosed letter to David Walsh; letter to David Walsh, in Rochelle, reporting the marriage of his daughter; personal letter from Thomas Sherlock in Dublin to Walsh at Cecelia Vale; personal letter from Walsh's daughter Cecelia Leonard in Dublin to him at Cecelia Vale.
- 1819 Letter from Walsh at Cecelia Vale requesting payment of small debt; check for \$800 to Walsh in New Orleans from Lestapis Brothers in Bordeaux; letter to Walsh, in New Orleans, from David Walsh, Rochelle, requesting note for fr. 802.50 and Walsh's reply that he is sending second note via *Missouri* fearing first was lost; letter from Cecelia Leonard in Sligo, Ireland, to Walsh at Cecelia Vale mentioning her mother; letter from Gareche Bros. in Rochelle to Walsh in New Orleans stating his letter delivered in Bordeaux by Marrot; receipts; letter from Kenny Laverty to Walsh, informing him of the death of Thannon; letter to Walsh from Dr. Patton, stating his account against Walsh transferred to Montgomery; letters of introduction; account of Walsh with H. Bennett; letter to Walsh, Cecelia Vale, from John Lombar, in Natchez, concerning cordage.
- 1820 Letters to Walsh at Cecelia Vale from Richard Davidson, Jambu, and Chew, introducing Dr. Barton of Va., to live at St. Francisville; letter from James Bradford, Feliciana, to Walsh, stating that he will get Mrs. Percy's testimony in Walsh's case against Collins; a number of Walsh's accounts; personal letter to Walsh from Gilbert Potter, Steamboat *Mobile*; note from Walsh requesting Ewan Smith sit up with the corpse of Ewan Briet; letter from Gilbert Potter, in Natchez, to Walsh; personal and financial letters from David



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1821 Receipts of payments to or from Walsh by Colfax, Stubblefield, August Patterson, Steamboat Feliciana, Paxton Bernard and Co., Johnston and Boorman, Nasfero, McCoy and Scallon, William Leake, Ficklin and Skillman, Monroe and Norton, Sarah Ansten, Joseph Sanderson, Duttitet and Sagony, Lieutaud Bros. and Dolhon, Liles, Millandon, Hagan and Mellon. Statements of account between Walsh and Robert Layton, Co., Vincent Nolte, Jambu, Crawford and Bernard, Temple and Sterling, Smith and Mill, Skillman, Gildemeister and Ries, T. Wilckens and Co., Benjamin Jewell, Draughon, D. Holl. Personal and financial letters from Lavelina, Hollander, D. Carsten, Lombard, George Howell, Francis Evans, George Barclay, Jesse Roberson, McCoy and Scallon. Fragment of funeral notice of J. P. Kingston.

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1822 Bills of sales of slaves at Cecelia Vale (1804-1822), letter to Vincent Nolte and Co. New Orleans, from David Walsh, Rochelle, asking for information concerning the existence of A. P. Walsh, reminder note written by Walsh to himself of things to do, promissory note to Mrs. Lydia Alsten; personal letter to Walsh from Guibert; promissory note to George Howell, receipts of money to or from Peter Bebuys, George Howell, Susan Bostwick, Chinn and Johnson, McWaters, Owen Parker; accounts with T. Augustin, Guildemeister and Ries, F. Wilckins and Co., Temple and Sterling, Crawford and Bernard, Collins and Cash; list of items bought for George Howell.

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