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SUMMARY

<b>Size</b>	1 linear foot
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Mandeville and New Orleans Louisiana.
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1804-1894, undated
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1850-1870, undated
<b>Languages</b>	English and French
<b>Summary</b>	Business and personal papers of Theodule Verret of Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish. The bulk of the papers concern his sawmill and lumber business and the renting or leasing of property he owned in New Orleans. Receipts, bills, and contracts are also present as well as personal letters and printed materials. Some records are in French.
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**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Theodule Verret (1817-1896) was born in Thibodaux, Louisiana. He was married to Marie Azélie Foucher, with whom he had eleven children. He owned a sawmill and lumber business in Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, and property in New Orleans, including the Fleur de Lis Mansion, which Marie inherited from her grandfather when they married in 1842. He was a justice of the peace in Mandeville as well as parish treasurer. He died May 1, 1896, in Mandeville, Louisiana.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

These papers contain the business and personal papers of Theodule Verret, some of which are in French. The bulk of the business papers concern the rent or lease of his property in New Orleans, his sawmill and lumber business in Mandeville, and his position as parish treasurer. Included are letters from Robert Lusher, Louisiana State Superintendent of Education, regarding public school funds, and correspondence with W. H. Palfrey, the agent managing his property in New Orleans. Receipts, bills, and contracts are also present as well as personal letters. Printed materials include speeches, almanacs, and catalogs.

**LIST OF SERIES**

**Series I. Business and Personal Papers, 1804-1894, undated**

**Series II. Printed Materials, 1852-1892, undated**

**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

**Series I. Business and Personal Papers, 1804-1894, undated**

This series consists of the business and personal papers of Theodule Verret of Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish. Business papers relate to his sawmill and lumber business and to the renting or leasing of property he owned in New Orleans. Also included are letters and statements from State Superintendent of Education Robert M. Lusher concerning public-school funds written to Verret when he served as St. Tammany Parish Treasurer (box 1, folder 9). Of note are the billing statements for Verret's purchases at area stores and the financial transactions for his lumber business as well as the correspondence with W. H. Palfrey, the agent managing his property in New Orleans. Personal letters are also present. Oversized materials consist of certificates, letters, and sales sheets. This series is arranged chronologically, and some records are in French.

**Series II. Printed Materials, 1852-1892, undated**

This series contains printed materials owned by Theodule Verret. These include printings of several speeches made in the United States Congress, one of which is a French translation (box 4, folders 3-4). Also included are several almanacs and college catalogs for Centenary College of Louisiana and Mount St. Mary's College in Maryland (box 4, folder 2). This series is arranged chronologically.

**INDEX TERMS**

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CONTAINER LIST

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<b>Series I. Business and Personal Papers, 1804-1894, undated</b>			
E:38	1	1-3	Power of attorney, property contract, letters, bills, and contracts relating to lumber business, and renting or leasing documents of property in New Orleans, 1804-1848
		4-21	Correspondence concerning the lumber business and property in New Orleans (mostly in French), 1849-1854
	2	1	Correspondence concerning property in New Orleans, 1855-1857
		2	Correspondence concerning property in New Orleans, insurance documents, and bills, 1858
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		9	Correspondence, letter from Robert M. Lusher to Verret as treasurer of the Parish concerning school funds, and bills, 1861-1865
		10-12	Correspondence, and bills, 1866-1869
	3	1-12	Report of Lewis Verret, bills and receipts from the Interstate Building and Loan Association, letters to Verret as tax collector and treasurer, and letter concerning sale of land for timber, 1870-1894, undated
OS:V	--	OS 1	Certificates, letters, and sales sheet, 1851-1890, undated
<b>Series II. Printed Materials, 1852-1892, undated</b>			
E:38	4	1	<i>Southern Rural Almanac</i> , 1852
		2	<i>Catalogue of Mount Saint Mary's College</i> , 1877-1878, and <i>Catalogue of Centenary College of Louisiana</i> , 1887-1888
		3-4	Speeches by Hon. Samuel S. Cox of New York, Hon. Edward D. White of Orleans in the Senate of Louisiana, Hon. Benjamin F. Jonas of Louisiana, and French excerpt from <i>Congressional Globe</i> , Vol. 22, page 1668, 1878-1880, undated
		5	<i>Regulator Almanac</i> , 1890, and <i>Home Missions and its Needs in the Synod of Mississippi</i> , 1892