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SUMMARY

Size.	5 items and 1 manuscript volume
Geographic locations.	Louisiana
Inclusive dates.	1837-1878
Bulk dates.	1837-1866, 1877-1878
Language.	English
Summary.	Lawyer and judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals of New Orleans. His son, Francis T. Nicholls, was governor of Louisiana. Papers include reminiscences, poems, newspaper clippings, obituaries, family history and biographical information, and descriptions of New Orleans and the Creole culture of Attakapas, Louisiana.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	Thomas C. Nicholls Reminiscences, Mss. 614 Josephine Nicholls Pugh Record Book, Mss. 4275
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Thomas C. Nicholls was a lawyer and judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals of New Orleans, Louisiana. His son, Francis T. Nicholls, was a governor of Louisiana.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The manuscript volume contains Thomas C. Nicholls' reminiscences, written chiefly from 1840-1842. The volume relates Nicholls family history and biographical information including the family's migration in 1805 from Baltimore through New Orleans and New Iberia to the Attakapas region of Louisiana. Included are Nicholls' impressions of New Orleans and the Creole culture of Attakapas. The volume contains handwritten poems by Robert Welman Nicholls (1815-1849, son of Thomas C. Nicholls); and clippings (1847) concerning military service of Nicholls family members during the War with Mexico, family deaths, and the death of U.S. Congressman Isaac E. Morse (1866). Morse's obituary was written by Oliver Wendell Holmes. Loose items removed from the volume include a newspaper clipping (1877) which traces the title of Pelham Manor of New York to land granted to Thomas Pell in 1666 by Richard Nicholls, a governor under the Duke of York.

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CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Attakapas District (La.)--History.	1840-1842	Comments on population, country, customs, and habits of people; attendance of families at Saturday night balls, kindness of people, lack of "all parade" and "etiquette" in girls, and ill habits of boys. Thomas C. Nicholls' "Reminiscences," 1840-(1842).
Holmes, Oliver Wendell, 1809-1894.	1866	Obituary by Holmes of Isaac E. Morse, classmate of Harvard College, published in <i>New Orleans Crescent</i> .
Hurricanes--Louisiana--Last Island.	1856	Newspaper clippings, in French and English, comment on those saved and list the dead.
Mexican War, 1846-1848.	1847	Public meeting honoring Louisiana Volunteers, Nicholls brothers, for gallantry at Monterey, Vera Cruz, and Cerro Gordo, and privates in Phoenix Company. Ascension Parish, May 30.
Morse, Isaac Edward, 1809-1856.	1866	Obituary notice from the <i>National Intelligencer</i> , Washington City obituary from the <i>New Orleans Crescent</i> written by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes.
New Orleans (La.)--Description and travel.	1805	"clumsy wooden houses," lack of glass window panes, filth on levee, Madame Chabot's tavern, lack of hacks and public vehicles, Samuel P. Moore's "folly," and customs; entire 2 nd municipality an "impassable swamp." Thomas C. Nicholls' "Reminiscences," 1840-(1842).
Poetry.	1837-1845, undated	Handwritten poems by Robert Welman Nicholls include "The Rose and the Bee," "The Artillery Flag," "Sunrise and Sunset," and "The Wine of Life."
Voyages and travels.	1805	30-day voyage on <i>Comet</i> from Baltimore to New Orleans; hardships encountered to New Iberia via Plaquemine, Blake's Landing, and Butte a la Rose. Thomas C. Nicholls' "Reminiscences" 1840-[1842].

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