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SUMMARY

Size.	156 items and 6 printed volumes
Geographic locations.	Orleans Parish, La.; Pensacola, Fla.
Inclusive dates.	1796-1917, undated
Bulk dates.	1818-1917
Language.	English
Summary.	Judge and collector of historical material in New Orleans, Louisiana. Letters, documents, broadsides, newspaper clippings, and related items.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	None.
Copyright.	Physical rights are retained by the LSU Libraries. For those materials not in the public domain, copyright is retained by the descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

William H. Seymour was a Louisiana politician and amateur historian. A native of Warrenton, Miss., Seymour spent his childhood in Europe. At the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served as an artillery sergeant. After relocating to Algiers, La., Seymour took an interest in local affairs and was elected justice of the peace and president of the Orleans Parish Police Jury. Seymour was the author of *The Story of Algiers*, a history of the city published in 1926.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers of William H. Seymour consist largely of Louisiana-related historical materials collected by Seymour. These include several slave bills of sale and slave mortgages; a document signed by Baron de Carondelet; letters to General David Bannister Morgan concerning the ownership of a piece of land near Pensacola, Fla.; bills of sale for land and property in Louisiana; Confederate broadsides regarding the requisitioning of loose farm animals; and several documents and letters concerning charges of perjury against Louisiana Governor Joshua Baker in 1868. Papers directly related to Seymour include a temperance pledge signed by Seymour, the text of a speech concerning General John A. Dix, and several grants of leave of absence from his position as notary public of Orleans Parish. Clippings of articles on Louisiana history, a booklet of general orders issued by General Benjamin F. Butler, the text of an address delivered before Congress by John Quincy Adams, and a census booklet on the historical and present condition of the state of Louisiana in 1881 are also included among the papers.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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U:164	1	1	Sale of slave by John Roosevelt of New York, to James Morris (1796); certified signature of Carondelet, New Orleans (June 30, 1796); letters to General David B. Morgan from: William Batton, Pensacola (July 25, 1818) refers to a case against Governor Vincent Folch by Patton, and the political situation in Pensacola in 1818, and from J. M. Keever, New York (April 8, 1821) requesting assistance in the settlement of a land claim near Pensacola on which there has been some question of erecting a steam saw mill;
		2	Legal document from a Civil Court during the reign of King Louis Philippe, last king of France (August 8, 1837); photocopy of a letter from a prisoner of war from Mier Expedition, stating that he was to be shot by the Mexicans because he was one of the unfortunate (and a note attached says "who had drawn the Black Bean," March 25, 1843); card from the American Total Abstinence Society indicating that William Seymour had taken the pledge (May 19, 1850); passport for Thomas A. Faries to Havana (November 1851); statement or copy of Act 149 of the Louisiana Legislature regarding the sale of New Orleans, Opelousas, and Great Western Railroad (May 25, 1869); letters from U.S. Senator John Slidell (June 6, 1858, April 29, 1859) to A. L. Teacher, of Franklin, referring to an article in the <i>Register</i> ; succession of L. A. Marchand (February 21, 1859); slave sale (July 1859);
		3	Confederate States, Marshall's Office, Louisiana, writ of garnishment (1861); fragment of flag removed from staff of U.S. Mint by Mumford (1862) later executed; invoices of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores for transportation to Captain Fairies at Jackson, Miss. (September 1862); property return, Confederate States of America to Robinson Jenkins & Co. (October 1862); letter (January 28, 1863) from Admiral David G. Farragut, on the <i>Hartford</i> to Mrs. M. Norris, Algiers, in reply to a note concerning Farragut's relative in New Orleans [in newspaper clippings, May 15, 1902, in folder 13 there is a story pertaining to the return of the <i>Hartford</i> to New Orleans in order to be converted into a training vessel for the Navy; a copy of the letter to Mrs. Norris and an explanation by Judge Seymour is also part of the article]; letter (May 8, 1864) from Acting Adjutant General J. C. Moncure, Headquarters Lecompt to Major T. A. Faries, in Gen. Richard Taylor's command complimenting him on removing guns from captured gunboats; ordinances published by the Police Jury of Orleans Parish, during the time William H. Seymore was president, concerning the sale of hogs found at large (June 1864) and branding and registering of horses, etc., roaming at large (September 1864); Request from Trans Mississippi Department, Shreveport, La. (January 5, 1865) requesting what date Major Faries was assigned to the command of a

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			battery of artillery; land sale (April 1865) to William H. Seymour and his wife of Algiers;
U:164	1	4	Letters of recommendation, legal documents, and a summary, (apparently by William H. Seymour) pertaining to the case of the United States v. Joshua Baker (March-May 1868);
		5	Letter (July 1, 1876) from A. Rouquette, New Orleans, to the editor of the <i>New Orleans Republican</i> , regarding change to be made in article, "Onward and Upward;" legal documents (1876-1884); letter (July 26, 1883) from Governor S. D. McEnery to Seymour regarding test case for taxes; letter (March 21, 1886) signed by Benjamin F. Butler from Boston referring to an address about the Old South;
		6	Invitation (February 7, 1902) from the mayor of New Orleans and the Citizens Executive Committee to the inauguration of the N.O. Naval Station at the West End Hotel, Lake Pontchartrain; leaves of absence as a Notary Public granted to William H. Seymour by Governor W. W. Heard (1902) and by Governor Blanchard (1904) and bills and envelope with notations from the Secretary of State;
		7	Sketch of the life of William H. Seymour [1840-1892]; speech by Judge Seymour giving account of an incident relating to Capt. Breshwood, commander of U.S. revenue cutter <i>Robert McClelland</i> , also remarks about buildings in Algiers such as Hughes' Hotel and Belleview Iron Works (undated)
		8	Blank "Form of Oath" taken by Confederate soldiers (1861); signatures of General G. T. Beauregard and Governor Louis A. Wiltz, and seal of the State of Louisiana; article from <i>The Ladies' Home Journal</i> , "A People Who Live Amid Romance," by Ruth McEnery Stuart (December 1896);
		9	Newspaper clippings regarding Henry Castellanos (1895-1896); articles "The Burning of the State House," and "Olden Times"
		10	Newspaper clippings: "Louisiana Story in Little Chapters," 1896-1897; "Indians in the Day of Iberville," July 26, 1899; "The First Resident on Bayou St. John," July 1900; "The Louisiana of the Purchase," 1903; "New Orleans Banks Seventy Years Ago," 1907; "Beginnings of the American Theatre in New Orleans," 1908; "Architectural Changes in New Orleans after the Fires of 1788 and 1794," 1908; "Opera in New Orleans," 1908; "Old Municipality Days, and Battle of New Orleans," undated;

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U:164	1	11	Newspaper clippings, Louisiana Historical Society, 1896-1909 "Louisiana Story," by William Beer, 1896; "Pontalba Family," by Grace King, 1902; "Jesuit's Lands," by Charles T. Soniat, 1909; "Origins of Names of Places, Streams, and Bayous," by Judge William H. Seymour;
		12	Newspaper clippings [1862], 1882-1899 Includes letter, [1862] to President Jefferson Davis on conditions on Ship Island; also an article about Lafayette's visit to New Orleans in 1825, in <i>Daily Picayune</i> , October 13, 1895;
		13	Newspaper clippings (1900-1912, 1917) Includes story of the return of the <i>Hartford</i> to New Orleans, May 15, 1902;
		14	Newspaper clippings (undated)
U:164	2	15	Printed volumes: <i>Lafayette. Oration on the Life and Character of Gilbert Motier de Lafayette, in the House of Representatives.</i> By John Quincy Adams (Washington: 1883) General Orders from Headquarters Department of the Gulf, issued by Major-General B. F. Butler from May 1, 1863 to the present time. (New Orleans: E.R. Wagener)
		16	<i>New Orleans in 1950. Being a Carnival city, from the pen of a descendant of Herodotus, possessing the gift of Prescience.</i> By J.H. Whyte. (New Orleans, [1899]) <i>Memorial of the City of New Orleans. Re land bequeath to the Cities of New Orleans and Philadelphia by the last will of the late Stephen Girard to be used by them for purposes of public utility and charity.</i> (undated) Tenth Census of the United States, Francis A. Walker, Superintendent. Social Statistics of Cities. History and Present Conditions of New Orleans, Louisiana,...by...and George W. Cable... (Washington: Government Print Office, 1881)
M:18	--	--	<i>Thacker's Dispensatory</i> Volume containing pharmaceutical remedies and medically-related uses of chemicals and electricity;
OS:S	--	1	Broadside for land auction in St. Tammany Parish (1836), commission appointing Samuel W. Ringgold, captain of Second La. Native Guard, free colored regiment of La. Volunteers (1863), newspapers: (Kingston, N.Y.) <i>Ulster County Gazette</i> , Jan. 4, 1800; (New Orleans) <i>Daily Picayune</i> , Aug. 23, 25, 1840; (New Orleans) <i>Catholic Propagator</i> , Dec. 10, 1870; <i>The Algiers Herald</i> , Aug. 2, 1893; (Algiers) <i>Daily Chronicle</i> , Jan. 27, 1898

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U:164	1	1-14	Business and personal papers, newspaper clippings (1796-1917);
	2	15-16	Printed volumes
M:18	--	--	<i>Thacker's Dispensatory</i>
OS:S	--	1	Broadside (1836), commission (1863), newspapers (1800-1898)