

JOSEPH SIMON FAMILY PAPERS

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SUMMARY

Size	1.5 linear feet, 28 volumes
Geographic Locations	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Inclusive Dates	1882-1948
Languages	English, German, Italian, Dutch
Summary	Papers of Joseph Simon consist of tax, real estate, and financial documents, and store merchandise inventories related to J. Simon & Son, Simon's jewelry business, and properties that he owned in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Other papers include correspondence related to Simon's participation in Congregation B'nai Israel and its efforts to recruit newly arriving Jewish families in the city.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Joseph Simon was the owner and proprietor of J. Simon & Son, a jewelry business in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A watchmaker by trade, Joseph Simon Sr., and his son Joseph Simon Jr., were active in the Baton Rouge Jewish community and the B'nai Israel congregation.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Business papers of Joseph Simon largely consist of tax, real estate, and financial documents related to J. Simon & Son, his jewelry business, and properties that he owned in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His personal papers include receipts for payments of membership dues in Jewish organizations, correspondence, and travel memorabilia.

LIST OF SERIES

Series I: Business Papers, 1882-1948

Series II: Personal Papers and Printed Materials, 1891-1946

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Business Papers, 1882-1948

Simon's business papers include tax receipts for the payment of state and local taxes, income tax returns and tax assessments, fire insurance policies for rental properties, applications for homestead exemption, receipts for purchases of building supplies, and store merchandise inventories for J. Simon & Son.

Also included are small memo books and notebooks containing financial and business-related notations, and several cashbooks and journals that record financial transactions at J. Simon & Son.

Series II: Personal Papers and Printed Materials, 1891-1946

Simon's personal papers include receipts for payments of membership dues in the Abraham Geiger Lodge of B'nai B'rith in Baton Rouge and various correspondence related to Simon's participation in Congregation B'nai Israel and its efforts to recruit newly arriving Jewish families in the city. Also found among the papers are booklets of postcards, hotel receipts, and tourist materials collected during a trip to France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy in the early 1930s. Greeting cards, pictures of family members, and Zionist pamphlets are also included.

The papers also include Passover and Seder liturgy guides, a scrapbook containing materials associated with Louisiana veterans of the Spanish-American War, volumes on various topics in Jewish history, and a Union prayer book of Jewish worship. Also included are a number of German-, Italian-, Dutch-, and English-language newspapers.

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				Bound Printed Volumes, 1891-1921
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		--	--	Volume 18: American National Council Joulers' Association, "Yearbook," 1923
		--	--	Volume 19: Central Conference of American Rabbis, "The Union Haggadah," 1908
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		--	--	Volume 21: Central Conference of American Rabbis, "Union Prayer Book," 1894.
		--	--	Volume 22: Congress, "Memorial Address on the Life and Character of James Phelan," 1891
		--	--	Volume 23: Golub, Jacob S., "I'm in the Days of the Second Temple," 1929
		--	--	Volume 24: Gordon, Samuel, "Sons of the Covenant," 1900
		--	--	Volume 25: Halstead, Murat, "The Illustrious Life of William McKinley," 1901
		--	--	Volume 26: Levinger, Elma Ehrlich, "The Story of the Jew," 1929
		--	--	Volume 27: "Acts Passed by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at the Regular Session," 1908
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