

**CHARLES T. DOERR AND FAMILY PAPERS**

Mss. 3312

Inventory

Compiled by  
Ebony McDonald

Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections  
Special Collections, Hill Memorial Library  
Louisiana State University Libraries  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University

2019  
Revised 2020

**CONTENTS OF INVENTORY**

SUMMARY ..... 3  
BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE ..... 4  
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE ..... 5  
LIST OF SERIES..... 6  
SERIES DESCRIPTIONS ..... 7  
INDEX TERMS ..... 9  
CONTAINER LIST ..... 10

**Use of manuscript materials.** If you wish to examine items in the manuscript group, please place a request via the Special Collections Request System. Consult the Container List for location information.

**Photocopying.** Should you wish to request photocopies, please consult a staff member. Do not remove items to be photocopied. The existing order and arrangement of unbound materials must be maintained. Reproductions must be made from surrogates (microfilm, digital scan, photocopy of original held by LSU Libraries), when available.

**Publication.** Readers assume full responsibility for compliance with laws regarding copyright, literary property rights, and libel.

Proper acknowledgement of LLMVC materials must be made in any resulting writing or publications. The correct form of citation for this manuscript group is given on the summary page. Copies of scholarly publications based on research in the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections are welcomed.

**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	0.6 linear ft.
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	New Orleans, La.; Birmingham, Ala.
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1837-1967.
<b>Languages</b>	English, French, German.
<b>Summary</b>	Consists of personal papers, printed items, newspaper clippings, photographs, and artifacts from a prominent family in New Orleans. Included in the personal papers are autograph books; included in the printed items is a printed volume.
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Copyright</b>	For those materials not in the public domain, copyright is retained by the descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. Copyright law.
<b>Related Collections</b>	None.
<b>Citation</b>	Charles T. Doerr and Family Papers, Mss. 3312, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries Special Collections, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack Location(s)</b>	12:13, OS:D

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Charles T. (Thomas) Doerr of New Orleans, Louisiana (born 1869) gained notoriety in New Orleans for his work in the family business as a jeweler although at the time of his death he was known for his career as a purchasing agent for the Alabama Power Company. He owned his own business, Doerr & Traverse, and designed a chalice for the St. Alphonsus Church that was presented by the League of the Sacred Heart. He also worked in a federal position at the Nitrate Plant at Muscle Shoals during World War I. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He died in Birmingham, Alabama in 1936.

Charles was the son of Amanda Hoffman (or Emma, 1848-1934) and Charles Johann August Doerr (sometimes noted as Charles E. or Charles J. A., born 1844). Charles J. A. was a prominent jeweler in New Orleans who migrated from Germany in 1854. His father was affiliated with E. A. Tyler, A. B. Griswold, and Scooter & Co. Charles J. A. died in his son's home in Birmingham in 1911.

Charles J. A. and Amanda Doerr had at least four other children including Amanda (1877-1930; married in 1903 to Joseph Bradford Lancaster) and Bertha (1878-1978; married in 1906 to Robert Aubert). Their other children, Richard V. and Louise, died of yellow fever between the years of 1877-1878.

On May 28, 1892, Charles T. married Lucie Ellermann (1870-1943), daughter of German immigrants Henry (or Heinrich) Ellermann (1819-1893) and (Dorothea) Susanna (or Susan or Suzanna) Emmel (1829-1888). Charles T. and Lucie had a son, Charles Henry (born 1897) and two daughters, Hazel Amelia (1895-1978; married in 1944 to Paul Mahoney) and Lucille Marie (1903-1944; married in 1923 to Joseph Johnston Duncan, Jr.). Two other daughters, Lucie D. (or Lucy, born 1893) and Elsa H. (or Elsie, born 1899; named after Richard C. Hyatt, close personal friend of the family who may have been her godfather according to the donor), died at age seven and six months old respectively. Charles Henry Doerr served in the 141st Washington Artillery in World War I and was a member of the American Legion. He died before his father in 1928 at the age of 32, also in Birmingham.

Lucie Ellermann's family included her eight siblings: Henry W. (1850-1888; married in 1880 to Anna M. Krebs), Caroline (or Carrie, 1855-1909), William H. (1857-1920; married in 1892 to Melonia Schiber), Ferdinand (died 1912; married to Anna Mary Damonte), Louisa (or Louise) S. (1864-1943), Frank (1865-1917), Julia (born 1866), Suzie W. M. (1866-1940; married in 1897 to Charles F. Dufour).

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Charles T. Doerr Family Papers consist of personal papers, printed items, newspaper clippings, photographs, and artifacts. Papers contain marriage and death documentation, chalice design specifications, certificates and licenses related to academic achievement and memberships, financial receipts, and autograph books. Printed items include *Johnson's Pocket Dictionary of the English Language* (1837), stationery, maps, postcards, and items related to the Washington Artillery 141<sup>st</sup> Battalion. Newspaper clippings feature the obituaries of Charles J. A., Charles T., and Charles H. There are individual and group photographs and artifacts related to the military and drafting.

**LIST OF SERIES**

**Series I. Personal Papers, 1856-1949**

**Series II. Printed Items, 1857-1939, undated**

**Series III. Newspaper Clippings, 1856-1967, undated**

**Series IV. Photographs, 1860-1942, undated**

**Series V. Artifacts, 1890-1895, undated**

**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

**Series I. Personal Papers, 1856-1949**

Personal papers contain vital records such as the marriage certificate of Charles J. A. Doerr and Amanda Hoffman (1868) and a copy of the death certificate of Charles T. Doerr (1949). Along with the actual invitation, there are bills from L. Fellman & Co., a dry goods store, and T. Fitzwilliam & Co., a stationary store, for orders on behalf of Henry Ellermann related to the wedding of Lucie Ellermann and Charles T. Doerr in 1892. Other financial documentation includes a copy of a Canal Bank check to Metairie Cemetery Association (1880), Richard C. Hyatt's Mechanics and Agriculture Fair Association of Louisiana stock certificate (1873), a Citizens Bank of Louisiana check to him (1883), and a bill for furniture from B. J. Montgomery & Co on behalf of Charles T. Doerr (1892). The Board of Directors of the Fireman's Insurance Company sent a letter to the Ellermann family to memorialize Henry Ellermann (1893). Also available are multiple papers that capture Charles T. Doerr's chalice design specifications (1898-1999; oversize, undated), which he contracted with the Benziger Brothers to make for the St. Alphonsus Church in New Orleans. There are his public school certificate of merit (1879) and his Liar's Licence from The Ancient, Reckless and Independent Order of Prevaricators (1894) as well as a post card addressed to him (1901). Another school-related item is the report card of Lucy (Lucie) Doerr from the Chestnut School (1907) with a note from the donor that Lucie died December 21, 1900 from diphtheria.

Included in this series are three autograph books that were owned by Henry Ellermann (1859-1865) and Carrie Ellermann (1877, 1882-1894).

**Series II. Printed Items, 1857-1939, undated**

Printed items include small booklets such as *The Leviathan Steam Ship* (1858), maps of Birmingham (1903; oversize, undated) and Milan, Italy (1857), post cards, a death notice for R. C. Hyatt (1888), personalized stationary, event invitations, advertisements and programs such as a card for C.F. Hatcher's Slave Depot (undated) and the Academy of Music (1874, circa 1870-1879). There is a roster of members Battalion Washington Artillery (oversize, 1890), a certificate appointing Charles T. Doerr into the Washington Artillery Battalion of the Louisiana State Militia (oversize, 1897), and an invitation to the Washington Artillery's Centennial Celebration (1939).

*Johnson's Pocket Dictionary of the English Language* (1837) is a printed volume included in this series.

**Series III. Newspaper Clippings, 1856-1967, undated**

Newspaper clippings include an announcement of the creation of the Victoria Cross (1856), auction notices of the house of Henry Ellermann (1894) and his stocks and bonds (1894), several death announcements including that of Henry Ellermann (1893), Charles J. A. Doerr (or Charles E., 1911), Lucie D. (1900), Elsa H. (1900), Charles T. Doerr (1936), and Charles H. (1928). There are clippings related to the chalice designed by Charles T. in 1898 and that reference the Washington Artillery (1961-1962).

**Series IV. Photographs, 1884-1942, undated**

This series consists of individual and group portraits. The majority of the photos are of the Doerr and Ellermann families. The earliest photo is a portrait of Henry Ellermann (circa 1860-1869). The latest photo is that of Marie Duncan Slaughter (1942), who was Charles T. Doerr's granddaughter. There are photos of their homes (circa 1890-1899) and the Ellermann family grave (circa 1880-1889). Group photos include that of a New Orleans snow storm (1896), the Doerr family and their in-laws, the Auberts and Lancasters (1909), the 56<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia (1933). The photo of an unidentified man on horseback (undated) is named as Charles T. Doerr by the donor. There is a notation on the back of the photo of children of Charles J. A. Doerr (circa 1870-1879) that Louise and Richard died of yellow fever within 24 hours of each other.

**Series V. Artifacts, 1890-1895, undated**

Artifacts include: military ribbons (1890, 1895), a draftman's kit (undated), a draftman's compass (undated), and a variety of military insignia (undated).



INDEX TERMS

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found in the series indicated, as represented by their numbers.

Academy of Music (New Orleans, La.)	II
Autograph albums	I
Benziger Brothers	I
Birmingham (Ala.)--Maps	II
Birmingham Metropolitan Area (Ala.)--Maps	II
Chalices--Louisiana--New Orleans	I
Church of St. Alphonsus (New Orleans, La.)	III
Compasses (drawing instruments)	V
Doerr, Charles J. A., 1844-1911	III, IV
Doerr, Charles T., 1869-1936	I, II, III, IV
Doerr, Lucie Ellermann, 1870-1943	I, II, III, IV
Drafting equipment	V
Ellermann, Caroline (Carrie), 1855-1909	I, IV
Ellermann, Henry, 1819-1893	I, III, IV
English language--19 <sup>th</sup> century--Dictionaries	II
Financial records	I
Jewelers--Louisiana--New Orleans	I, II, III
Jewelry--Louisiana--New Orleans--Design	I
Leviathan (Ship)	II
Milan (Italy)--Maps	II
Obituaries	III
Photographic prints	IV

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
			<b>Series I. Personal Papers, 1856-1949</b>
12:13	1	1	Personal Papers, 1856-1949
		2	Personal Papers: Chalice Design, 1888-1889
OS:D	--	1	Personal Papers: Chalice Design, undated
12:13	2	--	<b>Vol. 1</b> Henry Ellermann's Autograph Book, 1859-1865
		--	<b>Vol. 2</b> Carrie Ellermann's Autograph Book, 1877
		--	<b>Vol. 3</b> Carrie Ellermann's Autograph Book, 1882-1894
			<b>Series II. Printed Items, 1857-1939, undated</b>
	1	3-4	Printed Items, 1857-1888, 1903
		5	Printed Items: The Washington Artillery Battalion, 1890, 1939
OS:D	--	1	Printed Items: The Washington Artillery Battalion, 1890-1897
12:13	1	6	Printed Items, undated
OS:D	--	1	Printed Items: Map of Birmingham, undated
12:13	2	--	<b>Vol. 4</b> <i>Johnson's Pocket Dictionary of the English Language</i> , 1837
	1	7	<b>Series III. Newspaper Clippings, 1856-1967, undated</b>
		8-10	<b>Series IV. Photographs, 1860-1942, undated</b>
	2	--	<b>Series V. Artifacts, 1890-1895, undated</b>