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SUMMARY

Size	3.33 linear feet
Geographic Locations	Jefferson Parish, LA, Baton Rouge, LA
Inclusive Dates	1903-1977
Languages	English
Summary	This collection contains the working and personal papers of Mrs. Virginia Wilkinson Tucker. Included are papers and yearbooks for the Garden Club, the Music Club, the Study Club, and the Women's Club, all of Baton Rouge.
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Stack Location(s)	32:82-83, OS:T

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Virginia Wilkinson Tucker was born in 1883 on Fairfield Plantation in Jefferson Parish, La., across the river from New Orleans. Her family moved to Poplar Grove Plantation when she was the age of three. She and her siblings were educated on the plantation. She married Dr. J. A. Tucker at St. James Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge after a two-year courtship. Mrs. Tucker was instrumental in saving the Old Arsenal in downtown Baton Rouge and establishing a museum there. She also helped fight changes to the Old State Capitol grounds. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Foundation for Historical Louisiana, and the West Baton Rouge Historical Society. She was also a founding member of the Baton Rouge Garden Club. She was named Gentlewoman of the Century in 1971. She died on September 11, 1978.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains the papers of Mrs. Virginia Wilkinson Tucker. There is correspondence, records and yearbooks for clubs and associations with which she was involved, and personal papers. The correspondence and records for clubs and associations contain information from the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Louisiana, the Garden Club, the Music Club, the Study Club, and the Women's Club, all of Baton Rouge. Also included in this series are papers and yearbooks concerning the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as well as research on the Greenwell Springs Sanatorium investigation and the St. James Episcopal Church and Historical Cultural Commission papers. Her personal papers contain publications, especially related to Louisiana, and photographs.

LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Correspondence, 1924-1977, undated

Series II. Clubs and Associations, 1903-1972, undated

Series III. Personal Papers, 1905-1952, undated

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Correspondence, 1924-1977, undated

Series I contains correspondence to Virginia Wilkinson Tucker. This correspondence includes thanks for donations, letters from the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Louisiana, and responses to her letters concerning tuberculosis. Most of this correspondence is in line with her volunteer duties, with a couple of personal letters dispersed through the series.

Series II. Clubs and Associations, 1903-1972, undated

Series II contains papers and yearbooks for the various clubs and associations in which Mrs. Tucker was active. These clubs include the Garden Club, the Music Club, the Study Club, and the Women's Club, all of Baton Rouge. Also included in this series are papers and yearbooks concerning the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as well as research on the Greenwell Springs Sanatorium investigation and the St. James Episcopal Church and Historical Cultural Commission papers.

Series III. Personal Papers, 1905-1952, undated

This final series consists of the personal papers of Mrs. Tucker. These personal papers include notebooks, information for the testimonial dinner when she was named Gentlewoman of the Century in 1971, and photographs. In addition to photographs of Mrs. Tucker, there are also photographs of the Old Arsenal Museum and mounted photographs of area historic locations. Publications include opera concert programs and various publications of Louisiana.

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

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OS:T	--	OS1	Photograph, Centenary College of Louisiana, Jackson, LA, undated
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			Newspaper, <i>Churchnews</i> , Vol. XX, No. 10, December 1969
			Newspaper, <i>Churchnews</i> , Vol. XVII, No. 8, May 1975