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SUMMARY

Size	0.3 linear feet.
Geographic Locations	Opelousas, La.
Inclusive Dates	1829-1854, undated.
Bulk Dates	1837-1838.
Languages	English.
Summary	Gilbert Livingston Thompson was a civil engineer and a sugar manufacturer who operated in Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. The Gilbert L. Thompson papers contain manuscript records related to civil engineering and sugar manufacturing, personal and professional correspondence of Gilbert L. Thompson, deeds and acts of sale, bills and receipts, inventories, as well as oversized maps of Louisiana.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Gilbert Livingston Thompson was a civil engineer and a sugar manufacturer who operated in Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. He was born on June 20, 1796, in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, the son of Sarah Livingston Thompson (1777-1833) and Smith Thompson (1768-1843). His father, Smith Thompson, was the US Secretary of the Navy (1819-1823) and a US Supreme Court Associate Justice (1823-1843). In 1818 Gilbert L. Thompson married Arietta Minthorne Tompkins Thompson (1800-1837), who was the daughter of Daniel D. Tompkins (1774-1825), the sixth US Vice President from 1817 to 1825. Gilbert L. Thompson died on July 4, 1874, at the age of 78.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Gilbert L. Thompson papers contain manuscript records related to the Atchafalaya Railroad and Banking Company, the Baratavia and Lafourche Canal Company, and the American Beet Sugar Refining and Manufacturing Company. They also contain personal and professional correspondence of Gilbert L. Thompson, deeds and acts of sale, bills and receipts, inventories, as well as oversized maps of Louisiana. The oversized maps include a plat map of Houma Claim (1845), a map of Louisiana land districts (1854), and hand-drawn maps of Bayou Lafourche and Berwick Bay (undated). The records are arranged chronologically.

INDEX TERMS

American Beet Sugar Refining and Manufacturing Company.

Barataria and Lafourche Canal (La.)

Civil engineering--Louisiana--Opelousas.

Manuscript maps.

Maps (documents)

Sugar--Manufacture and refining--Louisiana--Opelousas.

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		10	“Address of the Louisiana Native American Association to the Citizens of Louisiana and the Inhabitants of the United States” (pamphlet), 1839
		11	C. Derbigny vs. G.L. Thompson, 1839
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		14	“A new method of manufacturing Sugar from the Beet and all other vegetable matter producing Saccharine, Invented by G.L. Thompson, Civil Engineer” (handwritten report), undated
		15	Distance from Washington to New Orleans (table comparing routes from Washington to New Orleans), undated
		16	Southern Land and Commission Agency, undated
OS:T	-	1	Oversized maps of Louisiana, 1845, 1854, undated