

**ISADORE DAIGLE FAMILY PAPERS**

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**DAIGLE (ISADORE) FAMILY PAPERS**

1859- ca. 1966

**Mss. 4041****SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, LSU LIBRARIES****SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	155 items (1.3 linear feet)
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Baton Rouge, Louisiana; New Orleans, La.; California; Colorado; Missouri; Utah; Tennessee
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1859-ca. 1966
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1920-1935
<b>Language.</b>	English, one document in French.
<b>Summary.</b>	Personal papers, three photograph albums and various loose photographs, documenting the Daigle, Woodruff, and Noyes families.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	Lucy Wilcox Davis and Family Papers, Mss. 4049
<b>Copyright.</b>	Physical rights are retained by LSU Libraries. Copyright of the original materials is retained by the creators, or their descendants, of the materials in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
<b>Citation.</b>	Isadore Daigle Family Papers, Mss. 4041, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack locations.</b>	Y:86; OS:D; Vault:38

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Isadore Daigle (b. 1846) was the son of Isadore-Louis Daigle (1802-1869) and Celestine-Delphine Molaison (1814-1870). He built St. Delphine Plantation, named for his mother, in West Baton Rouge Parish around 1859, and in 1870 married Marie-Julia Gassie (1846-1939). In the 1870s, he sold the plantation to his son-in-law, a Mr. Woodruff, who later sold it to August Levert, Sr., (b. 1803).

John William Noyes (1837-1928) was a Confederate Veteran, serving in Fenner's Louisiana Battery. He was also treasurer of the Louisiana Division of the Association of the Army of Tennessee, and treasurer of the Confederate Home of Louisiana.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The majority of the Isadore Daigle Family Papers consist of photographs of various family members and family friends of the Daigle, Woodruff, and Noyes families. Three albums contain photographs of vacations, family members, and Navy ships, while many loose photographs include professional portraits taken in Baton Rouge and New Orleans, snapshots taken of family members and residences, and steamers.

Family papers include the contract for the construction of the St. Delphine Plantation (1859), a legal letter to the heirs of Mr. Daigle (1911), and newspaper clippings. Also included is a medal presented to L.W. Noyes from the Sons of Confederate Veterans (ca. 1900-1950).

**LIST OF SERIES**

**Series I, Personal Papers, 1859-1930, undated**

**Series II, Photographs, ca. 1900-1966, undated**

**Series III, Artifact, ca. 1900-1950**

**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS****Series I, Personal Papers, 1859-1930, undated**

Personal papers are comprised of a contract between Isadore Daigle and Warwick Flanigan for the construction of the St. Delphine Plantation in West Baton Rouge Parish (1859). Also included is a first communion certificate [in French] for Adile Woodruff (1892), a letter to the heirs of Isadore Daigle from an attorney discussing Civil War claims by the Daigle family (1911), newspaper clippings (1901-1912, undated) including the obituary of William J. Woodruff (undated), and an issue of the *Sunday Advocate* concerning St. Delphine Plantation and its destruction by a tornado in 1906 (Nov. 6, 1966).

**Series II, Photographs, ca. 1900-1966, undated**

This series comprises three albums and a large amount of loose photographs. Album 1 (1930) was most likely compiled by Edith R. Woodruff Noyes and documents a trip with friends across several states, including Colorado, Missouri, Utah, and California. Photographs depict sites such as Pikes Peak, Colo.; a Mormon temple in Salt Lake City; an alligator farm in Los Angeles; and Catalina Island, Calif. Album 2 (ca. 1920-1930) contains mostly unidentified family photographs taken at family homes. Many of these feature automobiles, and some document family trips to a beach. The only identified person within the album is "Grandpa Daigle," possibly Isadore. Album 3 (ca. 1910-1920) contains many photographs of Navy ships, sailors, and unidentified locations around the world, many in the Caribbean.

Loose photographs include several professional portraits, encompassing the work of A.D. Lytle, T. L. Lilenthal, and Frank B. Moore. Two photographs of the New Orleans Camera Club are included (1892), as well as photographs of the following identified individuals: Julia Gassie Daigle (ca. 1910-1912), Herbert Louis Bailey (1913), Castillo Finker (1920), "Uncle Elmer and Nanny" (1921). Also included are photographs of Umbrella Rock and Point Lookout in Chattanooga, Tenn. One folder consists entirely of photographs and picture postcards of steamships, including the *St. James*, the *Sprague*, the *Island Queen*, the *Geo. Prince*, and the Navy ship, *U.S.A.T. Madawaska*.

**Series III, Artifact, ca. 1900-1950**

Also found in the collection is a medal presented to L.W. Noyes by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Louisiana Division (ca. 1900-1950).

**INDEX TERMS**

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

<b>Terms</b>	<b>Series Location</b>
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Lytle, Andrew D., 1834-1917.	II
Noyes family.	I, III
Noyes, Edith R. Woodruff--Travel.	II
Photographic prints.	II
Saint Delphine Plantation (La.)	I
Steamboats--Photographs.	II
United States. Navy--Travel.	II
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## CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents</u>
Y:86	1	1-3	<b>Series I, Personal Papers, 1859-1930</b>
			<b>Series II, Photographs, ca. 1900-1966, undated</b>
		4-5	Album 1, 1930
		6-12	Album 2, ca. 1920-1930
		13-15	Album 3, 1910-1920
Y:86	2	1-3	Album 3, 1910-1920
		4	Steamship photographs, undated
		5-8	Various family photographs, 1860-1905
Y:86	3	1-8	Various family photographs, 1900- ca.1966
		9-10	Various family photographs, undated
Y:86	4	1-10	Various family photographs, undated
OS:D	--	1	<i>Sunday Advocate</i> , Nov. 6, 1966
Vault: 38	1	--	<b>Series III, Artifact, ca. 1900-1950</b> Sons of Confederate Veterans medal presented to L.W. Noyes