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SUMMARY

Size 0.5 linear feet

Geographic Locations Grand Coteau, Louisiana

Inclusive Dates 1838-1939

Bulk Dates 1915-1932

Languages English, French

Summary This collection contains correspondence, including letters from Governor Huey P. Long's office and the Oge family, financial records, legal papers, writings, and printed items. Printed items consist of photographs, newspaper clippings, and issues of the *Congressional Record* containing speeches of Huey P. Long.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

John M. Oge was a resident, politician, and planter of Grand Coteau, Louisiana. His political offices included mayor of Grand Coteau, deputy sheriff of St. Landry Parish, and representative in the Louisiana State Legislature. Oge also served as an agent for the Louisiana Department of Conservation. As a youth, he was raised by the Duffy family of St. Landry Parish. Oge later married one of the daughters of the Duffy family, and they had four children.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Early business correspondence relates to the sale and transport of cotton, a poor cotton market and decline in prices (April 22, 1867), and a property dispute. Later business correspondence pertains to dealings with commission merchants, the poor condition of agricultural markets, and the collection of an unpaid debt. Political correspondence reflects the political atmosphere in Louisiana during the early twentieth century with letters from Louisiana Governor Huey P. Long's office and political allies requesting support. Also included are letters related to the incorporation of the town of Sunset, Louisiana. Personal correspondence to John Oge from his sons, Archie and Gordon, includes requests that Oge use his influence on their behalf for employment and military transfers. They also express their sentiments about serving in the U.S. Army during World War I. Other personal letters concern family matters, purchase of property, and a description of the Rio Grande Valley (February 3, 1925).

Letters of note include a letter from U.S. Senator Huey P. Long of the Committee on Naval Affairs to John M. Oge of Grand Coteau, Louisiana, concerning the results of the Presidential election (November 29, 1932). A letter from Huey P. Long to a friend concerns financial powers in Washington, D.C. and advocates spreading the wealth (March 7, 1933). In another letter from Governor Oscar K. Allen of Louisiana to all mayors, district attorneys, sheriffs, and police officers of Louisiana, Allen orders the destruction of slot machines in Louisiana (August 28, 1934). There is also a postcard stamped 1939.

Printed items and photographs are unidentified portraits, including cabinet cards and a platinum portrait of an infant; newspaper clippings; a book of poetry; and issues of the *Congressional Record* containing speeches of Huey P. Long (1861-1867). Also included are an address by J. Y. Sanders given May 25, 1915 in the *Congressional Record*: "Wall Street's Outer Guard;" a speech of Honorable Huey P. Long of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States (Friday, April 29, 1934); a blank Louisiana State Board of Health Medical Certificate; a printed copy of the memorial of Alice and Ellen Duffy presented to the United States requesting restitution for property confiscated by United States Army officers in the spring of 1863; and a St. Charles College Catalog, Grand Coteau, Louisiana (1914-1915).

The financial papers relate to the production of cotton and agricultural products and record poll taxes paid. Included are lists of accounts for goods and services, tax receipts, and notices from commission merchants. Notices from commission merchants state sale or rejection of agricultural products. Financial papers also document the sale and transportation of farm products. Legal documents include a petition against Patrick Duffy for unpaid wages (1867), an appraisal of property owned by Alice and Ellen Duffy (1871), loan payment receipts made out to Alice Duffy and certified by the recorder of St. Landry Parish (1872), and various documents notarized by John M. Oge.

General papers consist of writings of original poetry and ephemera that consists of invitations, political cards, Jockey Club badges, and business cards.

INDEX TERMS

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CONTAINER LIST

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W:54	2	1-12	Financial and legal papers, 1838-1931, undated
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