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SUMMARY

Size	0.5 linear feet
Geographic Locations	Brusly, Louisiana
Inclusive Dates	1825-1959
Languages	English, French, and Spanish
Summary	The Gassie Family Papers contain correspondence, legal documents and ephemera created or collected by the Emile P. Gassie family of Brusly, Louisiana.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The Gassie family was a family with direct lineage to France that settled in Brusly, West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. Pierre Gassies/Gassie was born in France in 1798. He arrived in Louisiana in February of 1823 to take over his father's businesses in New Orleans after his father lost his sight. Upon Pierre's arrival in New Orleans, his father returned to France. After a few years of bad business in New Orleans, he relocated to West Baton Rouge Parish with his wife, Elmire Marson Gassie. In 1840, his son Emile P. Gassie was born. Emile married Marie Zulma Labauve in 1864, but she passed away in 1870. In 1871, he married Josephine Marie LaBauve, with whom he had seven children. One of the children born of this union was Iberia Gassie Hollins (1875-1963). Many members of this family are buried in what is now Brusly, Louisiana, where the family settled shortly after Pierre Gassies/Gassie moved to Louisiana.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers included here contain the correspondence, legal documents, and other ephemera collected by the Gassie family. Found in the correspondence are letters in French, English, and Spanish between family members. This correspondence covers the years 1825-1959 and covers such topics as illnesses, travel, and local news. The assorted materials found in these papers include legal documents, ephemera, and a United Daughters of the Confederacy Southern Cross of Honor in Emile Gassie's name.

LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Correspondence, 1825-1959, undated

Series II. Assorted Materials, 1853-1959, undated

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Correspondence, 1825-1959, undated

This series includes letters that give insight into the everyday lives of the Gassie family. Roughly one-third of the correspondence in this series is in French with the remaining in English. There is also one letter written in Spanish. Correspondents include Josephine Marie LaBauve Gassie, Iberia Gassie Hollins, and Emile Gassie. Of note is a letter dated September 13, 1886, (box 1, folder 5) in which the writer details their experience during the earthquake that hit Charleston, South Carolina, on August 31, 1886. This series is arranged chronologically.

Series II. Assorted Materials, 1853-1959, undated

Found in this series are poems in French and English, notes, legal documents, books and pamphlets, and a United Daughters of the Confederacy Southern Cross of Honor pin in Emile Gassie's name. Among the legal documents is a notarized contract for the sale of land in Iberville Parish for Adolphe Labauve, Eliza Labauve, and Deozar Landry (box 2, folder 1). This series is arranged chronologically.

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