SLOO (THOMAS) PAPERS

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SUMMARY

Size.	104 items and 7 printed volumes
Geographic locations.	New Orleans, Louisiana; Camden, New Jersey
Inclusive dates.	1876-1913, undated
Bulk dates.	1880-1909
Language.	English
Summary.	Business and personal papers of Thomas Sloo, prominent New Orleans citizen and businessman, pertaining to his saddle, harness, and collar manufacturing business, as well as his participation in New Orleans Mardi Gras organizations.
Organization.	Arranged chronologically
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	N/A
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Thomas Sloo was a partner in the firms of Baker, Sloo and Company and Whitney and Sloo Company of New Orleans, Louisiana. These companies manufactured saddlery, harnesses, and collars. Sloo married Duncan Kenner's granddaughter.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Business papers consist of cancelled stock certificates, promissory notes, bills and receipts, price lists, catalogs, New Orleans property leases, and letters. These letters discuss, among other things, the history of George Horter's business (predecessor of Baker, Sloo and Co.) and terms of its sale, the purchase of straw from W. Fitzgerald & Co., Camden, New Jersey, and difficulties with competitors Hill and Becker. The Milton Society (also called the "Atlantean" by its members) papers include its constitution; broadsides announcing meetings; lists of officers, members, and committees; a photograph of a tableau stage setting; and four hand-drawn, colored plates of costumes. Invitations and admittance cards to Atlantean, Krewe of Momus, and Krewe of Comus (Mardi Gras carnival organizations) dances, and business and calling cards comprise the printed ephemera. Printed volumes consist of price lists and catalogs of saddlery, harnesses, collars and other goods, manufactured by Whitney & Sloo Company, Ltd.

CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Horter, George.	1876, 1880-1885	K. Peterson, Edward Fenner, and Horter dissolve Philadelphia firm, June 19, 1876; Horter and Fenner co-partnership agreement, July 10-1880; Invoice blank, ca. 1882; Sells firm to Baker, Sloo, and Company, and gives history of company. 7 items: 1883-1885; Employment contract with Baker, Sloo, and Company annulled, Jan. 4, 1884;
Fenner, Edward.	1876, 1880, 1884	Operates saddlery business, June 19, 1876, July 10, 1880; Receives payment from Baker, Sloo, and Company for Horter and Fenner, May 27, 1884, and for Peterson, Horter, and Fenner, May 24, 1884;
Baker, Sloo and Company.	1883-1891	Organization, charter, notes, receipted bills, price list, catalogs, and receipts for dividend payments;
Milton Society.	1895, 1900-1901	Broadsides announcing meetings of Milton Society (Atlanteans) at which tableau subject, cast, queen, maids, and date of ball will be revealed and jewels displayed. 4 items: Feb 18, 1900; ca. 1900 (2); and Jan. 16, 1901;
Carnival--Louisiana--Societies, etc.	1898-1911, undated	Drawings of costumes, photograph of a tableau stage setting (ca. 1900); invitations to Mardi Gras balls, dance cards
Whitney & Sloo.	1898-1909	Receipts for dividend payments, cancelled notes, appointments to board of directors, price list, and catalogs;
Saddlery--Louisiana--Orleans Parish.	1876, 1880-1909	New Orleans saddlers, K. Peterson, Edward Fenner, and George Horter, June 19, 1876; Horter and Fenner, Juyly 10, 1880; George Horter, 1882-1883; Baker, Sloo, and Company, Limited, 1883-1895; Whitney and Sloo Company, Limited, 1898-1909

CONTAINER LIST

Stack Location	Box	Folder(s)	Contents (with dates)
UU:109	1	1-3	Business papers, some printed items (1876-1909, undated)
		4	Calling cards, business cards (undated)
		5	Mardi Gras invitations, dance cards (1898-1913, undated)
		6	Drawings of Mardi Gras costumes, photograph of a tableau stage setting (ca. 1900)
		7-8	Printed volumes (ca. 1885-1897) Price list and catalogues of saddlery, harnesses, collars and other goods, manufactured by Whitney & Sloo Company, Ltd.
		9	Empty envelopes (1892-1893, undated)