

ALLENDALE PLANTATION RECORDS

Mss. 3824

Inventory

Compiled by

Luana Henderson

Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections
Special Collections, Hill Memorial Library
Louisiana State University Libraries
Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University

2013

CONTENTS OF INVENTORY

SUMMARY	3
BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE	4
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE	4
LIST OF SERIES.....	5
SERIES DESCRIPTIONS	6
INDEX TERMS.....	7
CONTAINER LIST	8

Use of manuscript materials. If you wish to examine items in the manuscript group, please fill out a call slip specifying the materials you wish to see. Consult the Container List for location information needed on the call slip.

Photocopying. Should you wish to request photocopies, please consult a staff member. Do not remove items to be photocopied. The existing order and arrangement of unbound materials must be maintained. Reproductions must be made from surrogates (microfilm, digital scan, photocopy of original held by LSU Libraries), when available.

Publication. Readers assume full responsibility for compliance with laws regarding copyright, literary property rights, and libel.

Permission to examine archival materials does not constitute permission to publish. Any publication of such materials beyond the limits of fair use requires specific prior written permission. Requests for permission to publish should be addressed in writing to the Head, Public Services, Special Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, LA, 70803-3300. When permission to publish is granted, two copies of the publication will be requested for the LLMVC.

Proper acknowledgement of LLMVC materials must be made in any resulting writing or publications. The correct form of citation for this manuscript group is given on the summary page. Copies of scholarly publications based on research in the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections are welcomed.

SUMMARY

Size.	0.3 linear ft., 12 v.
Geographic locations.	Port Allen, Louisiana.
Inclusive dates.	ca. 1900-1970, 1996.
Bulk dates.	1960-1970.
Language.	English.
Summary.	Collection consists of Allendale Plantation business papers and photographs. Business papers include minutes of board and stockholders meetings, correspondence, legal documents, and account books relating to the operation of Allendale Plantation. Photographs (copy prints) contain pictures of family members, farm workers, and servants, scenes of Allendale Plantation, and sugar cane fields.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Copyright.	For those materials not in the public domain, copyright is retained by the descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. Copyright law.
Citation.	Allendale Plantation Records, Mss. 3824, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
Stack locations.	U:1, 6:64-65

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

In the early 1850s, Henry Watkins Allen, a Virginia attorney, established the Allendale sugar plantation in West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. Allen served as a general in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, and he served as the 17th governor of Louisiana late in the Civil War. After the war, he fled to Mexico where he died in 1866. For the next sixteen years, Allendale Plantation changed hands several times, until John and Martin James Kahao purchased the plantation in 1882. The Kahao family successfully operated the sugar plantation and mill for several decades. During the second half of the twentieth century, Allendale Plantation transitioned from hand labor and mule cultivation to mechanized farming.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection is comprised of business papers and photographs. Business papers include minutes of board and stockholders meetings, financial papers, correspondence, legal documents, and account books relating to the operation of Allendale Plantation. Account books contain information on laborers, wages, and crop production. Papers also include brief histories of Allendale Plantation and of its owners, the Kahao family. Photographs are comprised of seventy 5 x 7 copy prints of photographs found in the Kahao family scrapbook (retained by owner) that include family photographs, scenes of Allendale Plantation buildings, workers, and sugar cane fields.

LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Business Papers and Record Books, 1920-1970, 1996, undated.

Series II. Photographs, ca. 1900-ca. 1930s.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**Series I. Business Papers and Record Books, 1920-1970, 1996, undated.**

Business papers contain the minutes of Board of Directors meetings and stockholders meetings (1960-1970), certificate and articles of incorporation for Allendale Plantation, Inc. (June 1960), notice of registered agents (June 17, 1960), and correspondence. Correspondence between Martin J. Kahao and the Kern County Land Company relates to compensation for damage to land (1966-1967). Also found in this group are financial papers, tax records, lease and sale agreements, and powers of attorney.

Twelve record books are also part of this series. They include a sugar cane record book, v.1 (1955-1965), a record book of crop and field maintenance and field work, v. 2 (1934-1960), two ledgers with index containing invoices for plantation and personal expenditures. v. 3-4 (1955-1957), and ledgers showing plantation expenses, inventories, account balances, laborers wages and cane crop production v. 5, 8-9, 11-12 (1920-1969). Ledgers are indexed. Additional record books include a journal, v. 10 (1953-1957), a crop record book, v. 6 (1938-1960), and a volume containing cashbook entries and journal entries, v. 7 (1920-1942).

A history of Allendale Plantation (1996) and a history of the Kahao family (1996) are also present.

Series II. Photographs, ca. 1900-ca. 1930s

Photographs are comprised of seventy 5 x 7 copy prints of photographs found in the Kahao family scrapbook (original scrapbook retained by owner). Photographs depict family members, Allendale Plantation house, plantation store, African American tenant farmers and servants, plantation buildings, sugarcane fields, the Mississippi River, and its levee.

INDEX TERMS

Terms

Series

African American agricultural laborers--Louisiana	II
Agricultural wages--Louisiana.	I
Allendale Plantation (La.)	I-II
Allendale Plantation, Inc.	I-II
Kahao family.	I-II
Plantation owners--Louisiana--West Baton Rouge Parish.	I-II
Plantations--Louisiana.	I-II
Sugar growing--Louisiana	I-II
Tenant farmers--Louisiana.	II
West Baton Rouge Parish (La.)--History--20 th century.	I-II

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents with dates</u>
U:1	1	1-9	Series I. Business Papers and Record Books, 1920-1970, 1996, undated.
6:64			v. 1. Sugar cane record book, 1955-1965. v. 2. Crop and field record book, 1934-1960. v. 3. Invoice book with index, 1955-1957. v. 4. Invoice book with index, 1957.
6:65			v. 5. Ledger with index, 1931-1942. v. 6. Crop record book, 1938-1960. v. 7. Cash book/journal, 1920-1942. v. 8. Ledger with index, 1967-1969. v. 9. Ledger with index, 1920-1930. v. 10. Journal 1953-1967. v. 11. Ledger with index, 1960-1967. v. 12. Ledger with index, 1959-1962.
U:1	2		Series II. Photographs, ca. 1900-1930s.