

LEROY S. BOYD PAPERS  
Mss. 99

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	16 linear ft.; 46 v.
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Louisiana, Virginia.
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1806-1936.
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1876-1936.
<b>Languages</b>	English.
<b>Summary</b>	Papers consist of correspondence, genealogical materials, photographs, printed items and scrapbooks. They reflect the political environment and Leroy Boyd's political activities as a member of the Republican Party. Papers also show his interest in history, the ancestry of the Boyd family and participation in the affairs of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Medical College senior class photograph and currency are restricted due to fragility. Available as photocopies and digital scan. Glass plate negatives in this collection may only be accessed with advanced permission of the curatorial staff. Artifacts may only be accessed with advanced permission of the curatorial staff.
<b>Arrangement</b>	Arranged in broad series: Personal Papers, Scrapbooks, Kappa Alpha Order, Genealogical Material, General Printed Material, and Photographic Material.
<b>Copyright</b>	Copyright is retained in accordance with U. S. copyright laws.
<b>Related Collections</b>	Leroy S. Boyd Letter, Mss. 3427; Walter L. Fleming, Collection, Mss. 890, 893; Thomas Jefferson Boyd Photographs, Mss. 236; David F. Boyd Family Papers, Mss. 99; Wright-Boyd Family Papers, Mss. 3362; Thomas D. Boyd Papers, Mss. 2037.
<b>Citation</b>	Leroy S. Boyd Papers, Mss. 99, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack Locations</b>	<b>D:55-62; 79:71-74; OS:B; R:12-15; Z:23-25; Vault: 21; Vault 40; Vault: MRDF 14.</b>

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Leroy Stafford Boyd was born in Baton Rouge, La., son of Colonel David French Boyd and Esther Gertrude Wright. His sister, Mary Wright Fleming, was married to Dr. Walter Fleming, a distinguished historian and writer. Boyd attended public school in Auburn, Ala., and later graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He studied law in the office of Judge William F. Kernan in Clinton, La., and in 1899 received a degree from Tulane Law School. Other degrees include Doctor of Civil Law and Master of Diplomacy (1902). He served as librarian of the Louisiana Bar Association in New Orleans (1897-1898) and librarian of the Interstate Commerce Commission for much of his career (1905-1936). Boyd also was a member of the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee (1900-1904) and was very active in the affairs of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. The fraternity was founded in 1866 by four students attending Washington College, Lexington, Va., shortly after the new college president, Robert E. Lee, removed the regulations against secret organizations

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Papers are comprised of correspondence, genealogical materials, photographs, printed items and scrapbooks. They reflect the state and national political environments and Leroy Boyd's own political activities as a member of the Republican Party. Additionally, papers show his interest in history, the ancestry of the Boyd family and participation in the affairs of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Personal papers (1883-1936, n.d.) consist of correspondence, newspaper clippings government documents and material related to Boyd's career in civil service and his involvement in fraternal orders, particularly United Sons of Confederate Veterans and Knights of Pythias. Correspondence comprises the majority of this series. Letters from political figures and public speakers were apparently written to Boyd in response to his comments concerning their policies and statements. Correspondence also relates to matters concerning the Kappa Alpha Order, Knights of Pythias and Auburn University alumni. Selected papers include letters in reply to Leroy S. Boyd's request for information regarding General Sherman, his father President David F. Boyd, and the Louisiana State Seminary.

Kappa Alpha Order papers (1876-1935, n.d.) contain correspondence, notes, clippings, legal documents and printed items related the fraternity's activities, chapters at various universities and its origin at Washington College, Va.

Genealogical material (1806-1935, n.d.) includes correspondence, legal documents, notes and miscellaneous items concerning the genealogy of the Boyd and related Wright, Coquillet, Frenchs and Townsend families. Several letters reply to Boyd's requests for information regarding his father, David French Boyd, General William T. Sherman and the Louisiana State Seminary. There are also calling cards engraving plates, medals and badges.

General printed material (1866-1935, n.d.) consists of handbills, clippings, pamphlets, brochures, programs, lectures, invitations, illustrations and advertisements. They relate to political and social issues, race relations, history of Virginia, federal legislation, social events, Louisiana State University, Confederate Veterans Association, the Knights of Pythias and other fraternal societies. Iron Mountain Company 5 cents note (1868) and a German 100000 mark note (1923) are also in this group (photocopies).

Manuscript volumes include a postcard album, class notebooks, and scrapbooks (45 volumes, 1927-1933). Postcard album includes several downtown Baton Rouge buildings, streets and landmarks, including the National Cemetery, train depot, the old LSU campus, St. Joseph Catholic Church, and Third Street. The scrapbooks were kept by Boyd during his tenure as I.C.C. librarian in Washington, D.C. They contain clippings regarding current and historical events, landmarks and social activities in Washington.

Photographic material (1892-1934, n.d.) contains glass plate negatives (access restricted), mounted photographs, photographic postcards, cabinet cards and snapshots. Photographs depict family members, cadets at Auburn, Union University (Tenn.) buildings and professors and government officials in Washington, D. C. A photograph of the Medical College senior class photograph is restricted due to fragility, however a photocopy and a digital scan are available. Scrapbook v. 42 (1932) contains clippings relating to the bicentennial celebration of George Washington's birth.

**INDEX TERMS**

Anti-Catholicism--United States--History.  
Auburn University--Alumni and alumnae.  
Boyd family.  
Boyd, David French, 1834-1899.  
Boyd, John.  
Boyd, Leroy Stafford, 1873-.  
Coquillet family.  
Frenchs family.  
Genealogies.  
Genealogy.  
Kappa Alpha Order.  
Knights of Pythias.  
Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College--History.  
Louisiana--Politics and government.  
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )  
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891.  
United States--Politics and government.  
Virginia--History.  
Washington (D.C.)--History.  
Washington (D.C.)--Officials and employees.  
Washington, George--1732-1799.

**CONTAINER LIST**

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents</u>
			<b>Personal papers (1883-1936).</b>
<b>D:55</b>	1	1-22	Personal papers (1883-1902).
<b>D:56</b>	2	1-21	Personal papers (1903-1907).
<b>D:57</b>	3	1-15	Personal papers (1907-1913).
<b>D:58</b>	4		Personal papers (1914-1917).
<b>D:59</b>	5		Personal papers (1918-1921).
<b>D:60</b>	6		Personal papers (1922-1930).
<b>D:61</b>	7		Personal papers (1931-1936, n.d.).
<b>D:62</b>	8		Selected papers (1896-1928).
			<b>Kappa Alpha Order papers (1876-1935, n.d.).</b>
<b>79:71</b>	1	1-8	Correspondence (Jan.-Aug. 1915, n.d.); notes (n.d.).
		9-13	Correspondence, Maryland Agricultural College correspondence, clippings, applications (May-Nov. 1914).
		14	Correspondence research notes (n.d.).
		15-16	Printed items (1915-1932).
<b>79:71</b>		17	Kappa Alpha, University of Virginia current report (1876-1880).
		18	<i>Banta's Greek Exchange</i>
		19	Kappa Alpha, University of Virginia cashbook (1876-1882).
<b>79:72</b>	2	1-28	Correspondence (1893-Nov. 1915).
		29	Correspondence (Dec. 1915); clippings (1915).
<b>79:73</b>	3	1-26	Correspondence (1916-1918), Power of Attorney documents (May 1917), printed items (1915,
<b>79:74</b>	4	1-27	Correspondence (1919-1935), invitation, clippings (1922); deed (1923), certificate of incorporation (1923)
<b>OS:B</b>		1	Drawings (1918-1921).
		2	Diplomas (1893-1915).
			<b>Genealogical material (1806-1935).</b>
<b>Z:23</b>	1	1-11	Boyd genealogy (1806, 1843, 1916, n.d.)
		12-13	John Boyd (1704, 1721 [1903 typescripts copies], n.d.).
		14	Wright family of Cheneyville (1906, n.d.).
		15	Coquillette family genealogy (n.d.).
		16-18	Frenchs of Virginia genealogy (1895-1935, n.d.).
		19-23	Townsend genealogy (1806-1896, n.d.).
		24-25	Correspondence (1889-1935, n.d.)
		25-37	Writings, notes (n.d.)

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		38	Miscellaneous papers(1903-1935, n.d.).
<b>OS:B</b>		3	Oversize material.
<b>General printed material (1866-1935, n.d.).</b>			
<b>Z:23</b>	2	1-30	Printed material (1866-1935, n.d.); currency photocopies.
		31	Illustrations (n.d.)
		32-34	Knights of Pythias printed material (1912-1935, n.d.).
<b>Z:24</b>	3		Postcards, business cards.
<b>OS:B</b>		4	Oversize printed material (1897-1935, n.d.)
<b>Manuscript volumes (1895-1932, n.d.).</b>			
<b>Z:24</b>	4	1-6	Notebooks (n.d.).
		7-8	Address books (1900, 1907, n.d.).
		9-13	Scrapbooks (1895-1901).
		14	National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners bulletins (1917-1918).
		15	Autograph book (1908-1915).
		16	Scrapbook.
<b>R:12-14</b>			Bound scrapbooks: v. 1-5 (1927). v. 6-14 (1928). v. 15-24 (1929). v. 25-33 (1930). v. 34-40 (1931). v. 41-43 (1932) v. 44-45 (n.d.). v. 46 Postcard scrapbook (n.d.).
<b>Photographic material (1892-1934, n.d.).</b>			
<b>Z:24</b>	5	1-13	Photographs (1892-1934, n.d.).
<b>Z:25</b>	6-7		Glass plate negatives are restricted. Glass plate negatives in this collection may only be accessed with advanced permission of the curatorial staff.
<b>OS:B</b>		5	Kappa Alpha, Ammen Province Council, group photograph (1919).
<b>OS:B</b>		6	Photographs (1921-1931)
<b>Vault:21</b>	1		Medical College senior class photograph (not to be accessed; use photocopy or digital scan Vault MRDF 14.
<b>Vault:1</b>			Currency: Iron Mountain Company 5 cents note (1868), German 100000 mark (1923); use photocopies.
<b>Vault:40</b>	1-3		Artifacts: engraved copper plates, medals and badges Artifacts may only be accessed with advanced permission of the curatorial staff.