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**Metoyer Family Papers**  
(Mss. 836, 837, 846)  
Inventory

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### Summary

<b>Size.</b>	219 items and 6 volumes.
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Natchitoches Parish, La.; New Orleans, La.
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1889-1944
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1900-1936
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Business and personal papers of members of the Metoyer family, farmers and proprietors of a general store, as well as descendents of free persons of color.
<b>Organization.</b>	Series I, Vilfrede Metoyer, 1900-1904 Series II, John P. Conant, 1909-1929 Series III, St. Clair Metoyer, 1903-1927, undated Series IV, Nazy Metoyer, 1924-1936, undated Series V, Newspaper Clippings, 1926 Series VI, Manuscript volumes, 1889-1944
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<b>Related collections.</b>	Adeleda Metoyer Papers, Mss. 836, 837 August Metoyer Papers, Mss. 871 Dupre and Metoyer and Company Account Book, Mss. 834 Louis Metoyer Document 1823, Mss. 849 Norbert Badin Papers, Mss. 825
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### **Biographical/Historical Note**

The Metoyers were a prominent Creole family whose ancestors had owned plantations in Natchitoches Parish since the 1790s. This collection includes the records of Vilfrede Metoyer and John P. Conant of Melrose, Louisiana, and St. Clair and Nazy Metoyer of Derry, Louisiana, farmers and the proprietors of a general merchandising store, who were descendents of free people of color.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of business papers and ledgers of the Metoyer family. Account books of St. Clair Metoyer and Nazy Metoyer list sales, expenses, and accounts with wholesale merchants. Record book of John P. Conant (1906-1936) lists general expenses, annual earnings, and possessions; included in this volume are birth, marriage, and death dates of many residents of Natchitoches Parish for the period of 1846-1930.

Papers also contain statements for cotton sales from Julius Weis and Co. and John T. Hardie's Sons and Co., New Orleans, and merchandise bills and orders. Papers of Vilfrede Metoyer include correspondence regarding assignment of an insurance policy to S. Cohen of Melrose, Louisiana, for payment of debts; notes payable to P. Rosenthal; tax receipts; a cashbook; and a plantation book.

### **Series Descriptions**

#### **Series I, Vilfrede Metoyer, 1900-1904**

Papers belonging to Vilfrede Metoyer include such financial documents as invoices and letters from The Security Trust and Life Insurance Company (1900) and account sheets from H&G Newman, Ltd. (1902), S.P. Walmsley (1903) and Julius Weis & Co. (1903). Invoices and shipping receipts from various other companies are also included (1900-1904).

#### **Series II, John P. Conant, 1909-1929**

Two letters to John Conant from his father J. Arnold Conant discuss family news, focusing on the health of family members (1909, 1917). Also included is the funeral announcement of Mrs. Marie Conant, who died in Natchitoches, La. in December 1929.

#### **Series III, St. Clair Metoyer, 1903-1927, undated**

Financial papers belonging to St. Clair Metoyer include shipping receipts, account sheets, receipts for cotton sales from Julius Weis & Co., and invoices from Swift & Company, Shreveport, La. (1903-1927). A letter from St. Clair Metoyer to his cousin John Bellanger discusses the shipment of a hat (November 1908). Also included is a license to pursue the occupation of General Merchandise in Natchitoches Parish (1906), a lease of land from A.E. Ewing to St. Clair Metoyer (1908), and a personal letter to St. Clair from Jack Buffin about an upcoming visit (1927). Notes, lists of grocery items, calculations, and broadsides from various seed and floral companies are also found in the collection (undated).

#### **Series IV, Nazy Metoyer, 1924-1936, undated**

Papers belonging to Nazy Metoyer include a stock application to the Texas and Pacific Railway reporting the death of a bull by a passenger train (1924), receipts, account sheets, and letters discussing shipment from William T. Hardie & Co. (1924-1936), and freight bills from Texas and Pacific Railway Co. (1935). Also included are empty envelopes addressed to Nazy Metoyer from various companies, as well as notes, lists, and calculations (undated).

#### **Series V, Newspaper Clippings, 1926**

*The Birmingham Age-Herald*, June 24, 1926

#### **Series VI, Manuscript volumes, 1889-1944**

Manuscript volumes belong to various members of the family and record financial information. A cashbook belonging to Mat Jones contains store accounts and cotton ginning accounts (1889-1926), while a record book belonging to John P. Conant takes note of cotton sales, labor accounts, and birth, marriage, and death dates of many residents of Natchitoches Parish (1906-1936). Three ledgers belonging to Nazy and St. Clair Metoyer are included (1904, 1922-1938). These contain accounts with cotton factors and commission merchants, banking records, and cotton and sugar production expenses. Finally, a Farmer's Business Record (1895-1944) records corn sales and production, livestock sales, cotton sales accounts, and labor accounts. For a detailed list of manuscript volumes, see the container list.

**Index Terms**

Account books.

Bills (financial)

Cashbooks.

Conant, John P.

Cotton trade--Louisiana.

Farmers--Louisiana.

John T. Hardie, Sons and Co.

Julius Weis and Co.

Merchants--Louisiana.

Metoyer family.

Metoyer, Nazy.

Metoyer, St. Clair.

Metoyer, Vilfrede.

Natchitoches Parish (La.)--History.

Orders.

**Container List**

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
A:1	1	1	<b>Series I, Vilfrede Metoyer</b> (1900-1904)
		2	<b>Series II, John P. Conant</b> (1909-1929)
		3	<b>Series III, St. Clair Metoyer</b> (1903-1927)
		4	<b>Series IV, Nazy Metoyer</b> (1924-1936)
		5	St. Clair and Nazy Metoyer (undated) Lists, notes, calculations, broadsides
99:M	--	1	<b>Series V, Newspaper Clippings</b> (1926)
			<b>Series VI, Manuscript volumes:</b>
A:1	1	6	Cashbook, Mat Jones (1889-[1890]-1926)
H:2	--	--	Ledger, Nazy Metoyer (1904, 1924-1927)
	--	--	Ledger, St. Clair Metoyer (1922-1929)
	--	--	Ledger, St. Clair Metoyer and Nazy Metoyer (1928-1938)
	--	--	"Farmer's Business Record" (1895-1944)
	--	--	Record book, John P. Conant (1906-1936)
Mss.MF:M	--	--	1 reel: Record Book, John P. Conant (1906-1936)
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