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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	982 items and 10 Volumes.
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Natchitoches Parish, La.
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1834-1944.
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1860-1903.
<b>Languages</b>	English and French.
<b>Summary</b>	Personal and business papers of three generations of the Tauzin family, planters, of Natchitoches Parish, La., pertaining to plantation operation and management, and to education and other personal matters.
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	None.
<b>Arrangement</b>	I. Papers, 1834-1944 II. Manuscript Volumes, 1857-1911
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### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Marcelin Tauzin was a planter in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Tauzin's daughters, Constance, Amelia, Minnie, and Lelia, attended Convent of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. His son Brignon Tauzin attended Jefferson College in Convent, Saint James Parish, Louisiana. Other family members included Octavie, Ambrose, Joseph, and Ismerie Tauzin. Lelia Tauzin was married to Charles W. Dugger, a New Orleans dentist.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of correspondence and business papers of the Tauzin family. Items related to plantation management include slave bills of sale (1834); account sheets; receipts for wages received by the overseer of Ile aux Vaches Plantation owned by E. O. Blanchard (1841); statements from cotton factor, Miltenberger & Pollock; tax receipts; and a payroll of laborers employed by Marcelin Tauzin on Cadnette Plantation (1866). Correspondence includes letters of family members and friends (many in French) concerning personal matters and education. Letters from Constance, Amelia, Minnie, and Lelia concern the Convent of the Sacred Heart (1877-1886). Letters of Brignon Tauzin were written from Jefferson College. Letters from friends, M. Doremus and Teresa C. Gough, discuss religion. Letters from Henrie L. Briggs of Galveston, Texas, concern his work and wages at Galveston Oil Company (1882-1885). Papers from 1890 to 1944 consist of letters received by Lelia Dugger (nee Tauzin) and Ambrose Tauzin, and bills and letters of M. B. Tauzin.

Manuscript volumes include 5 cashbooks (1872-1910) and 5 notebooks (1857-1889). The notebooks contain accounts of personal expenses of Ismerie Brignon, recipes, newspaper clippings, genealogical notes, and lecture notes.

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **I. Papers, 1834-1944**

#### **Box 1. 1834-1871**

Receipts for purchase of slaves; account sheets; receipts for wages to the overseer of Ile aux Vaches Plantation owned by E.O. Blanchard; bills and receipts for services and merchandise of Marcelin, Madame Marcelin, Octavie, Lelia, and Joseph Tauzin; notes signed by Marcelin Tauzin; payroll roster of laborers employed by Marcelin Tauzin on Cadnette Plantation; letters to Ismerie Tauzin; letters and statements from Ar. Miltenberger, cotton factor and commission merchant; letters in French for Madame Marcelin Tauzin.

#### **Box 2. 1872-1881**

Notes signed by Marcelin Tauzin; statements from cotton factors and commission merchants; bills for merchandise; letters from Constance and Amelia Tauzin from the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau, Louisiana, to their mother and father; letters from M. Doremus concerning Tauzin's daughters in the novitiate of the convent of the Sacred Heart; letters from Teresa C. Gough; letters from Brignon Tauzin to his mother from Jefferson College in Convent, Louisiana concerning personal and school news.

#### **Box 3. 1882-1899**

Letters from Brignon Tauzin to his mother from Jefferson College; letters from Minnie and Lelia Tauzin to their mother from the Academy of the Sacred Heart; letters in French from Amelia Tauzin to her mother; letters from Henrie L. Briggs of Galveston, Texas to his aunt concerning his work at Galveston Oil Co.; letters from Charles Dugger to his wife Lelia Tauzin; receipts for tuition from Jefferson College and the Academy of the Sacred Heart; tax receipts; receipts for merchandise and services; statements from cotton factors and commission merchants.

#### **Box 4. 1900-1911**

Bills to M.B. Tauzin for merchandise; receipts for tuition to St. Cecilia's Academy in Campti, Louisiana and St. Mary's Academy in Natchitoches, Louisiana; tax receipts; personal letters from Alice to Breon Tauzin; letters to Ambrose Tauzin from sweethearts and friends.

#### **Box 5. 1915-1944, undated**

Dated items consist of letters to Ambrose Tauzin from friends, receipts to M.B. Tauzin for cotton ginning, and receipts for gasoline. Undated items consist of personal letters to and from various members of the Tauzin family; tax receipts; receipts for merchandise and services; ordering information for perfumes from the Women's Co-operative Toilet Co.; list of "farmers of shares;" poems, song lyrics, and a typewritten story; fragment of a contract for labor.

**Oversize Folder 1. 1836-1837, undated**

Account book (entries in French); record of work performed by sharecroppers for "Tauzin" from Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands; charter from the Grand Farmers' Union; map of London, England.

**II. Manuscript Volumes, 1857-1911**

**Volume 1, Jan. 1891-Jan. 1892**

Cashbook recording accounts for items and services bought and sold.

**Volume 2, Aug. 1857-Jan, 1861**

Daybook recording sale and shipment of cotton (in French) and word definitions,

**Volume 3, Sept. 1863-Dec. 1876**

Daybook recording in French household expenses.

**Volume 4, Jan. 1872-June 1873**

Daybook recording in French accounts for items and services bought and sold.

**Volume 5, 1901-Jan.1904.**

Daybook recording accounts for items and services bought and sold.

**Volume 6, April 1906-Oct. 1908**

Daybook recording accounts with M.B. Tauzin for items and services bought and sold.

**Volume 7, June, 1908-June 1911**

Daybook recording accounts with M.B. Tauzin for items and services bought and sold.

**Volume 8, 1880**

Notebook containing recipes, newspaper clippings, remedies for illnesses, poems, and prayers.

**Volume 9, 1883**

Notebook containing school notes on French, geology, English grammar, newspaper clipping containing poetry, and an illustration of a cargo ship printed "Lonsdale Company."

**Volume 10, November 26, 1889-March 24, 1890**

Notebook marked "Property of Hon. Sam Henry Natchitoches, La. July 20, 1890." Contains lecture notes dated 11/26/1889-3/24/1890 from law classes taken at Tulane University.

**INDEX TERMS**

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found in the boxes and volumes indicated, as represented by their numbers.

**Terms**

Academy of the Sacred Heart (Grand Coteau, La.)  
Accounts.  
Cadnette Plantation (Natchitoches Parish, La.)  
Correspondence.  
Cotton gins and ginning--United States--Rates.  
Cotton growing--Louisiana.  
Cotton trade--Louisiana.  
Daybooks.  
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Ile aux Vaches Plantation (Natchitoches Parish, La.)  
Jefferson College (Convent, La.)  
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OS:T	1	--	1836-1837, undated
			<b>II. Manuscript volumes, 1857-1911</b>
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