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SUMMARY

- Size.** 1 vol. (36 cm, 109pp.)
- Geographic Locations.** Louisiana (Pointe Coupee Parish)
- Dates.** 1856-1857
- Languages.** English
- Summary.** Account book of Samuel Leigh, overseer for a plantation in Pointe Coupee Parish, La., owned by the factors A. Ledoux, Miltenberger and Hall. Includes daily entries; observations of events on the plantation; quarterly inventories of stock and implements; entries for clothing, tools, and supplies distributed to slaves; receipts for shipments of sugar and molasses; entries for births and deaths on the plantation; and vital statistics on slaves. Most of the entries are for the year 1856, with a few entries in 1857 made by Lewis F. Pulliam, overseer, who succeeded Leigh as overseer on December 30, 1856.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Samuel Leigh and Lewis F. Pulliam were the overseers of a sugar plantation in Pointe Coupee Parish, La., which was owned by the factors A. Ledoux, Miltenberger and Hall.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Note: Records kept in standard record book entitled *The Sugar Plantation Record and Account Book, No. 1. Suitable for a Force of 80 Hands, or Under*, Fourth Edition, by Thomas Affleck. Includes description of duties of an overseer as well as advertisements for the Southern Rural Almanac and for cotton gins sold by D. Pratt, et. al.

The record book includes 21 types of entries arranged alphabetically. Twelve categories were used by Leigh. Daily entries of activities performed are recorded, as well as more extensive entries when needed. Leigh notes weather conditions, general health conditions on the plantation, as well as the illnesses of individual slaves.

Overseer records of the plowing of fields for planting of cane and corn; scraping and planting of cane in fall and winter; cutting the cane stubble, and the grinding of sugar cane and the making of sugar are also included. Leigh also makes notes of the following work on the plantation: planting of Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes; clearing of turnip patches; planting and grinding of corn; repairing of fences; clearing of land for planting; work on plantation roads; cleaning of ditches in the fields; cutting of wood; piling and hauling of fodder; cutting pea vines for ties; hauling of pumpkins (chiefly in October); and the making, setting, and burning of bricks on the plantation.

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