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SUMMARY

Size.	422 items and 1 printed volume
Geographic locations.	New Orleans, La.; Jamestown, N.Y.; Akron, Ohio
Inclusive dates.	1885-1926, undated
Bulk dates.	N/A
Language.	English
Summary.	Papers of Susan D. Tew, a native of Jamestown, New York, and professor of classical languages at Newcomb College in New Orleans, consisting principally of family letters, legal papers, and newspaper clippings pertaining to the Tew and related Goodrich family, the Goodrich Company of Akron, Ohio, and World War I.
Organization.	Arranged chronologically
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	N/A
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Susan D. Tew, daughter of Harvey W. and Susan Goodrich Tew and a native of Jamestown, New York, was a professor of classical languages at Newcomb College in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Tew family was related to the Goodrich family.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of family correspondence, legal papers, newspaper clippings, and printed items related to events at Newcomb College; genealogy of the Tew and Goodrich families; the B. F. Goodrich Company; women's contributions during World War I; labor problems after World War I; automobile racing; aviation; and the Hudson River Rubber Company founded by B. F. Goodrich. The collection includes a biographical sketch of Benjamin F. Goodrich, newspaper clippings, a photograph, an engraved metal plate depicting Mrs. Harvey W. Tew, and a copy of the monograph, "Plantation Life 'Since Dis Time,'" by Mrs. Evy Tucker Shields.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
A:51	1	1	Legal deeds consisting of citation concerning property settlement in state of William H. Tew, Jamestown, N.Y. (1885), will of Benjamin F. Goodrich, Akron, Ohio (1888), will of Mary Marvin Goodrich, Boston (1906); newspaper clipping of funeral notice of Joseph D. Shields, Natchez (1888); letters to Susan Tew, Newcomb College, including letters of recommendation from Yale University and Smith College (1895), personal letters from her father and mother (1905-1907), and letters from Maria W. Shields (Mia), Natchez and New Orleans, mentioning deaths of Benoist and Dillard, and visit to Josephine Louise House at Newcomb (1907).
		2	Personal letters to Susan D. Tew from her mother commenting on family matters, local news, and the flight of John Rodgers, naval aviator, over Jamestown (Sept.-Oct. 1911); card from H.L.B. to Susan G. Tew commenting on ill health of Harvey W. Tew (1911).
		3	Personal letters, mostly to Susan D. Tew, from her mother and friends discussing local news, illness, and the death and burial of Harvey W. Tew (Nov.-Dec., 1911); typewritten copy of a biographical sketch of Benjamin Franklin Goodrich, uncle of Susan D. Tew (Nov. 17, 1911); typewritten copy of eulogy of Harvey Tew (Nov. 17, 1911).
		4	Letters to Susan D. Tew from her mother commenting on local and family matters, personal plans, and stating Goodrich [Rubber] Company purchased the Diamond Company for \$45 million (May 1912); letters from Maria (Mia) W. Shields, New Orleans and en route to New York, to Susan D. Tew mentioning visit to Josephine Louise House, returning Newcomb College students, mutual friends, and local news (1912); letter and memorandum to Susan D. Tew furnishing address from "M. L. P.," Montreal, Canada, mentioning ill health of Wilmer Shields (1912)
		5	Letters to Susan D. Tew from her mother commenting on scarcity of labor, family and local matters, upcoming Christmas visit to New Orleans, and Fritz Kreisler concert (1913); friendly letter from J.S.D., Petersburg, Kentucky, to Susan D. Tew (1913).
		6	Letters to Susan D. Tew from her mother commenting on trip to Akron, Ohio, family summer plans and Chautauqua accommodations, size of Goodrich plant and success of cord tire, and possibility of war with Mexico (Apr.-June 1914); clipping pertaining to Chautauqua news; letters to Susan G. Tew, Jamestown, from J.S.D. commenting on large number of autos (June 16, 1914); Katherine S.

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			Smith, Chautauqua, New York, discussing accommodations (June 16, 1914); and from Isabella A. B., New Corner, Maine, extending invitation for visit (June 14, 1914).
A:51	1	7	Letters and cards to Susan D. Tew, Chautauqua, New York, from Mary W. Shields, New Orleans, commenting on bubonic plague and measures taken to curb its spread, local happenings, purchase of garden hose for first time, collapse of "Exposition of Big Ideas," and stating Canal Street is no longer a terror to pedestrians (July 1914).
		8	Letters to Susan D. Tew, Chautauqua, New York, from Maria W. Shields, New Orleans, commenting on local news, purchase of garden hose, postponement of construction of new Newcomb College, and World War I news (Aug. 1914); letters to Susan D. Tew, New Orleans, from her mother mentioning disposition of household furnishings and pro-German feeling of relatives (Sept. 1914); friendly letter to Susan D. Tew from J.S.D., Petersburg, Kentucky, mentioning merger of <i>Times-Picayune</i> , plague in New Orleans, and Newcomb College (Sept. 1, 1914).
A:52	2	9	Family letters (Oct.-Nov., 1914) from Susan G. Tew to Susan D. Tew commenting favorably on actress, Annette Kellerman, visit to son, James, in Akron; stating embargo on rubber shipments from England may cause serious difficulties in Akron (Nov. 21); and mentioning quarantine of horses for hoof and mouth disease in Kentucky and Ohio (Nov. 28).
		10	Family letters to Susan D. Tew from mother commenting on personal dislike for high Protestant Episcopal church rites (April 14), prohibition in Jamestown since election (April 18), personal fear of riding in son's new Packard car (May 2), sinking of <i>Lusitania</i> with author Elbert Hubbard aboard and possibility of war (May 8 and 16), endorsement of Woodrow Wilson (May 13), and observation of Decoration Day in Jamestown (May 31, 1915).
		11	Family letters to Susan D. Tew principally from her mother commenting on success of Goodrich Silverton tires in auto race at Indianapolis (June 6), the Chautauqua, sinking of the <i>Lusitania</i> (June 13), personal opposition to Theodore Roosevelt, who insulted Woodrow Wilson (Aug. 28), severity of hurricane in New Orleans (October 1, 2, and 5, 1915).
		12	Letters and newspaper clipping to Susan D. Tew from her mother mentioning possible railroad strike, support of Hughes and opposition to Wilson as president (Sept. 7, 16; Oct. 29; Nov. 6 and 12); auto races at Sheepshead Bay (Sept. 29); John Sheldon's appointment as special assistant to Page, U.S. ambassador in London (Oct. 22); meeting of the directors of the Goodrich company (Oct. 29 and Nov. 18); resignation of George Vincent from the University of Minnesota to

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accept presidency of the Rockefeller Foundation (December 11); and business responsibility of son James D. Tew with 13,000 men on his payroll at Goodrich Co. (Dec 18, 1916).

A:52 2 13 Family letters to Susan D. Tew including friendly letters from "Aunt Julia," and from her mother relating local and family news and mentioning plan of son James to attend auto races (May 26), personal worries over military draft of men (June 9), service of son William in Home Guard (June 15), and seriousness of infantile paralysis (poliomyelitis) in Vermont (June 29); letter from James D. Tew, Akron, Ohio, stating reasons for not enlisting in military service and mentioning Goodrich plant was offered to U.S. government (April 6, 1917).

14 Family letters from mother to Susan D. Tew commenting on the needs of soldiers going to France, stating dirigible invented by Frenchman built at Goodrich plant (Sept. 22), mentioning travel difficulties and commenting on frequent visits of James D. Tew to Washington on business matters pertaining to dirigibles, airplanes, and balloons (Oct. 22, 1917).

A:52 3 15 Family letters to Susan G. Tew from Isabella G. Burns and JSD [Julia S. Dinsmore] commenting on local and family matters, and wartime activities (Mar. 31 and Apr. 19); family letters to Susan D. Tew from mother mentioning increase in cost of food and railroad tickets (June 15 and Sept. 21); influenza epidemic in military camps, and other communities; Red Cross shipments of clothing to France and Belgium; beginning of prohibition (Sept. 29); employment of women as conductors and mail carriers in Jamestown (Oct. 19); and expressing feelings against German leaders (Nov. 22); newspaper clippings concerning activities of American women in France, American wounded, and acceptance of Isabel Harrington's song at Camp Jackson (1918).

16 Family letters to Susan D. Tew from aunt Julia S. Dinsmore and her mother commenting on travel difficulties to Columbus, Ohio (April 5), advance in real estate prices (April 20), resignation of Brandt Dixon from presidency of Newcomb College (April 26), slow progress in selling Victory Loan bonds in Jamestown (May 3), parade of returned soldiers in Jamestown (June 1), and strike of street laborers (June 20, 1919).

17 Family letters to Susan D. Tew from mother mentioning large number of airplanes flying unnoticed over Westbury, New York (Sept. 19), education of grandchildren, rapid population growth in Akron, Ohio (Oct. 25, 1919), and seeing in Petersburg "the big one [airplane] that went over the ocean and landed at Lisbon."

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		19	Letters and cards of sympathy to Susan D. Tew from friends and relatives upon death of her mother (1921); broadsheet titled "Bereft" by Lucy P. Scott (March 6, 1921); letter from James D. Tew to Susan commenting on settlement of their mother's estate (April 13, 1921)
		20	Family letters from Aunt Julia to Susan D. Tew commenting on the weather, routine family letters and funeral of John Greenway at Ajo, Arizona, attended by Rough Riders, World War I veterans, Native Americans, and even an airplane from Fort Bliss (Jan. 31, 1926); telegrams from Sally F. Cutcheon, Santa Barbara, California, concerning death and burial of "Aunt Julia" (April 20 and 21, 1926);
		21	Newspaper clippings concerning death of A. Hunt Shields, Natchez (1887); death of Mrs. Evy Tucker Shields, Natchez (undated); Cotillion Club dance at "Montebello," home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Surget Shields, Natchez (undated).
		22	Printed volume: Shields, Mrs. Wilmer H. (Evy Tucker). "Plantation life 'since dis time.'" Reprinted from <i>Art and Letters</i> . E. A. Brandao and Co., printer New Orleans, 1887.
		23	Family photograph showing Susan D. Tew, on last row extreme right (undated).
		24	Card giving information on birth and christening of Lillie Davis Finley (1886); visiting card of G. B. Shields, Mississippi (undated); engraved metal plate of Mrs. Harvey W. Tew (undated).

INDEX TERMS

Aeronautics.

Automobile racing.

B.F. Goodrich Company.

College teachers--Louisiana.

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A:52	2	9-14	Correspondence (Oct. 1914-1917).
A:52	3	15-24	Newspaper clippings (1887, undated); Printed volume (1887); Photograph (undated); Cards and metal plate (1886, undated).