

**JEAN-BAPTISTE DROUILLARD FAMILY PAPERS**  
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## SUMMARY

<b>Size</b>	2 microfilm reels and 2.5 linear feet
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	New Orleans, La.; Haiti (Saint Domingue); Cuba; Philadelphia, Pa.; Trenton, N.J.; Savannah, Ga.; France
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1787-1829, ca. 1840, 1863, 1901, 1919, undated
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1798-1817
<b>Languages</b>	French, English (predominantly French). English translations included for some French materials.
<b>Summary</b>	Personal and business letters, financial and legal documents of the Jean-Baptiste Drouillard family, planters of Saint Domingue and New Orleans.
<b>Note</b>	Originals for Reel 2 retained by donor.
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<b>Citation</b>	Jean-Baptiste Drouillard Family Papers, Mss. 2590, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack Location(s)</b>	Mss.Mf:D and S:121 No omissions on microfilm.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (ca. 1763-ca. 1840), a native of Croix-des-Bouquets, Saint Domingue (now Haiti), and the son of Alexandre (also referred to as Vincent) Drouillard and Jeanne Turbé, maintained a sugar plantation on the island of Saint Domingue. He was the brother of Vincent-Jacques-Thomas Drouillard, Marie-Jeanne Drouillard (who married Paul-Louis-Auguste Malherbe), and Susanne Drouillard (wife of François-Pierre de la Motte Baracé). Earliest documents in the collection suggest he went to Philadelphia around 1792 and remained there until about 1802. He also maintained a second residence in Trenton, N.J., as early as 1797. By 1805, he appears to have moved to New Orleans and settled his family there, though he often returned to Saint Domingue. Naturalized in 1794, he was also still considered a resident of Saint Domingue and a French citizen. He removed to Europe by 1807, and in 1810, he was serving in Florence, Italy, as Director of the Imperial Administration of Salt and Tobacco in Tuscany. In his later years, he tried to obtain compensation for his holdings lost during the revolution on Saint Domingue. He died at Saint Avertin near Tours, France, ca. 1840.

By his first marriage to Jeanne Lamaignère (daughter of Jean-Louis Lamaignère and Marie-Jeanne D'Espinoze), Jean-Baptiste Drouillard fathered Jean-Vincent-Amédée and Jeanne-Amélie in Saint Domingue. (Amélie would marry a Frenchman of Italian ancestry named Trévisi after the family moved to Europe.) Following the death of his first wife, Jean-Baptiste Drouillard married Françoise-Alexandrine Lamaignère (his first wife's sister) in Croix-des-Bouquets in 1797. Referred to as "Alexandrine," she signed her letters "Lamaignère Drouillard." Alexandrine and Jean-Baptiste Drouillard parented five children: Marie-Jeanne-Lucile (born in Trenton), Clara (d. 1809), twins (born in New Orleans) Jean-Baptiste-Adolphe and Marie-Angélique (called "Angelina," who married a Lesourt), and Jean-Eusèbe (born in Florence).

Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard, sheriff of New Orleans and adjutant postmaster in the early 1800s, married Marie Louise Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Philadelphia Mayor Hilary Baker. She is referred to as "Louise," "Louisa" and "Élisa." Her sister Catherine Pauline Baker married Blaise Cénas, who served as sheriff of New Orleans until he died in 1812 and as first postmaster of the city. Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard and Louise Baker had at least three children: Jean-Baptiste, Pauline-Amélie, and Vincent-Auguste. Pauline-Amélie Drouillard married George Morgan (d. 1850), son of Thomas Morgan (1756-1816). Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard died around 1816.

When the grandson Jean-Baptiste Drouillard gave his last will and testament before his death in New Orleans in 1842, he stated that his mother, Louise Baker Drouillard, was still living but that his wife, like his father, was dead. He mentioned that his son John Vincent Drouillard was about two years of age and still living.

Additional family members, including the grandfather Jean-Baptiste Drouillard's sister-in-law Marie-Rose-Pierre-Françoise-Julie Chambon (widow of Vincent-Jacques-Thomas Drouillard and mother of Adelle Drouillard) and Lise Lamaignère (sister of Jeanne and Alexandrine Lamaignère Drouillard), lived in Philadelphia and Savannah. Julie Chambon Drouillard (who signs her

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letters “Chambon Drouillard” and later “Chambon Rousset”) eventually married C.F. Rousset and lived in Cuba. Other family members, such as Charles-Léon Lamaignère (brother of Jeanne, Alexandrine, and Lise) and Jérôme D’Espinose (maternal uncle of the same), remained in Saint Domingue during the prolonged revolution, while Eloi Lamaignère and Bellevue Lamaignère (brothers of Jeanne, Alexandrine, Lise, and Léon) resided for a time in New Orleans. Another Lamaignère sibling, a Mrs. La Fresnaye, was living in London, England, at the time of her death. Before then, some family correspondence involved the La Fresnays residing in Philadelphia.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Organized chronologically.

Personal and business letters, financial and legal documents of the Jean-Baptiste Drouillard family, planters of Saint Domingue and New Orleans. Personal letters from family members living in Philadelphia, Trenton, Savannah, Cuba, Saint Domingue, and France relate news of family and social activities. Relatives in Cuba and Saint Domingue also discuss plantation and other economic matters. Financial documents include promissory notes. Legal records include documents mentioning the divorce of Jeanne-Marie Drouillard from Paul-Louis-Auguste Malherbe and the management of her property (1802) and accounts related to the estates of Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (184?) and Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard ([1816]). Birth records, a passport, affidavits of residency, and items relating to the Thomas Morgan family are also included.

## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

### **Box 1a (also available on microfilm, Reel 1)**

#### **Folder 1, 1787-1799**

Legal document concerning Drouillard properties in France and on St. Domingue (1787); certificate of naturalization for Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (1794); document certifying the marriage of Jean-Baptiste Drouillard and Françoise-Alexandrine Lamaignère (1797); document relating to Vincent-Jacques-Thomas Drouillard's estate (1798); passport for Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (1799); document regarding Drouillard family signed by Trenton Mayor James Ewing (1799); letter to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (1799).

#### **Folder 2, 1800-1802**

Two letters to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from Jérôme D'Espinoze (1800 and 1801); document concerning the Drouillard family in Trenton (1802); three letters, two to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard and one incomplete (1802); document by Philadelphia Notary Public Peter Du Ponceau regarding Jean-Julien-Magdelaine Bascher Boisgely's estate (1802).

#### **Folder 3, 1803-1807**

Letter from Jean-Baptiste Drouillard to sister (1803); letter from Philadelphia to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (1803); three certificates relating to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard's slave and property taxes in New Orleans and a letter to Drouillard in New Orleans (1805-1806); letter from Lise Lamaignère to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard (1807); letter from Labiche to Turbé (1807); letter to Alexandrine Lamaignère Drouillard from Lise Lamaignère and Mrs. D'Espinoze (1807); promissory note from J.M. Prevost to Drouillard (1807); letter to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from Jérôme D'Espinoze (1807); letter to Turbé from Jérôme D'Espinoze (1807); letter from Roche to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (1807); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Jérôme D'Espinoze (1807); letter to Drouillard from De Vaubercey (1807); two letters to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from his sister and mother (1807).

### **Box 1b (also available on microfilm, Reel 1)**

#### **Folder 4, 1808-1812, 1816**

Four letters to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Lise Lamaignère (1808, 1809, 1811); letter to Jeanne-Amélie Drouillard from Joséphine Méance (1808); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Edward Livingston (1809); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from C. Kennedy (1809); copy of baptismal certificate for Jean-Baptiste Drouillard, grandson of Jean-Baptiste Drouillard and son of Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard (1810); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Jean-Baptiste Drouillard and Alexandrine Lamaignère Drouillard

(1810); certificate of baptism for Vincent-Auguste Drouillard (1812); photocopy of Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard's will (1816).

**Folder 5, 1819-1901**

Account involving Jean-Baptiste and Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard (1819); certificate of pew payment by Morgan family at Christ Church, New Orleans (1822); two letters to Louise Elizabeth ("Élisa") Baker Drouillard from Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (1825, 1829); five letters to grandson Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from grandfather Jean-Baptiste Drouillard, the 1828 letter also containing a letter to granddaughter Pauline-Amélie Drouillard (1827, 1828, 1830, 1831, 1834); photocopy of grandson Jean-Baptiste Drouillard's will (1842); maps and value estimates for properties on Camp Street, Poydras Street, and Commercial Alley, New Orleans (1901).

**Folder 6, undated**

Two letters to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Jean-Baptiste Drouillard, one including a letter from Alexandrine Lamaignère Drouillard.

**Folder 7, undated**

Genealogical items related to Thomas Morgan and Jean-Baptiste Drouillard families, including coats of arms.

**Reel 2, 1798-1863, 1919, undated**

William Oothout's 1919 bequeathal of Drouillard Papers to Pauline Drouillard Riggs; Marie-Jeanne-Lucile Drouillard's baptismal certificate (1798); two letters to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from Julie Chambon Drouillard (1798, 1799); two letters to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from Charles-Léon Lamaignère (1799); five letters to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from Jérôme D'Espinoze (1799-1801); three legal documents and a letter concerning Marie-Jeanne Drouillard Malherbe (1802, 1803); payment note and letter by La Fresnaye to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (1802); letter to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from C.F. Rousset (1802); 1802 certification of 1797 marriage between Jean-Baptiste Drouillard and Françoise-Alexandrine Lamaignère; bills and promissory notes concerning the Drouillards in Saint Domingue (1802-1803, 1805); legal document concerning the children of Jean-Baptiste Drouillard and Jeanne Lamaignère (1803); letter from Roche to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (1806); letter to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from Eloi Lamaignère (1806); letter to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from Claire-Tristaine Thebaudière Bascher Boisgely (1806); letter to Turbé from his son (1807); note of receipt concerning a free black (1806); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard (1807); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Susanna L. Breton (1808); six letters to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Lise Lamaignère (1808-1816); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from a woman "née Doueran;" letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Thomas B. Johnson (1810); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Eloi Lamaignère (1810); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from a widowed relative (1811); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from G. Granger (1811); promissory note to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard (1811); incomplete letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard (1811); two letters to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from

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Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (1811, 1816); letter to Blaise Cénas (1811); letter to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from John Mary (1811); two letters to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Julie Chambon Rousset (1811, 1812); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Genaro Rodrigues (1812); letter to Drouillard (1812); note to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard (1813); item relating to the estate of Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard (1816); letter to Lise Lamaignère from Eloi Lamaignère (1817); letter to Louise Baker Drouillard from Haudaudine (1817); two letters to grandson Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from grandfather Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (1825, 1829); letter, transcription of same, and English translation of same concerning the estate of grandfather Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (1845); document related to the estate of George Morgan (1863); letter with no year; two letters with no year to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard from same person; undated letter; undated letter to Drouillard from D'Espinose; incomplete letter (undated); business letter with amounts (undated); letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard from Blaise Cénas (undated).

**INDEX TERMS**

Agriculture—Haiti

Antilleans—France

Cénas, Blaise

Cuba—History—19<sup>th</sup> Century

D'Espinose Family

Drouillard, Jean-Baptiste

Drouillard, Jean-Vincent-Amédée

Drouillard Family

Lamaignère Family

France—History—18<sup>th</sup> Century

France—History—19<sup>th</sup> Century

French Americans—Georgia—Savannah

French Americans—Louisiana—New Orleans

French Americans—New Jersey—Trenton

French Americans—Pennsylvania—Philadelphia

Haiti—History—Revolution, 1791-1804

La Fresnaye Family

Morgan, Thomas

Morgan Family

New Orleans (La.)—History—19<sup>th</sup> Century

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Savannah (Ga.)—History—19<sup>th</sup> Century

Slaves—Caribbean Area—Social Conditions—19<sup>th</sup> Century

Slaves—Emancipation—Haiti

Slaves—Southern States—Social Conditions—19<sup>th</sup> Century

Sugar Growing—Haiti

Trenton (N.J.)—History—18<sup>th</sup> Century

Trenton (N.J.)—History—19<sup>th</sup> Century

Turbé Family

**CONTAINER LIST**

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
<b>S: 121;</b> <b>Mss. Mf: D, Reel 1</b>	1a	1a	Correspondence, 4 items (1787-1796)
		1b	Correspondence, 5 items (1798-1799)
		2	Correspondence, 7 items (1800-1802)
		3a	Correspondence, 8 items (1803-February 1807)
		3b	Correspondence, 5 items (March-April 1807)
		3c	Correspondence, 4 items (June-August 1807)
<b>S: 121;</b> <b>Mss. Mf: D, Reel 1</b>	1b	4a	Correspondence, 6 items (1808-1809)
		4b	Correspondence, 5 items (1810-1812, 1816)
		5a	Correspondence, 7 items (1819-1830)
		5b	Correspondence, Insurance Papers, 7 items (1831-1901)
		6	Correspondence, 2 items (undated)
		7a	Miscellaneous Genealogical Papers, 9 items (undated)
		7b	Miscellaneous Genealogical Papers, 21 items (undated)
<b>Mss. Mf: D, Reel 2</b>	na	na	1798-1863, 1919, undated (available only on microfilm)

**Appendix for French-Language Documents\*\*\***

**Box 1a**

**Folder 1**

---1787 document expedited in the presence of the King's Council in Paris concerning Drouillard properties in France and on Saint Domingue and stating that Vincent Drouillard is the father of Jean-Baptiste, Vincent, Susanne, and Marie-Jeanne Drouillard.

---1797 copy from the register of certificates of baptism, marriage, and death deposited at the office of the parish register, Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Croix-des-Bouquets, Saint Domingue. States that Jean-Baptiste Drouillard's father's name is Alexandre.

---1798 document regarding the estate of the late Vincent Drouillard, brother of Jean-Baptiste Drouillard and husband of Marie-Rose-Pierre-Françoise-Julie Chambon.

---1799 passport for Jean-Baptiste Drouillard and family to leave for Port Républicain, Saint Domingue. Given in Philadelphia under the seal of the General French Consul and signed by Philippe-Joseph Letombe. States that Drouillard has lived in Philadelphia since 1797.

---1799 document regarding the Drouillard family and signed by Trenton, N.J., Mayor James Ewing. States that the family has lived in Trenton since 1797.

---1799 letter from Léon Lamaignère in Port Républicain to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard. Relates conditions of the sugar plantation on Saint Domingue, assuring Drouillard that all of his cultivators want him there. Jean-François and André are especially good, but not Lazard. Drouillard's interests demand his presence in Saint Domingue, but Drouillard's wife should stay in the United States.

**Folder 2**

---1800 letter from Jérôme D'Espinose in Port Républicain to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Trenton.

---1801 same as above.

---Another document regarding the Drouillard family in Trenton, stating that they have lived in the city since October 1797. Bears the seal of the city of Trenton (1802).

---1802 letter from Philadelphia to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Port Républicain.

---1802 document issued by Philadelphia Notary Public Peter Du Ponceau naming Jean-Baptiste Drouillard proxy for Widow Bascher's late husband, Jean-Julien-Magdelaine Bascher Boisgely.

---1802 letter from a friend in Philadelphia to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Saint Domingue.

---Incomplete 1802 letter from Philadelphia with no greeting.

### **Folder 3**

---1803 letter from Jean-Baptiste Drouillard to his sister in Paris. States conditions in Port-au-Prince and mentions that their plantation has been looted to the extent that it is virtually no good.

---1803 letter from a friend in Philadelphia to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Saint Domingue. Drouillard has suffered misfortunes on his plantations.

---1805 certificate issued in New Orleans certifying Jean-Baptiste Drouillard's payment of slave taxes.

---1805 letter from Lewis M. Prevost to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in New Orleans, care of Benjamin Morgan.

---1806 certificate of New Orleans property-tax payment by Jean-Baptiste Drouillard.

---1806 certificate of property-tax payment by Jean-Baptiste Drouillard. Signed by M. Duplessis.

---1807 letter from Lise Lamaignère in Savannah, Ga., to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard, noting that he is marrying young and to a Protestant.

---Letter from New York by Labiche d' [?] to Turbé, reporting the worst winter the writer can remember.

---1807 letter from Lise Lamaignère and Mrs. D'Espinose in Savannah to Mrs. Drouillard, care of M. Morgan, merchant in New Orleans.

---1807 promissory note to Drouillard from J.M. Prevost.

---1807 letter to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard at the home of Mr. Morgan in New Orleans from Jérôme D'Espinose in Savannah.

---1807 letter to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in New Orleans from Roche in New Orleans.

---1807 letter to Mr. Turbé at the home of Mr. Morgan in New Orleans from Jérôme D'Espinose in Savannah.

---1807 letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans from Jérôme D'Espinose in Savannah.

---1807 letter to J. Drouillard in New Orleans from De Vaubercey at Montesano.

---1807 letter from Amélie Drouillard in Nantes, France, to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans.

---1807 letter from Alexandrine Lamaignère Drouillard in Nantes to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans.

### **Box 1b**

#### **Folder 4**

---1808 letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans from Lise Lamaignère in Savannah.

---1808 letter to Amélie Drouillard in New Orleans from Josephine Méance in Philadelphia.

---Two 1809 letters to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans from Lise Lamaignère in Savannah.

---1810 copy of the baptismal certificate for Jean-Baptiste Drouillard (grandson of Jean-Baptiste Drouillard and son of Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard), performed in St. Louis Church, New Orleans, and signed by Father Claude Thomas.

---1810 letter from Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Florence, Italy, to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard, the former functioning as director of the Imperial Administration of Salt and Tobacco in Tuscany. An addition to the letter is made by Alexandrine Lamaignère Drouillard.

---1811 letter to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans from Lise Lamaignère in Philadelphia. Refers to the loss of a Negro maid, stating that this is the lot of "all of the people living in this town." Mentions the giving of freedom to slaves and expresses dissatisfaction with servants.

---1812 copy of the baptismal certificate for Vincent-Auguste Drouillard (son of Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard), performed in St. Louis Church, New Orleans, and signed by Father Claude Thomas.

#### **Folder 5**

---1819 business account involving Jean-Baptiste Drouillard and Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard.

---1825 letter to Louise Elizabeth Baker Drouillard ("Élisa") in New Orleans from her father-in-law, Jean-Baptiste Drouillard, in La Flèche, France.

---1827 letter from grandfather Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in La Flèche to grandson Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in New Orleans.

---1828. Same to same, with a note added for Amélie Drouillard. The grandfather speaks of his securities in Saint Domingue.

---1829 letter from grandfather Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in La Flèche to his daughter-in-law, Louise Baker Drouillard, in New Orleans.

---1830 letter from grandfather Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in La Flèche to grandson Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in New Orleans. Grandfather asks grandson to write in French rather than English.

---1831 letter from grandfather Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Saint Avertin, France, to grandson Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in New Orleans.

---1834. Same to same.

#### **Folder 6**

---Undated letter from grandfather Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Thiers, France, to grandson Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in New Orleans.

---Undated letter from Jean-Baptiste Drouillard and Alexandrine Lamaignère Drouillard in Nantes to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans.

#### **Reel 2**

---April 15, 1798, baptismal certificate for Marie-Jeanne-Lucile Drouillard, stating that the godparents are Jérôme D'Espinoze (represented by Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard) and Jeanne-Amélie Drouillard. In the absence of a Catholic church, the baptism was done in the Drouillard home in Trenton and registered at St. Mary's Church in Philadelphia.

---November 27, 1798, letter from Julie Chambon Drouillard in Philadelphia to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard.

---January 17, 1799, letter from Charles-Léon Lamaignère in Port Républicain to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Trenton. The writer stresses that the reader's presence on Saint Domingue is becoming more and more necessary for settling accounts related to Drouillard's property, chiefly as regards the plantation and mill. Lamaignère mentions slaves and the communities of Mirebalais and Crochu. The writer also mentions Blaise Cénas.

---July 25, 1799, letter from same to same. Again the writer tells the receiver that the latter's presence is needed on Saint Domingue if Drouillard wants to put his affairs in order there.

---5 Thermidor 1799, letter from Jérôme D'Espinoze to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard. A business letter relating to Croix-des-Bouquets, Saint Domingue, as well as Trenton. The writer speaks

favorably of the 80 young and strong cultivators still on Drouillard's plantation on Saint Domingue and how they have planted much. In a postscript, he mentions the most zealous of these (Jean-François, Lazare, and André Maçon), saying that they try to encourage the others to work. The cultivators are eager to see Drouillard and want him to come back, something that Charles-Léon Lamaignère stresses in his letters as well.

---September 9, 1799, letter from Julie Chambon Drouillard in Philadelphia to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Trenton. The writer speaks of her part in a farm that she wants to renounce. She refers bleakly to relatives' wellbeing, to family holdings in Saint Domingue, and to the future. Mentions Adelle in a postscript.

---May 28, 1800, letter from Jérôme D'Espinose to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Trenton. The writer assures the reader that Drouillard's interests in Saint Domingue are being managed well. However, things have still not calmed down enough for Drouillard to return to the island.

---June 6, 1800, unsigned letter that is clearly from Jérôme D'Espinose to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Trenton. The writer speaks defensively of his management of Drouillard's interests on Saint Domingue. He recounts the expenses and repairs he has had to oversee at Drouillard's farm and says that Lamaignère wants to lodge there so as to direct Drouillard's cultivators. D'Espinose mentions the ongoing disorder on Saint Domingue as well as Toussaint L'Ouverture's role in it. He warns Drouillard and Drouillard's wife not to come share the hardships in their homeland.

---January 16, 1801, letter from Jérôme D'Espinose to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard. Another letter concerning Drouillard's holdings on Saint Domingue. D'Espinose speaks of trouble with Drouillard's brother-in-law, who wants to control Drouillard's plantation.

---May 3, 1801, letter from Jérôme D'Espinose to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard at Camden, N.J.

---June 1802 legal document drawn up in Paris. Marie-Jeanne Drouillard, divorced wife of the late Paul-Louis-Auguste Malherbe and resident of Paris, grants Jean-Baptiste Drouillard control of her plantation on Saint Domingue.

---June 10, 1802, note written by La Fresnaye in Philadelphia authorizing payment to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard.

---June 18, 1802, letter from C.F. Rousset in Havana, Cuba, to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Port Républicain. Rousset has heard that Drouillard has returned to Saint Domingue to check on the plantation there. The writer is interested in Adelle's stakes, which are tied to the Drouillards'. For the sake of his stepdaughter, he wishes to contribute what he can to the operation of the Drouillard plantation.

---July 1802 legal document printed in France concerning Marie-Jeanne Drouillard, divorced wife of Malherbe.

---July 4, 1802, letter from La Fresnaye in Philadelphia to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Cul-de-Sac, Saint Domingue.

---September 20, 1802, copy from the marriage register of Port Républicain. Jean-Baptiste Drouillard of Cul-de-Sac, Croix-des-Bouquets, son of Vincent Drouillard, and Françoise-Alexandrine Lamaignère, also a resident of the same place, certify that they had been married on January 31, 1797, and that they have had a daughter, baptized as Marie-Jeanne-Lucile in Trenton, N.J., on April 15, 1798.

---November 1803 letter to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard at Port Républicain involving Drouillard's sister, Madame de Malherbe, and Drouillard's father's estate.

---September 1802 bill involving mules and Vincent Drouillard in Croix-des-Bouquets.

---[August 1802?] note concerning Drouillard and a cart transaction "aux Bouquets."

---May 1803 note relating to "Drouiard" and a cart transaction at Port Républicain.

---May 1803 legal document drawn up at Port Républicain in which Jean-Baptiste Drouillard, resident of Cul de Sac, Croix-des-Bouquets, names his sister Marie-Jeanne Drouillard, divorced wife of Malherbe, as his proxy for his holdings (inherited from his father Vincent Drouillard) in the Loire region near Nantes.

---May 1803 document drawn up at Port Républicain in which Jean-Baptiste Drouillard of Cul de Sac, Croix-des-Bouquets, appears in behalf of Jean-Vincent-Amédée and Jeanne-Amélie (his minor children from his first marriage to Jeanne Lamaignère) and in behalf of his present wife, Françoise-Alexandrine Lamaignère, sister of his first wife, to name his brother-in-law Charles-Léon Lamaignère, residing at Nantes, proxy over his minor children's interests in France.

---1803 promissory note involving Vincent Drouillard's furnishing a cart in Croix-des-Bouquets.

---September 1803 promissory note relating to the Drouillard plantation's providing a cart.

---1803 promissory note concerning Drouillard and supplies.

---December 1803 promissory note about Vincent Drouillard's plantation and a cart.

---January 1803 receipt for a sum of money that Jean-Baptiste Drouillard paid to Charles-Léon Lamaignère.

---June 30, 1805, receipt of payment from Drouillard.

---February 15, 1806, letter from Roche in New Orleans to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard on his plantation below New Orleans. The letter concerns a transaction involving Delaronde.

---February 6, 1806, letter from Eloi Lamoignon in Santiago de Cuba to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard “chez Mr. Pitot Maire de Ville à la Nouvelle Orléans.” The letter concerns the service of the Negroes Cupidon and Jeanne.

---February 25, 1806, letter from Claire-Tristaine Thebaudière Bascher Boisgely (widow of Jean-Julien-Magdelaine Bascher Boisgely) in Philadelphia to Drouillard in New Orleans, requesting Drouillard’s help in settling a dispute over hay between the Baschers and the Hutchins, Mr. Hutchins having gone from Norristown, Pa., to New Orleans. The Widow Bascher mentions Victorine.

---April 6, 1807, letter from Turbé to his father at Drouillard’s in New Orleans. The writer wants to present his wife and new daughter to the reader. The correspondence comes by a Mr. Miller, who has taken care of Turbé. The writer plans to go to Guadeloupe, thanks to his wife’s connections there. The son wishes to mend the rift between himself and his mother and father. He asks his father to give Amédée his regards.

---November 6, 1806, note of receipt concerning a free black.

---July 8, 1807, letter from a male writer in Bordeaux, France, to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans. The writer speaks of conditions in France and of the trip from Louisiana to France.

---May 18, 1808, letter from Susanna L. Breton in “Skullkill,” Pennsylvania, to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans. The writer mentions the little girl that Drouillard and his wife have.

---December 19, 1808, letter from Lise Lamoignon in Savannah to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans. The writer fears that the reader’s daughter has not been christened a Catholic yet. She speaks of the embargo’s preventing her getting news from the family in Europe. She knows that Amélie had been at Nantes and also at Turin near her aunt and cousin, that Clara had been put with the writer’s aunt, and that the reader’s father still had not had a place to stay. Then the writer gives news from Savannah.

---July 10, 1809, letter from Lise Lamoignon in Savannah to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans.

---July [1809 or later] business letter from a woman “née Doueran” to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans.

---February 19, 1810, letter from Lise Lamoignon in Savannah to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans.

---July 4, 1810, letter from Eloi Lamoignon in New Orleans to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans. The writer asks the reader a favor because the former cannot walk after injuring his foot in “the fire.” Lamoignon asks Drouillard to seek payment owed for the renting of Lamoignon’s male Negro cook Maxime to Madame [Hornan?].

---March 2, 1811, letter from Lise Lamaignère in Philadelphia to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans. The letter concerns Mr. Martel's grievance with Eloi Lamaignère over a male Negro [named Porus?] and a female Negro. The writer still has no news from France.

---April 5, 1811, letter from a widow relative in Baltimore to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans.

---November 19, 1811, letter from Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Florence to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans.

---November 6, 1811, letter to Blaise Cénas as sheriff in New Orleans from [?] at Chaumière des Soucis. The writer complains about De Berg's, Bois Blanc's, and [Campanel]'s financial/legal demands and mentions other transactions, one involving slaves.

---December 8, 1811, letter from Julie Chambon Rousset (formerly Drouillard) in Havana to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard, "Deputy Sheriff in Louisiana." The writer has learned that the reader has married a young American and has a child. She has learned of the reader's sister's marriage as well. Chambon Rousset says that since the Spanish revolution they have been very unfortunate in Cuba and mentions an embargo in particular. She states that her husband is on the plantation and that Louisa (10 years old) is with her. They are lodging with Mr. and Mrs. Duquesne in Havana. A griffe slave named Jérémie has escaped from the Duquesne place in Cuba to New Orleans or thereabouts. The slave knows how to do everything – mainly cooking – but his defects are gambling and women. They want the reader to keep an eye out for Jérémie, and the writer tells Amédée what to do if he finds the slave.

---February 11, 1812, letter from Genaro Rodrigues at Balise, Louisiana, to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans. The writer asks the reader to relay a message to Blaise Cénas.

---February 26, 1812, letter from Julie Chambon Rousset in Havana to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans. The writer is happy to hear about the birth of Amédée's third child and asks to be informed if the reader learns anything about the Duquesnes' slaves.

---June 7, 1812, letter to Drouillard.

---May 8, 1813, letter from Lise Lamaignère in Philadelphia to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans. The writer reports that Amélie is no longer in Rome, as she and her husband have been moved to Turin. The reader's father is still in Florence. Alexandrine is happy, and Adolphe and Angelina have had the measles. The reader's parents are concerned about him because they had read about a hurricane and a slave uprising both occurring around August. Bellevue Lamaignère is mentioned in this letter as in others addressed to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard in New Orleans, indicating that the former is in New Orleans. It is also evident that Adelle is in New Orleans at this point.

---June 22, 1816, letter from Lise Lamaignère in Philadelphia to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard's widow, referring to Amédée's death. The writer will send word to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Nantes to inform him of his son's death.

---August 22, 1816, letter from Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in Thiers, France, to Jean-Vincent-Amédée Drouillard. [The writer is clearly unaware of his son's death.] The letter indicates that Adolphe and Angelina were born in New Orleans.

---June 15, 1817, letter from Eloi Lamaignère in New Orleans to Lise Lamaignère in Philadelphia.

---February 15, 1817, letter from Haudaudine in Nantes to Louise Baker Drouillard in New Orleans.

---August 20, 1825, letter from grandfather Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in La Flèche to grandson Jean-Baptiste Drouillard in New Orleans.

---July 1829, same to same.

---June 10, 1845 letter on stationery for Assurance Mutuelle of Melun, France, to Drouillard and Morgan concerning the estate of grandfather Jean-Baptiste Drouillard, who died at Saint Avertin, near Tours, France.

---June 10, 1845, clearer transcription of the above.

---November 27 letter from Paris with no year.

---July 29 letter from Paris with no year to Jean-Baptiste Drouillard at Mr. Fresnaye's in Philadelphia. The letter mentions "Popote" and Eulalie.

---December 27 letter from Paris with no year, written by the author of the preceding letter with instructions for Mr. Fresnaye in Philadelphia to give it to Mr. Drouillard in Kingstown.

---Undated letter written at Port-au-Prince and addressed to "Monsieur."

---Undated letter from Jérôme D'Espinose in Saint Domingue to Drouillard.

---Undated, incomplete letter.

---Undated business letter with amounts.

**\*\*\*Some of the items in Boxes 1a and 1b are accompanied by English translations.**