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SUMMARY

- Size.** 1.5 linear ft.
- Geographic locations.** Louisiana, France.
- Inclusive dates.** 1856-1991.
- Languages.** English, French.
- Summary.** Correspondence, genealogical information, writings, printed items, photograph and regalia of Pecquet du Bellet de Verton and Kariouk family.
- Arrangement.** I. Correspondence, 1861-1902
 II. Writings, 1865-1991
 III. Printed items and graphic materials 1856-1909
 IV. Regalia, undated
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Dr. Joseph du Bellet emigrated from France to Haiti during the early years of the nineteenth century, and later moved to New Orleans due to civil unrest in Haiti. He dropped the aristocratic "du Bellet" and became known as Joseph Pecquet. His two sons, Pierre Paul Pecquet (1816-1884) and Pierre François, married two sisters.

Pierre Paul Joseph Pecquet lived in France for much of his life, and tried to persuade the French government to assist the Confederacy during the U.S. Civil War. He died in Paris in 1884.

Pierre François Pecquet became a plantation owner in Pointe Coupee Parish. His family maintained a connection with Louisiana.

Nicolas Kariouk, the donor of this collection, is the great-grandson of Pierre Paul Joseph Pecquet.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is comprised of correspondence, writings of family histories with transcriptions and genealogical charts, original manuscripts of Paul Pecquet du Bellet de Verton's work on the Civil War, newspapers, pamphlets relating to the Civil War, a photograph, and a Masonic apron.

LIST OF SERIES

- I. Correspondence**, 1861-1902, undated.
- II. Writings**, 1865-1991
- III. Printed items and graphic material**, 1856-1909.
- IV. Regalia**, undated

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. Correspondence, 1861-1902, undated

Much of the correspondence is that of Paul Pecquet du Bellet, some written in French, and includes a letter to the Secretary of State of the Confederate States (May 14, 1861) stressing the necessity of a news publication in Paris favorable to the Southern political position; a letter to Paul Pecquet criticizing an article he wrote for *Le Pays* (June 20, 1861); and a type written copy of a letter dated April 24, 1817 advising William G. Sharp, U. S. Ambassador to France, to beware of his political enemies.

II. Writings, 1865-1991.

Writings are comprised of family histories and genealogical charts of the Pecquet du Bellet de Verton and Kariouk family; memoirs of Noemie Pecquet du Bellet de Verton detailing historical and political events which surrounded the family, beginning in 1793. In his transcription of Noemie's memoirs, Nicolas Kariouk continues the family history through 1989. Of notable import are original drafts of Pecquet du Bellet's work on the Civil War, *The Diplomacy of the Confederate Cabinet of Richmond and its Agents Abroad*, which recounts his observations of various operations in Europe, particularly France, carried out by the Confederate States of America, in their effort to present the Southern political position and gain recognition. Additional writings include accounts of Paul Pecquet du Bellet's accomplishments during the Civil War, written by his daughters, Noemie and Alfreda (Titty).

III. Printed items and graphic material, 1856-1902.

Printed items consist of French newspapers relating to events of the Communes during May, 1871; various American newspapers; some containing articles on the Civil War; a facsimile of the first issue of the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser; several Civil War pamphlets reflecting political views of prominent individuals among whom were Paul Pecquet and Jefferson Davis; and a newspaper clipping (1914) giving an account of a Civil War naval battle between the Kearsarge and the Alabama on its 50th anniversary.

IV. Regalia, undated

The regalia contains the Royal Arch Mason apron of Dr. F. Lewis Joseph Pecquet with a transcription of certificate.

INDEX TERMS

Confederate States of America
Correspondence.
Diplomatic and consular service, Confederate.
Freemasonry--Louisiana.
Genealogies.
Kariouk, Nicholas.
Newspapers.
Pamphlets.
Paris (France) History--Commune, 1871.
Pecquet du Bellet, Paul.
Pecquet du Bellet, Noemie.
Photographs.
Pointe Coupee Parish (La.)
United States History--Civil War, 1861-1865

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49:14	2	--	Pamphlets.
Range 99	3	--	Newspapers - English
	--	1	Newspapers - French