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MEULLION (FAMILY) PAPERS
1776-(~~1776-1796~~)-1906
121 items

(bulk: 1796-1866)

Papers of a Louisiana free Negro family. The collection embodies manumission papers (in Spanish) issued to Maria Juana and her son by Luis Augustin Meullion, 1776; and receipts, 1809-1877, for sale of slaves and sugar, payment of tuition, a donation to a church, and payment for interment of Jean Baptiste Meullion, 1840. There are also deeds of land, 1786, 1796, 1819; a road overseer's commission issued to Cheval Meullion, 1843; a stock certificate issued to Miss Belazaire Meullion by New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad, 1852; an amnesty oath taken by Miss Belazaire Meullion, 1865; and list of property near Opelousas belonging to Mrs. Francois Meullion which was confiscated by Federal troops under Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks.

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All items in collection notes listed.

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This collection includes the following: Feb. 20, 1776, New Orleans, manumission papers in Spanish by Luis Augustin Meullion of German Coast, giving freedom to a slave, Maria Juana, and her son Juan Bautista, aged 12; June 6, 1786, New Orleans, deed in Spanish: Juan Bautista Meullion selling land to Andres Duclot; Nov. 3, 1796, Opelousas, deed in French made before Martin Duralde, Commandant of Opelousas, by Charles Vivant, selling tract of land owned by Jean Baptiste Meullion; Nov. 28, 1809, Post of Attakapas, receipt in French given before Alex[an]dre de Clouet, Commandant, to Baptiste Meullion for slaves purchased from Succession of Baltazare; March 28, 1815, [Opelousas] printed tax certificate issued to Baptiste Meullion; April 5, 1819, St. Landry Parish, sale of land by Garrigen Flayac and wife, conveying tract of land to Baptiste Meullion, the wife renouncing her paraphernal rights; May 5, 1827, Opelousas, [La.]; receipt in French of Flavius H. Rossi, church cura, to Baptiste Meullion for \$50 donation to New St. Landry church; April 18, 1831, Opelousas, promissory note in French of Baptiste Meullion to Valerein Allain [Pointe Coupee] payable at domicile of P. DuBestran; April 26, 1833, Opelousas, La., letter in French, Baptiste Meullion to president and directors of Union Bank of Louisiana re mortgaging land and slaves as security for \$5000 loan; May 18, 1834, New Orleans, bill of sale in French by E. and O. Sauf for sale of sugar belonging to Baptiste Meullion; Aug. 18, 1836, New Orleans, La., bill of sale in French, Waterman Burges and Co., to Baptiste Meullion for sale of cotton @ 13¢; May 30, 1839, Vermillionville, [Lafayette] La., printed receipt in French from Union Bank of Louisiana, to Baptiste Meullion for \$1250; March 19, 1840, Opelousas, receipt in French of E. Rousselon, cura, to Antoine Donato Meullion for \$35 as final payment for interring his father, Jean Baptiste Meullion; Dec. 4, 1843, Opelousas, La., printed certificate in French and English by Guy A. Bell, clerk of court, St. Landry Parish, appointing Cheval Meullion road overseer; May 3, 1850, Prairie Laurent [St. Landry Parish], receipt in French: Professor Baptiste Mortaba to Miss Belzaire Meullion for \$10 for tuition; Oct. 23, 1852, printed stock certificate, New Orleans and Opelousas Railroad Company issued to Miss Belzaire Meullion (signed by J. H. Overton, President); May 28, 1855, New Orleans, letter in French: J. B. Bellocq and Noblom Company to Miss Belzaire [or Belzaire] Meullion quoting cotton prices; Aug. 23, 1865, Washington, La., printed Amenity Oath of Belzaire Meullion; April 1865, Opelousas, list of property appropriated from the Succession of widow of Francois L. Meullion by Federal Army under General

Nathaniel Banks; May 19, 1869, New Orleans, letter in French:
J. B. Jiran to Alphonse Meullion re the former teaching for
Mr. Rougon of Pointe Coupee; Dec. 1889, [Washington D. C.]
printed petition of Court of Claims, to Alphonse Meullion
administrator of estate of Miss Suzanne Belazaire for \$2780
for property appropriated by Federal Army; n.d., order of
Belazaire Meullion for delivery of a barrel of sugar.

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Suzanne Belazaire Meullion

Belazaire Meullion, daughter of Jean Baptiste Meullion and Celeste Donoto, was born on Prairie Laurent. At the age of 67 she was unmarried, being described as having black hair and eyes and being of short stature. Miss Belazaire was well educated and business-like and appears to have dwarfed her less efficient brothers, Cheval and Antoine Donato.¹

Jean Baptiste Meullion

Jean Baptiste Meullion, son of Louis Augustin Meullion and his mulatto slave, Marie Jean, was born on the German Coast about 1764, and died at Prairie Laurent, St. Landry Parish in 1840. This high class griffe married Celeste Donoto, reared a family, operated a plantation on Bayou Teche, and appears to have been highly regarded.²

Alexandre de Clouet I

Alexandre Francois Joseph de Clouet de Piedre was born in Cambray, France, in the middle of the eighteenth century. He enlisted in the French navy and came to Louisiana as a young man, where in 1771, he married Marie Louise Favrot of Baton Rouge and served for many years as Commandant of the "poste des Attakapas".³

1. Biographical material from the collection.
2. Ibid.
3. Annie Lee West Stahl, "The Free Negro in Anti-bellum Louisiana", (Baton Rouge, 1937, unpublished Master's Thesis), p.1.

M Meullion family papers, 1776-1906; (Parish
1776- of St. Landry) Free men of color.
1906 121 items in 1 folder.

Collection is interesting because the family were free men of color. Contains papers giving their freedom from slavery, property transfers, title deeds, land sales, receipts, slave sales, accounts, personal and business letters, mortgage to Union Bank, appointment as overseer of roads, railway stock payment, bills of lading, cotton sales receipt, list of possessions taken by Federal Army and petition to Court of Claims, Amnesty oath.

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MEULLION (FAMILY) PAPERS
1800-1826
3 items

Statement of the account of Baptiste Meullion of Opelousas with
Mr. Vivant, 1800; Metlōf sale of slaves purchased by Baptiste Meullion
from the estate of Michell Prudhomme, 1818; and a statement of account,
1826.

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