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1883-1949

Mss 990, 999

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SUMMARY

Size	1.25 linear feet.
Geographic Locations	Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.
Inclusive Dates	1883-1949.
Bulk Dates	1889-1940.
Languages	English.
Summary	Personal papers and manuscript volumes of the Trotter family of Natchitoches Parish. Collection pertains primarily to Daniel Trotter, an African-American farmer who owned land on Cane River. Some records for the St. Mary's Baptist Church Benevolent Society are also included.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Daniel Trotter was an African-American born in Louisiana in 1867. A resident of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, he married Mary Adelle McEntyre on September 26, 1885. In 1899, Trotter first leased the land, known as Keyser Place, on Cane River from J. C. Keyser. A year later, he purchased land on the Tatum Place from W. M. Moffitt. According to census records, in 1900 Daniel and Mary Trotter lived in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, with their niece and two nephews.

By 1920, Daniel Trotter was married to his second wife, Rose. Rose Trotter worked as an agent for Columbia Supply, a company that manufactured baking powder, toilet soaps, spices, teas, coffees, flavoring extracts, etc. The couple lived together in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, until at least 1949.

In addition to being a farmer, Daniel Trotter was also an active member of the St. Mary's Baptist Church Benevolent Society (also known as the St. Mary's Baptist Church Benevolent Association) and the Constantine Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Personal papers and manuscript volumes document the lives of members of the Trotter family, particularly Daniel Trotter. Personal papers include plantation records, such as copies of deeds, receipts, and miscellaneous items relating to his farming activities. Also included among the personal papers are copies of resolutions, minutes, and correspondence, receipts for dues, and monthly accounts of the St. Mary's Baptist Church Benevolent Society (1899); form letters advertising patent medicine and services addressed to the Trotters from household product manufacturers and drug companies (1906-1939); and a few family letters (1920-1949). Newspaper clippings, photographs, pamphlets (ca. 1887-1934, undated.), and other printed materials are also included.

Manuscript volumes include bankbooks, cashbooks, diaries, memorandum books, minute books, financial card books, and a record book belonging to the Trotters. Includes account information, listings of plantation and personal expenses, records of daily activities, and proceedings of meetings.

LIST OF SERIES AND SUBSERIES

- I. Personal papers, 1883-1949, undated. (box 1)**
- II. Manuscript volumes, 1884-1947 (volumes 1-69)**
 - Subseries 1. Bankbooks, 1915-1923 (volumes 1-3)**
 - Subseries 2. Cashbooks, 1884-1947 (volumes 4-45)**
 - Subseries 3. Diaries, 1920-1949 (volumes 46-47)**
 - Subseries 4. Memorandum books, 1889-1942 (volumes 48-53)**
 - Subseries 5. Minute books, 1891-1899 (volumes 54-55)**
 - Subseries 6. Financial card books, 1903-1934 (volumes 56-68)**
 - Subseries 7. Record book, 1897-1903 (volume 69)**

SERIES AND SUBSERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Personal papers, 1883-1949, undated. (0.25 linear feet)

Summary: Personal papers documenting the lives of members of the Trotter family in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, consist of copies of land agreements, personal and business related correspondence, notes, receipts, applications filed by Daniel and Rose Trotter, newspaper clippings, photographs, advertisements, and printed pamphlets. Items arranged chronologically.

Folder 1

1883-1899

52 items

Nineteenth century papers document Daniel Trotter's adult life and beginnings in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. Items include a postal registry return receipt for Joe Trotter, Natchitoches Parish (1883); marriage certificate for Daniel Trotter and Mary Adelle McEntyre (1885); receipt for cotton (1891); and resolutions, minutes, correspondence, receipts for dues, lists of members, and monthly accounts of the St. Mary's Cane River Baptist Church Benevolent Society. Also of note is a copy of the agreement between J. C. Keyser and Daniel Trotter for the lease of land, known as the Keyser Place, on Cane River (1899).

Folder 2

1900-1919

54 items

Early twentieth century papers include a broadside with the lyrics to *Ballad* composed by W. R. Reed, New Orleans, Louisiana (1900); duplicate of agreement between W. M. Moffitt and Daniel Trotter for the sale of land on the Tatum Place situated on Cane River (1900); letters of the Columbia Supply Company to Rose Trotter; certified copy of cash deed (1907); list of books purchased; personal letters; and a bank statement belonging to Rose Trotter (1918).

Folder 3

1920-1929

36 items

Materials include receipts for loans; miscellaneous items; and personal notes and letters to Daniel and Rose Trotter regarding meetings of the Constantine Lodge and family news.

Folder 4

1930-1939

42 items

Papers include lodge dues; personal notes; a letter prescribing treatment from Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, New York; and letters from Daniel Trotter regarding medications, the purchase of religious pamphlets, and cotton prices.

Folder 5

1940-1949

60 items

Later family papers include correspondence concerning farm equipment; family letters; and applications for Homestead exemption and old age assistance.

Folder 6

Undated

76 items

Undated items in the collection consist primarily of personal notes and a few personal letters.

Folder 7

Newspaper clippings

37 items

Newspaper clippings consist mostly of advertisements for products and articles regarding the church. Several clippings from a regular column entitled, "Do You Know Your Bible?" are also included.

Folder 7a

Photographs

5 items

Items include undated photographs of several women and one gentleman.

Folder 8

Printed material and printed pamphlets

39 items

Printed items primarily include advertisements and form letters from companies for patent medicines, farm equipment, etc. Printed pamphlets include the following titles:

Dr. Harter's Family Medicines (ca. 1887)

Mothers' Weather Guide and Health Hints (1897)

When Dreams Come True (1927)

Treatise on the Coming of Jesus and Elijah (ca. 1932)

Poultry Troubles (1933)

The Megiddo Message Devoted to the Cause of Christ (1934)

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery (undated)

Series II. Manuscript Volumes, 1884-1947 (1 linear foot)

Summary: Manuscript volumes belonging to Daniel and Rose Trotter include bankbooks, cashbooks, diaries, memorandum books, minute books, financial card books, and a record book. Materials primarily offer detailed financial records of both plantation and personal expenses. Financial information pertaining to St. Mary's Baptist Church Benevolent Society and the Constantine Lodge, such as records of dues paid, is also included.

Subseries 1. Bankbooks, v. 1-3 (1915-1923)

Bank books record the accounts of Daniel and Rose Trotter at The Peoples Banks of Natchitoches.

Subseries 2. Cashbooks, v. 4-45 (1884-1947)

Cashbooks of Daniel Trotter give detailed lists of plantation and personal expenses. Memoranda related to St. Mary's Baptist Church Benevolent Society are also included.

Subseries 3. Diaries, v. 46-47 (1920-1949)

Daniel Trotter's diaries include detailed records of accounts and daily activities, particularly visits to "E. H. House."

Subseries 4. Memorandum books, v. 48-53 (1889-1942)

Memorandum books include information on Daniel Trotter's various accounts. Records and prices of items purchased such as farming materials, groceries, and cotton are included.

Subseries 5. Minute books, v. 54-55 (1891-1899)

Minute books of the St. Mary's Baptist Church Benevolent Society contain copies of the constitution and by-laws, minutes of regular and special meetings, and lists of officers, members, and dues paid.

Subseries 6. Financial card books, v. 56-68 (1903-1934)

Financial card books give a monthly record of lodge dues paid by Daniel Trotter for the Constantine Lodge No. 15 of the Knights of Pythias.

Subseries 7. Record book, v. 69 (1897-1903)

Record book containing information on Daniel Trotter's plantation and personal accounts. Includes records of receipts, groceries purchased, and cotton made. Also of note are lists of sewing accounts belonging to people for whom Rose made various garments.

Additional records and information concerning St. Mary's Baptist Church in Natchitoches Parish, including an inventory of the church's records, are filed in the HRS (Historical Records Survey) Church Archives Inventory.

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Materials about these persons, places, or things, or examples of the document type listed, may be found in the series and subseries as indicated by their assigned numbers.

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