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SUMMARY

Size.	7 linear ft., 5 volumes,
Geographic Locations	Louisiana
Inclusive Dates.	1718-1939
Bulk	1832-1939
Languages.	English, French, Spanish
Summary.	<p>The J. Fair Hardin collection includes correspondence, proofs, drafts, reports, maps, articles, and speeches, as well as research materials created or collected by Hardin. The papers pertain to his efforts to mark historical sites in Louisiana (especially the Presidio de Nuestra Señora del Pilar de Los Adaes site in Natchitoches Parish, La.). Also included are the papers concerning the research, writing, and publishing of his book, <i>Northwestern Louisiana</i> (1939).</p>
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

James Fair Hardin was a Shreveport, Louisiana, attorney who became Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana. He was also a historian, serving for a time as vice-president of the Louisiana Historical Association, and the author of a three-volume work called *Northwestern Louisiana: a history of the watershed of the Red River, 1714-1937; an historical reference edition preserving the record of the growth and development of the territory together with genealogical and memorial records of its prominent families and personages, covering the parishes of Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Lincoln, Jackson, Bienville, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine, Natchitoches, Winn, Grant and Rapides* that was published in 1939. Hardin was killed in an automobile accident near Minden, La., in October 1940.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes Hardin's correspondence, proofs, drafts, reports, maps, articles, and speeches, as well as research materials collected by him. The papers pertain to his efforts to mark historical sites in Louisiana, especially the Presidio de Nuestra Señora del Pilar de Los Adaes site in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and to researching, writing, and publishing his book. The research materials consist of original historical documents, translations of French and Spanish colonial records, and reproductions of documents and maps in European, Washington, and Louisiana repositories that relate to Louisiana's early history, especially land claims and settlement in northwest Louisiana. The principal subjects of his research are the clearing of the Red River raft and the removal and migration of the Caddo Indians from Louisiana.

Included in his research materials are land grants and other documents of Marquis de Maison Rouge and Baron de Bastrop, papers of Juan Filhiol relating to Ouachita Parish, La., and the letters, statements, and other records of Indian agents in northwestern Louisiana (especially Jehiel Brooks and Charles A. Sewall, who dealt with the Caddo Indians).

Civil War materials are also present and include letters, Confederate currency and notes, Hardin's research and notes regarding the Red River Campaign, and the letter book of J. W. Sims, assistant quartermaster of the post at Natchitoches, Trans-Mississippi Department. Included in the Civil War materials are the letters (1861-1877) of John C. Moncure (1861-1877), Shreveport lawyer, Confederate soldier, and Reconstruction-era state legislator. He writes of his participation in the Battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill and corresponds with his father in Virginia, who relates developments there, and with French General Camille Polignac, about the cause of the South and Reconstruction.

The large group of maps includes those of Louisiana and various locations within the state, such as towns, parishes, military posts, and Civil War battles. Photographs include portraits of the wife of Henry Shreve, the Red River raft (ca. 1872), and the site of the Presidio of Los Adaes, Natchitoches Parish, La.

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