

J. FAIR HARDIN COLLECTION

Mss. 1014

Inventory

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SUMMARY

Size.	2225 items, 17 v.
Geographic locations.	Louisiana, especially Northwest Louisiana.
Inclusive dates.	1718-1939
Languages.	English, French, Spanish
Summary.	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, La., and to researching, writing, and publishing his book, <i>Northwestern Louisiana</i> (1939).
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Citation.	J. Fair Hardin Collection, Mss.1014, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
Stack Location(s).	S:29-36 Vault:3 P:2 OS:H Map Cage 98:H 78:46 Mss.Mf:H

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Shreveport attorney, a vice president of the Louisiana Historical Society, and author of historical articles and *Northwestern Louisiana : a history of the watershed of the Red River, 1714-1937 ; an historical reference edition preserving the record of the growth and development of the territory together with genealogical and memorial records of its prominent families and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* (1939).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

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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; letters, statements, and other records of Indian agents in northwestern Louisiana 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 contains maps of Louisiana and various locations within Louisiana, including 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.

INDEX TERMS

Bastrop, Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de, 1759-1827.
Caddo Indians--History.
Confederate States of America. Army. Trans-Mississippi Dept.
Historic preservation--Louisiana.
Indian agents--Louisiana.
Indians of North America--Relocation
Land tenure--Louisiana,
Louisiana--History--To 1803.
Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Maison Rouge, Joseph, marquis de, d. 1799
Money--Confederate States of America.
Morehouse Parish (La.)--History.
Ouachita Parish (La.)--History.
Polignac, Camille de, b. 1832 Moncure, John C. Brooks, Jehiel.
Presidio de Nuestra Señora del Pilar de Los Adaes Site (La.)
Reconstruction--Louisiana.
Red River Expedition, 1864.
Red River (Tex.-La.)--History.
Red River (Tex.-La.)--Navigation.
Sewall, Charles A.
Shreve, Henry Miller, 1785-1851.
Sims, J. W., Captain.
Southern States--Foreign relations--France.
Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Correspondence.
Land grants.
Maps.
Paper money.

ABBREVIATED CONTAINER LIST

(see full inventory and container list in repository for more details)

Stack Location	Container	Description of contents
S:29-36	1	Baron de Bastrop and Marquis de Maison Rouge, 1795-1820, 1939
	2	Caddo Indian Affairs papers, 1804-1857, 1879, 1935
	3	Juan Filhiol Papers, 1783, 1786, 1935-1935
	4	George Hunter Journal, 1804-1805, 1928, n.d.
	5	The Presidio of Nuestra Senora Del Pilar De Los Adaes, 1926-1939, n.d.
	6	Red River Raft papers, 1833-1875, 1929
Vault:3	7	(J. W. Sims Letter book, 1863-1864, and Confederate currency)
Mss. Mf:H		J.W. Sims Letter book, 1863-1864 (on 1 microfilm reel)
S:29-36	8-10	Various—including but not limited to Civil War papers (J. H. Williamson letters, John C. Moncure papers, Mrs. S. W. Osborn letter) Mississippi Valley Historical Association, Henry M. Shreve, biographical sketches, Hardin articles and talks, Flournoy Family Papers, Charles Gayarre letter
	11-13	Correspondence re Historic Sites in Louisiana, 1923-1936
	14-18	<u>History of Northwestern Louisiana</u> files: research files (arranged alphabetically by parish) 1806-1939; correspondence, drafts, and proofs
	19	Photographs
78:66	20	Engraving plates used to illustrate Hardin's <u>History of Northeastern Louisiana</u>

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P:2	v. 1 and v. 2	Articles and talks
	v. 3	Index to statutes relating to LSU, 1939
	v. 4	“The Life and Writings of Madame Sidonie de la Houssaye,” by Velma Savoie, M.A. thesis for LSU, 1936.
	v. 5	Minutes of Camp Kirby Smith #435, Sons of Confederate Veterans; correspondence of camp (1903-1912)
	OS:H	Folder 1
	Folder 2	Agreement between Secretary of War Henry Dearborn and John Smith of Ohio regarding provisions for posts in Louisiana (1806); certification of land grant of John Baptiste Ailhaud St. Anne of Natchitoches Parish, La. (1811); survey of land of Pierre Charrio, in northwest Louisiana (1839); Copy of 1871 town plat of Pleasant Hill, La.; certificate of election of J. W. Ford to Caddo parish Judge, signed by Governor Warmoth (1872); facsimilie of Declaration of Independence; brochure on history of the Old Spanish Trail (U. S. Hwy 90); Sibley family tree
98:Hardin	Box 1	Newspapers, 1839-1875, 1915-1938
Map cage Case 1, drawer 8	Roll 131	Map showing location of Indian tribes in Louisiana
	Roll 132	Map of 18 th century Louisiana roads
	Roll 154	Colored plans and prints of the restoration of Mission Espiritu Santo, Goliad Park, Goliad, TX, by the National Park Service.
Map cage Case 3	see inventory for drawer numbers	Maps of Louisiana and locations within Louisiana