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JOSEPH REYNÈS AND FAMILY PAPERS
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SUMMARY

Size.	624 items, 37 volumes
Geographic locations.	New Orleans, La.; Shreveport, La.; Augusta, Ga.; Demopolis, Ala.; Macon, Miss.; Mobile, Ala.; Paris, France.
Inclusive dates.	1743-1929
Bulk dates.	1862-1869
Language.	English, French
Summary.	Correspondence largely describing civilian life in the Confederacy, essays examining French authors, business papers, photographs and bound manuscript volumes containing journals and business records.
Organization.	Arranged chronologically.
Restrictions on access.	None.
Related collections.	None.
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
Citation.	Joseph Reynès and Family Papers, Mss. 493, 494, 1033, etc., Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
Stack location(s).	C:87-88, P:20; OS:R
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Joseph Reynès was a member of a prominent Creole family in New Orleans who held various public positions. Governor Henry Johnson appointed him as Justice of the Peace for the 2nd District of New Orleans, and he was later appointed by Governor A. B. Roman as Director of the Louisiana State Bank. The Reynès family was closely associated either socially or in business with the Grima, Reynaud, Jarreau, Roman, and Beauregard families, and related by marriage to the Mazureau family.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These papers are comprised of correspondence, documents, essays, business papers, photographs and bound manuscript volumes. Correspondence includes family letters describing military life and conditions in the Confederate Army and civilian life during the Federal occupation of New Orleans. Among the documents are copies of birth, death, and marriage records, notarial acts and documents substantiating land claims and transfer of property.

Critical essays examine the lives and works of French authors; business papers pertain to the banking trade. Bound manuscript volumes include five journals (1823-1825) of Valerien Allain relating to his travels in Europe, a record book (1833-1845) describing a business venture of Polyxene Reynès, two notebooks of sketches and notes (1824,1834), 22 volumes of school exercises, a scrapbook (1883-1885) of newspaper clippings, and a geography textbook (1843).

Among the photographs are portraits of Rear Admiral W. S. Schley (undated) and Admiral George Dewey (undated).

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contents</u>
C:87	1	1-2	1744-1819	<p>22 items:</p> <p>Early Spanish and French documents consisting of reports, deeds, and surveys of the Spanish Royal Surveyor Carlos Trudeau, and other papers pertaining to land claims of Joseph Reynès in the District of Baton Rouge (now East Feliciana Parish), 1744-1803.</p> <p>Copy of marriage record of Esteban Mazureau to Amada Grima, 1785.</p> <p>Baptismal certificate of Joseph Reynès, Jr. 1793.</p> <p>Oath of Allegiance of Joseph Reynès taken before the clerk of the District Court of the City of New Orleans, 1805.</p> <p>3 receipts from the Louisiana Bank, 1811-1812.</p> <p>Copy of death certificate of Charlotte Jardelat, wife of Joseph Reynès, and cemetery records, 1817.</p> <p>Document relative to settlement of property, stating that Joseph Reynès marries Charlotte Jardelat in 1786, who was born in Louisiana in 1765, signed by J. Reynès, 1819.</p>
		3-4	1820-1839	<p>35 items:</p> <p>(Papers of Joseph Reynès referred to in the following is Joseph Reynès, Jr.)</p> <p>Copy of death certificate of Louise Françoise Kugler and three folders containing extracts from the Registers of the Department of the Seine, Paris, 1824.</p> <p>Commission of Joseph Reynès as captain of the company of cavalry, Orleans' Cheveau-legers, of the Louisiana Legion, by Governor Henry Johnson of Louisiana, 1825.</p> <p>Commission of Joseph Reynès as justice of the peace for the Second District of the City of New Orleans for and during the time while being alderman of the city, 1826.</p>

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C:87	1	3-4	1820-1839	Letters (in French) of E. Mazureau from Paris to his father, E. Mazureau of New Orleans and his sister Stephanie, 1832. Commission of Joseph Reynès as register of conveyances for the city and parish of New Orleans by Governor Edward D. White, 1835. Certified copy of Act of Separation of property of Joseph Reynès and his wife, Polyxene Mazureau Reynès, and related papers, 1836. Commission of Joseph Reynès as director of the Louisiana State Bank by Governor A. B. Roman, 1839.
		5	1840-1858	27 items: Commission of Joseph Reynès as director of the Louisiana State Bank by Governor A. B. Roman, 1840. Copy of marriage certificate of Joseph Reynès and Polyxene Mazureau (marriage performed in 1826), 1841. Commission of Joseph Reynès as director of the Louisiana State Bank by Governor A. B. Roman, 1841. Insurance policy of Etienne Mazureau with the New Orleans Insurance Company on a warehouse, 1841. 2 letters (in French) of A. B. Roman to Reynès, 1841, 1847. Insurance policy on a dwelling taken by Stephen Mazureau, 1841. Documents in evidence of the claim of Joseph Reynès, Sr. v. The United States for land purchased in West Florida in 1803, 1846-1847. Letter of Mayor A. D. Crossman of New Orleans for Reynès' work as secretary of the council, 1847. Articles of agreement and specifications for a house to be built for Mrs. Joseph Reynès, 1847.

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C:87	1	5	1840-1858	<p>Insurance policies of Mrs. Reynès in the Merchant's Insurance Company on dwellings, 1847.</p> <p>Certificate signifying that Joseph Reynès had been elected a member of the Louisiana Fire Company, 1847.</p> <p>Resignation of Joseph Reynès as secretary and librarian of the Second District Public School accepted by G. B. Duncan, president of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Letters from the principal and students of the First-Ward School to Reynès in appreciation for his services as librarian, 1853.</p> <p>Printed copy of bill pertaining to land claims in the Florida Parishes, 35th Congress, 1st Session, 1858.</p>
2	1-2	1862-1863	18 items:	<p>Memorandum from Headquarters Department of the Gulf ordering Pierre Soule and Adolphe Mazureau to report on board the steamer Ocean Queen by order of Major General Butler, 1862.</p> <p>Forms from the Provost Marshal's Office certifying that Celestine Reynès and Joseph Reynès had rendered statements of their property and claim to be enemies of the United States, 1862.</p> <p>Notice from the Office, Provost Marshal, Parish of Orleans, ordering Celestine Reynès and Joseph Reynès, registered enemies of the United States, to leave the Parish, 1863.</p> <p>Family correspondence (in French) consisting of 3 letters of Polyxene Reynès, 2 of Celestine, 1 of Emile, and 4 of Joseph Reynès written from New Orleans and 2 of Charles, written from Shreveport, 1863.</p> <p>18 letters of Uranie Reynès, wife of Emile Reynès, to her husband, c/o Amedee Guyol, Augusta, Georgia, circa 1863.</p>

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C:87	2	3-5	Jan.-Dec. 1864	66 items: Tax receipts of Louise C. Reynès. Notices to report to the Provost Marshal's Office. Family correspondence (In French) consisting of 19 letters of Polyxene Reynès written from New Orleans and, after September 1, from Augusta, Georgia, 10 of Joseph Reynès written from New Orleans, 2 of Celestine from New Orleans, 1 of Louise, 1 of Mazureau, 3 of Henry Ducatel, and 18 of Edouard, member of the Louisiana Infantry, from Demopolis, Alabama; Macon, Mississippi; and Mobile, Alabama.
	3	1-2	1865-1869	84 items: Family correspondence (in French) consisting of 8 letters of Joseph Reynès, 6 of Polyxene Reynès from Augusta, Georgia, and 1 of Celestine, 1865. Copy of claim of Joseph Reynès for land owned by his father, 1867. Personal letter of Thomas I. Dix, cashier of the Merchants' Bank and a letter of Joseph Reynès to Emile H. Reynès, 3 notices from the Sodality of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, 1868. 8 letters of Sister Terese written from the Convent of St. Joseph and Carmel of St. Louis to Henry J. Roman and Emile Reynès, 1868-1869. Letters written by John G. Gaines, president of the Citizens Bank of Louisiana, Michael Hahn of New Orleans and others introducing Emile Reynès to members of banking houses in London and Paris. Letters of Joseph Reynès to Alphée De Vatry of Paris and John Slidell. Family correspondence (in French) consisting of letters of Reynès and his wife to their son, Emile, and letters of Edward to his parents.

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C:87	3	1-2	1865-1869	Letter (in French) of Vatry, Paris, 1869.
		3	1870-1879	60 items: Copy of partnership agreement between Emile H. Reynès and Charles Edouard Reynès for the purpose of carrying on a brokerage and banking business, 1871. Notices from the Opera Association of New Orleans, Sodality of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Chalmette Club, 1870-1872. Letter and verses written by Cyrille C. Theard at the death of Joseph Reynès, 1873. Letters of Alfred from Cabanocey Plantation. Letters of Polyxene Reynès to Charles, her grandson, attending Jefferson College, St. James Parish, and Marie Reynès, her granddaughter, 1875-1877. Receipts for registering the birth of Alexander Harris, 1877. Letters of Charles from Jefferson College, St. James Parish, and Marie Reynès, her granddaughter, 1875-1877.
		4	1880-1929	Letter of Addie Lynch, teacher, to Master George Harris, 1892. Sermon (in French) 1910; Poem (in French) entitled "L'ami" 1911; Invitation from the Vatican, 1912. Letter from Joe on Paul Gelpi & Sons, Inc. letterhead, 1921. Letter of M. De Nazareth written from Rome, 1929.
		5	Undated	51 items: Family correspondence (in French) similar to the letters appearing throughout the collection.
		6	Undated	22 items: Bills and business papers, including statement relative to Cabanocey Plantation.

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C:87	3	6	Undated	Article from <i>Marine Journal</i> at the death of Alexander Harris, and prospectus of the Merchants' Bank of New Orleans.	
		7-10	Undated	58 items: Cards, poetry, composition, children's letters, and envelopes.	
C:88	4	1-23	Circa 1899	Essays (in French).	
		5	1	1845	Notebooks Vol. 8: Littérature. No. 2, Emile H. Reynès, Jefferson College.
		2	Undated	Vol. 16: Philosophie.	
		3	Undated	Vol. 17: Difficulté de la langue Française.	
		4	Undated	Vol. 18: Exercices Français. No. 7.	
		5	Undated	Vol. 19: Extraits d'Horace.	
		6	Undated	Vol. 20: Cours de Littérature. Notions Preliminaires. No. 1.	
		7	Undated	Vol. 21: Cours de Littérature. Notions Preliminaires. Chap. 1.	
		8	Undated	Vol. 22: English Literature. C. Reynès.	
		9	Undated	Vol. 23: Préceptes de Rhétorique. Emile Reynès.	
		10	Undated	Vol. 24: Rhétorique. (Préceptes de Rhétorique). Emile Reynès.	
		11	Undated	Vol. 25: Histoire d'Espagne.	
		12	Undated	Vol. 26: Monsieur Bernard de Marigny de Mandeville.	
		13	Undated	Vol. 27: Louisianais.	
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		--	1823	Vol. 2: "Voyage en Angleterre." Valerian Allain.
		--	1824	Vol. 3: "Voyage dans le midi de la France." Valerian Allain.
		--	1825	Vol. 4: "Voyage en Italie." Valerian Allain.
		--	1825	Vol. 5: "Voyage en Italie." Valerian Allain.
				Notebooks
	8	--	1824	Vol. 6: Sketches.
		--	1839	Vol. 7: Sketches and School Exercises. Polyxene Reynès.
		--	1846	Vol. 9: Notebook. School exercise, "Astronomie."
		--	1848	Vol. 10: Notebook. School exercise, "Historia de Portugal." Celestine Reynès.
		--	1848	Vol. 11: Notebook. School exercise, "Espagnol." C. Reynès.
		--	1849	Vol. 12: Notebook. School exercise, "Proverbes." C. Reynès.
		--	1850	Vol. 13: Notebook. School exercise, "Translations. Comedy." Celestine Reynès.
		--	1850	Vol. 14: Notebook. School exercise, "Rhetorique." Celestine Reynès.
		--	1852	Vol. 15: Notebook. School exercise, "Translation. From Lope de la Vega."
		--	Undated	Vol. 29: Notebook. School exercise of poetry.
	--	--	1833-1845	Vol. 30: Record book. Polyxene Reynès.
	--	--	1833-1885	Vol. 31: Scrapbook. Marie Reynès.

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		--	1843	Vol. 33: Pusey, Rev. E. B., D. D., <i>The Holy Eucharist: A Comfort to the Penitent. A Sermon</i> . Philadelphia: James M. Campbell & Co. 1843. Page 32.
		--	1867	Vol. 34: Du Casse, A. <i>Histoire Anecdotique de L'Empereur Napoleon I^{er}</i> . Paris: Librairie Classique de Paul Dupont. 1867. Page 320.
		--	1871	Vol. 35: <i>Rules of the Chalmette Club New Orleans</i> . New Orleans: Christian & Hyatt, Stationers and Printers. 1871. Page 18.
		--	1893	Vol. 36: <i>Catalogue de la Librairie Alphonse Lemerre</i> . 1893. Page 31.
	--	--	1843	Vol. 37: <i>Questions and Answers on Geography</i> , 1843. Page 122.
	9	--	1837-1917	5 items: Pictures Admiral George Dewey. Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Ashley (1839-1911).
		--	Undated	2 items: Card engraving plates.
C:87	6	--	Undated	1 item: Family daguerreotype.
OS:R	--	1	1853	6 items: Diplomas and Certificates First Communion certificate of Edouard Reynès.
			1852	Confirmation certificate of Edouard Reynès.
			1861	Diploma of Charles E. Reynès, University of Louisiana.
			1881	Document certifying Emile Reynès a member of the Louisiana Division of the Association of the Army of Tennessee.
			1899	Diploma of Emile Reynès, St. Joseph College, Spring Hill, Alabama.

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OS:R	--	1	1903	Certificate of admission to the Bar, Emile Reynès, Jr.

INDEX TERMS

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found in throughout the entire collection.

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CONTAINER LIST

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C:87	1	1-5	84 items: Legal documents and correspondence, 1743-1858.
	2	6-10	168 items: Legal documents, primarily of the Reynès' status as enemies of the U.S., and personal correspondence, 1862-1864.
	3	11-20	111 items: Letters, business papers, poetry, and compositions, 1865-1929, undated.
	6	--	1 item: Family daguerreotype, undated.
C:88	4	21-43	22 items: Essays, circa 1899.
	5	44-57	14 items: Notebooks (on various subjects, in French) volumes 8, 16-28, 1845, undated.
P:20	7	--	Journals, volumes 1-5, 1823-1825.
	8	--	Notebooks, volumes 6-7, 9-15, 29, 1824-1852, undated.
	--	--	Record book, volume 30, 1833-1845.
	--	--	Scrapbook, volume 31, 1833-1885.
	8	--	Printed volumes, volumes 32-36, 1833-1893.
	--	--	Printed volume, volume 37, 1843.
	9	--	Photographs and card engraving plates, 1837-1917, undated.
OS:R	--	1	Diplomas and certificates, 1852-1903
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