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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	0.6 linear ft., 1 OS folder
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Amite, La.; Tangipahoa Parish, La.
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1875-1949, undated
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1875-1900
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	The Robert Raymond Reid Papers contain the professional and personal papers of attorney Richard R. Reid of Amite, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana. Records include correspondence, legal and financial papers, printed items, and photographs.
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	No restrictions on access.
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<b>Citation</b>	Robert Raymond Reid Papers, Mss. 2887, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries Special Collections, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack Location</b>	W:14, OS:R

## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Robert Raymond Reid (1855-1923) was born in Madison County, Mississippi, to Dr. Columbus Reid and Frances McKie Reid. In 1860, the family moved to the Contreras Plantation in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, where they remained for the duration of the Civil War. When Reid was around ten years old, the family relocated to Amite in Tangipahoa Parish, which would become his home for the rest of his life.

Reid graduated from the Virginia Military Academy in 1875 and then studied law at the University of Louisiana in New Orleans (now Tulane University). He had a private law practice in Amite until he was elected judge, first to the 18th (1892-1900), then to the 25th (1900-1904) District Courts. In 1904, he again went back to his private practice and later served on several committees as a member of the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1921. He was elected as an associate justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court for the Fifth District at the end of 1922 but died of heart failure in January 1923, only a few days into his term.

Reid married Eva Seymour (1855-1900) in 1881, and they had seven children. After Eva's death, he married Katherine Easton Buck (1868-1963) of Houma, La., with whom he had four additional children. At least two of Reid's sons, Columbus and Davis F., became practicing attorneys and/or judges.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of correspondence, legal and financial papers, printed items, and photographs. Papers reflect the legal career of Robert Raymond Reid, his business affairs, and various family matters. Correspondence mentions political patronage and the electoral defeat of Samuel Douglas McEnery in the Louisiana gubernatorial election (1896). Additional letters explain aspects of the Illinois Central Railroad Company and passenger train service in eastern Louisiana (1898), and education and economic conditions in Tangipahoa Parish, with a letter regarding problems posed by the behavior of a schoolteacher (April 29, 1899).

Legal papers include a petition submitted by white citizens of Ponchatoula, La., requesting the release of two jailed African American youths (1900). A document sent to Reid's son, Davis, as a member of the Louisiana Practice Manual Committee (1949) appears within the legal papers as well. Financial records consist mostly of bills and receipts. Printed and graphic items include newspaper clippings, postcards, land plat maps of Lachnagan Plantation, and several photographs of unidentified family members (undated).

## INDEX TERMS

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

African Americans--Louisiana--Ponchatoula.
Education--Louisiana--Tangipahoa Parish.
Judges--Louisiana.
Illinois Central Railroad Company.
Maps.
Lachnagan Plantation (La.)
Photographic prints.
Postcards.
Railroad companies--Louisiana.
Tangipahoa Parish (La.)--Economic conditions.
Tangipahoa Parish (La.)--History.
Tangipahoa Parish (La.)--Politics and government--19th century.

**CONTAINER LIST**

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
<b>W:14</b>	1	1-9	Correspondence, 1879-1920, undated
		10-12	Legal papers, 1875-1889
	2	1-2	Legal papers, 1890-1899, 1949, undated
		3-4	Financial records, 1884-1901, undated
		5-7	Printed items, 1885-1919, undated
<b>OS:R</b>	--	8	Land plat of Lachnagan Plantation, 1876, undated
		OS 1	Oversized land plat of Lachnagan Plantation, undated
<b>W:14</b>	2	9	Photographs, undated