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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	2.5 linear feet
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Ascension Parish, Louisiana
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1866-1970
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1890-1966
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Sidney A. Marchand served as a Louisiana State Representative and the Mayor of Donaldsonville. The collection is comprised of his correspondence, financial papers, legal and political documents, and printed materials that reflect his professional career. The manuscript writings reflect Marchand's interests as a local historian and author in Ascension Parish.
<b>Arrangement Note</b>	Collection is separated by material type and arranged chronologically; manuscript writings are organized by date and subject.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	None.
<b>Copyright.</b>	For those materials not in the public domain, copyright is retained by the descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. Copyright law.
<b>Citation.</b>	Sidney A. Marchand Papers, Mss. 3214, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack locations.</b>	UU:19-20; OS:M

### BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Sidney Albert Marchand was born December 5, 1887 on Riverside Plantation north of Geismar, Louisiana to Lorena Carver and John A. Marchand. He attended a one room school at Prairieville and Gonzales, Louisiana before attending Louisiana State University where he studied Louisiana Civil Code and Code of Practice. He graduated from the LSU Law School, receiving his LLB in June 1910. He married Mary E. Edwards of Ruston, Louisiana in May 1916. The couple had three children Sidney A. Jr., Mary Elizabeth, and Jessie Earline Marchand.

Marchand began his career in government in 1910 when he opened a law firm in Donaldsonville with senior law partner Gustave Adolphus Gondron. His first political appointment came in 1912 when he was elected as a State Representative for Louisiana. He served as a State Representative until his defeat at the polls in 1916. Marchand returned to his practice in Donaldsonville and would later attempt to run for District Judge of Louisiana in 1920. He was defeated for the appointment, but continued to pursue public office by running for Mayor of Donaldsonville in 1925 where he was beaten. His return to politics came with victory in 1928 when he ran for the position of State Representative under the Huey P. Long ticket in Louisiana. While serving as state representative under Long, he ran for Mayor of Donaldsonville and was elected in 1929. He held both offices until 1932 when his term as State Representative ended. He continued to serve as Mayor of Donaldsonville until 1933.

Throughout his life, Marchand had many interest in the local history and ancestry of the Florida Parishes. He was a prolific writer and author. His most notable publications are, *The Story of Ascension Parish* published in 1931 and *Acadian Exiles in the Golden Coast of Louisiana* published in 1943. In addition to his books, Marchand wrote multiple manuscripts related to the history of Ascension Parish.

In addition to his political career, Marchand was a member of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judiciary District Bar Association from 1910 to his passing. He was a member of Ascension Parish Council 1087 for over 50 years and a member of the Edward Douglas White General Assembly, 4<sup>th</sup> degree, of Thibodaux, Louisiana for 25 years. Outside the political office, Marchand was a member of the Ascension Catholic Church for 55 years.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Sidney A. Marchand Papers consist of financial documents, correspondence, legal and political documents, and manuscript writings. The financial documents contain receipts and bills relating to his publications and tenure in political office. Correspondence includes personal letters in addition to details about publications and political involvement in local, state, and federal matters. The legal and political documents pertain to his tenure as a State Representative and Mayor of Donaldsonville, including the public records, acts, resolutions, and ordinances that passed through his office.

The manuscript writings are comprised of published and unpublished materials and notes on a variety of subjects. Marchand's writings detail the social, political, and industrial history of Ascension Parish. Printed items are comprised of a collection of broadsides and fliers announcing campaign and town events. Newspaper clippings detail Marchand's career in politics, personal achievements, and notable events in Ascension Parish.

**INDEX TERMS**

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

Ascension Parish (La.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.  
Catholic Church--Louisiana--Ascension Parish--History.  
Financial records.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Louisiana--Politics and government.  
Marchand family.  
Marchand, Sidney A. (Sidney Albert), b. 1887.  
Selling--Books--United States.  
Typescripts.  
World War, 1914-1918--Louisiana--Ascension Parish.  
World War, 1939-1945--Louisiana--Ascension Parish.

CONTAINER LIST

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents with dates</u>
UU:19	1	1-2	Financial Documents, 1866-1966
		3-56	Correspondence, 1890-1968, undated
UU:20	2	1-6	Legal and Political Documents, 1903-1961, undated
		7	First Book Used by a Resident Priest at Ascension Catholic Church in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, Registers of Marriages and Deaths, 1772-1789, undated
		8	Churches of Ascension Parish, 1952, undated
		9	History of Louisiana and Valenzuela, 1965, undated
		10	Louisiana Parish History, 1955, 1958, 1961, undated
		11	Marchand Family History, undated
		12	Industrial History, 1959, undated
		13	Intercostal Industry, undated
		14	Weather and Natural Disasters, undated
		15	Civil War, 1961, 1962, undated
		16	World War I & II, undated
		17-19	History of Louisiana, undated
		20-21	History of Ascension Parish, undated
		22-23	Civil War Participants, undated
		24	History of the Civil War, undated
		25	Marchand Biography Notes, undated
		26-29	Photographs, 1907, 1934, undated
		30-36	Printed Items, 1912-1967, undated
		37-39	Newspaper Clippings, 1912-1966, undated
		40	Memorandum Book, 1936
OS:M	3	1	Survey Map of the Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, 1850
		2	Certificates of Appointment to Sidney A. Marchand, Sr., 1956; Certificate of Authorization to Sidney A. Marchand, Sr., 1958
		3	Campaign Posters of Sidney A. Marchand, Jr., circa 1956
		4	Presidential Campaign Posters of John F. Kennedy, circa 1960
		5	Poster of President John F. Kennedy, undated
		6	Imprints: <u>An Expositor of the Art of Letterpress Printing</u> , May 1, 1935; <u>New Orleans Daily Journal of Commerce</u> , October 12, 1956; <u>Catholic Action of the South</u> , July 21, 1957; <u>Show Your Neighbor How They Voted</u> , undated
		7	Oversized Newspaper Articles, 1916-1966
OS:M	--	1	Ascension Parish Catholic High School Fair Posters, 1956-1958