

**TATE (GEN. FOSTER JOSEPH) PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM**

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	.20 linear feet
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Avery Island, St. Martinville, Franklin, and Louisiana Coastal areas.
<b>Dates</b>	circa 1920-1929
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	Photographs taken by Gen. Foster Joseph Tate document Louisiana towns, cities, rural scenes, lumbering, shrimping, and oyster processing.
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	None
<b>Copyright</b>	Physical rights and copyright are retained by the LSU Libraries.
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### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Brigadier General Foster Joseph Tate was born in Eunice, Louisiana in 1896 and attended Eunice High School and LSU before graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1919. Tate was a field artillery officer who commanded a division in Italy during World War II and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service in 1942. He served as a Military Attaché to France from 1946 until his retirement from the Army in 1949. General Tate died at his home in Royal Oak, Maryland in 1985 and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. He and his wife Frances had two daughters.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The photograph album contains 103 black and white prints (12 x 17 inches or smaller) mounted on paper. The images show scenes from several locations in Louisiana during the 1920s. It is not known whether Foster Joseph Tate was the photographer, but the album was his property. The album has been unbound to ensure proper preservation of the prints.

Places appearing in the photographs include Baton Rouge, New Orleans, St. Martinville, Morgan City, Avery Island, and Franklin. The New Orleans images show scenes of Mardi Gras, The Vieux Carré, buildings, and architectural details. There are also photos of Bayous scenes, particularly Bayou Teche. Children and wildlife appear in some of the photos.

There is a group of logging industry images showing workers, roads, and equipment. Another group of photos was taken along Louisiana coastal areas and depicts oyster and shrimp fishermen, their boats, nets, camps, activities, and families.

*Note: These images have been digitized and are available online at*  
<http://www.louisianadigitallibrary.org/cdm/search/collection/p16313coll56>

**LIST OF SERIES AND SUBSERIES**

- Series 1            Louisiana towns and cities
  - Subseries A    Avery Island
  - Subseries B    Baton Rouge
  - Subseries C    Morgan City
  - Subseries D    New Orleans
  - Subseries E    Saint Francisville
  - Subseries F    Saint Martinville
  
- Series 2            Louisiana bayous, rivers, and bays
  - Subseries A    Bayou Black
  - Subseries B    Bayou Plaquemine
  - Subseries C    Bayou Sennett
  - Subseries D    Bayou Teche
  - Subseries E    Bayou Terrebonne
  - Subseries F    Belle River
  - Subseries G    Grand River
  - Subseries H    Big and Little Godell
  - Subseries I    Bay Natchez
  - Subseries J    Flat Lake
  - Subseries K    Unidentified bayous, rivers, and swamps
  
- Series 3            Logging
  
- Series 4            Coastal fishing
  
- Series 5            Other Louisiana towns, locales, and subjects

**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

Item number      Original or supplied title

**Series 1            Louisiana towns and cities**

**Subseries A    Avery Island**

- 4963091    Ward's Woods Avery Island
- 4963092    Old slave's quarters - Avery Island, La.

**Subseries B    Baton Rouge**

- 4963001    The old arsenal
- 4963002    School children
- 4963003    Hill Memorial Library. La. State University
- 4963004    C.S. monument
- 4963005    Capitol
- 4963006    Old court house
- 4963007    Old planter's city home

**Subseries C    Morgan City**

- 4963099    Morgan City, La.

**Subseries D    New Orleans**

- 4963025    Boys school in Rex parade N.O. La.
- 4963026    Old grill work Lafayette Sq. N.O.
- 4963027    Old grill Lafayette Sq. N.O.
- 4963028    McDonogh statue Lafayette Sq. N.O.
- 4963029    Courtyard St. Ann St. N.O.
- 4963030    French baby dancing N.O.
- 4963031    Cabildo Alley N.O.
- 4963032    Jackson statue N.O.
- 4963033    Old New Orleans
- 4963034    Carnival time N.O.
- 4963035    City Hall Lafayette Sq. N.O.
- 4963036    Spanish house St. Ann St. N.O.
- 4963052    Awaiting Rex arrival N.O. La.

**Subseries E    Saint Francisville**

- 4963102    Sanitarium – St. Francisville
- 4963103    St. Francisville [Grace Episcopal Church cemetery]

**Subseries F    Saint Martinville**

- 4963078    Evangeline tree - St. Martinville, La.
- 4963079    House in St. Martinville
- 4963080    St. Martinville
- 4963081    St. Martinville

**Subseries F Saint Martinville (continued)**

- 4963082 The court. St. Martinville
- 4963083 Court house St. M.

**Series 2 Louisiana bayous, rivers, and bays**

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- 4963023 Public school - Bayou Black, La.
- 4963024 School boat - Bayou Black, La.
- 4963038 Bayou Black above Barrow's canal
- 4963039 On Bayou Black above Houma, La.
- 4963040 Ambra II on Bayou Black above Houma
- 4963049 On Bayou Black, La.

**Subseries B Bayou Plaquemine**

- 4963008 Bayou Plaquemine - the big store

**Subseries C Bayou Sennett**

- 4963050 Bayou Sennett, La.

**Subseries D Bayou Teche**

- 4963070 Pontoon swing - Teche
- 4963071 Teche
- 4963072 Fairfax [St. Mary Parish] - Teche
- 4963075 Teche
- 4963085 "St. John" Teche
- 4963086 On the Teche
- 4963087 St. John Plantation [St. Martin Parish] - Teche
- 4963088 A plantation graveyard – Sanders [family plantation, near Franklin, St. Mary Parish]  
Teche

**Subseries E Bayou Terrebonne**

- 4963041 Bayou Terrebonne above Houma, La.
- 4963047 U.S. Delatour - Bayou Terrebonne, La.

**Subseries F Belle River**

- 4963011 Fisherman's camp - Belle River, La.
- 4963019 Belle River, La.

**Subseries G Grand River**

- 4963020 Grand River, La.

**Subseries H Big and Little Godell**

- 4963009 Petit Godell - La. from the forward deck
- 4963010 Str. Owens sunk in Big Goddell, La.

**Subseries I Bay Natchez**

4963101 Bay Natchez, [Iberia Parish,] La.

**Subseries J Flat Lake**

4963018 Water Hyacinths going into Flat Lake, [St. Martin Parish] La.

**Subseries K Unidentified bayous, rivers, and swamps**

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4963015 Tying dead main in lumber swamp

4963016 Hauling out and loading

4963017 Just resting

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4963055 Fishermen, boats, and houses at water's edge

4963056 Oyster tongs

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4963059 Hauling seine

4963060 24 Barrels in this haul

4963061 Schrimp [sic] camp

4963062 Camp

4963063 Schrimpers [sic]

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4963042 House

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4963044 African American girls walking on a street

4963045 Two children looking away from camera

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