

Louisiana Miscellany

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Collection Summary

Title: Louisiana Miscellany

Span Dates: 1724-1837

ID No.: MSS30585

Extent: 11 containers plus 5 oversize ; 5 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in French, English, and Spanish

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Correspondence, reports, legal papers, maps, sketches, financial matter, a surveyor's notebook, and other material relating to the early history of Louisiana under French, Spanish, and American control, including personal and official documents.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Organizations

Louisiana.

Places

Louisiana--History.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The collection of Louisiana Miscellany was obtained by the Library of Congress from various sources in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Processing History

The Louisiana Miscellany collection was processed between 1910-1957 and microfilmed in 1979. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Additional Guides

Notes relating to Jean Baptiste B nard de la Harpe's *Journal historique de l' tablissement des Franois   Louisiane*, in Container 1 of the collection, are available as a [PDF](#).

Copyright Status

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

Access and Restrictions

The Louisiana Miscellany is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on five reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Louisiana Miscellany, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The collection of Louisiana Miscellany, spanning the years 1724-1837, consists of correspondence, reports, legal papers, maps, sketches, financial matter, a surveyor's notebook, and other material relating to the early history of Louisiana under French, Spanish, and American control. Among the personal as well as official documents are letters of Charles Laveau Trudeau, vital statistics from family Bibles and tombstones, papers relating to the purchase of Louisiana by the United States, and a manuscript copy of the French explorer Jean-Baptiste Bénard de la Harpe's *Journal historique de l'établissement des François à Louisiane*.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by type of material or topic.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 17,495

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX OV 1 REEL 1	<i>Journal historique de l'établissement des François á Louisiane</i> , by Jean-Baptiste Bénard de la Harpe, 1724
BOX OV 2 REEL 1	French and Spanish management of Louisiana
BOX OV 2 REEL 1	1731-1734
BOX 3 REEL 1-2	1735-1753
BOX OV 4 REEL 2-3	1754-1762 <i>See also oversize</i>
BOX 5 REEL 3	1763-1789
BOX 6 REEL 4	1790-1799
BOX 7 REEL 4-5	French, Spanish, and American management of Louisiana, 1800-1837, undated
BOX 8 REEL 5	Value of Louisiana, 1763
BOX 9 REEL 5	Florida y Louisiana, 1780 [transcripts of 28 documents, 1493-1780]
BOX 10 REEL 5	Louisiana, letters of Charles Trudeau, 1777-1816
BOX 11 REEL 5	Surveyor's notebook, 1795-1797
BOX 12 REEL 5	Louisiana records
BOX 12 REEL 5	Vol. 1, vital statistics from family Bibles and other sources
BOX 13 REEL 5	Vol. 2, vital statistics from tombstones in cemeteries
BOX 14 REEL 5	Index to vols. 1-2
BOX OV 15 REEL 5	Papers in relation to the purchase of Louisiana, 1803-1804
BOX OV 16 REEL 5	Map (Container 4) <i>Filmed in original sequence before removal to Oversize</i>