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Collection Summary
Title: Louisiana Miscellany
Span Dates: 1724-1837
ID No.: MSS30585
Extent: 11 containers plus 5 oversize
Extent: 5 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in French, English, and Spanish
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm80030585
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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Trudeau, Charles Laveau, approximately 1750-1816--Correspondence.

Subjects
Louisiana Purchase.

Places
France--Colonies--America.
Louisiana--Genealogy.
Louisiana--History--1803-1865.
Louisiana--History--To 1803.
Louisiana--History.
Louisiana--Surveys.
Spain--Colonies--America.
United States--History--19th century.

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 Bénard de la Harpe’s Journal historique de l’établissement des Français á 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’etablissement des François à Louisiane*.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by type of material or topic.
## Container List

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