

Briant Family Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Provenance:	Gifted to the Louisiana State Museum by Mr. Peter Briant
Title:	Briant Family Papers
Dates:	March 26, 1830 – Jun 27, 1976
Abstract:	Collection of family papers relating to the Briant family of St. Martinville and New Orleans from the 1830s to the 1970s, including a Civil War Journal, correspondence, land sales, legal documents, a genealogical chart, and death notices.
Extent:	.5ln ft/1 Box/58 Folders
Accession:	1978.45.1-66

Biographical / Historical Note

This collection houses a Civil War journal written by G[Gabriel] Briant, Company A, 23rd Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers, Feb 20, 1863 - May 23, 1863 [Briant was captured a few weeks after the last entry]; correspondence from Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, land sales, legal documents, genealogical chart, death notices re Briant family of St. Martinville and New Orleans. [Source: Louisiana State Museum Accession Notes and General Summary].

Scope and Content

Subjects

Paul Briant	St. Martinville
William Briant	Annie Fuselier
Peter Briant	Claire Fuselier
Pierre P. Briant	Brigitte Fuselier
G. Briant	Young Men's Athletic Club
Civil War – Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi	Scottish Rite Masonic Temple
Civil War – Tactics, Payment, Supplies, Death, Dysentery	

Access of Use Restrictions

Access

Collection is **open** for research

Related or Separated Materials

N/A

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Briant Family Papers, Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

Acquisition Information

This collection was a gift to the Louisiana State Museum by Mr. Peter Briant in December, 1977.

Notes

This collection includes an English transcription of Peter Briant's Civil War journal and translations of some of the French correspondence. No provenance is included for these supplements. An older index including accession information is housed with the collection.

Contents List

Folder Location	Accession #	Date	Item Description
Box 1 Folder 1	1978.045.001	July 1853	Death notice for Pierre Paul Briant to appear in L'Abeille, July 25, 1853. P.P. Briant was born in St. Domingue in 1776 and fled to Jamaica in 1798, coming to New Orleans around 1804. 2 pages, French.
Box 1 Folder 2	1978.045.002	26 March 1830	Land Survey in St. Martin Parish of land belonging to John Barrard on Bayou Teche. Also mentions William C. McQuillie, Peter Naset, Barra, Devince. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 3	1978.045.003	13 December 1833	Letter from P.P. Briant, St. Martinville, to "Annie" [Mrs. P.P. Briant according to old index], Attakapas. 2 pages, French.
Box 1 Folder 4	1978.045.004	21 September 1841	Commission from the State of Louisiana for P.P. Briant as Notary Public, signed by Governor A.B. Roman. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 5	1978.045.005	10 December 1840	Mortgage and payment receipts for P.P. Briant and J.P. Briant and Annie Fuselier and Brigette Fuselier [married, respectively to P.P. and J.P. Briant] from the New Orleans Canal and Banking Company. Marked "All Paid". 3 pages.

Box 1 Folder 6	1978.045.006	17 December 1841	Commission from the State of Louisiana for P.P. Briant as Notary Public, signed by Governor A.B. Roman. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 7	1978.045.007	19 December 1843	Sale of plantation and slaves by P.P. Briant to his wife, Clara Fuselier. 6 pages, French.
Box 1 Folder 8	1978.045.008	1844	Letter from P.B. Briant , St. Martinville, to P.P. Briant, New Orleans
Box 1 Folder 9	1978.045.009	4 February 1846	Commission from the State of Louisiana for P.P. Briant as Paris Judge, St. Martinville. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 10	1978.045.010	16 May 1846	Letter from P.B. Briant, St. Martinville, to P.P. Briant, New Orleans. 2 pages, French.
Box 1 Folder 11	1978.045.011	8 April 1848	Receipt issued to P.B. Briant, Franklin, LA, by New Orleans Canal & Railroad Co. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 12	1978.045.012	29 December 1848	Land Survey of property belonging to P. Briant in St. Martin Parish. Land bordered by tracts owned by Louis Veillon and John Labbe. Briant tract originally part of land owned by P. Moreau. Drawing included. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 13	1978.045.013	11 June 1857	Sale of enslaved persons by Clara Fuselier, married to P.P. Briant, in St. Martin Parish. 3 pages.
Box 1 Folder 14	1978.045.014	23 October 1857	Proces Verbal for sale of property in the succession of Zenon Isaac Thibadeau of St. Martin Parish. 1 page, French.
Box 1 Folder 15	1978.045.015	9 March 1858	Sale of plantation in Martinsville Parish by Clara Fuselier, wife of P.P. Briant, to Alexander De Clouet. 2 pages.
Box 1 Folder 16	1978.045.016	1 August 1858	Lease of enslaved persons from Clara Fuselier to Gabriel Briant for the year of 1859. 2 pages.
Box 1 Folder 17	1978.045.017	29 April 1861	Letter from J.P.Briant, St. Martinville, to P. P. Briant. 2 pages.
Box 1 Folder 18	1978.045.018	3 November 1864	Letter from P.P. Briant, Mobile, to wife Clara Fuselier. 2 pages, French.
Box 1 Folder 19	1978.045.019	20 November 1864	Letter from P.P. Briant, Mobile, to wife Clara Fuselier, referring to death of their son, Paul. 4 pages, French.
Box 1 Folder 20	1978.045.020	15 September 1867	Letter from D.W. Boyd, Louisiana State Seminary, to P.P. Briant, New Orleans, referring to W.A. Briant's arrival at school.
Box 1 Folder 21	1978.045.021	9 July 1874	Letter from S.V. Martin, St. Martinville, to P.P. Briant, New Orleans, referring to a division of land. 1 page, French.
Box 1 Folder 22	1978.045.022	1 April 1880	Commission from the State of Louisiana for P.P. Briant as Notary Public for Orleans Parish, signed by Governor Louis A Wiltz. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 23	1978.045.023	1841	Death Notice of Mathilde, daughter of P.P Briant. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 24	1978.045.024	21 November 1883	Death Notice of Clara Fuselier, wife of P.P. Briant. 1 page.

Box 1 Folder 25	1978.045.025	3 June 1884	Commission from the State of Louisiana to P.P. Briant as Notary Public for Orleans Parish, signed by Governor Samuel D. McErnery. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 26	1978.045.026	7 August 1891	Death Notice of P.P. Briant. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 27	1978.045.027	20 February 1863 – 23 May 1863	Journal of G. Briant, Company A, 23 rd Regt. of the Louisiana Volunteers, referring to the Civil War in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. 10 pages.
Box 1 Folder 28	1978.045.028	16 July 1864	Letter from G. Briant, Pollard, AL, to P.P. Briant [Father] regarding general military conditions of the CSA around Pollard. 1 page and envelope.
Box 1 Folder 29	1978.045.029	13 November 1864	Letter from G. Briant to P.P. Briant, referring to the death of brother Paul Briant. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 30	1978.045.030	10 June 1863	Military pass to P. Briant from the CSA to visit Culpepper. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 31	1978.045.031	26 May 1864	Letter from Paul Briant, Pollard, Alabama, to P.P. Briant, Mobile, referring to camp life of the CSA in Pollard. 1 page and envelope, French.
Box 1 Folder 32	1978.045.032	30 May 1864	Letter from P. Briant, Pollard, Alabama, to P.P. Briant, Mobile, referring to P. Briant not receiving his military pay. 1 page and envelope, French.
Box 1 Folder 33	1978.045.033	8 June 1864	Letter from P. Briant, Pollard, AL, to P.P. Briant. Mobile, referring to Civil War in Alabama, family news, the capture and hanging of spies near Pensacola by Louisiana forces. 1 page and envelope, French.
Box 1 Folder 34	1978.045.034	20 June 1864	Letter from P. Briant, Pollard, AL, to P.P. Briant, Mobile, referring to camp life of the CSA in Pollard. 1 page and envelope, French.
Box 1 Folder 35	1978.045.035	24 June 1864	Letter from P. Briant, Pollard, AL, to P.P. Briant, Mobile referring to plans to relocate family from Louisiana to Mobile if the [Civil] war continues. 1 page and envelope, French.
Box 1 Folder 36	1978.045.036	3 July 1864	Letter from P. Briant, Pollard, AL, to P.P. Briant, Mobile, referring to P.P. Briant being offered a position under Major Fagot (CSA) in Demopolis, AL. 1 page and envelope, French.
Box 1 Folder 37	1978.045.037	8 July 1864	Letter from P. Briant, Pollard, AL, to P.P. Briant, Mobile, referring to personal and general news. 1 page and envelope, French
Box 1 Folder 38	1978.045.038	18 July 1864	Letter from P. Briant, Pollard, AL, to P.P. Briant, Mobile, referring to CSA military information in Pollard. 1 page, French.
Box 1 Folder 39	1978.045.039	22 July 1864	Letter from P. Briant, Pollard, AL, to P.P. Briant, Mobile, referring to CSA military actions in Pollard area and militia of young boys and old men. 1 page and envelope, French.
Box 1 Folder 40	1978.045.040	28 July 1864	Letter from P. Briant, Pollard, AL, to P.P. Briant, Mobile, referring to CSA military actions on Florida Railroad, Big Pine Barren Creek, William's Station, and engagement with Union forces comprised chiefly of African American troops. 1 page and envelope, French.

Box 1 Folder 41	1978.045.041	11 June 1864	Letter from P. Briant, Pollard, AL, to P.P. Briant, Mobile, referring to personal and general news, request for a pair of English shoes, refers to mail being sent by steamer. 1 page and envelope, French.
Box 1 Folder 42	1978.045.042	12 November 1864	Draft of Obituary for Paul Briant of Company C, 22 nd LA Regiment. 1 page. Newspaper clipping describing death of Paul Briant. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 43	1978.045.043	17 February 1865	Descriptive List and Account of Pay and Clothing of 1 st Sargent Paul Briant, Co. C, 22 nd Louisiana Regiment, note of death in remarks. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 44	1978.045.044	6 May 1865	Published Terms of Capitulation, Head Quarters Department of Alabama, Mississippi, & East Louisiana, by Major General Richard Taylor, CSA. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 45	1978.045.045	14 March 1862	Published General Order No. 4, Head Quarters Army of the Mississippi, Jackson, Tennessee, ordering the behavior and actions of soldiers during battle. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 46	1978.045.046.0 01-.002	January – August 1862	General Orders, lose pages from order book of the Army of the Mississippi, Corinth Mississippi. 2 pages.
Box 1 Folder 47	1978.045.046.0 03	January – August 1862	General Orders, lose pages from order book of the Army of the Mississippi, Corinth Mississippi. 3 pages.
Box 1 Folder 48	1978.045.046.0 04	January – August 1862	General Orders, lose pages from order book of the Army of the Mississippi, Corinth Mississippi. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 49	1978.045.046.0 05	January – August 1862	General Orders, lose pages from order book of the Army of the Mississippi, Corinth Mississippi. 1 pages (2 fragments).
Box 1 Folder 50	1978.045.047	No Date	Photograph on postcard of William A. Briant [as noted on back of postcard]. 1 item.
Box 1 Folder 51	1978.045.048	10 October 1878	Letter from Mestier (Young Men’s Gymnastic Club) to William A. Briant notifying Briant of appointment to Committee on Gymnastics. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 52	1978.045.050	26 December 1866	[Script copy] Obituary from the New Orleans Crescent for Gilbert Deblanc of St. Martin Parish. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 53	1978.045.051	27 June 1976	Obituary of Miss Delphine O. deVezin from the Times Picayune. 1 page [fragment of newspaper].
Box 1 Folder 54	1978.045.052- 055	2 February 1911 31 December 1969 6 April 1932 4 December 1960	Obituary – George Olivier Obituary – Clarence James Briant [Times Picayune] Obituary – August V. Dalche [New Orleans Item] Photograph – Dixie Magazine, past presidents of NOAC
Box 1 Folder 55	1978.045.056- 061	1930 23 July 1930 September 1947 1900 1946	Obituary of William A. Briant, unidentified newspaper clipping. 1 page. Death Notice of William A Briant from the Grand Commandery Knights Templar. 1 card and envelope. Obituary of George Oscar Briant, unidentified newspaper clipping. 1 page. Pamphlet of Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations of the Louisiana State and New Orleans Rifle League. 17 pages. Greeting Card to “Mother Dear”. Lithograph. 1 page.

		30 April 1924	Newspaper Article "Louisiana Newspapers of 100 Years Ago", Mary Wyman Bryan. <i>The Item Magazine</i> . 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 56	1978.045.062-.064	No Date	Newspaper article "Old Cornerstone Yields History" referring to Young Men's Gymnastic Club. Unidentified Newspaper. 1 page.
		23 July 1880	Receipt for clerk's costs in suit of Edgar Deblanc v. Elmire Rousseau. 1 page.
		C. 1920s	Description of land sale in New Orleans by the New Orleans Land Company bounded by Canal Blvd, Vicksburg, Bragg, and Harrison Streets to William Briant. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 57	1978.045.065	9 April 1920	Poem describing history of New Orleans by Aug. V. Dalché. 1 page.
Box 1 Folder 58	1978.045.066	March 1937	PHOTOCOPY of Genealogy of François Briant, including charts. Sylvia Norman Duncan. 24 pages.