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SUMMARY

Size	12.25 linear ft.; 50 volumes
Geographic Locations	Louisiana, Virginia.
Inclusive Dates	1806-1955.
Bulk Dates	1900-1936.
Languages	English.
Summary	Papers consist of correspondence, genealogical materials, photographs, printed items, and scrapbooks. They reflect the political environment and Leroy Boyd's political activities as a member of the Republican Party. Papers also show his interest in history, the ancestry of the Boyd family, and participation in the affairs of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.
Access Restrictions	Medical College senior class photograph and currency are restricted due to fragile condition. Available as photocopies and digital scans. Original currency restricted. Available as photocopies. Glass plate negatives and artifacts may only be accessed with advanced permission of the curator.
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Related Collections	Leroy S. Boyd Letter, Mss. 3427. Walter L. Fleming, Collection, Mss. 890, 893. Thomas Jefferson Boyd Photographs, Mss. 236. David F. Boyd Family Papers, Mss. 99. Wright-Boyd Family Papers, Mss. 3362. Thomas D. Boyd Papers, Mss. 2037.
Citation	Leroy S. Boyd Papers, Mss. 99, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
Locations	65:12; 79:71-73; D:55-63; OS:B; R:12-16; VAULT:1, 21, & 40; VAULT MRDF 14 & 22

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Leroy S. (Stafford) Boyd was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and was the son of Colonel David French Boyd and Esther Gertrude Wright. Leroy's sister, Mary Wright Fleming, was married to Dr. Walter Fleming, a historian and writer. Leroy attended public school in Auburn, Alabama and later graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He studied law in the office of Judge William F. Kernan in Clinton, Louisiana, and in 1899 Leroy received a degree from Tulane Law School. Other degrees include Doctor of Civil Law and Master of Diplomacy (1902). He served as librarian of the Louisiana Bar Association in New Orleans (1897-1898) and librarian of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) for much of his career (1905-1936). Leroy also was a member of the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee (1900-1904) and was very active in the affairs of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. The fraternity was founded in 1866 by four students attending Washington College in Lexington, Virginia shortly after the new college president, Robert E. Lee, removed the regulations against secret organizations.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers are comprised of correspondence, genealogical materials, photographs, printed items, and scrapbooks. They reflect the state and national political environments and Leroy S. Boyd's own political activities as a member of the Republican Party. Additionally, papers show his interest in history, the ancestry of the Boyd family, and participation in the affairs of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Personal papers (1855-1936, undated) consists of correspondence, greeting cards, calling cards and business cards, newspaper clippings, and materials related to Boyd's career in civil service and his involvement in fraternal orders, particularly United Sons of Confederate Veterans and Knights of Pythias. Correspondence comprises the majority of the personal papers. Letters from political figures and public speakers were apparently written to Boyd in response to his comments concerning their policies and statements. Correspondence also relates to matters concerning the Kappa Alpha Order, Knights of Pythias, and Auburn University alumni. Greeting cards date from 1900 to 1931. Additionally, papers include Boyd's personal accounts of his several brushes with death during his life (September 17, 1908). Selected papers include letters in reply to Leroy S. Boyd's request for information regarding General Sherman, his father President David F. Boyd, and the Louisiana State Seminary.

Printed items (1866-1936, undated) consist of handbills, clippings, pamphlets, brochures, programs, lectures, invitations, illustrations, and advertisements. They relate to political and social issues, race relations, history of Virginia, federal legislation, social events, Louisiana State University, the Confederate Veterans Association, the Knights of Pythias, and other fraternal societies. Iron Mountain Company 5 cents note (1868) and a German mark note (1923) are also in this group (photocopies).

Photographic materials (circa 1858, 1879-1934, undated) consist of mounted photographs, photographic postcards, cabinet cards, snapshots, and glass plate negatives. Photographs depict family members, cadets at Auburn University, Union University (Tennessee) buildings and professors, and government officials in Washington, D.C. A photograph of the Medical College senior class photograph is restricted due to fragility, however a photocopy and a digital scan are available. A scrapbook (v. 42; 1932) contains clippings relating to the bicentennial celebration of George Washington's birth.

Genealogical materials (1806-1935, undated) include correspondence, legal documents, notes, a scrapbook (v. 46), and miscellaneous items concerning the genealogy of the Boyd and the related Wright, Coquillet, Frenchs, and Townsend families. Several letters reply to Boyd's requests for information regarding his father, David French Boyd, General William T. Sherman, and the Louisiana State Seminary. There are also calling cards, engraving plates, medals, and badges.
Note: See v. 47 for additional genealogical materials.

Kappa Alpha Order papers (1876-1955, undated) contain correspondence, notes, clippings, legal documents, and printed items related the fraternity's activities, chapters at various universities, and its origin at Washington College, Virginia.
Note: Kappa Alpha Order papers are arranged in the original order of the donor.

Manuscript volumes consist primarily of scrapbooks (v. 1-45; 1927-1932, undated) but also include a postcard album (v. 46; undated), a genealogy scrapbook (v. 47; 1902-1905), an autograph book (v. 48; 1855-1863, 1908-1915), a Kappa Alpha University of Virginia cashbook (v. 49; 1876-1888), and a copy of *Banta's Greek Exchange* (v. 50; September 1916). The postcard album includes several downtown Baton Rouge buildings, streets, and landmarks, including the National Cemetery, the train depot, the old Louisiana State University campus, St. Joseph Catholic Church, and Third Street. The scrapbooks were kept by Boyd during his tenure as ICC librarian in Washington, D.C. They contain clippings regarding current and historical events, landmarks, and social activities in Washington.

INDEX TERMS

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Boyd, John.

Boyd, Leroy Stafford, 1873-

Coquillet family.

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Genealogies.

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Louisiana--Politics and government.

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		36-41	<i>American Literature</i> , research materials, and clippings
		42	Bulletins of the <i>National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners</i> , <i>Special War Committee</i>
OS:B	--	4	Printed items, 1897-1935, undated
VAULT:1	--	1	Currency: Iron Mountain Company 5 cents note (1868), German 100,000 mark (1923) (Restricted ; use photocopies or digital scans (VAULT MRDF 22))
Photographic Materials, circa 1858, 1879-1934, undated			
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Genealogical Materials, 1806-1935, undated			
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OS:B	--	3	Oversize materials
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			Kappa Alpha Order Papers, 1876-1955, undated
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R:16	--	v. 46	Postcard scrapbook, undated
	--	v. 47	Genealogy scrapbook, 1902-1905
	--	v. 48	Autograph book, 1855-1863, 1908-1915
	--	v. 49	Kappa Alpha University of Virginia cashbook, 1876-1888
	--	v. 50	<i>Banta's Greek Exchange</i> , September 1916