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SUMMARY

Size	7 linear ft., 61 volumes
Geographic Locations	Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana
Inclusive Dates	1806-1925
Bulk Dates	1860-1905
Language	English, some French
Summary	Correspondence, business, and legal papers of Natchitoches law firm Chaplin, Breazeale, and Chaplin and personal, business, and political papers of Phanor Breazeale
Organization	Arranged chronologically.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Thomas P. Chaplin was an attorney in Natchitoches, Louisiana and a Natchitoches Parish police juror. Phanor Breazeale was an attorney in Natchitoches, president of the Natchitoches Parish School Board (1888-1891), district attorney for the 10 Judicial District (1892-1900), a member of the Louisiana constitutional conventions of 1898 and 1921, and representative for the 4th U.S. Congressional District of Louisiana (1899-1905).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Correspondence and related papers of the law firm of Chaplin, Breazeale, and Chaplin in Natchitoches; and business and some official papers of Phanor Breazeale, attorney, president of the Natchitoches Parish School Board, newspaper editor, and representative in Congress which reflect economic, political, and similar matters in the Natchitoches area.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Ms. 952

Papers

- 1806-1865 280 items:
Papers of Samuel M. (Myers) Hyams, sheriff of Natchitoches Parish, including survey of land belonging to Madame Margaret Pantallion (January 30, 1806); appointment of Joseph Irwin, surveyor (December 30, 1811); petition of W. O. Breazeale (1842); and notes, leases, slave sales, petitions, and related papers pertaining to the Office of the Sheriff. During the period from 1860 to 1865, the papers also include accounts and letters of Judge C. Chaplin and the Cloutier, Prudhomme, Metoyer, and Hyams families.
- 1866-1869 847 items:
Correspondence and legal papers of the law firm of Messrs. C. Chaplin & Son; of James C. Hughes, sheriff; and of Samuel M. Hyams.
- 1870-1879 226 items:
Correspondence and related papers of the law firm of Chaplin, Morse, and Chaplin, including office docket of J. E. Breda, parish judge, Parish Court (March term, 1876) and docket of the District Court, 17th Judicial District (June term, 1876).
- 1880-1882 103 items:
Correspondence and related papers of the law firm of Chaplin, Dranguet, and Chaplin and a few letters to Phanor Breazeale.
- 1883-1884 89 items:
Letters from Cosgrove (editor of *Democrat Review*) to Breazeale (then editor of the *People's Vindicator*) relative to the gubernatorial (McEnery) and local elections; letters from James A. George, lobbyist, Washington, D.C.; copies of letters from E. John Ellis, B. F. Jonas, and N. C. Blanchard included in a report from the commissioner of the General Land Office relating to the claim of the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company for the lands granted to the New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Vicksburg Railroad Company by Act of Congress; letters from B. F. Jonas, United States senator, referring to articles published by Breazeale; and letters pertaining to the land claims of Lucretia Williams, known as the Isaac Crow Claim.

- 1885-1888 298 items:
Correspondence and related papers of the law firm of Chaplin, Breazeale, and Chaplin containing letters from members of the Prudhomme, Metoyer, and many other prominent families of Natchitoches Parish; correspondence with the U.S. Land Office; and correspondence with the Chopin Lumber Company.
- 1889-1891 668 items:
Letters to Phanor Breazeale (then president of the Natchitoches School Board) concerning school problems, letters from applicants for teaching positions, letters from teachers regarding salary schedules, and letters from book dealers. The papers also include a few personal letters from his brother, W. O. Breazeale, Jr., insurance policies, and a few personal bills.
- 1892-1894 461 items:
Letters from A. V. Coco, judge of the 12th Judicial District Court, relative to the trial of "White Caps" in Avoyelles Parish (1892) and letters referring to the "Paupers' Fund" (1894).
- 1895-1899 210 items:
Copies of letters from Favrot and Livaudais, attorneys, to Mr. P. J. Gillen, contractor, expressing complaints concerning the construction of the Natchitoches Court House given under contract by the Natchitoches Policy Jury (1895); four lists giving the names of members of the "13 Club;" minutes of the Police Jury (1896); and a reprint from the *Natchitoches Enterprise* giving an account of a fight between Judge Sutherlin and Breazeale in the court house at Minden on September 29, 1898.
- 1900-1904 90 items:
Pamphlets.
- undated 395 items.

Bound Manuscript Items

- 1891 Bank Book: T. P. Chaplin.
- 1881-1883 Cashbook.
- 1890 Cashbook.
- 1881-1885 Docket: Private.
- 1894 Docket: Grand Jury.
- 1894 Journal: Treasurer's Report.

- 1865 2 volumes: Notebooks (parish taxes).
- 1866, 1868,
undated 6 volumes: Notebooks (Sheriff's Office).
- 1867 Notebook.
- 1895-1896 Receipt book: Dues of "13 Club."
- undated Record book: Lumber.
- 1898-1899 15 volumes: Notebooks (stenographers' notebooks).

Mss. 967**Papers**

- 1812-1822 2 items:
Commissioner's certificate confirming John Horn's claim to land in Natchitoches (1812) and a survey of land in the town of Natchitoches requested by heirs of the succession of Felix Trudeau (1822).
- 1867-1879 30 items:
Correspondence, minutes, treasurer's reports, statements, and bills pertaining to the Independent Perseverance Fire Company of Natchitoches (1867-1868); letter of Thomas P. Chaplin related to local and national politics (1877); and petitions of W. W. and J. T. Clark for initiation into the Phoenix Lodge (1878).
- 1880-1889 61 items:
Correspondence and related papers of the law firm of Chaplin, Dranguet, and Chaplin; tax receipts of T. P. Chaplin (1880); receipts for "pauper money" received from Thomas P. Chaplin, police juror (1882-1883); receipted bills for repairing of bridges signed by Thomas P. Chaplin, police juror; letter of J. H. Cosgrove; letter of S. D. McEnery; newspaper clippings, notes, and related papers pertaining to the gubernatorial election of 1884 and political appointments in 1883; letters to Chaplin as secretary of the Board of Administrators of the Louisiana State Normal School (1887-1889); and a few personal bills.
- 1890-1894 63 items:
Personal bills and receipts of Thomas P. Chaplin, chiefly for building and repairs on his house; survey of section 43 of the town of Natchitoches (1892); treasurer's report and statement to the Board of Administrators relative to Louisiana State Normal School (1890); letter of Robert P. Hunter, attorney, declining invitation to attend meeting of the board of Louisiana State Normal School.

- 1895-1896 60 items:
Personal letters, bills, and receipts of Thomas P. Chaplin and a few papers relating to the Louisiana State Normal School.
- 1897-1898 53 items:
Proclamation issued by the mayor of the city of Natchitoches relative to a quarantine placed on all travelers because of the Yellow Fever epidemic (1897); letter from B. F. Hollingsworth of Philip Werlein, Ltd. criticizing quarantine (1898); personal bills; and a few letters and related materials pertaining to the law firm of Chaplin, Breazeale, and Chaplin.
- 1899 61 items:
Personal Bills.
- 1900 145 items:
Letter of Mrs. Phanor Breazeale to Mrs. Chaplin describing the social life at the Capitol, Washington, D.C.; personal bills; and correspondence and related papers of the law firm of Chaplin, Breazeale, and Chaplin.
- 1901 86 items:
Personal bills, correspondence, and related papers of the law firm of Chaplin, Breazeale, and Chaplin.
- 1902 42 items:
Same as 1901.
- 1903 65 items:
Copy of amendments to Charter of the City of Natchitoches; printed stationery of T. P. Chaplin, secretary, Southern Land and Immigration Company, Ltd.; letter from the general manager of the Louisiana and Northwest Rail Road Company relative to a contract with the Natchitoches Railway and Construction Company; personal bills; and business papers.
- 1905-1906 2 items:
Copy of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches; letter from the mayor; copy of the assessment of T. P. Chaplin for 1882.
- 1908-1925 10 items:
Printed stationery of T. P. Chaplin, secretary, Phoenix Land and Immigration Co., Ltd.; bids presented by the *Natchitoches Times* and *Natchitoches Enterprise* for printing and publishing city business; lists of poll taxes (1910-1911); and course list and grades received by Robert Emmett Chaplin while attending Columbia University Summer Session (1921-1925).

- undated 207 items:
Penciled notes and memoranda relative to business of the Louisiana State Normal School, City of Natchitoches, and law firm.
- 1894-1903 6 items:
Newspapers:
-*The Natchitoches Enterprise*, May 24, 1894 and November 18, 1897.
-*Louisiana Populist*, March 6, 1896.
- 1896-1897, 5 items:
undated Printed materials:
-How to organize and conduct local circles of the C. L. S. C. The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. Chautauqua Assembly, General Office, Cleveland, Ohio, undated.
-Supreme Court of Louisiana. James H. Cosgrove v. His creditors.
-Supreme Court of Louisiana. Citizens and Taxpayers of Natchitoches Parish, Appellants, v. The Board of Supervisors of the Parish of Natchitoches et als. Appellees.
-Rules adopted by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana. Official. New Orleans: Published by L. Graham and Son, Ltd., 1897.
-Dream Book, undated.

Bound Manuscript Volumes

- undated Office court dockets and notebooks of T. P. Chaplin.
- 1900-1908 Minute Book of the Board of Administrators of the Louisiana State Normal College (1900-1908).
- 1903-1907 Record books of the Phoenix Land and Immigration Service (1903-1907).

Mss. 1028

Papers

- 1806-1859 32 items:
Surveys by Samuel Cook, district surveyor, Natchitoches Parish, of tracts of land on both sides of the Red River near Natchitoches (1806); letter of Joseph Irwin to Levin Wailes (1812) and a reply (1813) concerning claims interred in the commissioner's office; plat of township No. 10 Red River area; notes and receipts of Samuel M. Hyams (1841-1859); and certified copies of land sales (1858).

- 1860-1865 18 items:
Commissions of Samuel M. Hyams signed by Governor Thomas O. Moore appointing Hyams captain of the "Pelican Volunteers of the Militia" (1861); note of Emile Hertzog; letter (in French) to Adolph Prudhomme, Campte (1861); and letter of Major General E. R. S. Canby to Governor J. M. Wells acknowledging the receipt of a letter from Messrs. C. Chaplin and Son, attorneys for Jacob Mange, being tried by a military commission for having assaulted and wounded a United States soldier (1865).
- 1866 57 items:
Letters to C. Chaplin and Sons from clients and other lawyers including Louis S. Lobdell (Baton Rouge), H. S. Losee, J. B. Chaplin (Natchitoches), and James W. Wilson (Houma) regarding claims, successions, and civil cases; internal revenue license granted to Samuel M. Hyams to practice law; pay roll of laborers employed by Marcelin Tauzin on Cadnette Plantation; papers of J. C. Hughes, sheriff, including notes, letters, and related papers pertaining to the business of the sheriff's office; and circulars from the office of the State Superintendent of Public Education requesting payments of back taxes to be paid in order to open the schools.
- 1867 64 items:
Correspondence and related papers of the law firm of Chaplin and Sons; correspondence and related papers of J. C. Hughes, sheriff, Natchitoches Parish; and 2 broadsides.
- 1868-1869 34 items:
Same as 1867.
- 1870-1877 18 items:
Correspondence and related papers of the law firm of Chaplin, Morse, and Chaplin and C. Chaplin and Sons.
- 1881-1889 29 items:
Correspondence of Phanor Breazeale as a member of the firm of Chaplin, Breazeale, and Chaplin, president of the Natchitoches School Board, and clerk of the 11th District Court; letter of W. P. Breazeale, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. relative to procedure to defeat Simmon's appointment as postmaster mentioning Representative Coleman, Andrew Hero, and Henry C. Warmoth.
- 1890-1902 13 items:
Correspondence of the law firm of Chaplin, Breazeale, and Chaplin; bank statements; and insurance policy.

Bound Manuscript Volume

1866-1867 Cashbook containing rent paid by Mayor Cromem and others and court costs.

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	2	1-19	Correspondence and legal papers, 1862-August 1866
	3	1-19	Correspondence and legal papers, September 1866-April 1867
	4	1-19	Correspondence and legal papers, May-December 1867
B:56	5	1-18	Correspondence and legal papers, January-June 1868
	6	1-18	Correspondence and legal papers, July 1868-1869
	7	1-16	Correspondence and legal papers, 1870-1875
B:57	8	1-13	Correspondence and legal papers, 1876-1881
	9	1-15	Correspondence and legal papers, 1882-1883
	10	1-19	Correspondence and legal papers, 1884-May 1887
B:58	11	1-15	Correspondence and legal papers, June 1887-October 1888
	12	1-14	Correspondence and legal papers; Natchitoches School Board materials, November 1888-March 1889
	13	1-13	Correspondence and legal papers; Natchitoches School Board materials, April-August 1889
B:59	14	1-17	Correspondence and legal papers; Natchitoches School Board materials, September 1889-October 1890
	15	1-23	Correspondence and legal papers; Natchitoches School Board materials, November 1890-May 1891
	16	1-18	Correspondence and legal papers; Natchitoches School Board materials, June 1891-August 1892
B:60	17	1-16	Correspondence and legal papers, September 1892-June 1893
	18	1-17	Correspondence and legal papers, July 1893-August 1894
	19	1-14	Correspondence and legal papers, September 1894-1895
B:61	20	1-14	Correspondence and legal papers, 1896-1897
	21	1-20	Correspondence and legal papers, 1898-September 1900

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B:61	22	1-19	Correspondence and legal papers, October 1900-April 1902
B:62	23	1-15	Correspondence and legal papers, May 1902-November 1904
	24	1-22	Correspondence and legal papers; Normal School materials, 1905-1925, undated
B:63	25	1-19	Correspondence and legal papers; Normal School materials, undated
	26	1-17	Correspondence and legal papers; Normal School materials, undated
	27	1-6	Correspondence and legal papers; Normal School materials, undated
		7-10	Printed materials and photograph, 1880-1901, undated
		11	Cashbook, 1866-1867
OS:C	28	1-5	Correspondence and legal papers (oversize), 1806-1898
	--	1	Correspondence and legal papers (oversize), undated
			Manuscript Volumes
K:34-35	--	--	Vol. 1-3: Bank books, 1891, 1893-1894
	--	--	Vol. 4-5: Cashbooks, 1881-1883, 1890
	--	--	Vol. 6: Check book, 1893
	--	--	Vol. 7-10: Dockets, 1878-1885, 1894
	--	--	Vol. 11: Journal, 1894
	--	--	Vol. 12: Minute book, 1900-1908
	--	--	Vol. 13-45: Notebooks, 1865-1904, undated
	--	--	Vol. 41-44: Receipt books, 1895-1896
	--	--	Vol. 45-46: Record books, 1903-1907, undated
	--	--	Vol. 47-61: Stenographers' notebooks, 1898-1899
			Newspapers
98:	--	1	<i>The Democratic Review</i> (Natchitoches), February 9, 1888
	--	2	<i>Louisiana Populist</i> (Natchitoches), March 6, 1896 <i>The Natchitoches Enterprise</i> , May 24, 1894; November 18, 1897
	--	3	<i>The Washington World</i> (Washington, D.C.), June 16, 1883