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SUMMARY

Size.	1.5 linear feet
Geographic locations.	Louisiana; New Haven, Connecticut
Inclusive dates.	1848-1888
Bulk dates.	1859-1873
Language.	English, French
Summary.	Correspondence, financial papers, legal documents, printed items and photographs document the business, career, and life of Robert Ormond Butler (1832-1874), a New Orleans physician and sugar planter in Terrebonne Parish at Bayou Black plantation.
Restrictions on access.	None.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Robert Ormond Butler (1832-1874) the son of Judge Thomas Butler (1785-1847) was educated at Yale College and practiced medicine in New Orleans and in Lafourche Parish. He planted sugar and produced molasses at Bayou Black Plantation in Terrebonne Parish.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Correspondence, financial papers, legal documents, printed items and photographs document the personal and professional life of Robert Ormond Butler, a Louisiana planter and physician. Personal correspondence consists primarily of family letters received by Butler while attending Yale College (1849-1850). Financial papers, the largest series reflect Butler's medical practice and plantation business in Terrebonne Parish.

Financial Papers include: bills of lading (1860-1864) from the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad for sugar and molasses shipped from Butler's plantation Bayou Black; receipts for wages paid to plantation laborers; invoices for shoes and hats purchased for plantation domestics; bills and receipts for drugs, pharmaceutical supplies, household items, groceries, clothing medical journals and taxes; statements of account from J.M. Johnston (lists cash paid to German laborers in 1864) and Charles D. Leverich for Bayou Black and Grand Caillou plantations; and medical accounts.

Printed items include newspaper clippings, medical journal issues, broadsides, reprints of decisions by the Sixth District Court of New Orleans, and a contract comprises the legal series.

Photographs are albumen print portraits of unidentified persons.

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Plantation life--Louisiana.

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Receipts (financial records)

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Sugarcane industry--Louisiana.

Terrebonne Parish (La.)--History--19th century.

