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SUMMARY

Size.	120 items and 2 printed volumes
Geographic locations.	East Carroll Parish, La.; New Orleans, La.; Monroe, La.; Vicksburg, Miss., Louisville, Ky.; Arkansas; Canada; Rome, Italy
Inclusive dates.	1780-1936
Bulk dates.	1840-1897
Language.	English
Summary.	Planters of East Carroll Parish. Papers consist of family letters and related items concerning social life, the Catholic Church, education, and economies in northeast Louisiana and Kentucky.
Organization.	Categorical, then chronological
Restrictions on access.	No restrictions.
Related collections.	None.
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

According to a genealogical item in the collection, the Montmorency family was a prosperous line of nobility in France before the French Revolution. During the uprising, the family lost their estate and was forced to flee to Haiti. Honoré's father and his uncle were killed when Haitian freedmen and slaves began the insurrection that would lead to Haitian independence. Honoré and his siblings were lifted into a barrel by the family nurse and smuggled into America aboard a ship.¹ Other sources, including some family descendants, trace Honoré's ancestors to Marie-Galante, Guadeloupe, as early as 1742.

Once in America, Honoré's sister, Victoria was adopted by a French noble, and returned to Paris. Honoré and his brother were put in the charge of Charles Carroll, who educated them and became their guardian.

The brothers eventually moved to Louisiana, then to Mississippi, where Honoré opened a store, and his remaining brother Emile became a doctor. The brothers eventually returned to Louisiana and became cotton planters in Milliken's Bend, where they remained the rest of their lives.

Honoré married and had many children, some of whom wrote letters contained in this collection. Anne Morancy, one of Honoré's daughters, married into the Jackson family, who were prosperous planters, while Columba, another daughter, became a nun.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Morancy family was a family of planters of Milliken's Bend in East Carroll Parish. The papers in the collection consist of family letters and related items concerning social life, the Catholic Church, education, and economics in northeast Louisiana and Kentucky.

Confederate civilian letters describe the hardships of life, mention currency problems, the disappearance of necessities from the market, declining value of slaves, and dangers from guerillas. Letters during the Reconstruction period are concerned with the relocation of refugees, political unrest, the demands of African American laborers, and rule of martial law in Arkansas.

The family letters, dating from 1841 through 1895, describe in detail Catholic lay life; relationships with clergy, Catholic schools, education and student life; and spiritual activities.

Included are land records (1780-1798) of claims made by Edmund Hawkins and other members of his family to sections of land in Kentucky. The records include claims, lists, and surveys of their holdings.

¹ Biographical information retrieved from:
Honoré P. Morancy and Family Papers, Mss. 2430, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La. (Box 1, Folder 10)

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Content</u>
C:73	1	1	1780-1799	<p>9 items:</p> <p>2 documents containing the land claims of Edmund Hawkins in Kentucky, 1780.</p> <p>1 list of the properties owned by Edmund and Terrell Hawkins, 1783.</p> <p>1 document containing additional land claims of Edmund Hawkins, 1780.</p> <p>1 list of the properties owned by Edmund and Terrell Hawkins, 1784.</p> <p>3 documents containing surveys of property owned by Edmund Hawkins.</p> <p>1 map of Mount Vernon drawn from memory.</p>
		2	1841-1857	<p>6 items:</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to Eliza Morancy regarding the health of her family and life in Kentucky.</p> <p>1 letter from Sister Columba Morancy to her sister Anne discussing Anne's present life.</p> <p>1 slip of paper bearing the words "Die Septima Junir" repeated and bearing the signature of F. E. Morancy.</p> <p>1 letter from Sister Columba addressed to her brothers describing her visit to Canada.</p> <p>1 letter from Sister Columba to Anne discussing the well-being of Eliza and other family matters.</p> <p>1 letter from I. M. H. d'Angles concerning high property values and reminiscences on family life.</p>
		3	1860-1864	<p>9 items:</p> <p>1 letter from Bettie Morancy to her sister informing her of family matters.</p> <p>1 letter from William Jackson to his mother, Anne, describing the celebration of Washington's birthday.</p> <p>1 letter from William Jackson to his grandmother discussing other Southern men who returned home and discussing the possibility of his return.</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to her mother informing her of the health and well-being of Anne's children.</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to her mother informing her of family matters and desiring the end of the war.</p>

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<u>Location</u> C:73	1	3	1860-1864	<p>1 letter from E. J. Morancy to her mother informing her of family matters and an outbreak of typhoid fever.</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to her mother informing her of family matters and the desire to see her again.</p> <p>1 envelope accompanying the above letter.</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to her parents relating details of the war, including the fall in the prices of slaves, refugees, and guerilla fighters.</p>
		4	1865-1868	<p>11 items:</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to her mother informing her of the difficulties of buying property, would have bought land in Monroe, if not for her fear of African American citizens.</p> <p>1 letter from Anne to her mother and father expressing fear of guerillas near Milliken's Bend.</p> <p>1 letter from Eliza Morancy to her daughter informing her of the sadness she feels now that her children have all left.</p> <p>1 letter from Ellen Jackson to Mrs. Morancy expressing concern at her brother's illness.</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to her father expressing concern for her brother's health.</p> <p>1 letter from Agnes Merrick to Eliza Morancy informing her of an illness she has and of her activities.</p> <p>1 letter from Eliza Morancy to Anne informing her of family news.</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to her child regarding family life, and gratefulness that the child's illness was overcome.</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to Eliza (Anne's daughter) expressing joy at the baptism of Colonel White, also informing her of her activities.</p> <p>1 incomplete letter from Anne Jackson to Eliza (her daughter) informing her of the celebration of Honoré and Eliza's (Anne's mother) fiftieth wedding anniversary, and other events.</p> <p>1 letter from Eliza (grandmother) to her granddaughter Eliza informing her of the repairs to the levee near Milliken's Ben.</p>
		5	1868-1869	<p>6 items:</p> <p>1 letter from Agnes Morancy addressed to "my dear friend" informing her of the condition of her home and the disappointment at not receiving any letters from the "dear friend."</p>

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<u>Location</u> C:73	1	5	1868-1869	<p>1 letter from Agnes Morancy to Eliza Morancy, her mother.</p> <p>1 letter from Agnes Morancy to Eliza describing an event in which a bride accompanied her for a while, also of the local events in Memphis.</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to Eliza Morancy informing her of family matters and the events of her town, particularly the acquittal of an African American of the charge of murder in the death of a white man.</p> <p>1 letter from Agnes Morancy to Eliza describing family life and the influx of refugees to Memphis.</p> <p>1 letter from Agnes Morancy to Eliza describing her bonnet-making practice and the renovation of her house and repairs made to the levee.</p>
		6	1870-1883	<p>14 items:</p> <p>1 letter describing a voyage on the steamer "Richmond."</p> <p>1 letter from Honoré Morancy to his daughter Ann recounting his travels in the post-Civil War South, and inquiries of her health and status.</p> <p>1 letter from Lise Mitchell to Eliza Morancy thanking her for her many letters and for a book sent.</p> <p>1 letter from Laura Edmonds to her "dear friend" to console the friend regarding the friend's immanent death.</p> <p>1 letter from Ellen Jackson to her "darling friend" concerning family status and day-to-day occurrences at her home.</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to her sister Anna regarding Reconstruction occurrences and lamenting "poor Louisiana trodden under the heel of a tyrant."</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to her mother Eliza informing her of family matters, particularly of an individual hurt in a cotton gin.</p> <p>1 letter from Sister Thomas informing Anne Jackson of a priest visiting Milliken's Bend, and requesting her attendance.</p> <p>1 letter from Ellen Jackson to Eliza Morancy offering her condolences on her ailing aunt.</p> <p>1 letter from Eliza Morancy to her children describing the history of the Morancy family, particularly during the Haitian revolution and Honoré's early life in America.</p> <p>1 letter to Mrs. Morancy describing home life.</p> <p>1 letter from Honoré Morancy to his wife, Eliza, regarding his health and the guests he has received.</p>

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<u>Location</u> C:73	1	6	1870-1883	1 receipt of freight shipped by U.S. Mail from the steamer "City of Cairo." 1 letter from Lucy to her sister informing her of her husband's health, also of his recent interest in religion, and the religious practices of their African American servants;
		7	1893-1898 1912, 1934	10 items: 1 letter from Lucy Mitchell to her "dear friend" discussing the pains the friend has suffered and consoling her; also contains account of classes taught by Columba Flanagan. 1 letter concerning the death of a man close to the writer, discusses Masses said for him and other Catholic reverences for him. 1 letter from Lucy Mitchell to her "dearest friend" offering consolation; discussion of the difficulties of finding labor and means to ship goods. 1 letter from Lucy Mitchell to her "dearest friend" offering consolation; also concerning work on the plantation. 1 letter from Lucy Mitchell discussing the difficulty of finding cheap labor and shipping goods to market. 1 friendly letter containing references to the mosquitoes in Vicksburg and informing the reader that she and the writer have been nominated as vice-presidents of the golden jubilee meeting of their alumnae association. 1 letter to Caroline Hawkins from Lucy B. Mitchell informing her of letters Lucy received from a family member on a pilgrimage to Rome. 1 letter to Mary L. Jackson from Olive Jacobs informing her that her family Bible has been shipped to her with this accompanying letter, February 28, 1898. 1 receipt for medicine bought November 1, 1912 by Carrie Jackson. 1 document containing the property taxes for 1933 of Mary L. Jackson.
		8	undated	11 items: 1 letter from Eliza Morancy to her granddaughter Eliza informing her of family life and the status of Eliza's mother (Anne Jackson). 1 letter from Mary Morancy to her mother informing her of rising land prices; her stay in New Orleans and of the "poplinnett," a style of dress. 1 letter from Eliza Morancy to her granddaughter Eliza

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C:73	1	8	undated	<p>informing her of the status of the levee near their home and of lack of work in California due to immigration.</p> <p>1 letter from Vanessa to her sister informing her of Catholic lay life in Sugar Grove.</p> <p>1 letter from M. Hawkins to his mother informing her of his school life and accomplishments.</p> <p>1 letter discussing the boom in Gulfport.</p> <p>1 letter from Ellen Jackson to Eliza Morancy discussing the health of members of their families, expressing desire to see the Morancy family.</p> <p>1 letter from Anne Jackson to her mother mourning the illness and death of her young child.</p> <p>1 letter from Eliza Morancy to her granddaughter Eliza commenting on charitable works by local parishioners, health of family members.</p> <p>1 letter to Caroline Morancy from her cousin informing her of family life and occurrences.</p>
		9	undated	<p>8 items:</p> <p>1 letter from Ellen Jackson to Eliza Morancy informing her of family life and illnesses in the family.</p> <p>1 letter to Caroline Morancy from a friend Ariana desiring more correspondence from her and other family members and discussing family issues.</p> <p>1 fragment of a paper.</p> <p>1 letter from Vanessa to her sister discussing her child's education.</p> <p>1 telegraph to "The Misses Jacksons" enclosed with a donation of 25 dollars and a request of prayers for the donor.</p> <p>1 list of rent owed by individuals.</p> <p>1 recipe for "A common cheap but good pudding."</p> <p>1 recipe for "White Cake."</p>
		10	1936	<p>2 items:</p> <p>1 essay, with corrections, concerning the history of Honoré Montmorency, later changed to Morency, and his family.</p> <p>1 bibliography of the essay.</p>
		11	1883-1884 undated	<p>19 items: merit cards from St. Charles College.</p>
		12	1882	<p>4 items, newspaper clippings:</p> <p>1 obituary of Anne Jackson, daughter of Honoré and Eliza</p>

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C:73	1	12	1882	Morancy. 2 poems, "Precepts of Flowers" and "Some Day." 1 article concerning the discovery of an ancient city in Mexico.
		13	undated	1 item: 1 photograph, unidentified woman.
		14	undated	8 items, religious pictures and publications: 1 periodical, "St. Anthony's Messenger: A Catholic Monthly." 1 printed reproduction of a portrait of Pope Pius X. 1 printed picture of Jesus delivering the Sermon on the Mount. 1 image surrounded by lace of the Virgin Mary. 2 small images of King David playing a harp, caption reads "'Praise the Lord, all ye nations' Psalm 116:1." 1 image of the Virgin Mary, prayer written on reverse side. 1 printed image of an unidentified girl kneeling in prayer.
OS:M	--	1	1851	Nazareth Academy Diploma of Caroline Morancy.
M:14	--	--	1819, 1859	2 Bibles.

CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
African Americans-- History--1863-1877.	1869, 1877	Letter reporting incident in which an African American was cleared of charges after shooting a white man in a struggle; letter reporting difficulty in finding good servants in Illinois.
African Americans-- Kentucky--New Hope-- Religion.	1883	Letter describing participation of African American servants in devotions of Catholic family, chastising of children.
Bank notes--Confederate States of America.	1866	Letter from Anne Morancy Jackson telling of difficulty in buying with Confederate money and need to resort to barter.
Beck, James Burnie, 1822-1890.	1883	Letter describing early life and studies of Senator Beck.
Bible. English.	1819, 1859	
Canada--Description and travel.	1852	Letter from Columba Morancy to her brothers describing visit to eastern Canada, Niagara Falls.
Catholic schools-- Kentucky--Owensboro.	1841-1866	Letters concerning Nazareth Academy, Kentucky, mentioning establishment by nuns of a school in Owensboro, Kentucky, in 1849; describing student life and Mount St. Mary's College; mentioning school opened in Monroe by "Daughters of the Cross."
Catholics--Louisiana-- Milliken's Bend.	1841-1895	Letters of devout Catholic family concerning religious practices, education of children, relationships with clergy, religious emotionalism.
Cholera--Kentucky.	1852	Letter from Sister Columba Morancy to her sister Anne Morancy mentioning cholera epidemic in Nazareth Academy.
Christian pilgrims and pilgrimages--Italy--Rome.	1897	Letter describing visit to Rome, audience with Pope, tour of Vatican.
Christmas--Louisiana-- Milliken's Bend.	1895	Letter discussing true meaning of Christmas, criticizing present celebration as a pagan feast.

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City of Cairo (Steamer)	1883	Receipt of payment on freight shipment from Milliken's Bend, Louisiana.
Cotton--Louisiana-- Milliken's Bend.	1894-1895	Letters commenting on cheap price of Texas cotton, competition to Louisiana crops; describing mechanization of cotton planting; concerning low yield of cotton crop, expenses of raising and harvesting crops, rivalry among planters to secure tenants, demands of African American laborers.
Cotton--Prices--Texas.	1894-1895	Letters commenting on cheap price of Texas cotton, competition to Louisiana crops; describing mechanization of cotton planting; concerning low yield of cotton crop, expenses of raising and harvesting crops, rivalry among planters to secure tenants, demands of African American laborers.
Desserts.	undated	Recipes for "White Cake;" for "A common cheap but good pudding."
East Carroll Parish (La.)-- History--19th century.	1841-1895, undated	Family letters describing social life, Reconstruction, levee problems, cotton planting.
Electric lighting--Illinois-- Chicago.	circa 1860	Letter describing electric lights in Chicago.
Gulfport (Miss.)-- Economic conditions.	undated	Letter commenting on boom of city of Gulfport.
Haiti--History-- Revolution, 1791-1804.	1877, 1936	Letter recounting experiences of members of Morancy family during revolution, September 4, 1877; Modern account of experiences of Morancy family in Santo Domingo revolution, genealogy folder.
Hawkins, Edmund.	1780-1798	Fair copies of surveys and descriptions of land claims held by Edmund Hawkins and other members of the Hawkins family for entry upon treasury warrants, pre-emption warrants, and documents removing some of said claims.
Health resorts--Alabama--	1869-1870	Letters reporting cures taken by elderly man,

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Bladen Springs.		health-restoring qualities of waters from springs.
Health resorts--Alabama--Grayson Springs.	1869-1870	Letters reporting cures taken by elderly man, health-restoring qualities of waters from springs.
Health resorts--Mississippi--Stafford Springs.	1869-1870	Letters reporting cures taken by elderly man, health-restoring qualities of waters from springs.
Kentucky--Social life and customs--19th century.	1841-1895, undated	Family letters describing social life, amusements, raising of children, family relationships, women's fashions, religious practices, attitudes of amusements during mourning, parties.
Levees--Louisiana--Milliken's Bend.	1868-1869, undated	Letters mentioning need for repairs on levee, construction of new levee with necessitates moving of house.
Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.	1861-1865	Family letters describing reaction of students at Mount St. Mary's College to outbreak of war; hardships endured; shortage of currency and goods for sale; relocation of refugees, dangers from guerillas.
Mansfield (La.)--Economic conditions--19th century.	1894	Letter commenting on property values; hard times, business depression, high cost of clearing land, manual labor, railroad fares, low prices on crops, competition of cheap Texas cotton.
Milliken's Bend (La.)--History--19th century.	1841-1895	Family letters concerning social life, religion, economics and crops, education.
Milliken's Bend (La.)--Social life and customs--19th century.	1841-1895, undated	Family letters describing social life, amusements, raising of children, family relationships, women's fashions, religious practices, attitudes of amusements during mourning, parties.
Mississippi--Social life and customs--19th century.	1841-1895, undated	Family letters describing social life, amusements, raising of children, family relationships, women's fashions, religious practices, attitudes of amusements during mourning, parties.

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Mount St. Mary's College (Monroe, La.)	1861	Letters from William Jackson describing student life and celebration for Washington's birthday holiday; describing reaction to beginning of Civil War; letters describing student life and Mount St. Mary's College; mentioning school opened in Monroe by "Daughters of the Cross."
Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)	1805-1846	A sketch made from memory of a rough drawing of the structure.
Nazareth Academy (Louisville, Ky.)	1841, 1851, undated	Letters describing school life; letter mentioning Christmas prayers at school; diploma of Caroline Morancy; letters describing celebrations for alumnae on campus, election of officers for alumnae association.
Real property--Kentucky.	1780-1798	Fair copies of surveys and descriptions of land claims held by Edmund Hawkins and other members of the Hawkins family for entry upon treasury warrants, pre-emption warrants, and documents removing some of said claims.
Real property--Prices-- Louisiana--Alexandria.	1857	Letter from I. M. H. d'Angles mentioning high prices of acreage and rent on houses.
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)-- Arkansas.	1869	Letter mentioning arrival of victims and refugees of the Arkansas "melee" [rule of martial law] bringing with them word of outrage and wrongdoing.
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)-- Louisiana.	1873	Letters lamenting "poor Louisiana trodden under the heel of a tyrant;" commenting that Louisiana is at last free from the "tyrannical rule" of the Nichols government.
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)-- Virginia--Dublin.	1873	Letter recounting trials of life after end of Civil War.
Richmond (Steamer)	1869	Letter describes a trip on the "Richmond"; letter mentioning that the "Richmond" broke its wheel on a trip to "L." [possibly Louisville].
Slaves--Prices--Louisiana.	1865	Letter from Anne Morancy Jackson to Mrs. H. P. Morancy describing decline in prices of slaves

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		because of expected emancipation by Confederate government, problems of keeping servants.
St. Charles College (Grand Coteau, La.)	1883-1885, undated	Merit cards for student M. Hawkins.
Washington's Birthday.	1861	Letter from William Jackson describing public celebration of Washington's birthday.
Women's clothing-- Louisiana.	1868-1869, undated	Letters discussing latest styles from New Orleans, sewing of women's dresses, describing fabrics fashionable for making dresses; describing construction and price of a bonnet; describing new type of dress goods called "poplinnett" very much worn in New Orleans.
Women's clothing-- Mississippi--Jackson.	1868-1869, undated	Letters discussing latest styles from New Orleans, sewing of women's dresses, describing fabrics fashionable for making dresses; describing construction and price of a bonnet; describing new type of dress goods called "poplinnett" very much worn in New Orleans.

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C:73	1	1	Land grants, sketch of Mt. Vernon (1780-1799)
		2-9	Personal correspondence (1841-1898, 1912, 1934, undated)
		10	Genealogy essay (1936)
		11	Merit cards from St. Charles College (1883-1884, undated)
		12	Newspaper clippings (1882)
		13	Photograph (undated)
		14	Religious pictures (undated)
OS:M	--	1	Nazareth Academy diploma of Caroline Morancy (1851)
M:14	--	--	2 Bibles (1819, 1859)
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