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SUMMARY

Size	1.5 linear feet
Geographic Locations	Tensas Parish, La.; Ascension Parish, La
Inclusive Dates	1868-1948
Bulk Dates	1868-1891, 1916-1925
Languages	English
Summary	The William M. McGalliard family papers are comprised of correspondence, financial and printed items, chronicling McGalliard's medical practice and other business ventures in Donaldsonville, La.
Access Restrictions	None
Reproduction Note	May be reproduced. Scans also available of vault items.
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Related Collections	The Gilley McGalliard Textile Collection at the LSU Costume and Textile Museum.
Citation	William M. McGalliard and Family Papers, Mss. 3713 Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
Stack Location(s)	UU: 182-183; OS:Mc; 99:McGalliard

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Dr. William M. McGalliard of Burke County, North Carolina, was born in February 1838, to William and Jane McGalliard. He attended medical school in New Orleans, La. from 1860-1861. After enlisting as a private in June 1861 in the Eighth Louisiana Infantry, McGalliard reached the rank of Lieutenant in Company E of the regiment. At the Battle of Gettysburg, McGalliard lost his right leg and was taken as a prisoner of war by the Union forces for over a year until his exchange in 1864. He finished the conflict in the medical department in Richmond, Virginia. McGalliard returned to New Orleans after the war and completed his medical education in 1866. He began his practice in Tensas Parish, and then moved in 1870 to Donaldsonville, La., where he became a prominent member of the community. In addition to his medical practice, McGalliard served as the president of the school board, the director of the Donaldsonville Bridge Company and the Vice President of both the Donaldsonville Bank and the local Ice Company. He was also a member of the Army of Northern Virginia and the Knights of Honor.

Dr. McGalliard married Maria Garrett, originally of South Carolina, ca. 1874. They had five daughters: Alberta Lee, Jennie Erwin, Lizzie Wilson, Mittie, and Eunice. He died ca. 1921.

B.C. Alwes was born in 1893. He married Eunice McGalliard on June 26, 1918. From 1919-1951 he served as the principal of Donaldsonville High School. Alwes died around 1979 in Donaldsonville. The auditorium at the old campus of Donaldsonville High School, which now serves as an Ascension Parish School Board meeting room, is named in his honor.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The William M. McGalliard family papers are comprised of correspondence, financial, and printed items, chronicling McGalliard's medical practice and other business ventures in Donaldsonville, La. Personal and business correspondence consists only of items received by McGalliard and refer to his family, personal property, his artificial leg, or his work as a doctor, director of the Bridge Company (Donaldsonville, La.), and president of the school board. Financial items contain invoices, receipts and checks of either a personal or medical nature, and printed items include advertisements, pamphlets, and issues of *The Daily Democrat* and *The Daily Times*.

LIST OF SERIES, AND SUBSERIES

I. Correspondence, 1869-1931, undated

Sub-series 1. Personal, 1874-1931, undated

Sub-series 2. Business, 1869-1925, undated

II. Financial, 1869-1929, undated

Sub-series 1. Personal, 1869-1929, undated

Sub-series 2. Medical, 1869-1885, undated

III. Printed Items, 1868-1948, undated

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Correspondence (.75 linear feet)

Sub-Series 1. Personal Correspondence, 1874-1931, undated.

Personal correspondence received by McGalliard that primarily refers to his family, personal property, and issues regarding his artificial leg. His family members in Happy Home, N.C., were frequent correspondents and described personal news and events from his home state, including a series of letters detailing the efforts of McGalliard's brother-in-law, Mr. Sides, in completing a land deal on his behalf. There is some correspondence and building plans relating to the construction of his home in Donaldsonville, which includes information on the merits of a variety of building materials from companies, requests from men seeking to work as builders on the project, and letters describing products such as the Wilson Adjustable Iron Chair, horse carriages, ranges and pianos. Fred Meyer (the man overseeing White Castle Plantation for McGalliard) sent frequent updates on the property and his workers. Also of interest is a letter from the Wheeler Carriage Company that includes McGalliard's handwritten notes on the back describing his specifications and needs for a buggy due to his artificial leg (Jan. 14, 1881). McGalliard also received information from A.C. McDermott, a supplier of artificial limbs in New Orleans, La., regarding his right to a free artificial leg under Louisiana law as a Confederate veteran (Aug. 30, 1884).

Arranged chronologically.

Sub-series 2. Business Correspondence, 1869-1925, undated

Business correspondence received by McGalliard that details his work as doctor, director of the Bridge Company, president of the school board, and member of the Knights of Honor. The majority of items consist of notes from patients requesting home visits, often with graphic descriptions of their symptoms. He received letters from local colleagues for consultations or recommendations for new doctors in the area. One letter of interest came from P.J. Tomkins (Dec. 30, 1878) and lists a catalog of medical books that he was attempting to sell. Series also contains a blank "Circular Letter of the Yellow Fever Commission" (Oct. 7, 1878) which asked for information from doctors across the state regarding any yellow fever cases they had treated.

For his work with the Donaldsonville Bridge Company, McGalliard received information from potential builders located throughout the country and advice on the proper materials to use in its construction. Letter from Representative Edward J. Gay (May 9, 1886) explains the requirements for passing a bill on this project.

As president of the school board, McGalliard corresponded with Warren Easton, the State Superintendent for Public Education, regarding certification of teachers and the books

used for teaching (1885-1886). The letters also consist of responses to McGalliard's solicitations for recommendations on teachers from Normal Schools in Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

McGalliard received postcards from the Knights of Honor, which contain information on the monthly assessments that were due.

Arranged chronologically.

Series II, Financial (.25 linear feet)**Sub-series 1, Personal, 1869-1929, undated**

Consists of invoices, receipts and checks. The receipts and invoices pertain to McGalliard's home building materials, medical journal subscriptions, and the repayments of loans. Items of interest are a receipt for the repair of McGalliard's artificial leg for \$5 (May 15, 1880), McGalliard's life insurance policy of 1886 and an assortment of old checks.

Arranged chronologically.

Sub-series 2, Medical, 1869-1885, undated

Consists of invoices and receipts, most of which come from the payment of patients to McGalliard for services rendered. Items of note are the detailed invoices of medicines bought by McGalliard.

Arranged chronologically.

Series III, Printed Items, 1868-1948, undated (.3 linear feet)

Consists of advertisements, pamphlets, business and calling cards, and tickets of admission. There are advertisements for medical devices and other non-business related items, including clothing and cars. Other advertisements include those received by B.C. Alwes for educational magazines and other school-related items. The pamphlets include a catalog of medical books from 1868. The business and calling cards include McGalliard's and those of local businesses. Issues of Donaldsonville newspapers include *The Daily Democrat* (Mar. 5, 1905) and the *Daily Times* (Mar. 7, 1906).

Arranged chronologically by genre.

INDEX TERMS

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found in the series indicated, as represented by their numbers.

Terms	Series Location
Alwes, B.C. (Berthold Cuthbert), 1893-1979?.	III
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Ascension Parish (La.).	All Series
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<i>The Daily Democrat.</i>	III
<i>The Daily Times.</i>	III
Donaldsonville Bridge Company.	I
Donaldsonville (La.) —Newspapers.	III
Easton, Warren, 1848-1910.	I
Education—Louisiana—Donaldsonville.	I, III
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Gay, Edward J. (Edward James), 1816-1889.	I
Knights of Honor. Donaldsonville Lodge no. 2639.	I
McDermott, A.C.	I-II
McGalliard, William, 1838-1921?.	All series
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Wilson Adjustable Iron Chair.	I

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Series I: Correspondence			
Sub-series 1: Personal			
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	2	1-7	Personal Correspondence (1885-1931, undated)
OS:Mc		1	Building Plans (undated)
Sub-series 2: Business			
UU: 182	3	1-12	Business Correspondence (1869-1925, undated)
Series II: Financial			
Sub-series 1: Personal			
UU: 182	4	1-3	Personal (1869-1929, undated)
Sub-series 2: Medical			
		4-6	Medical (1869-1885, undated)
Series III: Printed Items			
UU: 183	5	1	Pamphlets (1868, 1900-1909, undated)
		2	Printed Items (1876-1923)
		3	Advertisements (1880-1925)
		4	Calling and Business Cards, Tickets of Admission (ca. late 19 th and early 20 th century)
		5	Advertisements (1925-1929)
		6-7	Printed Items (1948, undated)
		8-9	Advertisements (undated)
OS:Mc		2	Printed Items (ca. 1910-1925, undated)
99:			<i>The Daily Democrat</i> , Vol. 5, no. 112 (Mar. 5, 1905)
McGalliard			<i>Daily Times</i> , Vol. 10, no. 250 (Mar. 7, 1906)