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SUMMARY

Size	0.5 linear ft.
Geographic Locations	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Inclusive Dates	1854-1911
Languages	English
Summary	David L. McKittrick was a Baton Rouge dentist. The collection consists mostly of records and items pertaining to dental practice, patients' records, appliances and medicines, a few business items, and political and social items.
Access Restrictions	No restrictions on access.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

David L. McKittrick was a dentist of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was also involved in the farming business partnership of McKittrick & Keller.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers pertain largely to McKittrick's dental practice, patients' records, and appliances and medicines. A few items of business, political, and social interest are included. Loose items originally filed in the volumes include McKittrick's Louisiana occupational dentistry license (1890), a St. James Episcopal Church (Baton Rouge, Louisiana) Lenten Service schedule (1895), a fragment of John Pickett's "Circular letter to Democratic voters of Louisiana," a broadside advertising McKittrick's dental practice in Houma, and other items. An appointment book, a register containing information on each patient, and an account ledger comprise the volumes associated with McKittrick's dental practice. A pocket diary contains memoranda and account information recorded by McKittrick and his wife, Harriet. The 1871-1872 accounts and expenses of the Baton Rouge Broom Factory were recorded in a ledger. Notes on dental procedures, chemistry, making gum enamel, and other dentistry tasks are included in a volume that also contains (postbellum?) entries concerning the business partnership of McKittrick & Keller. These business entries include the partnership agreement, labor contracts, rations issued, hours worked, cotton records, and other related information.

LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Papers, 1866-1897

Series II. Manuscript volumes, 1854-1911

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Papers, 1864-1897

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In addition, there are two cartes-de-viste: one with a Keddy & Sheppers (photographers) backmark from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and one by E. C. Kiblinger of Jackson, Louisiana.

Series II. Manuscript volumes, 1854-1911

Volume 1. Diary of David L. and Harriet McKittrick

A tan leather pocket diary, 8 ½ x 15 cm., with "Mrs. McKittrick, Elms Court" written in ink on the front cover and having an embossed stamp of "D. L. McKittrick Dentist" on the front endpaper. Diary entries, apparently by Dr. McKittrick, cover January 1-February 19, 1890; and memoranda and miscellaneous accounts, probably in Mrs. Harriet McKittrick's handwriting, span the period of 1906-1911.

Volume 2. David L. McKittrick's Book

A brown leather volume, 5 x 38 cm., with the inscription "D. L. McKittrick's Book." Contents include penciled notes on dental procedures (January 15, 1854); undated notes on chemistry and on making gum enamel; instructions for galvanizing and gilding silver, platino, brass, copper, and iron. Symbols for the elements and their equivalents appear on the back endpaper.

Most of the entries concern the farming business of McKittrick & Keller (Kellher, Kellerher), including the partnership agreement dated February 28, 1868; signed labor contracts; records of rations issued; time table of hours worked; cotton picked and cotton accounts; and corn gathered for individual use by the partners.

Volume 3. Baton Rouge Broom Factory Ledger

A ledger, 20 x 31 ½ cm., with half leather binding (leather on spine and corners) and marbled boards. Factory accounts for June-November 1870, when the machinery was sold. Other expenses (1 ½ pp.) cover the period of December 1871 to March 1872.

Volume 4. Appointment Book of David L. McKittrick

A Dentist's Daily Engagement Book of Dr. McKittrick's, Baton Rouge, La., 15 ½ x 21 cm., with illustrated boards on Pasteurine Liquid Toothpaste (compliments of Jno. T. Milliken & Company). There are only a very few entries for appointments during October and November, 1900, and scattered other notations.

Volume 5. Dental Register of David L. McKittrick

The Complete Dental Register, Arranged for Keeping a Minute Account of All Dental Operations Whatever: Being, also a Perfect Protective Record, by Showing the Exact Location of Each Cavity Filled, Tooth Inserted, &c. &c., Date, Name and Residence of Patient ... in a Condensed Form, Memoranda Which Can Be Referred to at Any Moment by Means of the Index (Waterbury, Conn.: Bronson Brothers, 1855.) by G. H. Waters, D.D.S. A half black leather binding (spine and corners), 21 x 26 ½ cm., with gilded banding and marbled boards. "D. L. McKittrick Surgeon Dentist" is inscribed on the title page.

The index in front contains less than five names. Information on each patient follows the format described on the above title page. Pages 1-9 (January 10, 1857-July 25, 1858) relate to patients from Ohio, especially Gallipolis. Baton Rouge entries begin on page 11 and continue for the remainder of the volume (page 102) and date from April 19, 1858, through March 17, 1868. On the front endpaper is one newspaper clipping discussing the excellent quality of gold and porcelain teeth made by Dr. McKittrick.

Volume 6. Dental Register of David L. McKittrick

A ledger, 22 x 29 ½ cm., with a black leather spine and corners, gold banding, and marbled boards. On the back endpaper appears the inscription, "D. L. McKittrick, D.D.S." The index pages in the front are blank.

Patient records begin on page 5 (March 17, 1868) of the ledger and contain a printed picture of all teeth in the mouth with symbols for dental work done to be marked directly on the tooth in the picture. Manuscript entries consist of names of patients, date work completed, charges, and some indications of payment. Records continue to page 196 (April 5, 1879). The next four pages are blank, and then from page 200 (June 10, 1890) to page 289 (February 1897), there are other patient records. The remaining pages (290-336) are blank.

INDEX TERMS

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found in the papers.

Agriculture--Louisiana--Baton Rouge.	circa 1860-1869	Farming business of McKittrick & Keller (McKittrick; Kellher, Kellerher), including partnership agreement dated February 28, 1868; labor contracts; records of crops
Broadsides--Louisiana--Houma.	undated	Dr. David L. McKittrick advertising his services
Broom and brush industry--Louisiana--Baton Rouge.	1870; 1871-1872	Baton Rouge Broom Factory ledger, 1870; 1871-1872
Carte de visite photographs.	circa 1864	Keddy & Sheppers, photographers, Baton Rouge, La., ca. 1864; E. C. Kiblinger, photographer, Jackson, La.
Democratic Party (La.)	[1896]	Printed fragment of "Circular Letter to Democratic Voters of Louisiana," by John Pickett.
Dentists--Louisiana--Baton Rouge.	1890	Louisiana Occupational Dentistry License of Dr. David L. McKittrick; September 1, 1890; patients' records
Diaries.	1890; 1906-1911	Pocket diary of Mrs. McKittrick, Elms Court, and of Dr. David L. McKittrick, dentist; memoranda and miscellaneous accounts; January 1-February 19, 1890; 1906-1911

Labor--Louisiana.	circa 1860-1869	Farming business of McKittrick & Keller (McKittrick; Kellher, Kellerher), including partnership agreement dated February 28, 1868; labor contracts; records of crops
Natchez (Miss.)	1890	Pocket diary of Mrs. McKittrick, Elms Court; also by her husband, Dr. David L. McKittrick of Baton Rouge, La., dentist
Orchards--Texas.	1896	Correspondence between Texas Orchard and Vineyard Company and Dr. David L. McKittrick of Baton Rouge, La., regarding the purchase of orchard land for settlement and cultivation; November 14, 1896
Patent medicines--New York (State)	undated	J. Winchester patent medicine circular
Photographers--Louisiana--Baton Rouge.	circa 1864	Cartes de Visite by Keddy & Sheppers, photographers, Baton Rouge, La.; also by E. C. Kiblinger, photographer, Jackson, La.
Pickett, John.	[1896]	Head of People's Party; Author of "Circular Letter to Democratic Voters of Louisiana," a printed fragment
St. James Episcopal Church (Baton Rouge, La.)	1895	Lenten services schedule of St. James Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge, La.

CONTAINER LIST

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
UU:139	1	1-6	Papers, 1864-1897, undated
		--	Vol. 1: Diary of David L. and Harriet McKittrick, January 1-February 19, 1890, and 1906-1911
		--	Vol. 2: David L. McKittrick's Book, 1854 and 1868
		--	Vol. 3: Baton Rouge Broom Factory Ledger, 1870, 1871- 1872
		--	Vol. 4: Appointment Book of David L. McKittrick, 1900
K:37	--	--	Vol. 5: Dental Register of David L. McKittrick, 1857- 1868
	--	--	Vol. 6: Dental Register of David L. McKittrick, 1868- 1879, 1890-1897