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SUMMARY

Size.	1.3 linear ft., 7 v.
Geographic locations.	Louisiana, New Jersey, South Korea, Ceylon, India, Israel, Jerusalem, Rome, London.
Inclusive dates.	1929-1999
Languages.	English, French.
Summary.	Papers contain correspondence, scrapbooks, writings, and printed items reflecting religious beliefs, travels and careers of Cazayoux family members, and political events of 1950s and early 1960s.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

James Numz Cazayoux and Inez DeCuir, both of French decent and residents of Pointe Coupee Parish, La., were married Dec. 27, 1919. They relocated to Baton Rouge, La., in 1926 where they established themselves as a prominent Catholic family. Together James and Inez had eight children, Olivia, Vivian, Adelaide, James, Jr., Gene, Clair, Francis and Robert. Olivia obtained a degree in education in 1941, married John O'Connor and moved to New Orleans, La. Vivian Cazayoux received her library science degree from Louisiana State University and her M.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin. She was with the Louisiana State Library from 1947 until her retirement in 1979. Upon graduation from LSU, Adelaide accepted a staff position at the university. A year later she married James Bondy of New Roads, La. James, Jr. was enrolled as an engineering student at LSU when he died at the age of twenty-two. Gene Cazayoux began his studies with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart at St. Joseph House of Studies in Metuchen, New Jersey at the age of fifteen. He took the religious name, Brother Cosmas, and obtained an teaching degree from Fordham University. After teaching at Catholic schools for several years, he became principal at Menard Central High School in Alexandria, La., and later he was Director of Boarding Students at St. Stanislaus, Bay St. Louis, Miss. Brother Cosmas died July 27, 1967. Clair was admitted to St. Charles College at Grand Coteau, La., in 1949 as a seminarian and was ordained a Jesuit priest in Ceylon in 1962. He spent eight years in the Jesuit missions in Ceylon and India. Francis and Robert both received medical degrees from LSU Medical School and served as military officers in Korea. After military service, Francis settled in Covington, La., to practice medicine, and Robert established himself in Houma, La.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Cazayoux family papers consist of correspondence, sermons prepared by Reverend Clair Cazayoux, church publications, travel pamphlets and brochures, speeches given by Vivian Cazayoux on her travels, and scrapbooks reflecting practices of the Catholic Church, the family members' careers and religious beliefs, as well as the close familial bonds of the Cazayoux family. Collection also offers insight into the political events and social conditions in Ceylon and India, and the military situation in Korea during the 1950s and early 1960s.

LIST OF SERIES AND SUBSERIES

Series I. Correspondence

Subseries 1. Clair Cazayoux Correspondence, 1949-1964

Subseries 2. Gene Cazayoux Correspondence, 1940-1967

Subseries 3. Francis Cazayoux Correspondence, 1952-1954, undated

Subseries 4. Inez Cazayoux Correspondence, 1956, 1962

Subseries 5. Robert Cazayoux Correspondence, 1942-1945, 1960-1962, undated

Subseries 6. General Correspondence, 1929-1969, undated

Series II. Writings, 1939-1962

Series III. Printed Items and Graphic Materials, 1939-1999, undated

Series IV. Scrapbooks, 1927-1966

SERIES AND SUBSERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Correspondence, 1929-1969 (1 linear foot)

Subseries 1. Clair Cazayoux Correspondence, 1949-1964

Clair Cazayoux's early letters (1949-1955), written while a student at St. Charles College in Grand Coteau, La, and The Jesuit House of Studies in Alabama, and later as a teacher at Jesuit High School, New Orleans, La., relate family news, visits with relatives, and his daily religious and educational responsibilities. The bulk of his letters (1956-1964) were composed at St. Michael's College in Ceylon and St. Mary's Theological College in Kurseong, India, where he was studying for the priesthood. In these letters he discusses the political environment and events in Ceylon (Aug. 12, 1959, Sept. 28, 1959, Feb. 27, 1960, March 25, 1960), and the political affairs of India, including its foreign relations with China (Jan. 5, 1960: letter to Mom, Jan. 6, 1960, Sept.10, Sept. 24, 1961). Clair reports on political involvement of the communists in the region (Sept. 7, 1959, Sept. 13, 1959, Jan. 31, 1960 Feb. 7, 1960, March 25, 1960) and expresses his own anti-communists views (May 8, 1959). Letters tell of the assassination of the Ceylonese Prime Minister, Solomon West Ridgeway Dias Bandaranaike (Sept. 28, Oct. 13, 1959), and discuss the presence of Catholics in the region (July 13, 1959, Aug. 27,1959), including the Ceylonese government withdrawing funds from Jesuit mission schools (Dec. 3, 1960).

Clair also relates his daily activities, changes in Church personnel, and sightseeing trips. He recounts his travels through Paris (Oct. 25, 1957), Madras (June 3, 1959), Calcutta (June 7, 1959), and describes two roads through the impassable Himalayas that were built during World War II (Jan. 5, 1960: letter to Olivia). He tells of the torrential rains in the region and depicts severe flood damage in Ceylon caused by an unusually heavy monsoon season (Jan. 1, 1958, Jan. 10, 1958, March 14 1958). Letters describe cultural differences, living conditions, and interaction with the locals, with references to the homeless in Calcutta (Dec. 27, 1960) and air pollution (Dec. 1960), and he relates the unusual circumstances in which a Hindu temple built at the demand of plantation laborers (March 7, 1959).

In addition, Clair offers his observations on Jimmy Davis' gubernatorial victory in Louisiana (Sept. 24, 1959, Jan. 18, 1960) and the U. S. presidential election of 1960 (Jan. 7, 1960, May 13, 22, July 20, July 28, 1960) including the debate between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon (Oct. 15, 1960) and the election of Kennedy (Nov. 12, 1960, Nov.16, 1960). Letters also refer the Soviets shooting down an American U-2 spy plane (May 13, May 22, July 20,1960) and the clear visibility of the U. S. satellite, Echo (Aug. 8, 1960).

Subseries 2. Gene Cazayoux Correspondence, 1940-1967

His letters concern family matters, visits, religious services, education, and reflect his life in the community of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Correspondence contains religious greeting cards, some with spiritual bouquets (1941-1967).

Subseries 3. Francis Cazayoux Correspondence, 1952-1954, undated

Letters of Lieutenant Francis Cazayoux discuss personal activities, conditions on board ship on the way to Korea (May 30, 1953), weather in the region, military processing of soldiers (June 15, June 17, 1953), and camp life. He gives a detailed account of a mudslide near Sinpori, Korea that blocked a road and prevented transportation of military supplies and troops (June 29, 1953). This same letter reports that the South Koreans were engaged in heavy fighting. Francis Cazayoux also describes the work of the Armed Forces Assistance to Korea program (Jan. 17, 1954) and his leisure trip to Tokyo and Yokosuka (Jan. 17, 1954). Correspondence contains religious greeting cards, some with spiritual bouquets (undated).

Subseries 4. Inez Cazayoux Correspondence, 1956, 1962.

Inez Cazayoux's first letter (Sept. 10, 1956) is to her son, Clair, when he departed for the Jesuit mission in Ceylon. Later letters recount her visit with Clair in Ceylon and his ordination (March 27, 1962). Letters refer to his devotion to the Catholic Church and describe the religious services he performed during her stay. She also describes her visits to London (March 20, 1962), Jerusalem (April 21, 1962) and Rome (April 27, 1962).

Subseries 5. Robert Cazayoux Correspondence, 1942-1945, 1960-1962, undated

Letters of Captain Robert Cazayoux describe his travel to South Korea where he served as a military doctor (Oct. 18, 1960). Letters relate his work as a doctor, personal activities, change in personnel, and the rampant spread of venereal disease Oct. 18, 1960, Jan. 13, 1962). Correspondence contains religious greeting cards, some with spiritual bouquets (1942-1945, 1961, undated).

Subseries 6. General Correspondence, 1929-1969, undated

General correspondence contains letters written by various family members and Church clergy concerning family matters, family visits, attendance at church services, religious education and vocations of Gene and Clair Cazayoux. Family correspondents include C. M. Cazayoux, Adelaide Cazayoux, Olivia Cazayoux, Lawrence Cazayoux, and Sister Veronica. A letter from C. M. Cazayoux to his grandchild is written in French (Dec. 29, 1936). Other correspondents include Brothers of the Sacred Heart and Rev. H. L. Crane. Correspondence contains religious greeting cards, some with spiritual bouquets (1942-1943, undated).

Series II. Writings, 1939-1962 (1 folder)

Writings contain two sermons of Clair Cazayoux, *Virgin Most Faithful* (1950) and *Love of Neighbor* (undated) and talks delivered by Vivian Cazayoux recounting Clair's ordination and her travels to Europe, Mexico, Canada, Ceylon and the Holy Land (1952-1962). Additionally there is a journal kept by Vivian, as a young girl, of a trip to the New York World's Fair (1939).

Series III. Printed Items and Graphic Materials, 1939-1999, undated (0.3 linear foot)

Printed items include Clair's Christmas newsletters (1956-1963), the military publication, *Hase Hot Rod* (May 28, 1953), issues of *The Southern Jesuit* (Aug. 1956, June 1962) and *The Jesuit* (summer, fall 1999), invitations, and photographs of Clair Cazayoux (1962, undated).

Series IV. Scrapbooks, 1939-1997 (7 v.)

Scrapbooks reflect the social, educational, and professional activities of Cazayoux family members.

- v. 1 Memorabilia and newspaper articles detailing the college activities of Vivian and Olivia Cazayoux and their sorority, Alpha Chi Omega (1939-1944).
- v. 2 Clippings and commencement programs reflecting the school and community activities of the Cazayoux children and grandchildren, and also Vivian Cazayoux's career as a librarian (1940-1965).
- v. 3 Clippings and commencement programs reflecting the school and community activities of the Cazayoux children and grandchildren, and also Vivian Cazayoux's career as a librarian (1965-1979).
- v. 4 Correspondence, clippings, invitations pertaining to Vivian Cazayoux's career, retirement and the Essae M. Culver Award (1964-1979).
- v. 5 Newspaper clippings, awards, photographs and poetry concerning the religious career and activities of Brother Cosmas Cazayoux; obituaries and letters of condolence regarding at his death and the deaths of other Cazayoux family members (1949-1997).
- v. 6 Newspaper clippings and photographs relating to the religious career and activities of Reverend Clair Cazayoux; also sermons, church publications, flyers, maps and travel brochures for Ceylon, the Holy Land, and the S.S. United States (1962).
- v. 7 Letters endorsing the nomination of Vivian Cazayoux for the Essae M. Culver Award (1979).

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