

Duchamp Family Papers Collection

RG 156

Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

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Descriptive Summary

Provenance:	1974.012.03-.19: Donated to the Louisiana State Museum by Yoland Bourgeois in 1974 07346, 07347, 07349, 07351: Donated to the Louisiana State Museum by Mr. Louis Duchamp de Chastaigne on December 2, 1919
Title:	Duchamp Family Papers Collection
Dates:	1865 – 1952
Abstract:	Collection houses documents relating to the Duchamp Family, mostly regarding Charles and Eugene Duchamp
Extent:	18 folders
Accession:	1974.012.03-.19; 07346; 07347; 07349; 07351; 08551.7 (copy)

Biographical / Historical Note

Scope and Content

Small collection mostly regarding Charles and Eugene Duchamp. Includes unsigned 1952 writ of Marie Rose Helene Duchamp, some newspaper clippings, various legal documents, and a photograph of an unidentified woman.

Subjects

Duchamp
St. Martin Parish
Fisher Bros.
Empress Josephine
Pedesclaux

Access of Use Restrictions

Access

Collection is **open** for research

Related of Separated Materials

RG 165: Melachée Collection: Contains various documents regarding the Duchamp Family

08111.1: 1823, Painting, "Bernard Duchamp"

12606: 1836, Painting, "Bernard Duchamp Family"

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Notes

Parts of the collection were donated by different donors. It has been marked in the acquisition information.

Contents List

Folder 1: 1865, December 15, Captain's commission the Governor of Louisiana, James Madison Wells, to Charles Duchamp, as Captain in Company A, 8th Louisiana Volunteers in the Parish of St. Martin (1974.012.03)

Folder 2: 1875, September 27, Letter from Fisher Bros. & Co., Baltimore, Maryland, to Eugene A. Duchamp de Chastaigne, St. Martinville, Louisiana. Relative to power of attorney, and the de Lamartiniere (1974.012.04)

Folder 3: 1880, November 2, Letter from Eugene Duchamp, St. Martinville, to Charles Duchamp. Relative to the rent money for his house (1974.012.06)

- Folder 4:** 1887, March 4, Letter addressed to A. Duchamp from St. Pierre, Martinique. Relative to the genealogy of the Duchamp family. Mentions Empress Josephine (1974.012.07)
- Folder 5:** 1887, April 25, Letter from C. Duchamp de Chastaigne, Lamontin, Martinique, Anna (daughter of Duchamp's cousin Stephenie), in Louisiana. Written in French. Relative to family coat-of-arms. Accompanied by English translation 4.012.08)
- Folder 6:** 1875, June 26, Repartition of the succession of Mr. de la Martiniere, resident of St. Pierre, Martinique to the children of E. Duchamp in Louisiana (1974.012.09)
- Folder 7:** Statement of financial situation of Duchamp family, written in French (1974.012.10)
- Folder 8:** 1880, March 11, Charles Louis Duchamp de Chastaigne appearing before Paul Albert Ory, Notary Public, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, giving power of attorney to Robert A. Fisher & Co. (1974.012.11)
- Folder 9:** 1952, Last will and testament of Marie Rose Helene Duchamp de Chastaigne (1974.012.12)
- Folder 10:** Newspaper clipping, notice of Charles Duchamp's death, late 19th century, announcing the death of Captain Charles Duchamp de Chastaigne and his Civil War record (1974.012.14)
Newspaper clipping, article on Cross of St. Louis, possibly Portland Maine or Oregon, describing the Cross of St. Louis (Louis IX) and how it was bestowed upon the Duchamp de Chastaigne family of Martinique (1974.012.15)
Newspaper clipping, article about Carnot Medal won by Charles Duchamp for debate on French government (1974.012.16)
Newspaper clipping, late 19th century, notice of death of Captain Charles Duchamp de Chastaigne including his Civil War record (1974.012.18)
- Folder 11:** Photograph of an unknown woman probably related to the Duchamp family, photographed by G. Moses of New Orleans (1974.012.17)
- Folder 12:** Genealogical noted regarding the Duchamp family (1974.012.19)
- Folder 13:** 1775, October 8, Certificate awarding Coat of Arms to Joseph Diant (1974.012.21)
- Folder 14:** 1865, October 5, Passport issued to Louis C. Duchamp (07346)
- Folder 15:** 1872, December 17, Passport issued to Louis C. Duchamp by Secretary of State of Louisiana (017347)
- Folder 16:** 1871, July 2, Testimonial of the work of Eugene Duchamp with the Red Cross during the Franco Prussian War (07349)

Folder 17: 1862, July 10, Furlough issued to Louis C. Duchamp, wounded in battle
(07351)

Folder 18: 1820, November 9, Marriage certificate of Bernardo Duchamp and Maria
Theodora Pedesclaux (original in RG 165) (08551.7)