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Abstract:  The collection comprises various documents related to Louisiana, including maps, prints, publications and advertising.

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Scope and contents

The collection is an artificial grouping of documents relating to Louisiana. It includes a placard advertising an excursion from New Orleans to Houma on the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1913, an advertisement for the hat company William Reinerth & Co. from 1911, and a map of New Orleans produced for the World’s Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition of 1884. Two copies of prints feature the Exposition and an early view of a French settlement.

Subject terms

New Orleans (La.)—Maps.
Southern Pacific Railroad Company--1910-1940.

Inventory

Box 1

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The T.H. & J.M. Allen Company, cotton factors and commission merchants of 192 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was founded in 1841 and was known as Robson and Allen until 1853. In that year, one of the partners, Thomas Hampton Allen, joined with James Madison Allen (d.1878) to run the renamed company. It prospered until the beginning of the Civil War disrupted the cotton trade but resumed after the war. James Allen retired due to poor health in 1876 and the company became Allen, Nugent and Company until 1880 when the company was renamed Nugent and Lallande.

Thomas Hampton Allen was born on March 8, 1810, in Wilkes County, North Carolina, the second son of Jesse (1777-1857) and Hannah Hampton Allen (1779-1860). His older brother was Richard Henry (1808-1894). In 1820 Jesse moved the family to Giles County, Tennessee, and six years later to Fayette County. In 1828, Thomas went to Memphis where Richard was already working. In 1829 he was working in a store and post office in Somerville. He then moved to the newly-ceded Chickasaw lands in Mississippi, settling at Mitchell’s Bluff (Wyatt) in Lafayette County, where he established a post office. Thomas was also involved in building a bridge over the
Tallahatchie River and establishing a bank. When the town failed to prosper, he returned to Memphis.

Richard Allen moved to New Orleans and became a cotton merchant with the company Robson and Allen. Remaining in Memphis, Thomas began working with his brother’s company and established a warehouse. He became a partner in Robson and Allen in 1850 and after Robson’s death in 1853 the company’s name was changed to T.H. & J.M Allen and Company. Thomas’ partner was James Allen who was originally from Maury County, Tennessee. Richard Allen became a successful sugar planter in Lafourche Parish. Thomas’ own business in Memphis continued after buying out James Allen’s shares in 1876 and the following year he established Thomas H. Allen and Company with his three sons. Thomas was a prominent businessman in Memphis, acting as director and president of several banks, establishing the city’s first insurance and telegraph companies, and owning a number of plantations. He died on October 23, 1895.


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1. Program: First Annual Concert, New Orleans Church Choral Club, Jerusalem Temple, April 28, 1921.

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Placard: Excursion from New Orleans to Houma, Southern Pacific Railroad, 1913 May 4.


