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SUMMARY

Size.	2.25 linear ft., 1 volume.
Geographic locations.	West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana
Inclusive dates.	1892-1950
Language.	English
Summary.	Literary writings, genealogies, and related materials of Judge Thomas Butler's granddaughter, Louise Butler, of The Cottage, West Feliciana Parish. Writings consist of poetry, short stories, and historical sketches of West Feliciana Parish.
Restrictions on access.	No restrictions on access.
Related collections.	Butler Family Papers, Mss. 1026 Thomas Butler and Family Papers, Mss. 2850
Copyright.	For those materials not in the public domain, copyright is retained by the descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. Copyright law.
Citation.	Louise Butler Papers, Mss. 51, 523, 1069, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
Stack location(s).	S:17-19, OS:B

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Louise Butler (1892-1950) was the granddaughter of Judge Thomas Butler (1785-1847) and Ann Ellis Butler. The Butlers were cotton and sugar planters in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, and lived near St. Francisville at "The Cottage." Louise Butler wrote poems, short stories, and historical sketches of West Feliciana Parish.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Louise Butler Papers consist of biographical and genealogical notes on the Butler family and other related Louisiana families; manuscripts, typescripts, and published copies of Louise Butler's short stories, poems, and historical sketch of West Feliciana Parish; and handwritten and typescript transcription copies of letters and extracts from newspaper articles, deeds, and other historical documents pertaining to Louisiana history.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Biographical and genealogical notes and handwritten and typescript transcriptions compiled by Louise Butler pertain primarily to members of the Butler family, including Thomas Butler, Richard Butler, William Butler, Lovick Pierce Butler, and Robert Butler (brother of Judge Thomas Butler). There are also genealogical materials pertaining to the Farar, Farrar, McCutcheon, Tousin, Hutchins, Minor, Ellis, Gaillard, Young, Semple, Burthe, Macarty, and Delord-Sarpy families. Items of note include a typescript transcription of the will of Abram Ellis, Adams County, Mississippi, which lists slaves' names (date of original will: March 2, 1816; box 1, folder 11);

Poetry includes handwritten manuscripts, typescripts, corrections, and some printed items of individual poems and a collection, including "Verses" (collection), "Traveler," "Me Culpa" (1892), "The Irish Tenor," "Retrospect," "The Lesson of the Trees," "Invitation," "At the Moon's Full View," "Vagrant Verse," "September," "At the End," "Mr. John McCormack," "Vigil," and "In the Vieux Carré." Also included are two volumes kept by Louise Butler to copy poetry.

Short stories include handwritten manuscripts, typescripts, corrections, and some printed items of stories, including "Courteny, or Broken Arcs" (including a bound typescript volume), *The First Fire* (by Elleby, 1916-1918), *Red Heart: A Story of West Feliciana* (circa 1925), "Taps," "On the Fence," "The Shaddock," "A Southern Garden," "Grandmother's Story," "Bits of Shamrock," "The Louisiana Planter and His Home," "The Violet Path," "The Word Artist," "The Four Winds of Heaven," "Wild Turkeys in Louisiana," "Back Fire from Wall Street," "A Word to the Wise," "West Feliciana: A Glimpse of Its History and Romance" (historical sketch; 1924), and "Narcissa, or He and She."

Other materials include handwritten and typescript transcriptions and extracts created by Louise Butler from original historical documents. These include:

(**Note:** Dates are derived from the original documents, not the date Butler created the transcriptions; the items listed below are not original documents, only transcriptions)

Filed in box 2:

-Letter from Andrew Jackson, Hermitage, to Thomas Butler, November 23, 1828 (handwritten transcription).

-Letters to Victor Burthe, Thomas Butler, and others, including: letter from Governor David Holmes to the commanding officer at Fort Adams mentioning Captain Butler, January 19, 1811 (handwritten transcription); letter from Governor W. C. C. Claiborne, New Orleans, to Judge Thomas Butler, St. Francisville, March 15, 1813 (handwritten transcription); letter from Henry Clay, Lexington, to Thomas Butler, St. Francisville, July 19, 1819 (handwritten transcription); letter from Governor Thomas B. Robertson, New Orleans, to Mr. Butler, March 2, 1822 (handwritten transcription); letter from William Jackson, Philadelphia, to Judge Butler, July 4, 1838 (handwritten transcription); letter, in French, from Pierre Soulé to Judge Victor Burthe,

April 12, 1863 (typewritten transcription); extracts from a letter written to Robert H. Barrow by his cousin J. P. Sterling (or possibly I. P. Sterling), undated (handwritten transcription).

-Notes concerning family history, including those on Captain L.W. Brandon and The Cottage.

-Materials from the Butler Family Papers, including: Extract from letter from Martha Finlay to A. E. Butler, July 30, 1881 (handwritten transcription); extract from a letter from Anna E. Mercer to A. E. Butler, undated (handwritten transcription); resolution sent by the Protestant Episcopal Church of Louisiana to the family of Judge Thomas Butler, undated (handwritten transcription); record of meeting between General Butler and Captain O'Bail, chief of the Senecas in the Court House at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, March 28 and 30, 1786 (handwritten transcription); extracts from an article or letter written by Mary Farar (Mrs. Jonathon Dick), 1815-1816 (handwritten transcription).

-Miscellaneous typescripts, including list of those who died from yellow fever in 1853, most likely residents of Bayou Sara and St. Francisville (typescript transcription); extract from a review of Mr. Seitz's book on Braxton Bragg from *The New York Times*, undated (typescript transcription); patriotic song of Floridian Army, undated (typescript transcription); "Names for Mr. Steel," describing areas of West Feliciana Parish, undated (typescript and handwritten transcription).

-Typescript transcriptions of other documents from the Butler Family Papers, including: extract from a letter from Mr. Bell to M. Louise Butler regarding Ormonde Castle, undated (typescript transcription); letter from Baudin, Jackson Court House, Feliciana Parish, October 8th 1820 (typescript transcription); newspaper notice from *The Time Piece* (published in St. Francisville) regarding the marriage of Judge Thomas Butler and Nancy Ellis, August 20, 1813 (typescript transcription); appointment of Richard Butler, by William C. C. Claiborne, as a member of the Council of Administration of the Charity Hospital of New Orleans, May 1, 1811 (typescript transcription); Spanish land grant document regarding tract of land in possession of Thomas Butler, which was granted by the Spanish government to Patrick Holland, December 28, 1824 (typescript transcription); letter to Miss Elise Lathrop regarding abstract of title of the Rosebank place in West Feliciana Parish, on which is located an inn, April 27, 1926 (typescript transcription); "Lafayette Grant," regarding Major General Lafayette's land grant in Pointe Coupee Parish (signed by Charles Willing, John Stirling, and Elizabeth Stirling), November 4, 1841 (typescript transcription); extract from the abstract of title of a portion of the land of N. H. Barrow, situated in the Parish of West Feliciana...being the Live Oak Plantation..., undated (typescript transcription).

-Extracts of letters from George Washington to the President of Congress, September-October 1780 (typescript transcriptions).

-"Account of the Storm on Last Island," by Thomas Ellis (typescript transcription).

-William Mercer's journal, 1816 (typescript transcription).

-"Ormonde," undated (typescript transcription).

-"John James Audubon" (by Clarence Percy) and "Notes on Audubon," undated (typescript transcriptions).

-Newspaper article concerning Colonel Thomas Butler's trial, from the *Frederick-Town Herald* (Maryland), March 24, 1804 (handwritten transcription).

Filed in box 3:

-"List of Butlers in the Different Wars," undated (typescript transcription).

-Material from "The Butler Family of America," undated (typescript and handwritten transcriptions).

-Letters from Zachary Taylor to Judge Thomas Butler, August 19, 1844; June 19, 1846; undated (typescript and handwritten transcriptions).

Other items include photocopies of letters to Louise Butler at Melrose, manuscript materials concerning a study on trees, and printed and manuscript sheet music.

INDEX TERMS

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found throughout the entire collection.

Butler, Louise, 1866-1951.

Butler family.

Louisiana--Genealogy.

Louisiana--Fiction.

Louisiana--History--Sources.

Manuscripts.

Letters (correspondence)

Poems.

Short stories.

Typescripts.

West Feliciana Parish (La.)--History.

Women authors, American--Louisiana.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents</u>
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			23-24	Poetry copied in two volumes
			25-39	Short stories and sketches (handwritten manuscripts, typescripts, and printed items)
S:18		2	1-16	Short stories and sketches (handwritten manuscripts, typescripts, and printed items)
			17-36	Miscellaneous manuscript writings and notes
			37-47	Handwritten and typescript transcriptions and extracts of historical documents
S:19		3	1-3	Handwritten and typescript transcriptions and extracts of historical documents
			4	Letters to Louise Butler at Melrose (photocopies)
			5	Manuscript materials concerning study on trees
			6-7	Printed and manuscript sheet music
OS:B	--	--	1	Printed and manuscript sheet music
S:19	--	--	--	Volume 1: "Courteny, or Broken Arcs" (bound typescript)