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**Boyer (Mrs. Albert P.) Papers and Account Books**  
(Ms. 1258)  
Inventory

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### Summary

<b>Size.</b>	47 items; 4 volumes
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	New Orleans, La.
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1885-1907
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1885-1907
<b>Language.</b>	English, French
<b>Summary.</b>	Records of a female African American undertaker of New Orleans.
<b>Organization.</b>	Arranged by series.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	N/A
<b>Copyright.</b>	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
<b>Citation.</b>	Mrs. Albert P. Boyer Account Books, Mss. 1258, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack location(s).</b>	E:51, O:67
<b>Also available on:</b>	Microfilm 5750, Series E, Reel 1

### **Biographical/Historical Note**

Mrs. Albert P. Boyer was an African-American undertaker of New Orleans, Louisiana.

### **Scope and Content Note**

Papers consist of promissory notes; statements of accounts to customers; bills for coffins, caskets, and other merchandise; and statements showing collections and disbursements for Boyer and Corbette and the New Ladies Providence B.M.A.A. Collection also contains bound manuscripts which include two cashbooks (1885-1899), with bank deposit and expense entries; a journal (1885-1888), reflecting accounts with clients for funeral expenses; and a ledger (1896-1899), containing both client and burial society accounts.

### **Series Descriptions**

#### **Series I, Business papers of Mrs. Albert P. Boyer; 1886-1907**

Papers consist of promissory notes, 1886-1898, signed by Widow A. P. Boyer; 1 statement, 1895, to St. Alphonse Society from Widow A.P. Boyer (billhead), undertaker; 21 bills (2 from Orleans Manufacturing Company – coffins and caskets) and statement of account to customers f, 1899, also a statement showing collections and disbursements for Boyer and Cobette; 2 statements of account, 1901-1903, for collections and disbursements for Mr. Boyer and Mrs. Cobette; 1 statement, 1904, showing collections and disbursements for the New Ladies Providence B.M.A.A. addressed to officers and members; 1 bill, 1907, for merchandise to M. Cobette; and 7 miscellaneous items, undated

#### **Series II, Account Books; 1885-1899**

4 bound manuscript volumes:

1. Cashbook, 1885-1891 (Part in French); statement, July 1885 – January 1889, of bank deposits and expenses listed in succession of P[ierre] Boyer. Volume contains daily entries for cash receipts and expenses. At the end of each month a balance is taken. Entries for July 1885 – February 1889 are in French. Entries for March 1889 – January 1891 are in English.
2. Cashbook, 1896-1899; Daily entries for cash receipts and expenses.
3. Journal, 1885-1888; Accounts with clients for funeral expenses.
4. Ledger, 1896-1899; Accounts with clients for funeral expenses including the accounts with many burial associations or societies.

**Index Terms**

African American fraternal organizations--Louisiana--New Orleans.

African American undertakers--Louisiana.

Boyer, Albert P., Mrs.

Boyer and Corbette (New Orleans, La.)

Boyer, Pierre.

Cobette, Antoine J.

Coffins--Prices--Louisiana--New Orleans.

Container List

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
E:51	1	1	<b>Series I, Business Papers</b> Papers, 1886-1907; 47 items
		2	<b>Series II, Account Books</b> Vol.2. Cashbook, 1896-1899
O:67			Vol.1. Cashbook, 1885-1891 (part in French) Vol.3. Journal, 1885-1888 (in French) Vol.4. Ledger, 1896-1899
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**Related Information**

**Research from New Orleans City Directory**

1886 – Jane A. Boyer, 114 N. Rampart, widow Peter, undertaker

1890 – Jane A. Boyer, undertaker

1894 – Mrs. Jane Boyer, Albert P. Boyer, undertakers; A. J. Cobette, clk.

1895 – Mrs. A.P. Boyer, undertaker; A.J. Cobette, clk.

1896 – Mrs. Albert P. Boyer, undertaker

1897 – Mrs. Jane Boyer, undertaker, 518 N. Rampart, undertaker; A.J. Cobette, blacksmith

1899 – Boyer and Cobette, undertakers

1900 – Boyer and Taylor, A. P. Boyer widow; Antoine J. Cobette, horseshoer

1901 – Boyer, A. P. widow and James H. Taylor; 1309 St. Phillip Street.

Anthony J. Cobette, blacksmith, r. 1221 Orleans.

1907 – Boyer, Mrs. Albert P.; Pres. Boyer & Taylor Company, Ltd., undertakers

**Taken from U.S. Census for 1880**

Pierre Boyer	Mu.	60	undertaker
Annori	Mu.	70	wife
Albert	Mu.	41	son
Ann Jane	Mu.	28	daughter-in-law
Mamie	Mu.	9	grandchild
Albert	Mu.	4	grandchild