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SUMMARY

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- Inclusive dates.** 1580-1958, undated
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- Language.** English
- Summary.** The collection is comprised of correspondence, personal papers, scrapbooks, printed items, and photographs of the Donelson Caffery family. They pertain to family matters, politics, the Civil War, sugar industry, Louisiana oil industry, and plantation operations.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Donelson Caffery, a lawyer, sugar planter and politician of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, was born on Sept. 10, 1835, near Franklin, Louisiana. He attended private schools in Franklin and St. Mary's College, Baltimore, Md., and then studied law in New Orleans. During the Civil War, Caffery served as a lieutenant in the 13th Louisiana Regiment of the Confederate army. He was admitted to the bar in 1867 and began his law practice in Franklin.

In 1869, Donelson Caffery married Bethia Richardson, granddaughter of Judge Moses John Liddell. They had six children: Caffery began his political career as a delegate to the 1879 Louisiana constitutional convention. He was elected to the Louisiana State Senate in 1892 and was subsequently appointed to the U.S. Senate to fill the seat of Randall Lee Gibson who died in 1892. Caffery was elected to his first full term in 1894 and held that position until 1901. He resumed his practice of law and died in New Orleans, La., on December 30, 1906.

John Murphy Caffery, son of Donelson Caffery, was a 1901 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. Like his father, he was a prominent St. Mary Parish planter, and he served in the Louisiana State Senate from 1928 until 1932. He was also a local historian.

Franklin, Louisiana was founded in 1808 as Carlin's Settlement. In 1811, it became the parish seat of the newly created St. Mary Parish and was incorporated in 1820. Early settlers included French, Acadian, German, Danish, and Irish, however, the town's culture was heavily influenced by the large numbers of English who settled in the area after the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Several large sugar plantations were established, and with the development of steamboats, Franklin became an interior sugar port.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of correspondence, personal papers, writings, printed items, family photographs, and financial records of the Donelson Caffery family of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. Material pertains to family matters, politics, the Civil War, the sugar industry, plantation operations, and Louisiana oil industry.

Correspondence comprises a large part of this collection, with the majority being that of Donelson and John Murphy Caffery. Donelson Caffery's correspondence is found in the volumes of letter books he maintained throughout his adult life (1855-1906). The letters of his wife, Bethia, are also contained in his letter books. Correspondence relates to family matters, the Civil War, Louisiana political environment during Reconstruction (1868-1876), plantation operations, national and state politics, sugar manufacturing and trade, the oil industry, as well as his own political career. Other topics include the Cuban crisis, the Spanish-American War (1897-1898, 1906, undated), and the annexation of Hawaii (1895, 1898-1899). In addition, letters of Donelson and other family members comment on African-Americans (1868-1876, 1882, 1888). Some letters relate to their role in government during Reconstruction. Also, found in the correspondence are two Civil War letters. One letter by Robert Walker, a Confederate soldier, discusses family matters and tells of his being held as a prisoner of war (Oct. 2, 1863). A letter written by Walker's friend comments that his family is hiring out their slaves in Texas (July 7, 1864). John Murphy Caffery correspondence discusses family matters, student life at the U.S. Naval Academy, his military service, the Louisiana sugar industry, Louisiana politics, and the local history of St. Mary Parish.

Personal papers include the John G. Richardson's appointment to the Cavalry of Wilkinson County, Militia of the Mississippi Territory, (March 3, 1813) and the wills of Abram Green [photocopy] (March 13, 1826) and Donelson Caffery, which was originally drawn up in 1835 (1925). There is also a petition in the estate of Celestin Carlin of St. Mary Parish (1833) [photocopy] and a slave bill of sale for "Harriet" age eleven (April 1, 1841). Other documents include Frank L. Richardson's military discharge (April 13, 1863) and Governor Murphy Foster's call for a special election for Donelson Caffery's State senate seat (March 13, 1894). The collection also includes John M. Caffery's academic notebooks and textbooks; Mary Frere Caffery's album of postcards of Louisiana and Mississippi; and scrapbooks on the Caffery and Richardson families.

Writings contain political speeches, biographical sketches, genealogies, the history of "Teche Country" in St. Mary Parish, and John M. Caffery's academic notebooks. Newspaper clippings, ephemera, and John M. Caffery's textbooks comprise a large part of printed items. A report authored by Admiral Ernes J. King, *United States Navy at War, Second Official Report*, 1945, relates to naval combat operations during World War II. Printed items also include a photocopy of the title page from *Lexicon Graecolatinum Novum ...*, 1580, and loose bible pages (1725), which were brought from Ireland by John Murphy. There is also sheet music for the *Black Beauty Drinking Song*, with lyrics by Brent Manley, music by Hal Hubbard (undated). Newspaper clippings pertain to the careers of Caffery family members, the sugar industry, and current events. Family photographs include cabinet cards that show an image of William G.

Richardson taken from a 1795 eye portrait (undated), and original photographs of Bethia Liddell Richardson (before 1862) and Emily Jane Liddell, wife of John H. Randolph and daughter of Judge Moses Liddell (ca. 1875-1885). The remainder of the photographs are 20th-century snapshots of family members and residences (1956, undated).

Note: Due to preservation concerns, letter book volumes 2-5 were unbound and placed within folders in boxes 5-8. The original order and volume numbers were retained. Additionally, volume 20 was moved to box 4 with the rest of the newspaper clippings.

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Bimetallism--United States.	1896-1897, undated	Newspaper clippings; v. 4; Caffery's speech on gold standard, undated. A letter by Donelson Caffery comments on the preference of North Louisiana has for Samuel McEnery with "silver and protection" to Caffery with "gold and revenue tariff." Claims Murphy Foster will sail in between gold and Democracy, v 5. July 12, 1897.
Blind Tom, 1849-1908.	1883	Collegiate Institute student praises Baton Rouge concert; admittance fee of 75¢ charged each member of Caffery family in St. Mary Parish, v. 6, p. 49, 1883.
Booth, John Wilkes, 1838-1865.	undated	Described by Mag Leonard as the "best creation of God's handiwork."
Boston (Mass.)--Maps.	1891	<i>New Business Map of Boston</i> published by Rand, McNally and Co., Chicago, 1891.
Brashear, Walter, 1776-1860.	1948, undated	Letters discuss Walter Brashear, Louisiana planter and State legislator, June 9, 16, 22, July 3, 6, 1948. Biographical sketch by John M. Caffery, undated.
Caffery Central Refining Company.	1890-1902, 1915	History of the refinery appears in a biographical sketch of Donelson Caffery by Frank L. Richardson, 1915. Eight letters by Donelson Caffery and one by Donnie Caffery comment on the association of Morris with the refinery, its sale to Williams, Godchaux, and Adler for \$193,000, and suit for railroad right of way, 1890-

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Caffery, John Murphy, 1877-1958.	1896-1958, undated	<p>1902, v. 3; v. 4; v. 5; v. 6, p. 99, 122-123, 132-134, 195, 1890-1902.</p> <p>Correspondence, v. 4, 1897-1901; class notebooks, and printed volumes, John M. Caffery letters comment on survey of Cuban waters by the United States, the country of Añosa and its population, and states opposition to annexation of Cuba, v. 6, p. 200-201. Field notes on Jennings oil field, v. 17. Diary entry describes U.S. Admiral Francis J. Higginson, v. 1, July 6, 1901. Letter reflects John Caffery's opposition to Huey P. Long in his failure to support Overton and criticism of Broussard for not supporting anti-Long group, Sept. 5, 1932. Newspaper clippings report on politics and the attempt to remove John Caffery from office because he did not vote to acquit Long in impeachment proceedings, 1929, undated. Notes and writing probably by John M. Caffery concern the history of St. Mary Parish, railroads, "Forest Home" at Bayside in Iberia Parish, Charles Morgan, and the Chitimacha tribe, 1948. John M. Caffery compliments Irving Stone on his two books, <i>The President's Lady</i> and <i>Immortal Wife</i>, April 15, 1953. Scrapbook of John and Mary Caffery contains miscellaneous clippings and a printed speech, v. 24, 1896-1983. Biographical sketch of Donelson Caffery by John M. Caffery, undated.</p>
Chitimacha Indians--Louisiana.	1948, undated	Writings relate the history of "Teche country" include reference to the Chitimacha tribe.
Clarksville (Tenn.)--Description and travel--19 th century.	1886-1887	Progressive town of 8,000 inhabitants with electric lights, streetcars, and Southwestern Presbyterian University, v. 6, p. 72-73, 80-91.
Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908.	1894-1895	Caffery comments on his refusal to attend the President's reception, Jan. 1, 1894, v. 2; and a dinner for Supreme Court judges.
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Confederate States of America. Army. Louisiana Infantry Regiment, 1 st .	1902, 1915, undated	Donelson Caffery's request for certification of military service, v. 5, 1902, Writings--biographical sketch of Caffery, 1915. Writings--Civil War, undated.
Cuba--Foreign relations--United States.	1898-1902, 1906, 1933	Letters by Donelson Caffery state annexation of Cuba or reciprocal free trade agreement detrimental to Louisiana sugar interests. 5 letters: v. 2; v. 4; v. 6, p. 142-143, 162-165, 175-177. Letter by John M. Caffery comments on survey of Cuban waters by the United States, describes population and landscape of Añõza; he states opposition to annexation of Cuba, v. 6, p. 200-201. Percy Saint, Donelson Caffery and Donny Caffery investment in Isla Mona mine, Cuba, v. 3, v. 4. Newspaper clipping on Jefferson Caffery's radio speech of explaining policy of American non-intervention, 1933.
Democratic Party, National Convention, 1896.	1896	Letter relates to John M. Palmer and Simon Bolivar Buckner as candidates for U.S. president and vice-president, respectively, v. 4, Sept. 13, 1896. Biographical sketch of Donelson Caffery, 1915.
Dixon Academy (Covington, La.)	1902	Catalog, v. 4. Detailed description as to buildings, grounds, sanitary and recreational facilities, and faculty, Donelson Caffery, v. 5.
Floods--Louisiana--Saint Mary Parish.	1882	Donelson Caffery letters comment on high water, interruption of mail service, damage to fences, fruit trees and garden, government rations to destitute African Americans, construction of levees from Franklin to Centerville, Apr. 11 and 23
Foster, Murphy J. (Murphy James), 1849-1921.	1878-1906	Donelson Caffery letters reveal Caffery's personal animosity toward Murphy Foster, and Foster's determination to replace Caffery in the United States Senate. They also predict a close gubernatorial race between Murphy Foster and Samuel McEnery in the gubernatorial race, v. 2-6, 1878-1906. Document signed by Foster authorizing election to fill vacancy in State Senate caused by Caffery's resignation, March 13, 1894. Newspaper clipping denouncing "Fosterism," Scrapbook 23, p. 8.
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Franklin (La.)--Social conditions.	1868-1904	Donelson Caffery letters comment on religious services, poor schools, lack of socially acceptable inhabitants, lack of social life for daughters, selfishness of planters, and high water, v. 2; v. 3; v. 4; v. 5 1868-1904. Caffery letter inquires about expulsion of itinerant Jews in Franklin, v. 6, p. 103-105, Nov. 23, 1893.
Franklin (La.)--Social life and customs.	868-1904	Donelson Caffery letters comment on religious services, poor schools, lack of socially acceptable inhabitants, lack of social life for daughters, selfishness of planters, and high water, v. 2; v. 3; v. 4; v. 5, 1868-1904.
Galveston (Tex.)--Description and travel.	1876, 1906, 1908	Detailed description commenting on population, location, people, growth possibilities, housing, servant help and railroad development, v. 2, December 1, 1876. Post cards showing surf bathing, v. 18, p 4, 1906, 1908.
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Higginson, Francis John, 1843-1931.	1901	Diary entry comments on July 4 th luncheon; physical description, John M. Caffery, v. 1, diary, July 6, 1901.
Iberia Parish (La.)--Maps.	1938	U. S. Army Corp of Engineers, Louisiana DeRouen Quadrangle, grid “C” St. Mary and Iberia Parish, 1938.
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King, Ernest Joseph, 1878-1956.	1945, 1948, 1956	Caffery letter comments on hotel run by Jews whose guests are cripples and the “bedizened Jewesses,” v. 4. Letter mentions upcoming ball when elite Jewry gather with invited Gentiles, Jan. 13, v. 5. Letters from Ernest Joseph King discuss his report to the Secretary of the Navy, March 27, 1945, and the increase in workload of the new President, April 20, 1948. King’s report covering naval combat operations, <i>United States Navy at War, Second Official Report</i> , 1945. Letter mentions the death of King, June 27, 1956.
Lawyers--Louisiana--Saint Mary Parish.	1867-1907, 1915	Correspondence concerning legal practice of Donelson Caffery, suits pending, and his biographical sketch, 1915.
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Louisiana State Penitentiary.	1882	Donelson Caffery letter describes convicts making cloth and comments on size of chimney to the boiler, v. 6, p. 41-42.
Louisiana. Constitutional Convention (1879)	1879, 1915	Donelson Caffery speech, “The Public Debt,” June 14, 1879. Donelson Caffery letters comment on his selection as delegate, the purpose of the convention, and his debate, v. 2; v. 3. 1879. Biographical sketch of Caffery, 1915.
Louisiana--Politics and government--1865-1950.	1879, 1888, 1893-1904, 1915	Donelson Caffery letters comment on his disgust with “ring politics” and political life, sentiment against African American rule, patronage, primary system of

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		<p>elections, convention of the National Democratic Party at Indianapolis, demand for Caffery's resignation by Popocrats, and denouncement of "Fosterism," v. 2; v. 3; v. 4 and clippings; v. 5; v. 6, p. 97-98, 101-110, 125-126, 128-130, 182-183, 185-186; v. 20; v. 21, p. 52; v. 22; v. 23, p. 8.</p> <p>Caffery's speech, "The Public Debt," June 14, 1879; Caffery letters comment on his selection as delegate, purpose of the convention, and his debate. v. 2; v. 3. 1879.</p> <p>Biographical sketch of Caffery, 1915.</p>
Lyons, Henry A.	1834	Description Henry Lyons, of Wilkinson County, Miss., by Nancy Liddell, March 18, 1834.
Maine (Battleship)		<p>Donelson Caffery discusses the cause and effect of explosion of <i>Maine</i>, v. 3.</p> <p>Mag Leonard comments on the fad of embroidering "Maine on everything," undated.</p>
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Mississippi Territory--Militia--History--19th century.	1813	John G. Richardson appointed by Holmes as captain of cavalry, March 3, 1813.

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Morris, John A.	1890, 1894, 1902	Letters comment on John A. Morris's plan to establish a lottery in Mexico if defeated in Louisiana, the sale of the Caffery Central Refining Co., and Morris's objection to the sugar bounty bill, v. 3, v. 4, and v. 6, p. 99, 112-113.
Nantucket (Mass.)--Description and travel.	1901-1902, 1906	Diary entries relate the celebration of Christmas and Independence Day, describe Admiral Higginson, and relate impressions of Nantucket, Massachusetts, v. 1.
National Cemetery (Baton Rouge, La.)	1882	Description of National Cemetery including size, fence, gates, and granite posts. v. 6, p. 40, Oct. 13, 1882.
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Oil fields--Louisiana--Jennings--History.	1901-1906	Donelson Caffery letters comment on litigation including the Latreille suit, mineral lease and royalties, size of field, production, transportation and sale of oil, proposed construction of pipeline, and management of field interests, 31 letters, v. 2; v. 3; v. 4; v. 5; v. 6, p. 204; Field notes of John M. Caffery, v. 17.
O'Niell, Charles Austin, 1869-1951.	1944	Letter by Justice Charles A. O'Neill, Louisiana Supreme Court, discusses his admiration for Donelson Caffery and an article in <i>Louisiana Historical Quarterly</i> Nov. 14, 1944.
Panama Canal (Panama)	1904	Caffery objects to Canal because Republic of Panama exists only on paper and territory of Columbia wrested by force, v. 4.
Parenting--Louisiana.	1875-1904	Donelson Caffery comments on need [of children] for parental guidance, advising sons in educational, plantation and legal matters, commenting on the selection of friends, and stressing work, mastery of subject matter, mental discipline, honesty and the reading of good books, 26 letters, v. 3; v. 5; v. 6, p. 42-43, 50, 59-61, 65-67, 74-76, 78-79, 93-95; Bethia Caffery letter urges exercise to develop chest, v. 6, p. 37-38.
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Pharr family.	1955	Henry Newton Pharr, <i>Pharrs and Farris</i> , printed v. 34.
Phosphate mines and mining-- Puerto Rico.	1903-1904	Donelson Caffery letters comments on Percy Saint, Donelson Caffery and son, Donny, investment in Isla Mona mine, Cuba, 3, v. 4.
Plantations--Louisiana--Saint Mary Parish.	1883, 1894, 1938, undated	Purchased Haifleigh Plantation with down payment of \$2,000 by Caffery, July 22, 1883, v. 2. Represents wife's property brought in marriage, Dec. 16, 1894, v. 2. John Caffery letter comments on the house was destroyed by fire, Feb. 15, 1938, clipping, 1938. Donelson Caffery consents to future wife's donation of ½ interest in plantation to half brothers and sisters. Jan. 22, 1869, v. 3. Scene of Caffery-Richardson wedding in 1869. Richardson letter, March 24, 1920. WPA Writers Project requests information on plantation home, April 28, 1936. Historical writings—Teche Country, 1948. Plantation graveyard, Genealogy—Miscellaneous, undated Family life at "Heifleigh." The Caffery Family, Part I, by Colonel Charles S. Caffery, undated.
Political campaigns--Louisiana--19 th century.	1891, 1896- 1900	Donelson Caffery predicts close race between McEnery and Foster, v. 4. Clippings commenting on the possibility of McKinley carrying Louisiana and Kansas, and Caffery's participation in the convention of the National Democratic Party in Indianapolis. V. 4; v. 20-22. Donelson Caffery letters commenting on his withdrawal from the senatorial race, Murphy Foster's determination to seek office, and political support of Foster. V. 2; v. 5; v. 6, p. 128-130, 132-133, 138, 156-160; 162-165, 182-183, 194. Caffery's opposition to McEnery as gubernatorial candidate; McEnery's charges against Jacksonians; possible break of Fosters "combination" by Fitzpatrick's desire to be nominated, 5 Caffery letters, v. 6, p. 125-126, 132-133, 138, 187-190.

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Political campaigns--Louisiana--20 th century.	1935	John M. Caffery considers Sanders's membership in the Christian Science Church a problem in the gubernatorial race, May 21, 1935.
Porter, Alexander.	1948	Biographical data mentions receipt of payment for damages caused by Federal soldiers through personal friendship with Captain Sickles and criticizes adversely Stephenson's book on Alexander Porter of Saint Mary Parish, Sept. 25 1948.
Postmasters--Louisiana--Saint Mary Parish.	1948	List of postmasters furnished by Forrest R. Holdcamper to Elton J. Champagne, August 6, 1948.
Private schools-- Louisiana--Saint Tammany Parish.	1902	Donelson Caffery's detailed description of Dixon Academy as to buildings, grounds, sanitary and recreational facilities, and faculty, v. 5.
Railroads	1877, 1879, 1948	Bethia Caffery prays for husband's protection because of danger in traveling, 1877, v. 4. Donelson Caffery impressed by sleeping car accommodations, 1879, v. 3. Detailed description commenting on population, location, people, growth possibilities, housing, servant help and railroad development, December 1, 1876; v. 2. Notes and writing probably by John M. Caffery concern the history of St. Mary Parish, railroads, "Forest Home" at Bayside in Iberia Parish, Charles Morgan, and the Chitimacha tribe, 1948.
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)--Louisiana.	1868, 1874-1876	Donelson Caffery letters comment on political agitation caused by "Negroes, scalawags, and carpet baggers," possible duel resulting from legal suit filed by United States Army General J. H. Sypher, organizational meeting of the White League. Franklin, v. 2; v. 3; v. 6, p. 34; Bethia Richardson Caffery letters discuss robbery and capture of African Americans, Iberia Parish, v. 3; and mention fear from riot in St. Martinville, v. 4
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Richardson, Frank L., lawyer; New Orleans	1863, 1920, 1936, 1948, undated	Donelson Caffery consents to future wife's donation of ½ interest in plantation to half brothers and sisters. Jan. 22, 1869. v. 3; Scene of Caffery-Richardson wedding in 1869. Richardson letter, March 24, 1920; WPA Writers Project requests information on plantation home, April 28, 1936;

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Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919.	1905-1906	Donelson Caffery letters criticize Roosevelt's policy in South and Central America and Caribbean Islands, v. 4; referring to him as "a gigantic poser" and "a first class fraud," v. 4 and v. 5; and approving his attitude to Standard Oil and the Southern Pacific Railroad, v. 5.
Saint Mary Parish (La.)--History	1812-1958	Reconstruction, state and national politics, legal practice, yellow fever, high water, plantation and family matters, and local history. Letters discuss the history St. Mary Parish, and Walter Brashear, Louisiana planter and State legislator, June 9, 16, 22, July 3, 6, 1948. Family life at "Heifleigh." The Caffery Family, Part I, by Colonel Charles S. Caffery, undated. Biographical sketch by John M. Caffery, undated.
Saint Mary Parish (La.)--Maps.	1938	U. S. Army Corp of Engineers, Louisiana DeRouen Quadrangle, grid "C" St. Mary and Iberia Parish, 1938.
Sanders, Jared Young, 1869-1944.	1907, 1935	Broadside denouncing J. Y. Sanders as "common liar and poltroon." Nov. 2, 1907. John Caffery states affiliation of Sanders with Christian Science Church may eliminate him from gubernatorial race, May 21, 1935.
Southwestern Presbyterian University (Clarksville, Tenn.)--Students.	1886-1887	Comment on preparations for Washington's birthday celebration, large number of theological students, student membership in YMCA, lack of hazing, course of study, and membership in Kappa Alpha Fraternity, v. 6, p. 72-73, 80-91.
Spanish-American War, 1898.	1897-1878, 1906, undated	Donelson Caffery letters comment on Cuban crisis and approaching naval war, 7 letters, v. 4 and v. 6, p. 141; McKinley's position on Cuba's struggle for independence, v. 6, p. 142-143. Spain's military policy and danger faced by enlisted soldier, April 20, 1898. "Crucification" by sugar planters resulting from personal opposition to war, v. 5. Newspaper clippings reflecting Caffery's stand. Scrapbook 19. Donelson Caffery discusses the cause and effect of explosion of <i>Maine</i> , v. 3. Mag Leonard comments on the fad of embroidering "Maine on everything," undated.
Speeches.	1879-1931	Speeches to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention, the Reform Club, National Democratic Convention,

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		<p>and Congress, box 3, folder 15; v. 2; v. 3; v. 4; v. 6, p. 205, 150; v. 20 and 22.</p> <p>Speech by gubernatorial candidate, Donelson Caffery, III. V. 23, p. 9-10. 1900, Houma;</p> <p>Speech by state senator, John Caffery, concerning taxation and endorsement of Dr. Cyr for governor. 1931, New Iberia.</p> <p>Nicholas Murray Butler's speech on government, v. 24. 1911, Washington, D. C.</p>
Strikes and lockouts--Louisiana.	1887, 1902	<p>Strike squelched with workers quiet and back to at work, Nov. 11 and 13, 1887. V. 6, p. 89-91. St. Mary Parish;</p> <p>New Orleans aflame with street car strike; siding of authorities with strikers cause riot and bloodshed, Oct. 9, 1902. v. 5.</p>
Students.	1883-1884 1885-1886; 1897-1901, [1951]	<p>Letters written from a private school in Salem, Va., complain about money matters and roommate, and mentioning school activities, friends, price of apples and sheep, outbreak of scarlet fever; 1 promissory note payable to mother, v. 6, p. 54-59, 1883-1884.</p> <p>Collegiate Institute student praises Baton Rouge concert; admittance fee of 75¢ charged each member of Caffery family in St. Mary Parish, v. 6, p. 49, 1883.</p> <p>Letters written by family members attending West Point include the letter of Donelson Caffery III, 1885-1886. V. 6, p. 61-77.</p> <p>Comment on preparations for Washington's birthday celebration, large number of theological students, student membership in YMCA, lack of hazing, course of study, and membership in Kappa Alpha Fraternity, v. 6, p. 72-73, 80-91, 1886-1887.</p> <p>John M. Caffery's family correspondence, class notebooks, and printed volumes, 1897-1901. V. 4.</p> <p>50th reunion of class [1951]</p>
Stutterers--Louisiana.	undated	<p>"Autobiography of a Stammerer," edited by Josephine Moore Richardson and published in <i>The Volta Review</i>, v. 7, undated.</p>
Sugar trade--Louisiana	1882-1906	<p>Correspondence pertaining to labor, crops, refining of sugar, Caffery Central Refining Co., and Congressional legislation concerning the sugar bounty and tariff, v. 2-6, 1882-1906.</p> <p>Donelson Caffery III states high sugar tariff conducive to higher prices unless trust has "loaded up." June 28, 1897, v. 6, p. 127.</p>

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Sugar trade--Louisiana--Saint Mary Parish.	1938	<p>Donelson Caffery states annexation of Cuba or reciprocal free trade agreement detrimental to Louisiana sugar interests. 5 letters by: v. 2; v. 4; v. 6, p. 142-143, 162-165, 175-177.</p> <p>Disturbing influence caused by wage and hour law in sugar industry, John N. Caffery letter, Nov. 4. Donelson Caffery letters mention plan of Morris to open lottery in Mexico if defeated in Louisiana, sale of the Caffery Central Refining Co., and Morris' objection to the sugar bounty bill, v. 3, v. 4, and v. 6, p. 99, 112-113.</p> <p>"Crucification" by sugar planters resulting from personal opposition to war, v. 5; Newspaper clippings reflecting Caffery's stand. Scrapbook 19;</p> <p>Correspondence pertaining to labor, crops, refining of sugar, Caffery Central Refining Co., and Congressional legislation concerning the sugar bounty and tariff, v. 2-6.</p> <p>Donelson Caffery III states high sugar tariff conducive to higher prices unless trust has "loaded up." June 28, 1897. V. 6, p. 127.</p>
Sypher, J. Hale (Jacob Hale), 1837-1905.	1875-1876	Donelson Caffery legal case involving Sypher may result in duel, v. 3; v. 6, p. 34.
Tariff--Law and legislation--United States.	1893-1897, 1899, 1902	<p>Donelson Caffery letters, speech and clippings comment on the Wilson, Wilson-Gorham, and Dingley bills and tariff rates, v. 2; v. 4; v. 5</p> <p>Donelson Caffery III states high sugar tariff conducive to higher prices unless trust has "loaded up." June 28, 1897. v. 6, p. 127.</p>
Teche, Bayou (La.)--History--19th century.	1948	Notes and writing probably by John M. Caffery concern the history of St. Mary Parish, railroads, "Forest Home" at Bayside in Iberia Parish, Charles Morgan, and the Chitimacha tribe.
United States Naval Academy--Students.	1834-1900, 1905 1885-1886; 1897-1901, [1951]	<p>John R. Liddell urged by sister to continue studies elsewhere, Jan. 29, 1834;</p> <p>John Caffery compares West Point to Annapolis in studies and discipline, July 10, 1900;</p> <p>Graduation of Charles Caffery, May 2, 1905, v. 4.</p> <p>Family correspondence of Donelson Caffery III, 1885-1886. V. 6, p. 61-77;</p> <p>John M. Caffery's family correspondence, class notebooks, and printed volumes, 1897-1901. V. 4;</p>

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United States--Foreign relations-- Cuba	1898-1902, 1906, 1933	Donelson Caffery states annexation of Cuba or reciprocal free trade agreement detrimental to Louisiana sugar interests. v. 2; v. 4; v. 6, p. 142-143, 162-165, 175-177. John M. Caffery comments on survey of Cuban waters by the United States, describes population, habits of natives and country of Añoza, and states opposition to annexation of Cuba. 1 letter by, v. 6, p. 200-201; Radio speech of Jefferson Caffery explaining policy of American non-intervention, Newspaper clipping, 1933.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Louisiana.	1920-1929, undated	Letters, post cards, and clippings concern the fighting between the 13 th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry and St. Mary's Cannoneers at Irish Bend and Vermillion Bayou, describe the fighting from the <i>Cotton</i> on the Teche, and trace Banks' march to Alexandria, in Rapides Parish, and to Port Hudson, in East Baton Rouge Parish, 1920-1929; Writings—Civil War, undated.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.	1863-1864	Letter by Robert Walker, a Confederate soldier held by the Union army, tells of his confinement and requests clothing, Oct. 2, 1863. Letter by Maria Kendal (?) relates news of mutual friends and of Robert Walker's confinement at Camp Douglas, Chicago, July 7, 1864.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.	1863-1864	Robert Walker requests for clothing. Louisville, Oct. 2, 1863. Former Northern teacher mentions confinement of Robert at Camp Douglas, Chicago. July 7, 1864. Caffery's request for certification of military service, 1902, v. 5 Biographical sketch of Caffery, 1915. Encounter with 13 th Connecticut Volunteers at Irish Bend, Vermillion Bayou and along the Teche, 1920-1929; Anonymous account of Caffery's Civil War experience, undated. Historical writings—Civil War, undated.
United States--History--War of 1812.	1812	Claiborne and Wilkinson blamed by Donelson Caffery Sr. for call of Tennessee troops to meet "phantom invasion" of British. 1 letter to General John Coffee, April 12, 1812.
USS Kearsaye.	1901-1902, 1906	Entries comment on the celebration of Christmas and Independence Day, describe Admiral Higginson, and

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Wages--Sugar workers--Louisiana--Saint Mary Parish.	1938	relate impressions of Nantucket, Massachusetts in his diary during a trip from Rhode Island to Massachusetts on the USS Kearsaye. Disturbing influence caused by wage and hour law in sugar industry, John N. Caffery letter, Nov. 4.
White League (La.)	1874	Ladies invited to organizational meeting; organized because government of "Negroes and scalawags" cause political agitation, 1 letter by Caffery, June 18, v. 3.
White, Edward Douglass, 1845-1921.	1893, 1895	Donelson Caffery letters mention social life, commenting on White's support of Crandall for New Orleans postmaster, and stating White "kind but looks after own interests." V. 2; v. 3; and v. 6, p. 96, 101-105.
Wilkinson County (Miss.)--Social life and customs--19 th century.	(1809), 1834	Family recollections related by Francis D. Richardson. (1809). V. 7, p. 23-24; Nancy Liddell comments on gentlemen's interest in horseracing and social life, Jan. 29 and March 18, 1834.
World War, 1939-1945.	1942-1945	Description of living conditions in London and "blitz" in Bath. K. Whittuck letters, Oct. 28, 1942 and ca. 1942. War time activities of daughters related by Martha Caffery, New Orleans (?), Feb. 21, 1943. King's report covering naval combat operations, <i>United States Navy at War, Second Official Report</i> , 1945.
Yellow fever--Louisiana.	1855, 1880, 1898- [1899], 1905	Mild variety in Pattersonville, St. Mary Parish, F. D. Richardson letter, v. 2, 1855. Donelson Caffery letters discuss the danger yellow fever during pregnancy, v. 2, 1880. Danger faced by enlisted private in Spanish American War, April 20, 1898. The epidemic in St. Mary Parish, v. 5; and v. 4. Dr. Leach's medical treatment of "arsenization," v. 5. Discovery of cause of disease and inefficient quarantine measures, v. 4 and v. 5. Recovery of sons, [1899], v. 6, p. 154.

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