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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	0.3 linear feet
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Port Hudson and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1834-1940, undated
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1845-1865
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	Comprised of personal papers, printed items, Works Progress Administration manuscripts collection notes, botanical specimen books, and an account book of the Badley family of Port Hudson and East Baton Rouge Parish, La. The collection documents their plantations, landholding, and political and professional activities.
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<b>Related Collections</b>	Moses Liddell and St. John Richardson Family Papers, Mss. 531
<b>Citation</b>	Badley Family Papers, Mss. 3062, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack Location(s)</b>	W:2, OS:B, F:2

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Born in Kentucky and raised in Ohio, Henry Badley (1810-1883) resided in Port Hudson, East Feliciana Parish, from 1843 to 1863, then moved to East Baton Rouge Parish. He married Jane Loudon on December 15, 1847; she died May 10, 1848, at the age of 21 years. He and his second wife, Nancy A. (born ca. 1834), had two children, Elmo and Henry, Jr.

Elmo Badley owned a plantation in East Baton Rouge Parish. He and his wife, Jessie (b. 1869), had two daughters, Nan and Daisy. In 1917, Jessie was appointed special commissioner for the registration of women voters in East Baton Rouge Parish. Nan Badley (March 14, 1898 – December 2, 1958) earned a bachelor's degree in arts and sciences from Louisiana State University in 1921. She worked on a historical records survey for the Works Progress Administration's Division of Women's and Professional Projects: 1937. Nan's sister, Daisy Badley (December 10, 1888 – January 20, 1973) was the chairman of the League of Women Voters in Baton Rouge in 1921.

Henry Badley, Jr. (October 13, 1853 – March 8, 1902) attended the University of Louisiana in New Orleans, and operated the Devil's Swamp plantation in East Baton Rouge Parish. In 1885 he married Mary L. Cheatham; they had a son, Elmo (1897-1911).

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

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Henry Badley's personal papers relate primarily to his planting activities and landholdings. They include receipts for the purchase of slaves (April 11, 1843) and land (May 18, 1846 and December 1, 1847) in Port Hudson, an agreement with the Treasury Department concerning his plantation in East Baton Rouge Parish (March 24, 1865) and a payroll list of laborers (September 1865), as well as a deed for a lot in Magnolia Cemetery (Sept 28, 1869). An 1881 map depicting his landholdings is also present.

The personal papers of Elmo, Jessie, Nan and Daisy Badley mostly pertain to their political activities. They comprise the appointment of Mrs. E.D. (Jessie) Badley to special commissioner for the registration of women voters in East Baton Rouge Parish (October 10, 1917). A summons for Elmo Badley to testify in *State of Louisiana v. Huey P. Long* (October 2, 1921) is also found, as is a 1940 letter addressed to Nan and Daisy Badley that contains translations of two Spanish land grants from 1799 and 1803 for land in Baton Rouge.

Also found within this collection is a letter addressed to Mrs. John Fortune of Huntindon, Canada (October 15, 1849), and a certificate from the Baton Rouge clerk of court authorizing the marriage of Andrew Walker Forlitz and Rebecca Roth (March 1865).

Printed items include an advertisement for a theatre performance in Vicksburg, Mississippi (June 13, 1850). Another document details regulations regarding freedman issued by Treasury Department (1864). Also found within this grouping are two newspapers: *Baton Rouge Gazette* (October 30, 1852) and the *National Advocate* from New Orleans (July 30, 1862).

The Works Progress Administration manuscripts collection notes include forms completed by Nan A. Badley for the Historical Records Survey: 1937. This project was overseen by the WPA's Division of Women's and Professional Projects and focused on the Liddell Family Papers held at LSU. The notes consist of biographical information on the Liddell family and a description of the collection.

The botanical specimen books (1847) consist of two herbariums containing plant specimens and descriptions from Louisville, Mississippi.

**INDEX TERMS**

Account books.  
Badley family.  
Badley, Daisy, 1888-1973.  
Badley, Elmo.  
Badley, Jessie, b. 1869.  
Badley, Henry, 1810-1883.  
Badley, Nan, 1898-1958.  
Botanical specimens--Collection and preservation--Mississippi.  
League of Women Voters (Baton Rouge, La.)  
Letters (correspondence)  
Little family.  
Long, Huey Pierce, 1893-1935.  
Newspapers.  
Plantation owners--Louisiana--East Baton Rouge Parish.  
Plantations--Louisiana--East Baton Rouge Parish.  
Slavery-- Louisiana--East Baton Rouge Parish.  
Suffragists--Louisiana--Baton Rouge.  
Women--Suffrage--Louisiana--Baton Rouge.

**CONTAINER LIST**

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
W:2	1	1-3	Personal Papers (1834-1940, undated)
		4	Printed Items (1850-1865, undated)
		5	WPA Manuscripts Collection Notes (1937)
OS:B	2	1-2	Botanical Specimen Books (1847)
		1	Newspapers (1852, 1862)
F:2		2	Payroll of Laborers (1865)
		Vol. 1	Account Book (1904)