



## The Laffite Society Papers, 1806- (Bulk 1995-2015)

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### Descriptive Summary and Abstract

<b>Creator:</b>	The Laffite Society
<b>Title:</b>	The Laffite Society Papers, 1976-
<b>Dates:</b>	1806- (Bulk 1995-2015)
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>Organized in 1975 as the Laffite Study Group by a group of historians, it reorganized in 1994 as the Laffite Society in Galveston, Texas, as a study and social group researching the lives, descendants and associates of privateer brothers Jean and Pierre Laffite who lived on Galveston Island, 1817-1821.</p> <p>The records include the publications of both organizations, membership rosters, programs and copies of presentations, photographs and other materials. In addition, members and historians have contributed research files containing copies of articles and correspondence pertaining to facts and myths about the Laffites. They include information about descendants of the Laffites; friends and associates of their group; significant locations and topics of interest, such as slavery, piracy, privateering; connections in Louisiana, France, Mexico, and South America; and political associations dating from the War of 1812, Andrew Jackson, Napoleon and many others.</p>
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<b>Donor:</b>	The Laffite Society, 2012-

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## Historical/Biographical Note

First established as the Laffite Study Group in 1975, this non-profit organization grew out of the correspondence of interested historians Jane Lucas DeGrummond, John L. Howells, Sue Thompson and Robert C. Vogel. They planned to publish a series of occasional papers focused on pirates/privateers Jean and Pierre Laffite's role in American history, folklore and literature. The first installment, *The Life and Times of Jean Laffite*, was published in 1976 with more to follow in succeeding years. Additional publications were added until 1990. The membership, essentially the mailing list for the publications, had grown into an international group. After a few years of inactivity, a new organization grew out of the old. In 1994, The Laffite Society of Galveston formed a board and continued to collect and compile information about the Laffite brothers, Jean and Pierre, their descendants and contemporaries which they publish in the *Laffite Society Chronicles*.

Jean Laffite (ca.1776-ca.1823) and his older brother Pierre Laffite were French pirates and privateers in the Gulf of Mexico in the early 19th century. Though historical characters, the facts of their lives were surrounded by myth and legend. Few facts about their birth or arrival in the New World are absolute. "By the fall of 1809 the Laffites had a modest smuggling operation well founded, matching buyers with well-established slave importers. Jean took buyers to Grand Terre to make the sales, while Pierre stayed in New Orleans to handle the Laffites' business affairs there. (Davis, *The Pirates Laffite*, p.51) Jean Laffite proved himself a shrewd patriot during the War of 1812 by helping Andrew Jackson and the United States in the Battle of New Orleans, while bargaining for a presidential pardon. Nevertheless, when their criminal activities made them unwelcome in Louisiana, the Laffites moved their operations in 1817 to Galveston, Texas, which they called Campeche. The Spanish government accepted their presence on Galveston Island because they spied for the Spaniards. Meanwhile, the Laffites continued their involvement in smuggling and the slave trade. By 1820, as a result of the Adams-Onís Treaty with Spanish Mexico, the United States "stepped up naval activities aimed at pirates and smugglers in the northern Gulf of Mexico." [Robert C. Vogel] The Navy agreed to let the Laffites gather their belongings and leave peacefully, which they did on May 7, 1820.

### Sources:

Robert C. Vogel. *The Laffite Society chronicles*. Vol. V, Number 2, August 1999, *The Laffite Society Chronicles*, William C. Davis.

*The Pirates Laffite: The Treacherous World of the Corsairs of the Gulf*. Harcourt, Inc., 2005.

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## Scope and Content Note

The Laffite Society records consist of 6.43 linear feet of records in 11 boxes. The records include six series: 1. Laffite Study Group, 1974-1992; 2. The Laffite Society, 1995-; 3. Photographs and Artwork; 4. Research Files: Subjects; 5. Research Files: Publications; and 6. Other Laffite Collection Finding Aids. The papers include administrative information, which contains notes about the transfer of records by the Laffite Society. Series 1 and 2 are the

organizational records of the two founding organizations including the publications, membership rosters, programs and copies of presentations, photographs and other materials. The Subject Files were compiled and collected by members from various archives, newspapers and other publications, and descendants of the Laffite's and the members of their associates. The files include genealogical information, descriptions of significant locales and topics of interest, such as slavery, piracy, privateering, and connections in France, Mexico, and South America, political associations including the War of 1812, Andrew Jackson, Napoleon and many others. Series six, Other Laffite Collection Finding Aids, are the finding aids of Laffite related holdings held at other institutions.

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## Related Collections

Laffite Society book collection at Jack K. Williams Library:

<https://tamug.worldcat.org/profiles/jkwlibrary/lists/3644628>

MC025- Olson Collection at Jack K. Williams Library. The Olson Collection contains Laffite research and the play "Laffite in Galveston."

<https://repositories.tdl.org/tamug-ir/handle/1969.3/28923>

The Jean and Pierre Laffite Collection at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center. A finding aid of their materials is found in this collection in Series 6, Subseries 1

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/shc/index.html>

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## Organization of the Papers

Administrative Information

Series 1. Laffite Study Group, 1974-1992

Subseries 1. History

Subseries 2. Publications

Series 2. The Laffite Society, 1995-

Subseries 1. Board of Directors

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Series 3. Photographs and Artwork

Subseries 1. Photographs

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Series 4. Research Files: Subjects

Subseries 1. About the Laffites

Subseries 2. Primary Sources

Subseries 3. Laffite Descendants

Subseries 4. Friends and Associates

Subseries 5. General Pirate Information

Subseries 6. Places Associated with the Laffites

Subseries 7. The Journal of Jean Laffite

Subseries 8. Bibliographies

Series 5. Research Files: Publications

Subseries 1. Articles

Subseries 2. Books

Series 6. Other Laffite Collection Finding Aids

Subseries 1. Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center

Series 7. Presentations on Other Media

Subseries 1. Meetings/Speakers

Subseries 2. Symposium

Subseries 3. Miscellaneous

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## Restrictions

**Access** Access to membership information is restricted to Laffite Society board members.

**Usage Restrictions:** Access to fragile materials may be limited. Some materials may not be reproduced and travel to the collection may be necessary. Contact Jack K. Williams library for more information.

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## Administration Information

**Provenance:** Bulk donation by the Laffite Society in 2012. Periodical donations from the Laffite Society have been added annually.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

## **BOX 1**

### **Administrative information**

List of transfers from Laffite Society 2014

### **Series 1. The Laffite Study Group, 1975-1992**

#### **Subseries 1. Publications**

An index of the Laffite Study Group publications in the archive. A link to the digital copies of the publications is available below.

##### **1.1.1 *The Life and Times of Jean Laffite, 1976-1992***

For full-text digital version of this journal see:

<http://journals.tdl.org/ltjl/index.php/ltjl>

Volume I, Number 1	January, 1976
Volume I, Number 2	July, 1976
[Volume 1], Number 3	December 1976 [printed 1977]
LTJL Reprints No.1	March, 1979
Number VI	June, 1982
Volume IX, Number 4	Winter 1989
Volume XII, Number 1	Spring 1992

##### **1.1.2 The Laffite Study Group Newsletter, 1981-1990 For full-text digital version of this journal see:**

<http://journals.tdl.org/lsgnews/index.php/lsgnews>

Vol. I, No.2	Winter 1981
Vol. I, No. 3	Spring, 1981
Vol. II, No. 1	Spring 1982
Vol. II, No. 2	Summer-Fall 1982
Vol. IV, No. 1	Spring 1984
Vol. IV, Nos. 2-3	Summer-Fall 1984
Vol. IV, No. 4	Winter 1984
Vol. V, No. 1	Spring 1985
Vol. V, No. 2	Summer 1985
Vol. V, No. 3-4	Fall-Winter 1985
Vol. VI, No. 1	Spring 1986
Vol. VI, No. 2	Summer 1986
Vol. VI, No. 3	Fall 1986
Vol. VI, No. 4	Winter 1986
Vol. VII, No. 1	Spring 1987
Vol. VII, No. 2	Summer 1987
Vol. VII, No. 3	Fall 1987
Vol. VII, No. 4	Winter 1987

Vol. VIII, No. 1	Spring 1988
Vol. VIII, No. 2	Summer 1988
Vol. VIII, Nos. 3-4	Fall-Winter 1988
Vol. IX, No. 2	Summer 1989
Vol. IX, No. 3	Fall 1989
Vol. IX, No. 4	Winter 1989
Vol. X, No. 1	Spring 1990

1.1.3 Publications: Olson Inventory of Laffite Study Group Publications, 1996.

## **Series 2. The Laffite Society, 1995-**

Arranged by topic. Includes information about leadership of the society, membership, and events held or attended by members of the society, and information about the operation of the society. Includes correspondence, photos, forms, and cassette tapes.

### **Subseries 1. Board of Directors**

- 2.1.1 Laffite Society bylaws, 2003, undated
- 2.1.2 Officers, 1994, 2002, 2006
- 2.1.3 Minutes of the Laffite Society, 1975, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006-2009

### **Subseries 2. Membership**

**Access to membership and mailing lists is restricted.**

- 2.2.1 Membership forms
- 2.2.2 Membership lists, 1994-1997, 1999-2002, 2004-2005, 2007
- 2.2.3 Mailing list, 1994

### **Subseries 3. Member Files**

This subseries contains information about the activities of the society's members. Items include e-mails, a few photos, newspaper clippings, obituaries, essays, writings, and a floppy disk. 2.3.13 contains correspondence between D. Marler and P. Laffite in France. Postcards, booklets, and newspaper clippings sent between the two have been kept with the correspondence to provide context.

- 2.3.1. Clegg, Sam, 2006
- 2.3.2 Davis, William C. "Jack", 2003, 2004, undated

- 2.3.3 Epperson, Jean, undated, 1970, 1995, 1997, 1999-2004
- 2.3.4 Faye, Stanley K. (Beacon-News historical news editor) Obituary; letter to J. Frank Dobie, May 12, 1930, 1935, 2000-2001
- 2.3.5 Fretz, Gary, 2001, undated
- 2.3.6 Glover-Galloway, Lady Elizabeth, 2014
- 2.3.7 Grunewald, Pamela, 1975-1976, 1978
- 2.3.8 Hingley, Cheryl (author of fiction Siren, based on Jean Laffite and Anne Bohner), 2000-2001, 2004
- 2.3.9 Howells, John, 1973, 1997
- 2.3.10 Keyes, Pam, 1996, 2000-2004, 2007-2008, undated
- 2.3.11 Karilanovic, Dorothy McDonald, 1994, 2004, 2008, undated
- 2.3.12 Klinger, Jerry (re: book: Jews on the Frontier- mentions Jean Laffite), 2002
- 2.3.13 Marler, Don, 1994-1997, 2000-2001, 2003, undated
- 2.3.14 Modzelewski, Jeff & Kathy, 2001, undated

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- 2.3.15 Olson, Dale, 1994, 2004, 2007-2008, undated
- 2.3.16 Peak, Donald T., undated
- 2.3.17 Pettus, David, 2004
- 2.3.18 Power, Dennis, 2000
- 2.3.19 Pullen, W. E. (to Congressman Martin Dies), 1956
- 2.3.20 Rasche, Richard R., obituary, 2003
- 2.3.21 Santos, Richard, 1969
- 2.3.22 Villar, Cindy (novelist), 2003-2004, 2014
- 2.3.23 Vogel, Robert, 1973-1974, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007
- 2.3.24 Watson, Jack Tann, (obituary) 2014
- 2.3.25 Wilson, Reginald, 1968, 1982, 1997, 1999-2005, 2007, undated
- 2.3.26 Zapalac, Wil, 1999-2000, 2004

## **Subseries 4. Presentations**

This subseries contains announcements about lectures, cassette tape recordings of select lectures, and transcripts of select presentations.

- 2.4.1 Speaker: Bill Adrienne of the Bernado de Galvez Chapter, Presentation to Laffite Society, 2013
- 2.4.2 Speaker: Jean L. Epperson, "Jean Laffite and the Schooner Pegasus," March 13, 2000, "Testimony of Three Escaped Prisoners from Galveston in 1818," no date.

- 2.4.3 Speaker: John Howell, "Verification of Jean Laffite's Journal," no date. [CASSETTE TAPE]
- 2.4.4 Speaker: Pam Keys, "[Researching] Laffite." 2002
- 2.4.5 Speaker: Jim Nonus, "re: Letters to the Rhode Island American about British attack, 1815", 2005
- 2.4.6 Speaker: William Simpson, "The Acquisition of the Laffite Journal", 1997 [CASSETTE TAPE], with edited account of the talk by Don C. Marler.
- 2.4.7 Speaker: Presentation, Jack Watson, 2013
- 2.4.8 Speaker: Reginald Wilson, "Jean and Emma Laffite's Descendants," 1999.
- 2.4.9 Speaker: Robert C. Vogel, "1818 Hurricane," 2000 [CASSETTE TAPE]

### **Subseries 5. Events**

This subseries covers events held by the society and is made up of printed documents, newspaper articles, leaflets and seminar packets.

- 2.5.1 Annual banquets, 2007-2008, 2012
- 2.5.2 Anthology: 10th anniversary correspondence, 2003
- 2.5.3 Annual Laffite Seminar, 2013-2014
- 2.5.4 Louisiana Historical Association, annual conference, 2005-2006
- 2.5.5 Miscellaneous, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2007
- 2.5.6 Holiday Party, 2007 2.5.7
- Holiday Party, 2009 2.5.8
- Holiday Party, 2012
- 2.5.9 Holiday Party, 2013
- 2.5.10 Holiday Party, 2014
- 2.5.11 Holiday Party, 2015
- 2.5.12 Laffite Society Birthday 20 years, 2014
- 2.5.13 Seminar, 2013 2.5.14
- Seminar, 2014
- 2.5.15 Seminar, 2015
- 2.5.16 Laffite Society Annual Banquet, Louisiana Historical Society, 1998

### **Subseries 6. Tours**

This subseries contains information packets, leaflets and newspaper articles related to various tours undertaken by the society.

- 2.6.1 Grand Isle, Grand Terre, New Orleans, 1994-1995
- 2.6.2 Plantation tour, June 1996

- 2.6.3 Miscellaneous, 1995-1996
- 2.6.4 Battle of New Orleans Trip, 2015
- 2.6.5 New Orleans, 2016

#### **Subseries 7. Miscellaneous Laffite Society Records**

This subseries is organized into three categories and contains newspaper articles, printed documents, and emails

- 2.7.1 News clippings, 1994-1996, 2012, 2014
- 2.7.2 Frequently asked questions, 2003
- 2.7.3 Reference e-mail questions, 2003

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#### **Subseries 8. Publications: *The Laffite Society Chronicles*** An

index of the Laffite Society Chronicles in the archives.

The Laffite Society Chronicles are available full text at:

<http://journals.tdl.org/laffitesc/index.php/laffitesc>

##### **2.9.1 Laffite Society Chronicles 1990s**

- Volume I, Number 2, July 1995
- Volume II, Number 1, January 1996
- Volume II, Number 2, July 1996
- Volume III, Number 1, January 1997
- Volume III, Number 2, July 1997
- Volume IV, Number 1, February 1998
- Volume IV, Number 2, August 1998
- Volume V, Number 1, February 1999
- Volume V, Number 2, August 1999

##### **2.9.2 Laffite Society Chronicles 2000-2004**

- Volume VI, Number 1, February 2000
- Volume VI, Number 2, September 2000
- Volume VII, Number 1, February 2001
- Volume VII, Number 2, October 2001
- Volume VIII, Number 2, October 2002
- Volume IX, Number 1, February 2003
- Volume IX, Number 2, October 2003
- Volume X, Number 1, February 2004
- Volume X, Number 2, October 2004

##### **2.9.3 Laffite Society Chronicles 2005-2009**

- Volume XI, Number 1, February 2005
- Volume XI, Number 2, October 2005
- Volume XII, Number 1, February 2006
- Volume XII, Number 2, October 2006

Volume XIII, Number 1, February 2007  
Volume XIII, Number 2, October 2007  
Volume XIV, Number 1, February 2008  
Volume XIV, Number 2, September 2008  
Volume XV, Number 2, August 2009

#### 2.9.4 Laffite Society Chronicles 2010-2015

Volume XVI, Number 1, April 2010  
Volume XVI, Number 2, September 2010  
Volume XVII, Number 1, February 2011  
Volume XVIII, Number 1, February 2012  
Volume XVIII, Number 2, July 2012  
Volume XIX, Number 1, February 2013  
Volume XIX, Number 2, September 2013  
Volume XXI, Number 1, February 2014  
Volume XXI, Number 2, August 2014  
Volume XXX, Number 1, February 2015  
Volume XXI, Number 2, October 2015

#### 2.9.5 Laffite Society Chronicles, 2016-

Volume XXXI, Number 1, February 2016  
Volume XXXII, Number 1, February 2017  
Volume XXXIII, Number 1, April 2018

### **BOX 4**

#### **Series 3. Photographs and Artwork**

This series contains Photos and Artwork pertaining to Jean Laffite and activities and trips undertaken by the Laffite Society. This series contains one subseries which is made up of photographs, photocopies and one letter, and is arranged by subject.

##### **Subseries 1. Photographs**

This subseries contains Photos relating to Jean Laffite and activities and trips undertaken by the Laffite Society, and one letter.

- 3.1.1 Christmas Party, 2004
- 3.1.2 Laffite Historical Marker Photocopies
- 3.1.3 Headshots of Miscellaneous People
- 3.1.4 Maison Rouge
- 3.1.5 Maison Rouge: Artifacts and Reburial
- 3.1.6 Miscellaneous Photos
- 3.1.7 New Orleans Trip, 2001
- 3.1.8 Pirate Laffite- Book Signing, Jack Davis 2005 at Trolley Station Bldg 20
- 3.1.9 Riguad #20
- 3.1.10 Samuel Bang Presentation

### 3.1.11 Unnamed Trip

#### **Subseries 2. Artwork**

This Subseries Contains artwork pertaining to Jean Laffite. Original prints and photocopies are included.

3.2.1 Drawing: Laffite #30

3.2.2 Laffite Portraits

3.2.3 Miscellaneous Photocopies

3.2.4 Map to Illustrate 'Wild Boar's Bullion'

#### **Series 4. Research Files: Subjects**

The subject files are arranged by broad topics indicated by the headings below. The individual files are arranged alphabetically within the broad topic. The files contain emails, letters, articles, and news clippings.

#### **Subseries 1. About the Laffites**

This subseries contains various printed, and copies of, documents, news articles, genealogy, and correspondence in relation to the Laffites.

4.1.1 Laffite, Jean: After Galveston, 1999

4.1.2 Laffite, Jean: Aliases, 1996

4.1.3 Laffite, Jean: Artwork (lost painting of Jean Laffite), 2000

4.1.4 Laffite, Jean: Artwork, undated

4.1.5 Laffite, Jean: Battle of New Orleans British offer, 1814, 2007

4.1.6 Laffite, Jean: Burial, 1976, 1996, undated

4.1.7 Laffite, Jean: Burial (Yucatan), 1996

4.1.8 Laffite, Jean: "Buccaneer" [film], 2002

4.1.9 Laffite, Jean: Biographical sketch in Britannica, no date

4.1.10 Laffite, Jean: Death, 2001, 2012

4.1.11 Laffite, Jean: Children, 1982

4.1.12 Laffite, Jean: Genealogy, no date

4.1.13 Laffite, Jean: Letter of marque, Colombia, 1974

4.1.14 Laffite, Jean: Masonry, 2002, 2010

4.1.15 Laffite, Jean: Mock trial of Jean Laffite, 1997

4.1.16 Laffite, Jean: Samuel Colt rumor, 2002, undated

4.1.17 Laffite, Jean: Signature, 1939, 2006, undated

4.1.18 Laffite, Jean: True Father of Texas? No date

4.1.19 Laffite, Jean: Website, 2004

4.1.20 Laffite, Jean: Women 1995, 2002, 2007, undated

4.1.21 Laffite, Pierre: Aliases, 1996

- 4.1.22 Laffite, Pierre: Genealogy, 2008, undated
- 4.1.23 Laffite, Pierre: Genealogy and description, 2002
- 4.1.24 Laffite, Pierre: Genealogy (aka Paul Bouett Laffite), no date
- 4.1.25 Laffite, Pierre: General, 1994, 1996, 200, 2005, undated
- 4.1.26 Laffite, Pierre: Great Stroke of Pierre Laffite by Stanley Faye, no date
- 4.1.27 Laffite, Pierre: Overseas passport, 1802 (Bordeaux, France), 2000
- 4.1.28 Laffites: Blacksmith shop (New Orleans), 1994, undated
- 4.1.29 Laffites: Crest (review contents of folder?), 1994, 1996, undated
- 4.1.30 Laffites: *France*, 2001
- 4.1.31 Laffites: Galveston 1817, 1821
- 4.1.32 Laffites: Jewish, 1993, 2002
- 4.1.33 Laffites: Genealogy/DNA, 2007-2009
- 4.1.34 Laffites: Mentions, no date
- 4.1.35 Laffites: Overview (Wikipedia article), no date
- 4.1.36 Laffites: Ships, 2002-2003, undated
- 4.1.37 Laffites: Timeline, no date
- 4.1.38 Laffites: Treasure, 1989, 2002, 2004
- 4.1.39 Laffites: Treasure folder 2, 1999, undated
- 4.1.40 Laffites: Timeline, 1997, 2007
- 4.1.41 Laffites: Slave trade in Texas, undated **BOX 5**

## **Subseries 2. Primary Sources**

This subseries is comprised of printed documents, copies of hand written letters and Certifications, and other original documents such as newspaper articles and correspondence.

- 4.2.1 Camponel, Bartholomew: Petition, 1806, undated
- 4.2.2 Coggeshall, George: Account
- 4.2.3 Certificate of Marque- Laffite? Colombia, 1813, undated
- 4.2.4 Champs D'Asile: Documents of Arsene Lacarriere LaTour, 2012
- 4.2.5 Champs D'Asile: No. 9 Report by Castaneda to Gov. Martinez, Nov. 24, 1818 (Translation), 2007
- 4.2.6 Champs D'Asile: Sean Casey diary, 2007, undated
- 4.2.7 Champs D'Asile: Report on Juan Lafit and General L'Allemand, undated
- 4.2.8 Champs d'Asile: Laffite and General Francoise L'Allemand, 1818, 1982, 2006, 2013, undated
- 4.2.9 DeFarges, Jean: Trial Evidence, 1819
- 4.2.10 Fenno, Edward: Letter, February 23, 1819, 2001, 2007
- 4.2.11 Galveston Daily News, 1886-1897
- 4.2.12 Graham, George: Mission to Galveston in 1818, 1937

- 4.2.13 Jones, J. Randall: Description of Jean Laffite, "A Visit to Galveston Island" in 1818,
- 4.2.14 Laffite, Jean: Contract (between ship owner, captains, and crew. Written and signed by Jean Laffite.), 1996
- 4.2.15 Laffite, Jean (?): Death, 1823, 2000,
- 4.2.16 Laffite, Jean: Instructions to Captain Jean Juanvilles of CONFIAINT, May 9, 18—, 1997
- 4.2.17 Laffite, Jean: Letter to James Young, General of the Army of Texas, 1819
- 4.2.18 Laffite, Jean: Letter to James Long, undated
- 4.2.19 Laffite, Jean: Brig Goelette (ship) - Document from New Orleans, 1813, listing Jean Laffite as captain
- 4.2.20 Laffite, Jean: Letter to Malus, 1820
- 4.2.21 Laffite, Pierre: Birth records, 2003?
- 4.2.22 Laffite, Pierre: Death in 1821
- 4.2.23 Laffite, Pierre: US vs. Pierre Laffite, 1820, 1810, undated (**Oversize box 11**)
- 4.2.24 Laffite, Pierre: United States vs. Pierre Laffite, Natchitoches, June 1835, 1814, 1997, undated
- 4.2.25 Laffites: Papers at regional archives- Ft. Worth, 1817, 1976, 1996, undated (**Oversize box 11**)
- 4.2.26 Laffites: Seal, no date (**Oversize box 11**)
- 4.2.27 Laffites: Cargo permit, 1818, 1998
- 4.2.28 Laffites: Move to Galveston, 1817
- 4.2.29 Laffites: Early Louisiana years, undated
- 4.2.30 Laffites: Primary Sources. Article by Robert C. Vogel, no date
- 4.2.31 Le Brave: Charter, no date (**Oversize**)
- 4.2.32 Le Brave Trial (Schooner), 1814, undated
- 4.2.33 Lincoln, Abraham: Connection, 1952
- 4.2.34 Lincoln/Laffite, 1846, 1882, 1956, undated
- 4.2.35 Laffites & Youx- miscellaneous documents in French and Spanish, 1805, 1808, 1797, 1799, 1998-1999, undated (**Oversize**)
- 4.2.36 Letter of Marque: El Bravo, 1818, 1998
- 4.2.37 Madison, James: Pardon, 1815
- 4.2.38 M'Intosh, James M: Letter about Jean Laffite, Galveston, November 10, 1819, 2001
- 4.2.39 Mexico: Oath of Allegiance, April 15, 1817
- 4.2.40 Monroe, James (Pres.): Death sentence for piracy (Robert Johnson), 1819
- 4.2.41 Opelousas & Attakapas Militia, 1776-1777 (**Oversize**)
- 4.2.42 Pettus, William: Account of Laffite, March 1822?, 1835

- 4.2.43 Schooner Boliver, cleared customs, 1814
- 4.2.44 U.S. District Court: Piracy- excerpts from minutes of the U.S. District Court, Louisiana, 1808-1876
- 4.2.45 Youx, Frederic: Liquidation of ship Corsair Pandoure, 1812
- 4.2.46 Miscellaneous materials, 1820

### **Subseries 3. Laffite Descendants**

This subseries contains various printed documents, including correspondence, copies of books and newspaper articles, and handwritten notes. These documents re about the descendants or reported descendants of the Laffites.

- 4.3.1 Beluche, Renato: Kinsman, 2002
- 4.3.2 Bouet, Pierre, 1958, 2003, 2013
- 4.3.3 Bouets, no date
- 4.3.4 Campbell, James, 2002
- 4.3.5 Collins/Wall, 2000
- 4.3.6 Hamilton, Alexander: Connection, 1970, 1978, 1995, 2002, 2004, 2008
- 4.3.7 Laffite, Denise with Sallier Family, 2002-2003, undated
- 4.3.8 Laffite, Elizabeth Eula Padre, 2004
- 4.3.9 Laffites: Fowler/Mane, 2002, 2004, 2006-2007
- 4.3.10 Laffite, Jean & Pierre: partial lineage, 2003
- 4.3.11 Laffite, Jules (re: Davy Crockett), Jean's oldest son, 1995
- 4.3.12 Laffite, Pierre: Cormier; Tessier, 2007
- 4.3.13 Laffites: Genealogy, 1820, 2000, 2005
- 4.3.14 Laffites in New Orleans- 1830 census, 2002-2003 **BOX**

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- 4.3.15 Laflin, John, 1952, 1960, 1970, undated
- 4.3.16 LeFitte, John, Sheriff: Alexandra, La, 1829
- 4.3.17 Genealogy, 2004, undated
- 4.3.18 Miscellaneous claims, 2002-2007
- 4.3.19 Parents: Marcus Laffite and Maria Zora Nadrimal (Maternal line), 2002
- 4.3.20 Windmann, Richard (great grandson of Jean), 2007

### **Subseries 4. Friends and Associates**

This subseries consists of printed documents including: correspondence, copies of newspapers and books, newspaper articles, and handwritten notes.

- 4.4.1 Aury, Louis M., 1996
- 4.4.2 Beluche, Renato, 1976

- 4.4.3 Campbell, James, 1995
- 4.4.4 Chighizola, Louis: "Nez Coupe", 2007
- 4.4.5 Cronea, Charles, 1975, 1995, 1997, 2002-2003, undated
- 4.4.6 de la Porta, Jao, no date
- 4.4.7 Franks, Burril I., 1994, 2009
- 4.4.8 Harris, B: Treasure, no date
- 4.4.9 Humbert, Jean Joseph, no date
- 4.4.10 LeBleu, Arsene & Sallier, 1718, 2009, undated
- 4.4.11 Laffite's Men, 1997, undated
- 4.4.12 Laffite's Men- Dale Olson, 1994
- 4.4.13 Nicholas, Captain, no date
- 4.4.14 Roach, Andrew (& Anson Taylor), no date
- 4.4.15 Sallier, Charles & Catherine, no date
- 4.4.16 Sauvinet Family, 2004
- 4.4.17 Taylor, Anson, 1993
- 4.4.18 Youx, Dominique, 1989, 2002, 2006-2007
- 4.4.19 Youx, Donimique: Battle of 1812, 1815, undated

#### **Subseries 5. General Pirate Information**

This subseries contains correspondence, genealogy, and various other printed documents. Newspapers and photos, both copies and originals, are included.

- 4.5.1 Aury, Louis-Michel: timeline & bio 1788-1821, 2003
- 4.5.2 Chinese translations, no date
- 4.5.3 Ceramics: 19<sup>th</sup> century, 1988, undated
- 4.5.4 Laws pertaining to privateers, no date
- 4.5.5 Flags from various countries, no date
- 4.5.6 Letters of Marque, 1996-1997, undated
- 4.5.7 Pirates: Denham, King Cole (1870-1880), 1957
- 4.5.8 Pirates: Miscellaneous, no date
- 4.5.9 Privateer Vessel: Compendium, no date

#### **Subseries 6. Places associated with the Laffites**

This subseries contains printed documents, such as copies of books, photos, and, articles. The subseries also contains correspondence, maps and a DVD.

- 4.6.1 Cuba, Laffite, 2001-2003, 2005, undated
- 4.6.2 Louisiana: Baratavia, maps, 1976, undated
- 4.6.3 Louisiana: Gulf Coast, undated
- 4.6.4 Louisiana: Neutral Zone, 1994, undated
- 4.6.5 Louisiana: Laffite and Lake Charles, undated

- 4.6.6 Louisiana: Lake Charles, 1949, undated (**Oversize**)
- 4.6.7 Maps of the Gulf of Mexico, 1718
- 4.6.8 Map: Neutral Ground, 1806-1821
- 4.6.9 Mexico: Mujeres Island in Yucatan, 1886
- 4.6.10 Mexico: Yucatan- death, 2002
- 4.6.11 Mexico: Yucatan, Gulf Coast Surveys, 1859, 1854, undated
- 4.6.12 Mississippi: Pirate House of Waveland, MS, 2003
- 4.6.13 Texas-Atascosita, 1963
- 4.6.14 Texas- Copano Village, 1999
- 4.6.15 Texas-Galveston: Indians, 1995
- 4.6.16 Texas: Galveston- Maison Rouge Archaeology, 1996, undated
- 4.6.17 Texas: Galveston- Maison Rouge, 1994, 2013
- 4.6.18 Texas: Galveston- Maison Rouge (photos on CD), 2003 **BOX 7**
- 4.6.19 Texas: Galveston- Laffite's Fort, 2003, undated
- 4.6.20 Texas: Galveston- Maps, undated
- 4.6.21 Texas: Galveston Map, 1810 Correspondence from Mexican Archives
- 4.6.22 Texas: Galveston Bay- Map, 1818
- 4.6.23 Texas: Nacogdoches Census, 1793
- 4.6.24 Texas: Shacklefoot, 1995

#### **Subseries 7. The Journal of Jean Laffite**

This subseries contains copied of original documents such as photos, newspaper articles, and books. Additionally, the subseries contains correspondence, various printed documents, and a few handwritten accompanying notes.

- 4.7.1 Indexes, 1958, 1999, undated
- 4.7.2 Article by Jack Davis, 2005, undated
- 4.7.3 Journal of Jean Laffite: translated by Dorothy Karilanovic, 1996-1997
- 4.7.4 Purchaser, 2002
- 4.7.5 Authenticity, 1989, undated
- 4.7.6 Miscellaneous articles based on forgery, 2002
- 4.7.7 Handwriting analysis, 1974, undated
- 4.7.8 Letters to Jean Epperson, Re: John Laffite, 2000, undated
- 4.7.9 Laflin, John- Forger, 1980, undated
- 4.7.10 Laflin and the Journal, no date
- 4.7.11 Laflin Genealogy, 1930, 1996, undated
- 4.7.12 Laffites, Jean- Journal, 2000-2002
- 4.7.13 Laffite journal articles, no date
- 4.7.14 Lloyd, Audrey, 1978, 1994-1995
- 4.7.15 Laffite, John A.: Chronology, 2000
- 4.7.16 Laffite, John A.: Documents, 1957, 1969, undated

- 4.7.17 Laffite, John Androcheyne, 1966, 2001, 2005
- 4.7.18 Madjka, John Laffite, 1956, 2000, undated
- 4.7.19 O'Neal, Keith: Criticism of journal, 1999
- 4.7.20 Reginal Wilson Letters to Al Harrison, 2000-2001, undated
- 4.7.21 Ravensway Letters, 1948

### **Subseries 8. Bibliographies**

This subseries holds printed copies and originals of lists of bibliographies and a hand written copy of the Lafitte Study Group mailing list. [Access to the Laffite Study Group mailing list is restricted.](#)

- 4.8.1 Dept. of Navy: Historical manuscripts, no date
- 4.8.2 Dyer and Stuart Scrapbooks, no date
- 4.8.3 Jean Laffite in American History: A Bibliographic Guide, 1998
- 4.8.4 Indians: catalog cards (photocopy), 1997, undated
- 4.8.5 Laffite Bibliographies, no date
- 4.8.6 Laffite: Notarial Archives of New Orleans, 2000
- 4.8.7 Jean Laffite in American Literature, no date
- 4.8.8 Long, James Bibliography, 1936, undated **BOX 8**

### **Series 5. Research Files: Publications**

Primarily articles arranged alphabetically by the surname of the author. Also includes photocopies of books and book chapters.

#### **Subseries 1. Articles**

- 5.1.1 Arthur, Stanley Clisby, Jean Laffite, Gentleman Rover. Harmanon: New Orleans, 1952.
- 5.1.2 Avila, Lillian Paz. "Laffite: A History in Dzola, de Bravo." Unicorn (a scientific and cultural supplement to the Yucatan newspaper That's Why!) Year 11, No. 564, on Sunday, February 24, 2002.
- 5.1.3 Baird, Robert Bruce, "Morgan, Lafitte and Merovingians," DailyNewArticles.com, June 17, 2006
- 5.1.4 Barker, Eugene C., "The African Slave Trade in Texas," The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association. October 1902. Vol. VI, no. 2, p. 145-158
- 5.1.5 Beluche Mora, Isidro A., "Privateers of Cartagena," The Louisiana Historical Society, Vol. XXXIX, no. 1, Jan. 1956. Translated by Jane Lucas De Grummond.
- 5.1.6 Block, W.T. "The Legacy of Jean Lafitte in Southwest Louisiana" [Re: Napoleon's plans to come to the U.S. and J. Laffite assistance.], 1984
- 5.1.7 Block, W.T. "A Tale of Jean Baptiste's Brass Cannon", no date

- 5.1.8 Block, W.T. "A Buccaneer Family in Spanish East Texas: A biographical Sketch of Captain James and Mary Sabinal Campbell. Beaumont: The Texas Gulf Historical Society, 1991. Vol. XXVII, No. 1, 1991.
- 5.1.9 Block, W.T. "'Crazy Ben' Dollivar's Secret Gold Cache," [Laffite associates], no date
- 5.1.10 Block, W.T. "A Buccaneer Household in Galveston: Capt. Jim and Mary Sabinal Campbell," 1991
- 5.1.11 Block, W.T. "The Legend of John Fletcher's Buried Treasure." [Reference to Laffite associates living in the N.2.], 1979
- 5.1.12 Butler, Joseph T., Jr. The Lafitte Skiff: Workboat of the Bayou Country. Center for Traditional Louisiana Boatbuilding. Nicholls State University: Thibodaux, LA, 1985.
- 5.1.13 Carroll, Lewis. The Treasures of Galveston Bay. Texian Press, Waco, 1977.
- 5.1.14 Delery, Simone de la Souchere. "The Tremoulet Hotel," Napoleon's Soldiers in America. Gretna: Pelican Publishing Company, 1972
- 5.1.15 Dobie, J. Frank, "Laffite & Pirate Booty," + Coronado's Children, Chapter XVIII, p 306-332. New York: The Literary Guild of America, 1931.
- 5.1.16 Faye, Stanley, "Great Stroke of Pierre Laffite," The Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Vol 23, No. 3, July 1940, p. 733-826.
- 5.1.17 Faye, Stanley, "Types of Privateer Vessels, Their Armament and Flags, in the Gulf of Mexico," The Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Vol. 23, No. 1, January, 1940.
- 5.1.18 Faye, Stanley, "Privateers of Guadeloupe and Their Establishment in Baratavia," The Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Vol. 23, No. 2, April, 1940.
- 5.1.19 Faye, Stanley, "Privateers men of the Gulf and Their Prizes," The Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Vol 22. No date
- 5.1.20 Gayarre, Charles, Historical Sketch of Pierre and Jean Lafitte: The Famous Smugglers of Louisiana, Austin: Pemberton Press. No date
- 5.1.21 Gayarre, Charles. The Story of Jean and Pierre Lafitte: The Pirate-Patriots. Formerly, "Historical Sketch of Pierre and Jean Lafitte: The Famous Smugglers of Louisiana, 1809-1814. Published by The Louisiana State Museum, 1913
- 5.1.22 Hamilton, Charles. Great Forgers and Famous Fakes. New York: Crown Publishers, Inc., 1980. Chapter 8, "The Scion of a Pirate," by John Laffite. [Refers to the Journal of Jean Lafitte and John Laflin]
- 5.1.23 Hayes, Charles. History of the Island and the City of Galveston. Cincinnati: 1879. Chapter IV: Jean Lafitte., 1879
- 5.1.24 Howells, John, "Jean Lafitte's buccaneers at New Orleans.", undated

- 5.1.25 Klier, Betje Black, "Champ D'Asile, Texas." *The French in Texas*, edited by Francois Lagarde. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2003.
- 5.1.26 Le Plongeon, Alice D. *Here and There in Yucatan: Miscellanies*. New York: J. W. Bouton, 1886.
- 5.1.27 Lewisohn, Florence. *What So Proudly We Hail: The Danish West Indies and the American Revolution*. The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of the Virgin Islands, 1975.
- 5.1.28 Luttig, John C., "The Journal of a Fur-Trading Expedition on the Upper Missouri, 1812-1813." Expedition led by Manuel Lisa of the Missouri Fur Company. Undated
- 5.1.29 Olson, R. Dale, "French Pirates and Privateers in Texas," Chapter 5 in *The French in Texas*. Edited by editor Francois LaGarde. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2003.
- 5.1.30 Ramsdell, Charles, Jr., "Why Jean Lafitte Became a Pirate," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 43 No. 4, April 1940, pp. 465-471.
- 5.1.31 Reeves, Sally, "Cruising Contractual Water: Searching for Laffite in the Records of the New Orleans Notarial Archives," *Provenance*, Vol. XVI, 1998, p. 1.
- 5.1.32 Robbins, Fred. "The Origin and Development of the African Slave Trade in Galveston, Texas, and Surrounding Areas From 1816-1836." *East Texas Historical Journal*, Vol. IX, no. 11, 1971.
- 5.1.33 Romero, Pablo Bush, "Second Great Expedition: Operation Lafitte," *Under the Waters of Mexico*. New York: Carlton Press, Inc., 1964.
- 5.1.34 Schaadt, Robert L., "The Journal of Jean Laffite: Its History and Controversy," *Provenance*, Vol. XVI, 1998.
- 5.1.35 Schoonover, Franke E. "In the Haunts of Jean Lafite," *Harper's Monthly Magazine*, December 1911.
- 5.1.36 Smith, Brenda Beust, "Jane Long: Mother of Texas," *Texas Land*, Winter 2016, p.76-79.
- 5.1.37 Smith, Richard Penn., *The Baratarians Chief: A Tale: Founded on Facts*. Auburn: Oliphant & Skinner Printers, 1834. [fictional].
- 5.1.38 *U.S. Magazine & Democratic Review*, "The Cruise of the Enterprise: A Day with Laffite," Vol. VI, no. XIX, July 1839. Note on article copy: "This article considered 'unreliable'."
- 5.1.39 Vogel, Robert C., "Jean Laffite, the Baratarians, and the Battle of New Orleans: A Reappraisal," *Louisiana History*, no date.
- 5.1.40 Vogel, Robert C., "Paul Bouet Laffitte: A Borderlands Life," *East Texas Historical Society*, Volume XLI, Number 1, 2003, p. 15-27.
- 5.1.41 Warren, Harris Gaylord, "Documents Relating to the Establishment of Privateers at Galveston, 1816-1817," *The Louisiana Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 21, No. 4, October, 1938.

- 5.1.42 Wheeler, Richard, "Jean Laffite," In *Pirate Waters*. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 1969. Chapter 4, p.50-62.
- 5.1.43 Wilson, Earl J. *The Mexican Caribbean: Twenty Years of Underwater Exploration*. Smithtown, New York: Exposition Press, \_\_\_\_\_date?  
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### **Subseries 2. Books and unpublished manuscripts**

- 5.2.1 Calvet, Louis-Jean: *Barataria L'étrange histoire de Jean Laffite, Pirate*, 1998
- 5.2.2 Doree, Bill: *Profiles in Pillage: The Galveston Pirateers, 1816-1822*, no date
- 5.2.3 Faye, Stanley: *Privateers of the Gulf* (unpublished manuscript) pages 1-238, 1943
- 5.2.4 Faye, Stanley: *Privateers of the Gulf* (unpublished manuscript) pages 239-end, 1943
- 5.2.5 Other copies of *Privateers of the Gulf* folder 1, 1928, undated
- 5.2.6 Other copies of *Privateers of the Gulf* folder 2, undated
- 5.2.7 *The Journal of Jean Laffite*

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- 5.2.8 Laffite journal part 1, pages 1-104, 1996, undated (**Oversize box 11**)
- 5.2.9 Lamar, M.B.: *The Life of General James Long*, no date
- 5.2.10 Lloyd, Audrey Wallace: *Jean Laffite*, no date
- 5.2.11 Keating, M.Y. (?) Adelaide Taylor "Presented to Jean Laffite", no date
- 5.2.12 Potter, Gary W.: *Laffite #14*, no date
- 5.2.13 Copies of miscellaneous Laffite documents, undated (**Oversize box 11**)
- 5.2.14 Appendix: *The Journal of Jean Laffite*

### **Series 6. Other Laffite Collection Finding Aids**

The series is organized by institution. This series has one subseries: The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center. The items listed in the finding aids in this series are not located at the Texas A&M University at Galveston Campus. Please contact the institution listed on the finding aid for access to their materials.

### **Subseries 1. Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center**

This subseries contains finding aids provided by the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center. For copies of or access to the items listed in these two finding aids, please contact the Sam Houston Library and Research Center.

6.1.1 Jean and Pierre Laffite Collection, 1765-1992

6.1.2 Champ D'Asile Collection, 1807-1999, bulk 1807-1820 **BOX 11**

### **Series 7. Presentations on Other Media**

CD's, DVD's, and floppy disks. Disks 1-35 were numbered by the Laffite Society. A paper index is included in the box. Descriptions of the rest of the disks were taken from the material.

#### **Subseries 1. Meetings/Speakers**

- #1-9/14/10 Kirk Clark & 10/12/10 Rob Peterson
- #2-11/9/10 Jodie Wright Gidley & 6/11/14 Don Marler
- #3-1/11/11 Jan Epperson & 6/14/11 Don Marler (duplicate)
- #4-7/12/11 Jack Watson
- #5-8/11/11 Jim Save
- #6-9/12/11 Betty Connor
- #7-10/11/11 Cindy Vallar
- #8-11/8/11 Dale Olson
- #9-12/11 Banquet & 1/10/12 Jean Epperson
- #10- 2/14/12 Casey Edward Greene & 2/21/12 Mardi Gras &  
4/10/12 Armin Cantini
- #11-6/12/12 Sheldon Kindall
- #12-3/13/12 Hewitt Clarke & 5/8/12 Jack Watson
- #13-6/10/12 Ed Jameson/Helen Mooty & Rob Peterson
- #14-9/11/12 Betty Connor
- #15-10/9/12 Mike Wonio
- #16-11/13/12 Betie Klier
- #17-12/9/12 Banquet
- #18-1/8/13 Linda Kuhn
- #19-4/9/13 Andy Hall
- #20-5/14/13 John Trajanowski
- #21-6/11/13 Jim Nonus
- #22-7/9/13 Jack Watson
- #23-9/10/13 Betty Connor
- #24-10/8/13 Lou MacBeth
- #25-11/12/13 Jack Watson
- #26-1/14/14 Craig Whittaker

#27-2/22/14 Root Chovce  
#28-3/11/14 Jim Bevill  
#29- 4/8/14 Mike Wonio  
#30-5/13/14 Nikki Diller  
#31-6/10/14 John Trajanowski  
#32- 7/8/14 Lou MacBeth/Keven Carney  
#33- 8/12/14 Bill Adriance  
#34-9/9/14 Betty Connor  
#35-10/14/14 Aya Katz  
11/11/14 Peterson Saxon/Temple  
1/13/15 Lou MacBeth Treasure Myths/LP Report on Bono  
Symposium  
2/10/2015 Monterrey Shipwrecks  
3/10/15 Robert Vogel Study Group  
4/15 Laffite Meeting  
5/12/15 Laffite Meeting  
6/9/15 Wonio Sailors of the era  
7/14/15 Andy Hall "Henry Every"  
8/11/15 Dale Olson Research  
9/8/15 Betty Conner Pirates  
10/13/15 Jim Nonus is Laffite  
11/10/15 Dianne Wonio Seafaring Superstitions  
March 2016 Meeting  
April 2016 Meeting

**Subseries 2. Symposium**

Laffite Society Symposium TAMUG April 18, 2015 Part 1  
Laffite Society Symposium TAMUG April 18, 2015 Part 2

**Subseries 3. Miscellaneous**

Library  
Ships of Jean Laffite PowerPoint Presentation  
Laffite dossier floppy disks  
Chronicles + 2012 Feb. Laffite Stuff  
Laffite Society Files (minutes/chronicles)

**BOX 12**

**Oversize folders**

Note: Box 11 contains oversize folders. Oversize folders are indicated in the finding aid above. For reference, this is a list of the oversize documents contained in this collection. This folder contains files and documents that were too big for the original storage. Folders

are organized in numerical order as they would have been presented in the main body of the collection.

- 4.2.24 Laffite, Pierre: US vs. Pierre Laffite, 1820, 1810, undated
- 4.2.26 Laffites: Papers at regional archives- Ft. Worth, 1817, 1976, 1996, undated
- 4.2.27 Laffites: Seal, no date
- 4.2.32 Le Brave: Charter, no date
- 4.2.36 Laffites & Youx- miscellaneous documents in French and Spanish, 1805, 1808, 1797, 1799, 1998-1999, undated
- 4.2.42 Opelousas & Attakapas Militia, 1776-1777
- 4.6.7 Louisiana: Lake Charles, 1949, undated
- 5.2.8 Laffite journal part 1, pages 1-104, 1996, undated
- 5.2.13 Copies of miscellaneous Laffite documents, undated