

LAFFITE SOCIETY RESEARCH COLLECTION

Box 1

1. Translation of French entries found in the copy book of the Jean Lafitte Collection Box 3, File 27, Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center. Entries date 1807, 1815, 1828, and 1853. Translation from French to English by D. McD. Karilanic, The Laffite Society of Galveston, September 14, 1994. The text consists of 46 pages of xeroxed copies of handwritten articles, of which about 6 were in French. Revised October 11, 1994. Photocopy.
2. Translations from handwritten French of four entries of genealogical information dating from 1744 to 1850, from the Jean Lafitte Collection at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center, Liberty, Texas. Translated by D. McD. Karilanic, February 26 and March 4, 1996, Secretary of the Lafitte Society, Galveston Island, Texas.
3. An excerpt from *Galveston: A History of the Island* by Gary Cartwright, 1991. History of Jean Lafitte on the island. Information dates from early 1600s to 1831.
4. An excerpt from *Historic Jefferson Parish: From Shore to Shore* by Betsy Swanson, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna 1975. Article titled "Grande Terre-The Privateers' Stronghold," pertaining to Jean Lafitte. Photocopy.
5. An excerpt from *New Orleans* by Bethany Ewald Bultman, Fodor's Travel Publications, Inc., New Orleans history of American Period and the Pirate Lafitte. Information dates from 1805-1844.
6. An excerpt from *Here And There In Yucatan* by Alice D. Le Plongeon, 1886, pertaining to Lafitte and his men who made their headquarters on the island. Photocopy.
7. "Blue-Eyed Natives May Hold Key to Demise of Legendary Buccaneer" by Emmet Collins. News article pertaining to the mystery of the death and burial site of Pirate Jean Lafitte, by Emmet Collins. Photocopy.
8. Documents pertaining to Jean and Pierre Laffite research regarding Yucatan, France, Caribbean and the U.S., consisting of correspondence, manuscripts, map and pamphlets dating from 1992 to 1996. Information dates from 1772 to 1864. Translations from French/Spanish by Dorothy McD. Karilanic, Secretary, The Laffite Society of Galveston.
9. Selected pages pertaining to the history of the Caribbean, Laffite Brothers and others with the name of Laffite.
10. Letters of Patrick Lafitte who claims descent from Pierre and Jean Laffite. Photocopy.
11. Map of Galveston Bay, 1810, translation and key to map.
12. Letters, published articles and documents from descendants, or claimed descendants, and experts on the life of Jean Laffite, of inquiries into and possible explanation of discrepancies and hoax perpetrated pertaining to Jean Laffite's diary, family bible, year and place of death, etc., dating from 1969 to 1981.
13. Documents pertaining to Charles Nathan Tilton.
 - a. "Charles Nathan Tilton: Privateer With Jean Laffite"

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- b. "The Adventurer: Charles Tilton Colorful Pioneer", *The Baytown Sun History Highlights*, July 7, 1985.
14. "Documents Relating To The Establishment of Privateers At Galveston, 1816-1817", translated and edited by Harris Gaylord Warren. Reprinted from *The Louisiana Historical Quarterly*, Volume XXI, April 1938 and Volume XXI, Number 4, October 1938. Photocopy.
15. Documents pertaining to Jean Laffite research regarding the authenticity of the manuscript journal-memoir, family Bible and documents, consisting of correspondence, manuscripts and publication clippings dating from 1963 to 1983. Information dates from 1829. Photocopy.
16. Documents pertaining to Jean Laffite research consisting of correspondence, manuscripts and publication clippings dating from 1963 to 1976. Information dates from 1829. Photocopy.
17. Documents pertaining to Jean Laffite research pertaining to his burial at Alton, Illinois, consisting of correspondence, manuscripts and publication clippings dating from 1950 to 1996. Information dates from 1848. Photocopy.
18. Documents pertaining to the pirate trials in the United States District Court of Louisiana, 1815-1819. Photocopy.
19. Correspondence of J. Laffite and Pierre Laffite with Ship Captains, Louisiana Legislator, Governor of Louisiana and Commanding Officer at New Orleans Station dated 1813-1814, pertaining to Laffites' willingness to leave Galveston, offering his services to defend Louisiana, his desire to comply with the laws and restore all confidence with authorities in hopes of clearing the Laffite name. Reproduction of letters with translations.
20. Documents obtained from the Missouri Historical Society pertaining to Jean Laffite. Documents date from 1948 to 1973. Photocopy.
21. *The Journal of Jean Laffite Index* by John Howells. Edited and published by Reginald Wilson, 1996.
22. *Who Wrote Laffite's Journal?: The Privateer-Patriot's Own Story* by Reginald Wilson, September 1996.
23. "A Log of the Proceedings On Board H. M. Brig. Sophie, Commencing 3 November 1810 to 9 April 1811." Kept by Wm. Brown, Lieutenant.
24. *Laflin Genealogy*, compiled from the manuscript of Louis Ellsworth Laflin with additions by Alfred L. Holman, Member, New England Historic Genealogical Society. Privately printed for Mrs. Louis E. Laflin, The Lakeside Press, Chicago, Illinois, 1930. Photocopy.
25. Letters received by the Secretary of the Navy from Captains: Lawrence Kearney, March 7, 1820 and Daniel T. Patterson, March 17, 1820, pertaining to Jean Laffite's departure from Galveston. Photocopy and transcription.
26. Letters from Jane de Grummond to Pam Keyes, dating from October 1978 through August 1983, concerning books, research and newsletters on Jean Laffite. Photocopy.
27. Letters from Sue Thompson to Pam Keyes, dating from September through December 1975, concerning books, research and newsletters on Jean Laffite. Photocopy.
28. "Jean Lafitte in the War of 1812" by Edward Alexander Parsons, *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*, Volume 50, October 16, 1940. Photocopy.

29. "The Great Stroke of Pierre Laffite," by Stanley Faye, *Louisiana Historical Quarterly*, Volume 23, Number 3, July 1940. Photocopy.
30. Jean Laffite letters, translations and research material from The Bibliotheca Parsoniana Collection at the University of Texas, dating from 1814 through 1820, 1897. Photocopy.
31. Letters from Robert C. Vogel to Pam Keyes, dating from 1975 through 1996, concerning books, research and newsletters on Jean Laffite. Photocopy.
32. *Articles of Piracy* signed by Jean Laffite to Juan Juanvilles (Never before published – from the William D. Simpson Galveston Collection). Original and translation. Photocopy.
33. Documents pertaining to the privateering activities of Jean Laffite in French and English. Information dates from 1811 to 1819. Photocopy.
 - a. A directive from the President of the United States to the Marshal of the Louisiana District commanding Jean Laffite to appear before the District Court of the United States of Louisiana dated April 8, 1813 and signed by Milsip Columbus Lanson. Two pages. Photocopies of original written and typed documents.
 - b. An unsigned court statement of Commander Patterson pertaining to Laffite's privateering of the ship Dorada at Baratavia dated June 23, 1815. Two pages. Photocopies of original written and typed documents.
 - c. A witness statement by Andrew Hunter Holmes pertaining to the privateering activities of Jean Laffite and his privateers dated November 19, 1813. Two pages. Photocopies of original written and typed documents.
 - d. A court document dated October 22, 1814, pertaining to goods seized from Laffite's ships at Baratavia. Nine pages. Photocopies of original written and typed documents.
34. "Jean Laffite, the Baratarians, and the Historical Geography of Piracy in the Gulf of Mexico" by Robert C. Vogel, *Gulf Coast Historical Review*, Volume 5, Number 2, Spring 1990. Photocopy.
35. Index of original documents pertaining to Jean and Pierre Laffite, dating from 1810 to 1819, compiled by the Custodian of Notarial Records, New Orleans, Louisiana, July 7, 1997. Photocopy.
36. "Renato Beluche (1780-1860)" by Dr. de Grummond. Beluche was a privateer from New Orleans. Photocopy.
37. Order for Cargo Permit signed by Jean Laffite dated April 15, 1818. One document handwritten in French by Laffite, one typed in English by the translator, D. McDonald Karilanovic, Secretary, The Laffite Society, Galveston, Texas. Photocopy. Translated in 1998.
38. "The Galveston Project: Registry of Deliberations Made at Galveston, April 15, 1817", six pages in French and one page of the English translation. The document appoints military leaders to defend Galveston Bay and lists the procedure for paying expenses for operating the Port. Photocopy.
39. Letter written in French by Jean Laffite dated August 26, 1818, and the English translation. Photocopy.
40. Letter written in English by Jean Laffite to the President of the United States dated December, 1815. The letter explains his actions in the Baratavia and requests that he be

allowed to retain some of his personal property. Photocopy from the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress.

41. A proclamation by President James Madison of the United States dated February 6, 1815, pardoning the Baratarians. Photocopy.
42. Documents pertaining to the Mexican Corsair named *The Brave*.
 - a. Instructions given by Jean Laffite to Mr. Desforbes, captain of the Mexican Corsair named *The Brave*, at Galveston, August 18, 1819. The English translation of the original French document written by Jean Laffite. Photocopy.
 - b. Division Charter for the Mexican Corsair, named *The Brave*. An agreement between the shipowner, captain, officers, and crew of the ship, *The Brave*, pertaining to the property seized privateering. The charter is dated August 18, 1819 and signed at Galveston by Jean Laffite. An English translation of the original French document. Photocopy.
43. "Southern Barataria in the Era of Jean Laffite" by Frederick J. Stielow. The information dates from 1718 to 1910. Photocopy.
44. "The Dispersal of Privateers and Smugglers at Barataria," edited by Robert C. Vogel. Two letters, both dated 1814, one from Colonel George T. Ross to Acting Secretary of War, James Monroe, and the other from Master Commandant Daniel T. Patterson, New Orleans, to Secretary of the Navy William Jones. Photocopy.
45. "Filibusters on the Lower Trinity, 1816-1820" by John V. Clay. The manuscript pertains to attempts by the French to settle in the area of El Orcoquisac and Atascosita and establish Champ d'Asile. Photocopy.

Box 2

1. Document containing notes, depositions, and family information pertaining to the DuCoin/Ducoigne family. Reference Source: Illinois Historical Collection. Information dates from 1789 to 1881. Photocopy.
2. "Crazy Ben Dolliver's Secret Gold Cache" by W. T. Block, May 1990. Photocopy.
3. Translation of letter dated February 18th, 1814 from Walker Gilbert to Thomas Freeman. Translation by Reginald Wilson.
4. Correspondence dated April 28, 2001 between Pam Keyes and Reginald Wilson pertaining to the *Sophie's* ship masters log.
5. "Commodore Aury" by Stanley Faye, *The Louisiana Historical Quarterly*, Volume 24, Number 3, July, 1941. Photocopy.
6. "Jean Lafitte" by Stephanie Hansen, Mitchell Intermediate School, Conroe Independent School District, 1999. Drawing, event line, photographs, and research paper.
7. "Message from the President of the United States transmitting information relative to Piratical Depredations, Xr., furnished in pursuance of Two Resolutions of 21st and 2d December last". January 13, 1825. Printed by order of the Senate of the United States. Washington: Printed by Gales and Seaton, 1825. 18th Congress, 2d Session. Photocopy.
8. *Niles Weekly Register*, Volume XVII, September 1819-March 1820. Photocopy.

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9. "Extracts of a letter from Beverly Chew, Esq., Collector at New Orleans, to Mr. Crawford, Secretary of the Treasury, dated August 1, 1817", *National Intelligencer*, Number 2692, Washington, Tuesday, December 23, 1817. Photocopy.
10. "Incarceration of Pierre Laffite" by Louis Hermann and William Flood, New Orleans, August 10, 1814. Photocopy of original and typed transcription.
11. "Early History of Galveston" from The 1857 Galveston City Directory. Photocopy.
12. Letter dated May 14, 1998, from Reginald Wilson to Laffite Society Members, pertaining to Jean Laffite's Privateer Seal, General "Amiable" Humbert and questioning who wrote Laffite's Journal. Photocopy. Two pages with these attachments for documentation.
 - a. Color laser reproduction of Jean Laffite's Privateer Seal. Dimensions: 5-1/2" x 8-1/2".
 - b. Letter of Marque by Aury at Galveston dated March, 1817, with General "Amiable" Humbert's signature. Photocopy. Three copies of this document with background enhancements to reproduce writing. Dimensions: 11" x 17". (Oversize Box)
 - c. Photocopy of pages 784 and 785 from the article, "The Great Stroke of Pierre Laffite," published by *The Louisiana Quarterly*. Photocopy.
 - d. Sample of Anton Laffite's handwriting, document dated 1831. Photocopy.
13. "The Journal of Jean Laffite: A Handwriting Study", paper by Patrick Lafitte, submitted to a seminar at the University of Texas at Austin, entitled "The French in Texas," March 9, 2001.
14. Laser reproductions of books pertaining to Jean Laffite and items found at Chalmette.
15. "Privateers of Guadeloupe and Their Establishment in Bartaria" by Stanley Faye, *Louisiana Historical Quarterly*, April 1940. Photocopy.
16. An article written by Chester Wilkes and Wallace L. McKeehan pertaining to alleged forgeries of Isaac Millsaps' Last Alamo Letter, the Laffite Journal, the LaPena Diary, and the Lavaca Precinct Election Return. Published on Sons of Dewitt Colony Texas website, September 1998. Photocopy.
17. "Jean Lafitte and Major L. Latour in Arkansas Territory" by Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Hodges, *The Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, Volume VII, Number 4, Winter, 1948. Photocopy.
18. The Baratarians: Songs of the Seven Seas" by Marshall Louis Mertins, 1924. Photocopy.
19. Documents collected by Rogert C. Vogel pertaining to research on the Yucatan. Information dates from 1534 to 1988.
20. "Jackson Letter to Naval Officer Making Arrangements for British Surrender in War of 1812", autographed letter signed Andrew Jackson dated New Orleans, February 3, 1815, to Commodore Patterson, to be sold on eBay.
21. Letter dated May 3, 2000 from Reginald Wilson to St. Anne's Church, Le Suer, Minnesota requesting information pertaining to Mary Matjka.
22. Translation of letter dated August 5th, 1813 from Walker Gilbert to Thomas Freeman. Photocopy of original and translation. Translation by Gene Marshall, 2001.
23. "Translation of Later to Laffites by J. G. Robidoux" by Gene Marshall. Letter dated April 18, 1818. Photocopy of original and translation, 2001.

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24. "Translation of Robidoux Memo" by Gene Marshall, 2001. Correspondence to Jean Laffite dated May 9, 1818.
25. Email message dated 11/18/2002 from Jean Epperson to Dr. Wilson concerning a painting entitled "The Gamblers" which allegedly depicts Jean Lafitte and other pirates.
26. Rubio Mane, J. Ignacio. "Los Lafitte, Famosos Pirates y sus Ultimos dias en Yucatan" Boletin de la Sociedad Mexicana de Geografia y Estadistica (1940). Photocopy of original in Spanish.
27. "Francisco Xavier Mina: Guerrilla Warrior For Romantic Liberalism 1789-1817." By William Francis Lewis, III. Photocopy
28. UNICORN, Year 11, No. 564, February 24, 2002. Article pertaining to the presence of the pirate Lafitte in Dzilam. Photocopy.
29. Photocopies from Dr. Joseph Dyer's Papers pertaining the presence Jean Lafitte and his men in Galveston circa 1817.

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1. Documents pertaining to the Ship *Diligente*, Jean Laffite, Captain; Supplies purchased and Prize List of expenses of captured vessels, 1812-1813. Oversized pages. Photocopy.
2. Letters from United States President James Monroe to Marshall of the United States District of Louisiana pertaining to Piracy Trials, 1820. Oversized pages. Photocopy.
3. Letter of Marque by Aury at Galveston dated March, 1817, with General "Amiable" Humbert's signature. Photocopy. Three copies of this document with background enhancements to reproduce writing. Dimensions: 11" x 17".
4. Map of Galveston Entrance, Texas, 1853, from a Trigonometrical Survey under the direction of A. D. Bache, Superintendent of the Survey of the Coast of the United States, Triangulation by R. H. Fauntleroy and J. S. Williams, Assistants, Topography by J. M. Wampler, Sub-Assistant. Dimensions: 11" x 17". Photocopy.
5. Drawing of Jean Lafitte by Stephanie Hansen, Mitchell Intermediate School, Conroe ISD, Conroe, Texas, 1999.
6. "Jean Laffite's Flags" by Jean L. Epperson, *Texas Illustrated Magazine*, January 1999, Pages 6-7.
7. Avila, Lillian P. (2002 February 4). Lafitte: Una historia en Czilam de Bravo. Unicornio: Suplemento Cientifico y Cultural de Por Esto! Article written in Spanish , pertaining to Jean Laffitte and his pirates in America (New Orleans) and Mexico. Year unknown. Pages 2-5.

Carte Des Etats-Unis Du Mexique, Paris 1829. Showing the location of the abandoned Fort Champ d'Asile on the Trinity River (Texas.) Printed. Black and white. Photocopy. Size: 18-1/4" x 24-1/4".

Enlargement of a portion from above map of the abandoned Fort Champ d'Asile. Printed. Color. Photocopy. Size: 8-1/2" x 11".

A color laser reproduction of Jean Laffite's Privateer Seal, circa 1818. Dimensions: 7" x 7-1/2".

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Pencil sketch of Louis Michel Aury from The Center for American History at The University of Texas at Austin, Texas. Photocopy.

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