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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	1 manuscript volume on one microfilm reel
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Jennings, Sulphur City, Iowa, New Orleans, Louisiana; Houston, Texas; Arkansas; Kansas
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1864-1930
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1872-1915
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Microfilm reel of scrapbook concerning history of rice production in southwestern Louisiana and other topics.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	Curtis Clinton Cary and Sylvester L. Cary Collection, Mss. 851
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**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Sylvester L. Cary was an emigration agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, a founder of Jennings, Louisiana, and "father" of the southwestern Louisiana rice industry. Cary actively solicited Iowa farmers to immigrate to southwestern Louisiana.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Scrapbook consists largely of newspaper clippings concerning Cary genealogy, rice and fruit tree cultivation, the settlement and development of Jennings and southwestern Louisiana, Holstein cattle, farming associations and fairs, national financial issues, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and Sylvester L. Cary. The clippings are pasted over the 1864 accounts of a general store in Iowa, La.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description of relevant documents</b>
African Americans-- Education.	1894	State Superintendent of Education Lafargue comments on African American population and small contribution of African American taxpayers for school purposes, p. 423.
African Americans-- Louisiana--New Orleans.	undated	Cary's comments on visit to the Colored Orphans' Home operated by Lena Saunders, p. 178.
Agriculture.	1880-1895, undated	Diversified farming, undated, p. 374-375; 2 <sup>nd</sup> annual Agricultural Fair, Jennings, July 28, 1886, p. 406; Attakapas Fair, undated, p. 432-433; Organizations include Farmers' Institute, Gueydan, undated, p. 102; and Vicksburg, Feb. 23, 1895, p. 186; Howard County (Iowa) Agricultural Society, Jan. 5, 1880, p. 230; Southwestern Louisiana Horticultural Society, Jennings, July 4, 1885, p. 368-369; Farmers and Fruit Growers Convention, Hammond, Feb. 12-14, 1890, p. 461; Interstate Agricultural Convention, Lake Charles, undated, p. 504; Louisiana State Horticultural Society, New Orleans, 1892, p. 537 and 550; and Audubon Agricultural Association, December 1892, p. 567.
Algiers (New Orleans, La.)-- History--19 <sup>th</sup> century.	undated	Comments on appearance and occupation of inhabitants, chiefly farmers, p. 178-179.
American Anti-Slavery Society.	undated	Final meeting, p. 1.
Blind Tom, 1849-1908.	1903	Article comments on family, childhood, and first concert, Feb. 10, p. 393.
Calcasieu Parish (La.)-- History--19 <sup>th</sup> century.	1879-1915, undated	Influence of railroads on emigration and land values, the Iowa Colony, development of rice industry, natural resources, and agricultural societies and fairs in farmers' education.
Chinese Americans-- Louisiana.	undated	Cary's comments on education of Chinese in New Orleans by Lena Saunders and celebration of Chinese New Year, p. 178.

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Formulas, recipes, etc.	undated	Making vinegar, p. 30; Restoring rancid butter, p. 202; Recipe for killing ants in lawn, p. 266.
Fruit trees--Louisiana.	1893, 1895, undated	Comments on the introduction of the black fig originally from Japan, p. 91; Eisen's article on fig culture, p. 270-271, 273, 275, 277, and 279; Fig testing and culture, p. 313 and 356; Nov. 13, 1895; Orange culture discussed at Audubon Agriculture Association, Dec. 1893, p. 567.
General stores--Louisiana.	1864	Journal entries for country store in Iowa, La., give prices for groceries, cloth, shoes, hat and hardware in "bits," p. 50, 52, 60, 72, 158-159, and others.
Holstein-Friesian cattle.	1876-1877, 1883, undated	Stockmen's comments on pure bred cattle, selling price, and sale; exhibit at 8 <sup>th</sup> annual fair of Iowa Agricultural Society, p. 114-115, 142-143, 145-147, 186-187, 214, and 399.
Jennings (La.)--History--19th century.	[1879], 1881-1915, 1930, undated	Newspaper clippings concern local history, development of rice industry, influence of railroads on population growth and land values, the Iowa colony, and agricultural advantages and crops.
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