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SUMMARY

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Geographic Locations	Louisiana, Texas, North Carolina, New York, England, France, Germany.
Inclusive Dates	1811-1981.
Bulk Dates	1905-1943.
Languages	English, German and French.
Summary	Papers of the Breazeale and Sims families of Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville, and Natchitoches, La., consists of correspondence, legal documents, printed material, photographs, and artifacts related to World War I, service organizations, family history and state and local history.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Nita Sims Breazeale was born in 1896 to Robert Nicholls Sims, Jr., and Nita Dalferes Sims. She was a member of a prominent family of businessmen, judges, lawyers, and politicians of Ascension Parish, La. As a young woman, she attended Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, La., and was active in local society. On Nov. 22, 1916, she married Hopkins Payne Breazeale, and they had three children together, Nita, Hopkins Payne, Jr., and Robert.

Throughout her life, Nita participated in local charitable and civic organizations. She established a local chapter of Bundles for Britain in 1940, and the following year founded local chapters for Bundles for Bluejackets and Bundles for America. These groups provided clothing, medical supplies, and equipment for victims of the London bombings, and later for Americans servicemen Europe. She also founded the Baton Rouge Junior League in 1932, and served as its first president.

An avid patron of the arts, Nita chaired the Baton Rouge Grand Opera committee, and was a lifetime member of the Anglo-American Art Museum in Baton Rouge. She collected art and antiques, with a particular interest in miniature furniture and the paintings of Clementine Hunter. She supported local museums with donations, gifts, and loans from her private collections. Both she and her husband were active members of the Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge, and she was a charter member of the LSU chapter of Chi Omega. She also had great interest in genealogy, history, travel, and local historical sites.

Nita's grandfather, Robert Nicholls Sims, Sr., was among her distinguished family members. Born Feb. 22, 1841, he served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War; afterwards he entered the legal profession. Sims was active in state and local politics, and the Louisiana Democratic Party. He served as justice of the peace, and sat on the Lafourche Parish Basin Levee Board. He also chaired the Louisiana Democratic Congressional Committee and Campaign Committee from 1870-1896. In spring of 1896, he was elected to the Louisiana State Senate. Two years later, he attended the 1898 constitutional convention as a delegate at large. Sims died the following year.

Nita's father, Robert Nicholls Sims, Jr., was a Louisiana educator, public official, and an influential New Orleans banker. He was born Nov. 28, 1870 to Robert Nicholls Sims, Sr. and Emma Kittredge Sims of Donaldsonville. In 1907, Theodore Stark Wilkinson selected him to manage his gubernatorial campaign. Sims, Jr., served as state bank examiner from 1916-1922 and as vice-president of the Hibernia Bank and Trust from 1920-1933. During his career, he served as president of the Louisiana Bankers' Association and secretary of the National Association of State Bank Supervisors. He also sat on the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary System. Robert Nicholls Sims, Jr. died May 1944.

Hopkins Payne Breazeale was born Oct. 16, 1886 to Camilla Lachs Breazeale and Hopkins Payne Breazeale, Sr., a planter, and newspaper editor and publisher of Caddo Parish, La. His uncle, Phanor, was a well-established lawyer, who served as district attorney, a delegate to two

constitutional conventions, and a member of the U. S. Congress. Breazeale received his early education in Caddo Parish public schools. At the age of nineteen, he graduated in education from Louisiana State Normal College at Natchitoches. He taught in Caddo Parish, and later moved to Ascension Parish. He finally settled in Baton Rouge in 1905. After two years, he left Baton Rouge to attend Yale law school, returning in 1910. The following year he established his own practice. Breazeale married Nita Sims in the fall of 1916.

Breazeale enlisted into the army in 1917 when the United States entered World War I. He served fourteen months in Europe as a combat infantry officer in the 358th Infantry, 90th Division. He was first attached to the U. S. Embarkation Office in London, England, but after a few months made his way to France to join his unit at the front. He participated in the St. Mihiel drive, which led to the final surrender of the German armies. During the early months of the occupation under the American Expeditionary Forces, he assumed the post of Provost in Charge of Civil Affairs at Pelm, Germany.

After the war, Breazeale returned to his legal practice in Baton Rouge. In 1928, he formed a partnership with W. A. Sachse, establishing the law firm of Breazeale and Sachse. The firm represented several corporations and handled legal matters for the railroads companies, as well as the Louisiana Railroad Association. He served as director and counsel for Fidelity National Bank and Trust Co. In 1919, District Judge R. E. Foster appointed him as a referee in bankruptcy in his court. He also served fifteen years as counsel to the City of Baton Rouge under mayors Alex Crouchy, Turner Bynum, and Wade Bynum. He resigned the position in 1937. In his legal capacity for the City, he was successful in recovering City Park area from Louisiana State University.

Breazeale participated in many of the civic activities in the Baton Rouge community. He sat on the boards of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, United Givers Fund, Louisiana Arts and Science Center (LASC), Speech, and Hearing Foundation, and the advisory board of Fidelity National Bank. He was the first president of Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, and continued as a lifelong member. He was instrumental in the creation of Nicholson Post #38, American Legions. Active in church affairs, he served twenty-five years on the Vestry of St. James Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge, La. Breazeale also served as the legal advisor to the Junior League of Baton Rouge.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection reflects interest in service organizations, the arts, local history, genealogy, and the professional careers of family members. Papers consist of correspondence, personal papers, printed items, military documents, and artifacts. Printed items are comprised of photographs, maps, broadsides, advertising brochures, booklets, and newspaper clippings. Artifacts include items pertaining to military service and relief organizations. Notable in this collection are Hopkins Payne Breazeale's World War I letters and military papers, and Nita Sims's papers pertaining to the World War II relief organization, Bundles for Britain, Inc.

LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES

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- Subgroup 2. Hopkins Payne Breazeale Papers, 1833-1981, undated.**

- Series I. Papers, 1833-1980, undated.**
 - Subseries 1. Correspondence, 1914-1980, undated**
 - Subseries 2. Personal Papers, 1833, 1905-1978, undated.**
- Series II. Military papers, 1917-1919, 1941-1942, undated.**
- Series III. Printed Items and Graphic Material, 1906-1981, undated.**
 - Subseries 1. Printed Items, 1906-1981, undated.**
 - Subseries 2. Graphic Material, 1913-1919, undated.**
- Series IV. Artifacts, 1917-1919.**

Subgroup 3. Robert Nicholls Sims, Jr., Family Papers, 1814-1946, undated.

DESCRIPTION OF SUBGROUPS, SERIES AND SUBSERIES

Subgroup 1. Nita Sims Breazeale Papers, 1811, 1852-1981.

Series I. Correspondence, 1917-1981, undated.

Correspondence reflects Nita Sims Breazeale's interests in art, antiques, genealogy, and history. Correspondents include William Collison of Liverpool, England, Ollie Coates, Kitty Carlisle Hart, and Francois Mignon. William Collison discusses antiques, history, and genealogy (June - Dec. 28, 1968). He also relates his personal experiences in Italy and North Africa in 1942 (July 12, 1968). The letters from Kitty Carlisle Hart (Oct. 6, 1974, Jan. 29, 1975) and Ollie Coates concern personal activities. Correspondence from family and friends discuss social events, family matters, personal activities, and genealogy. Letters also remark on the history of Ascension Parish, La. (July 19, 1978) and the growth of Natchitoches, La. (Oct. 20, 1968). Correspondence of U. S. Senator Allen J. Ellender arranges for introductions at U. S. embassies for Nita and her husband, H. Payne as they tour Europe (June 1957).

Correspondence with curators, art experts, and fellow collectors reflects Nita's patronage of the arts, with a particular interest in the paintings of Clementine Hunter. Letters from Francois Mignon comment on the art of Clementine Hunter (May 18, 1966, May 20, June 3, July 29, 1974, July 18, 1975). Several letters from curators express gratitude for her donations, loans, and gifts of art and antiques. The Baton Rouge Anglo-American Art Museum and the Museum of American Folk Art, New York, express appreciation for the Clementine Hunter paintings received on loan from Nita's private collection (Jan. 31, Feb. 16, Aug. 31, 1973, Aug. 7, 1974). The New York State Historical Association acknowledges the receipt for the gift of two Clementine Hunter paintings (Aug. 25, 1972). St. Alban Episcopal Center, LSU, responds with gratitude to the gift of a stained-glass window for the chapel (Dec. 19, 1969, Jan. 3, 1970).

Series II. Personal Papers, 1811, 1899-1981, undated.

This series relates primarily to the ancestry of the Sims and related families. Papers include genealogical charts (undated), a land conveyance (photocopy, Dec. 12, 1811), the obituaries of Robert Nicholls Sims, Sr. and Emma Kittredge Sims (1899, 1911), and a biographical sketch of E. E. Kittredge (undated). Loose note pages give information on family history and family owned plantations (1965-1981, undated). Notes on the Sims family accompany a genealogy of the Lefingwell-Kelley family (April 10, 1959). Pages from the *St. Charles Original Acts* reference legal documents from the late 18th century (photocopy, undated).

Series also includes material related to Nita life, her interest in the arts, history and service organizations. Early papers are comprised of poetry, awards, and certificates. In a speech given to the Cosmopolitan Club, Nita speaks on government and patriotism (ca. 1912). A scrapbook contains personal notes, family history and newspaper clippings, v. 1 (1906-1966), and a memoranda book, illustrated by Clara Powers Wilson, contains addresses, v. 4 (1908). Newspaper clippings relate to social events, tourism, Louisiana history, and the newspaper columns by Francois Mignon. Engagement books contain notes on appointments, errands, and social events (1944-1945, 1947). A speech presented to the Baton Rouge City Club gives a short

history of Baton Rouge (photocopy, March 25, 1973). A handbill acknowledges Nita Sims patronage (Jan. 23, 1976), and an inventory shows the artwork donated or loaned by Nita Sims to West Baton Rouge Museum (Dec. 9, 1976).

Material contains information on Red Cross Disaster Preparedness committees (undated) and the constitution of the Junior Service League of Baton Rouge (undated). Papers also include a walking tour of Old Spanish Town, Baton Rouge, La. (April 1967), miscellaneous financial papers and recipes (undated).

Series III. Printed Items and Graphic Material, 1852-1981, undated.

Subseries 1. Printed Items, 1852, 1900-1981, undated.

Printed items reflect Nita Sims's involvement in the arts, civic organizations, the Episcopal Church, genealogy, travel, and local history. Material is comprised of brochures, funeral notices, obituaries, newsletters, church bulletins, reprints, invitations, and programs.

A copy of *Rock Island, Confederate Prison Death*, compiled by Clifford W. Stephens, gives personal data on prisoners confined at Rock Island (1973). *Port Hudson Battlefield News* details events of the battle (Dec. 30, 1965). The *Donaldsonville Chief Sesquicentennial* details the history of Donaldsonville and its residents (Aug. 17, 1972). *Donaldsonville, Its Businessmen, and Their Commerce* pertains to the local business environment at the turn of the 20th century (1976). The *Golden Jubilee Edition of the Natchitoches Times* contains articles on the history and residents of Natchitoches (March 13, 1953). *Century of Progress in Louisiana 1852-1952* provides a history of the railway system in Texas and Louisiana (Oct. 1952). A synopsis of Baton Rouge provides information on public facilities and labor force available (ca. 1937). Ethel A. Blanchard's reminiscences offer insight into the plantation life of 18th and early 20th centuries (typescript, undated).

Other items include a replica of a 1852 invitation to a reception (undated), ticket for a LSU and Tulane event (May 11, 1900), an invitation to a White House reception (Jan. 9, 1912) and National Democratic Convention tickets (June 1928), and political flyers (ca. 1970). Additionally, there is a timetable for the Sunset Limited (1950) and a LASC (Louisiana Arts and Science Center) handbook (1970/71).

Additionally, printed items contain travel material for sites Louisiana, Natchez, Miss., and Europe. Travel brochures give information on state parks (undated), historic buildings in South Louisiana (1976), and the Christmas festival at Natchitoches (1966). A brochure distributed by the Committee for Preservation of Port Hudson Battlefield states its purpose, constitution and contains illustrations of the battle at Port Hudson (Sept. 1961). Junior League of Baton Rouge printed items include annual reports (1940, 1948-1949) and yearbook (1956/57).

Subseries 2. Clippings, 1895-1981, undated.

Newspaper clippings relate to genealogy, religious events, civic projects, politics, and regional history. Clippings provide biographical sketches, obituaries, and announcements of family

events. They document the careers and activities of several family members and friends, including Nita Breazeale's involvement in the Red Cross, Junior League, Women's Auxiliary, and the West Baton Rouge Historical Association.

Several clippings tell the history of Donaldsonville, Natchitoches, and New Orleans through articles on historic houses, past events, communities, and residents. Columns written by Francois Mignon (1960-1972) discuss the Cane River vicinity, antiques, paintings of John James Audubon (July 2, 1972) and Clementine Hunter (Sept. 1969, May 6, 1972, Feb. 3, 1973, undated). There is also an article and letters to the editor of the *Echo*, Liverpool, Eng., discussing local matters (undated).

Subseries 3. Graphic Material, 1862-1978.

Illustrations and photographs comprise this subseries. Illustrations consist of a note cards, including one by Clementine Hunter (undated), souvenir postcards (undated), souvenir booklets of the Chicago World's Fair (1933), and illustrated envelopes depicting scenes along River Road (1966). Illustrations also include stereo card advertisements (1862, ca. 1860-1890), photolithographs of mythical and Mardi Gras characters (ca. 1900s) and loose catalog pages depicting museum pieces (undated). Maps contain a national highway map (1923), maps of Louisiana (1931, undated), Baton Rouge (1958) and Natchitoches, La. (1966). Also contained in this subseries is a blueprint of Bon Marche Mall in Baton Rouge (Aug. 1960) and drawings of the Louisiana Arts and Science Center (undated).

Photographs consist mostly of snapshots, but also contain cabinet cards, a carte-de-viste, copy prints and negatives. Photographs of a family vacation to Havana, Cuba, show unidentified individuals, buildings, structures, rural scenes and a military parade (April 1905). Images of Ascension Parish (1900-1915, undated) depict classrooms in Dutchtown (May 1905, 1906), an early airplane in flight (ca. 1910), the Mississippi River flood (May 1912), the flooded Donaldsonville coal fleet (May 1912), racetrack (ca. 1919) and the Donaldsonville firemen's parade (1919). Several photographs show of H. Payne Breazeale with his wife and daughter (ca. 1918). Later photographs consist of Dorothy Dix (Aug. 1933), Glenwood Plantation (1944), family photographs (ca. 1949-1970, undated). In addition, there are 8 x 10 photographic prints of 19th century portraits,

antiques and two Clementine Hunter paintings (undated). Cabinet cards include Robert Nicholls Sims, Sr., Robert Nicholls Sims, Jr., Sans Souci plantation house, with carriage house and barn, and Nita Sims as a young child (1895-1899). Photograph of San Souci plantation contains genealogical notes on the back (1898). Large matted photographs depict social gatherings, possibly related to community service organizations and business meetings (1952, undated).

Note: Photographic negatives are restricted.

Series IV. Bundles for Britain Papers, 1939-1942, undated.

Subseries 1. Correspondence, 1940-1942, undated.

Correspondence relates to operations, projects, fundraising strategies and donations. Letters report on progress of the relief effort, statistics (Feb. 10, 1941), equipment needed (Feb. 13,

1941) and conditions at London hospitals. They also discuss wartime conditions in Britain (April 14, May 27, Dec. 20, 23, 1941). Items donated include dental equipment, surgical equipment and an ambulance. Letters from British citizens express gratitude for donations of clothing and supplies. Correspondence also details the organization of the Baton Rouge chapter (Aug.-Sept. 1940). Memoranda report on operating expenses, relief items needed, and procedures. Correspondence also reflects communication with other relief organizations and changes that occurred within the Bundles for Britain after the United States entered World War II.

Subseries 2. Office Files, 1939-1942, undated.

Office files are comprised of printed items, public relations material, and financial records. Printed items include brochures, bulletins, newsletters, newspaper clippings and photographs related to the World War I relief effort. Booklets include *How to Organize Committees to Cooperate With Bundles for Britain, Inc.* (1940), and a photographic booklet of London shows bombed buildings, refugees and the delivery of relief supplies (Jan. 1942). Informational packet explains the purpose and function of the Bundles for Britain (1940). *Article on Bundles for Britain in London* describes war victims and discusses the origin of the organization (June 1, 1941). News bulletins update members on the living conditions in Britain, the progress of the relief effort, upcoming events, and the financial status of the organization. Broadside promoting Christmas gifts for British children through Bundles for Britain (1941). Newspaper clippings report on members, events, contributions and the relief effort in general. The *State-Times* contains an article on a benefit event (April 10, 1941).

Public relations material is comprised of radio transcripts of broadcasts, radio and publicity scripts and news releases, and a 78-RPM recording of an address by Mrs. Wales Latham, founder and president of Bundles for Britain (undated). Financial papers contain budget notes for the Baton Rouge branch (March 28, 1942), bills of lading, receipts for boxes shipped to headquarters in New York (1940-1942), and receipts and disbursements for the Baton Rouge chapter (Jan. 1942). Photographs include the ambulance donated by Bundles for Britain, Baton Rouge chapter (1941) and a plaque donated to the London Foot Hospital by the Baton Rouge chapter (1941). There are also committee rosters for the Baton Rouge chapter (undated).

Series V. Artifacts, 1904, 1940, undated.

Artifacts consist of items related to LSU and World War II. Football ribbons, a pennant, cap, ring comprise the LSU artifacts(1904), and World War II items include a British flag, American Red Cross pins and scarf (undated), Bundles for Britain pin, cap and bag (ca. 1940).

Subgroup 2. Hopkins Payne Breazeale Papers, 1833-1981, undated.

Series I. Papers, 1833-1980, undated.

Subseries 1. Correspondence, 1914-1980, undated.

Early correspondence relates to legislation concerning the construction of a Mississippi River bridge at Baton Rouge (1916), Breazeale's wedding (July 20, Aug. 1, 1916), and birth of his

daughter, Nita Sims (Sept. 7, 1917). Breazeale's uncle, Phanor, comments on the local population complying with government economic regulations, and he expresses his animosity toward Germany (March 23, 1918). He later expresses satisfaction with the passage of the 18th amendment in Louisiana Legislature (Aug. 11, 1918).

Breazeale's letters to his wife comprise the majority of the World War I correspondence. In his early letters, he describes camp life and personal activities at Camp Funston [Leon Springs, Tex.]. He complains about the military inefficiency and poor diet (Sept. 6, 1917). As an officer attached to U. S. Embarkation Office, he tells of equipping his company for its immediate departure to Europe (May 20, 1918). He also chronicles his journey to England, via Atlanta, Ga., New York, and Camp Devens, Mass. (June 1918).

Letters from England (June-Aug. 1918) comment on troop deployment (July 7, 1918), a visit to an American hospital (July 19, 1918), war injuries, and poison gas (July 22, 30, 1918). Letters report on a German defeat at the Marne River, France (July 28, 1918) and the arrival of an American Red Cross train from the front (July 30, 1918, 1st letter). He tells of his meeting an African American from Louisiana (Aug. 3, 1918), and he questions the abilities of officers in an African American battalion (Aug. 21, 1918). He reports on the arrival of hundreds of its survivors of a sunken ship (Aug. 7, 1918). In the same letter, he describes the death of an engineer in a boiler accident. He also describes the sights of Winchester (July 30, 1918, 2nd letter) and London (Aug. 24, 1918).

Letters from France recount military engagements, camp life, poor weather conditions, and the German occupation (Aug. 28-Nov. 1918). Breazeale details his first military patrol in enemy territory (Sept. 6, 1918), shelling attacks, casualties, and the capture of Germans troops and equipment (Sept. 16, 1918). Letters relate his experiences at a tactical training school (Sept.-Oct. 1918). These letters also mention that the Red Cross provides comfort items such as cigarettes, chocolate and paper (Sept. 21, 1918) and there are rumors of an armistice (Oct. 5, 1918). Breazeale recounts the hardships of living in trenches, capture of Germans troops, casualties, wounds he suffered at the Battle of St. Mihiel (Sept. 7, Oct. 11, 1918) and the shortage of food (Nov. 1918). A letter written to Breazeale by a fellow officer expresses satisfaction with African American troops (Oct. 17, 1918). Breazeale tells of his promotion to the rank of captain (Oct. 29-31, 1918). He reports on Germans troops quartered in the private homes, the mistreatment of civilians and the destruction and theft perpetrated by the Germans troops as they retreated (Nov. 18, Dec. 4, 5, 1918).

Letters written during the allied occupation detail Breazeale's military duties and activities as Provost in Charge of Civil Affairs at Pelm, Germany (Nov. 1918-May 1919). Breazeale tells of officers' re-assignments, (Dec. 31, 1918), military inspections, penalties imposed on civilians for the violation of rules (Jan. 23, Feb. 9, 25, March 24, 1919) and camp conditions. Letters also discuss war casualties, influenza (Aug. 11, Nov. 15, Dec. 28, 1918, March 20, 21, 31, 1919) and effects of mustard gas (April 11, 1919). He writes about his leisure activities, weather, local attractions, food and the local populations of France, Luxemburg and Germany (Dec. 1918, Feb. 3, 4, 10, March, April 4, 1919). He recalls General John Pershing's praise after an inspection (April 27, 1919). Final war letters give an account of his return to the United States and discharge from service (May 21-Nov. 1919).

Note: Envelopes accompanying war letters bear the military censor's stamp.

Later correspondence pertains to Breazeale's employment activity, community service, genealogy and acquaintance with prominent individuals (1945-1980, undated). A letter William H. Taft responds to Breazeale's congratulatory letter regarding Taft's Supreme Court appointment (July 28, 1921).

Subseries 2. Personal Papers, 1833, 1905-1978, undated.

Breazeale's certification from the Louisiana Supreme Court to practice (photocopy, Nov. 14, 1910) and Senator Huey P. Long's list of study tips for the Louisiana bar exam (ca. 1932-1935) comprise early papers. There is also sheet music (1905), financial stocks (1926-1930) and a record book (1936) and ledger for Camp Breaze Farm (1937-1943). Additionally, there are shareholders resolutions (Jan. 25, 1975), proxy statement for Fidelity National Financial Corp. (March 31, 1978) and highlights Breazeale's career as president the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce (undated). Breazeale's family history is documented with Druny W. Breazeale's will (photocopied transcription, Aug. 23, 1833), *Picture of Northwest Louisiana, the Diary of William S. Toumey of Natchitoches, La.* (March 29, 1967) and a certificate issued by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (undated). There is also biographical sketch of Breazeale's friend and associate, Charles Cecil Bird, Jr. (Oct. 4, 1965).

Series II. Military Papers, 1917-1919, 1941-1942, undated.

This series contains official military records and personal papers that document Breazeale's activities during World War I. They consist of a diary (May 27-Sept. 8, 1918), military orders, memoranda, correspondence, notes, reports and casualty lists. Diary details Breazeale's passage to England on a military transport and his duties as debarkation officer in London. Diary entries also recount the difficulties he encounters when trying to rejoin his unit in France. Memoranda concern the confiscation of equipment and property abandoned by the German army (Jan. 29, 1919) and restrictions on public gatherings, alcohol and prostitution. German civilians complain to Breazeale, the Provost in Charge of Civil Affairs, about the mistreatment received from U. S. personnel (Jan.-Feb. 1919). Reports give details on military court-martials for desertion, insubordination and disorderly conduct. Papers also report on the inspection of towns and the inspection of the 358th Infantry (1918). Selective service registration and identification cards for World War II are also part of this series (1941-1942).

Series III. Printed Items and Graphic Material, 1904-1981, undated.

Subseries 1. Printed Items, 1904-1981, undated.

Printed items are comprised of publications, broadsides, brochures handbills and newspaper clippings that pertain to World War I, the law profession, and Breazeale's prominence in the community. The earliest item is a copy of the LSU *Gumbo*, v. 3 (1904).

World War I material contains the history of 358th Infantry, 90th Division consists of *History and Statistics of the 358th Infantry, Ninetieth Division...* (May 1919) and *358th Inf., 90th Div., Company E* (June 1919). Brief histories of companies A, B and D report on casualties and

engagements during the occupation of Germany (ca. 1920's). The yearbook, *A History of the 90th Division in World War II, 6 June 1944 to 9 May 1945* (1946) details activities during World War II.

Publications for service men include *First Lessons in Spoken French for Men in Military Service* (1917), *English-French Hand Book for the Use of United States Soldiers* (1917), *Infantry Drill Regulations...* (1918) and *Going back to Civilian Life*, (1945). Publications regarding the war consist of *Empire and the War, the Voice of the Dominions, Address by Sir Robert Borden and Lt. Gen. J. C. Smuts* (1917), *A War of Self-Defense* (Aug. 1917), *Daily American Mail* (Oct. 26, 1918) and the *Final Report of Gen. John J. Pershing* (1920). The *Official Catalog ...* for a war exposition held at Heinemann Park, New Orleans, reflects the involvement of United States and its allies in World War I (1919).

A broadside announces military rules and regulations for German civilians (Dec. 9, 1918) and a proclamation issued by General Pershing (1919) puts forth the conditions of the Allied occupation (1919). Brochures (some in French) advertise businesses in South Hampton, England (ca. 1918) and theater performances (undated). There is also a broadside advertising upcoming social events for the soldiers of the 90th Division (ca. April 1919). Other items include a Leipzig, Germany, price list for wine (ca. 1918), Bank of England checkbook for soldiers (ca. 1918).

Public documents include a legislative bill on state taxes (July 11, 1906), Louisiana census records of 1810-1812 (photocopies, undated), *Constitution of the State of Louisiana*, v. 2 (1921), *Public Service Commission Laws* (1940), *Rules of Practice before the [Louisiana Commerce] Commission* (1942) and *Statistical Profile of East Baton Rouge Parish* (1973). Published speeches by Judge Thomas J. Kernan and Robert E. Lee Knight address the judicial system (photocopy, Aug. 30, 1906) and international politics (Jan. 19, 1918).

Conference material contains programs for the Louisiana State Bar Association (1966-1972, 1969, 1971, 1972) and the Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference directory (May 1971). In addition, there is a facts booklet (1954), annual reports (1959, 1972, 1976), charter rules (1966) for Boston Club of New Orleans and annual reports for Fidelity National Bank, Baton Rouge (1968, 1980). An issue of *League Lites* (May 1975) offers a biographical sketch of Breazeale, and newspaper clippings reflect Breazeale's military service, legal career and prominence in the community.

Subseries 2. Graphic Material, 1913-1919, undated.

Graphic material is comprised of maps, illustrated postcards and photographs relating to Breazeale's military service in Europe. Maps include *Map ... of the St. Mihiel Salient*, (Nov. 20, 1918), Eifel, Germany (1918), a blank "battle message" form with a map of northeastern France on the reverse side (1918), frontlines set for the 90th Division (Aug-Nov. 1918) and a tourist map of the Rhine River, *Rhine Panorama* (1919). Material also contains an illustration of downtown Baton Rouge, La., in 1913 (undated).

World War I photographs document the activities of the U. S. military in Germany and Belgium (1918) after the battle of St. Mihiel. Photographs show trenches, dugouts, roads, damaged buildings and structures. They also show abandoned equipment left by the retreating German

army and U. S. soldiers at work clearing debris. Most of the photographs are of unidentified individuals. Picture postcards depict the U.S.S. Magnolia and scenes in France and Germany (ca. 1919).

Series IV. Artifacts, 1917-1919.

Artifacts consist of World War I military ribbons, pins, buttons and medals awarded to Hopkins Payne Breazeale while serving in the 358th Infantry Regiment, 9th Division (1917-1919).

Subgroup 3. Robert Nicholls Sims, Jr., Family Papers, 1814-1946, undated.

Robert Nicholls Sims, Jr., family papers are comprised of correspondence, newspaper clippings, certificates and personal papers related to himself, his father, grandfather and his wife, Nita Dalferes Sims. Legal documents consist of a tax receipt, in French, issued to Joseph Trajan (photocopy, Feb. 22, 1814), a typed transcription of a petition by filed by Achille Murat in the 3rd Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge against Leon Bonnacaze (photocopy, Dec. 19, 1837) and a document concerning the succession of William A. Sims (photocopy, March 22, 1858). An autograph book contains comments and poetry written by classmates to Robert Sims, Sr. (1858-1860). Travel diary describe William Sims' trip on horseback from North Carolina to Assumption Parish, La. (typed transcription, 1859-1860). Entries also comment on the circumstances surrounding the sale of the family home, Hermitage Plantation, after the death of his father in 1859. A Civil War letter written by Nicholls Robert Sims, Sr. discusses a military order to burn cotton (March 24, 1864).

Later papers relating to Robert Sims, Jr., consist of an address presented before the Order of Elks (April 2, 1907), a biographical sketch taken from Alcee Fortier's *Louisiana* (photocopy, 1914) and his certification as State Examiner of Louisiana (Jan. 7, 1915, Jan. 21, 1919). The majority of the correspondence and newspaper clippings pertain to the banking industry and oil production, particularly the El Dorado oil field in Assumption Parish (1920-1925). Other items include a Freemasons' membership certificate (March 2, 1905) and a speech delivered by Sims to the Louisiana Banking Association (April 28, 1942). A membership application to the Sons of the American Revolution shows Sims's ancestry (undated). A group photograph shows members of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks gathered for the 17th annual convention (1918). Correspondence of Nita Dalferes Sims relates to personal activities and family matters.

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