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SUMMARY

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Bulk Dates	1904-1945
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Summary	Business and personal correspondence, personal papers, business records, legal documents, printed material, and photographs reflect the activities of the Butler-Mathews family and plantation operations of several plantations in southeast Louisiana.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The Butler family was a family of Louisiana planters who operated several cotton and sugar plantations in West Feliciana and Terrebonne parishes during the 19th and 20th centuries. They were related by marriage to several other prominent Louisiana planter families, including the Mathews, Ventress, Lawrason, and Ellis families.

Judge Thomas Butler (1785-1847), born in Pennsylvania, moved to the Mississippi Territory in 1809 where he practiced law in Southwest Mississippi and in Louisiana's Feliciana parishes. He was appointed justice to the Third District Court of Louisiana in 1813, the same year he married Ann Ellis (b. 1796), daughter of Abram Ellis. They resided at Cottage Plantation, which he acquired in 1810, with their children Edward, Pierce, Margaret, Sarah, Thomas William, Richard Ellis, Anna, Mary Ellis (Mim), and Robert Ormond. In the late 1830s, he began to develop sugar plantations in Terrebonne Parish. After his death in 1847, the family continued to operate the plantations.

Edward Butler (1870-1948), son of Robert Ormond and grandson of Judge Thomas Butler, managed Cottage Plantation until his death in 1948. His primary agricultural products were cotton and cattle, although he produced corn, potatoes, oats, and hay on the several family plantations he managed. He married Annie Lawrason Butler in 1898, and together they had four children, Edward Lawrason (Laurie) (1898-1965), Harriet Mathews (1901-1973), Charles Mathews (1910-1971), and Robert Ormond (b. 1919). The eldest child, Edward Lawrason, attended Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., and daughter, Harriet, attended All Saints College in Vicksburg, Miss. She also studied at Newcomb College in New Orleans, La., and married James Henry Bruns of New Orleans, La., in 1934. Charles attended Sewanee Military Academy at Sewanee, Tenn., and graduated from Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge) in 1932 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in civil engineering.

Charles Mathews Butler began his professional career with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1932. He served in various capacities connected to hydrographic survey and dredging work in the Lower Mississippi River. In 1938, he was in charge of all surveys for the Neches River report, and assisted in the preparation of this report. From 1939 until 1942, he worked on marine and military construction. Charles entered World War II as a captain in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, 842nd Regiment. He was attached to the 113th Engineer Construction Group in the Pacific Theater. While stationed overseas, he spent time in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan. He was discharged with the rank of major on March 11, 1946. Charles married Katherine Minor Pipes, daughter of Mary Louise Minor and David Washington Pipes, Jr. (1886-1968), a Terrebonne Parish lawyer and sugar planter. She was the granddaughter of Henry C. Minor (b. 1841), a sugar planter in Terrebonne Parish and Anna Louise Butler.

Judge George Mathews (1774-1836) was the great grandfather of Annie Mathews Lawrason. He served on the Superior Court of the Territory of Mississippi and the Superior Court of the Territory of Orleans. Governor William C. C. Claiborne later appointed him to the newly formed Louisiana Supreme Court in 1813, a position he held until his death. After the death of his first wife, Sarah Carpenter, Mathews married Harriet Flowers (1794-1873). They resided at her family's Butler Greenwood Plantation near St. Francisville. By 1835, George Mathews

managed four plantations, Butler Greenwood, along Bayou Sara, Georgia Plantation in Lafourche Parish, and Coco Bend and Chaseland plantations in Rapides Parish. Judge Mathews died on Nov. 14, 1836, and he was buried at Grace Episcopal Church in St. Francisville. Their one surviving son, Charles Lewis Mathews (1824-1864) married Penelope Stewart (1828-1897) of Woodville, Mississippi.

Charles Lewis Mathews and Penelope Stewart had five children, George (1849-1859), Charles S. (1853-1923), Harriet (1856-1921), Sarah (Sallie) (1859-1934), George (1860-1907), and William Fort (1862-1882). The family resided at Butler Greenwood Plantation. William Fort attended Episcopal High School of Virginia in Alexandria, Va. Sarah (Sallie) married James Alexander Ventress (1853-1912), a successful Mississippi planter who moved to Louisiana after their marriage in 1901. Harriet married Samuel McCutchon Lawrason. Their daughter, Annie Mathews Lawrason married Edward Butler, son of Robert Ormond Butler and grandson of Judge Thomas Butler.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection chronicles several generations of the Butler-Mathews family with a particular emphasis on the Edward Butler family. Family papers, comprised mostly of personal correspondence, reflect family news, social events, health issues, education, and wartime experiences. Business records document plantation operations at “The Cottage,” and to a lesser degree Butler Greenwood, Laynaud Place, Southdown, and Fair Place plantations. Business records consist of correspondence, financial papers, legal documents, freight records, record books, and notes related to the production and sale of crops and livestock, particularly the cotton and beef produced. Papers also document Edward Butler’s participation in government agricultural programs during the Great Depression and World War II. Other material includes family photographs, picture postcards, and printed items related to farming and current events.

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Subseries 2. Business and financial papers, 1818, 1851-1948, undated (bulk 1908-1939).

Subseries 3. Time books, 1906-1943.

Subseries 4. Account books, 1884-1948.

Series III. Printed items, 1836, 1852-1950, undated (bulk 1932-1945).

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Family papers, 1811-1950, undated.

Subseries 1. Correspondence, 1811-1838, 1867, 1879-1950, undated (bulk 1904-1945).

The personal correspondence of the Butler and related Mathews families comprise this series. Most notable are the letters exchanged between Edward Butler, his wife, and their children. These letters reflect family news, student life, health issues, employment status, current events, World War II, and military service.

Antebellum correspondence (1811-1837) is composed of letters to Judge George Mathews and his wife, Harriet Flowers Mathews. A series of letters from William Flowers, a New Orleans cotton factor, advise his sister, Harriet, on financial matters, the estate of Judge George Mathews, and the education of her son, Charles Lewis Mathews (July 1837-Jan 1838). Flowers also comments on his personal financial situation, a yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans (Aug.-Oct. 1837), and he offers his personal views on religion (Nov. 25, 1837). Early correspondence also contains a typed transcription (no original) of a letter written by Andrew Jackson that gives a biographical sketch of Robert Butler's military career (Feb. 18, 1821).

Later 19th century correspondence includes letters of William Fort Butler reflecting student life at Episcopal High School, Alexandria, La. Letters to his mother, Penelope Stewart Butler, offer condolences after his unexpected death (July-Sept 1881; March 22, 1884). Correspondence of Mary (Mim) Ellis Butler talks of daily activities, health issues, family matters, and current events (1895-1914). Her correspondents comment on the *SS Elbe* disaster in the North Sea and the Brooklyn Trolley Strike of 1895 (Feb. 2, 1895). Robert Butler remarks on the sinking of the *USS Maine* (Feb. 21, 1898), and a letter fragment refers to the U.S. possession of the Philippines (Jan. 1, 1899). Twentieth century letters also mention incidences of diphtheria in Baton Rouge (May 15, 1906), grippe (influenza) (Feb. 28, 1907), and typhoid in New Orleans (Nov. 18, 1908).

Most early 20th century correspondence consists of letters exchanged between Edward Butler, his wife and his children. In addition to family news, social activities, health etc., his letters exemplify his interest in wildlife, conservation, and history. He corresponds with R. S. Cocks of Tulane University, Dept. of Botany, regarding the varieties of flora in West Feliciana Parish (1919-1923). His concern about flood control prompts him to write to public officials (1935). Letters from the federal and state conservation agencies show Butler's involvement in waterfowl studies (1932). Additionally, there is a copy of *Foreign Letter No. 392*, which expounds on the economic crisis in Europe (May 19, 1936). He also comments that Judge George Mathews may have been acquainted with John James Audubon (undated). Annie Butler mentions local cases of whooping cough and measles (April 3, 1918). She comments on oil drilling near Bayou Sara Creek (March 12, June 24, 1920, and Oct. 4, 1920). Student life is reflected again in the correspondence of Edward L. (Laurie), a cadet at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va. (1916-1919), and Harriet, a student at All Saints College (now All Saints Episcopal High School), Vicksburg, Miss. Harriet later attended Newcomb College in

New Orleans (1915-1921). In addition to his experiences as a cadet, Edward also mentions the closure of army camps in an effort to contain influenza during World War I (Sept. 27, 1918).

Later correspondence (1936-1944) pertains mostly to Charles Mathews Butler's engineering work, military experiences, and family matters. He writes of a dam project at Woodville, Texas, (June-Nov. 1938), the oil industry in Texas and Louisiana (Aug. 7, 1938; Jan. 21, 1939), and the effects of a strike by oil refinery workers (May 19, 1939). Charles comments on the possible connection between the Colorado River flood and the operation of Buchanan Dam (Aug. 11, 1938). He tells of the rush on construction projects due to the war (Dec. 8, 1941).

His World War II letters relate his training experiences at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. (Jan.-Feb. 1944). Writing from the Philippines and New Guinea, he gives an account of military life, living conditions, construction projects, and progress of the war (1944-1945). He describes the local landscape (March 25, 1944), Dutch New Guinea (May 16, 1945), the native people on New Guinea (March 27, 1944) and construction of their huts (May 10, 1944). He mentions malaria (March 25, 1944) and the use of Atabrine to combat the disease (April 7, 15, 1944). He describes the Japanese and Filipinos (Oct. 27-Dec. 1944, Feb. 6, 1945), and he tells about African American soldiers hunting wild pigs in New Guinea (April 17, 1944).

Other war news describes military equipment abandoned by the Japanese (March-Dec. 1944), the poor physical condition of arriving Japanese prisoners (July 20, 1944), downed Japanese planes (Nov. 13, 1944), and the invasion of the Philippines (Jan. 20, 1945). He relates events at the end of the war (June-Oct. 1945), and the Japanese surrender (Aug. 13, Sept. 2, 1945). He also describes conditions in Japan at the end of the war (Sept. 11, Oct. 4, 1945). From Okinawa, he writes about the elaborate burial customs and the destruction of burial vaults (Aug. 18, 1945). Also from Okinawa, he reports on the damage caused by Typhoon Louise (Oct. 11, 14, 1945).

Charles also refers to Ormond Butler's battle experience in Europe on D-Day (Aug. 4, 1944), oil leases and drilling at La Carpe Plantation (July 15, Oct. 26, Nov. 17, 1943, Jan. 28, Feb. 29, 1944), and a new process for extracting oil from wells in California (July 20, 1948). Letters also discuss the scarcity of agricultural labor (Jan. 28, 1944) and food shortage in the U. S. (May 31, 1945). Throughout his correspondence, Charles Butler comments on various wild bird species he has observed and hunted. World War II letters from Ormond Butler describe military camp life and his leisure activities while training in Georgia (June 1941, 1942).

Subseries 2. Personal papers, 1879-1944, undated.

Personal papers contains Edward Butler's diploma awarded by the Virginian Military Institute, Lexington, Va. (July 4, 1891), school records for Edward Butler's children (1879-1941), a student paper titled *Algernon Charles Swinburne* (Jan. 15, 1921), a Spanish French, Latin and Greek exercise notebook (undated), and papers relating to Charles M. Butler's engineering career and military service (1932-1944). Material also includes a war rations book issued to Annie Butler (1942-1943), Edward Butler's hunting license (1940), hunting notes on kills and hunting dogs (1914, 1934-1947), a short biographical sketch of Thomas Butler, a scrapbook of cartoon clippings (1915), and a description of the Lawrason home in St. Francisville (undated).

Series II. Business records, 1809-1948, undated.

Subseries 1. Business correspondence, 1809-1837, 1906-1948, undated (bulk 1930-1944).

Antebellum correspondence (1809-1837) concerns the business affairs of George Mathews. Letters discuss plantation operations, conveyance, and loan payments. Montfort Wells reports on the legal status of a land survey of Bayou Boeuf (Nov. 25, 1833). David Flowers reports on Buck Hill Plantation, mentioning the death of a sickly slave and suggests that Mathews seek reimbursement from the seller (Dec. 29, 1817). He also describes the circumstances surrounding the return of runaway slaves (Aug. 15, 1835).

Twentieth century correspondence relates to the business operations of "The Cottage" Plantation. Letters concern the production and sale of cotton, cattle, and timber. They show Edward Butler's participation in federal and state agricultural programs instituted during the Great Depression and World War II, demonstrating the impact of government policies on his plantation operations. Letters from the federal government also make recommendations on the planting of alternate crops and a large portion of the correspondence pertains to mortgages and loans, most of which were made on future crop and livestock sales. Lenders include the Federal Land Bank of New Orleans. Correspondence reflects the fluctuation in cotton prices, and demonstrates conservation and regulatory efforts made by the government. Letters from commission merchants report the amount and quality of cotton sold. Their letters note the declining cotton market (1938). Correspondence also indicates acreage planted by Edward Butler and land rented to the La. Dept. of Agriculture.

Other topics include land conveyances, financial agreements, leases, and cotton planted by tenant farmers and sharecroppers. Eugene Ellis summarizes unacceptable conditions of an oil lease. Letters from book dealers discuss the disposal of Samuel McCutchen Lawrason's library (1926-1927). The Commercial National Bank, Shreveport, La. reports to stockholders on the liquidation and receivership of the bank (March 9, 1936).

Subseries 2. Business and financial papers, 1818, 1851-1948, undated (bulk 1908-1939).

Records reflect the business interests of Edward and Annie Butler and the operations of plantations managed by Edward Butler and to a lesser degree the personal expenses of family members. Plantation records relate to the financing of crops and livestock, tenant farmers, laborers' wages, and government agricultural programs. They also document the sale of cattle, timber, cotton, and other crops. Records demonstrate governmental policies in agriculture during the Great Depression and World War II. Business papers also include land documents (April 14, 1894, Oct. 12, 1906, Dec. 10, 1912), freight records (1935-1936), inventories of livestock, allotment certificates (Sept-Oct. 1938), cotton statements, loan agreements, and tenants' accounts (1934).

Financial papers consist of bills, invoices, statements of account, receipts for goods, supplies, and taxes. Items also include an agreement governing the liquidation of Canal Bank and Trust of New Orleans (Sept. 10, 1938). Personal financial papers contain house accounts (1914-1916), invoices, bills, receipts, and statements of account which itemize expenditures for

household items such as clothing, medical services, pharmacy items, and automotive repairs. This group also contains a list of securities in the succession of Charles Mathews (undated), and business and financial records of Sallie Mathews Ventress (1908, 1934). Her papers include cotton statements (Sept. 1908) and a cotton contract (Jan. 31, 1934).

Subseries 3. Time books, 1906-1943.

Time books record workers name, rate of pay, days and hours worked, and total wages for two week pay periods at Butler Greenwood, "The Cottage," Fair Place and Laynaud plantations. They also contain notations on cattle sold and cotton picked.

Note: Time books are organized by plantation, then by date.

- v. 1 Time book no. 1. Butler Greenwood Plantation (1934:May-Sept.).
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- v. 3 Time book no. 3. Butler Greenwood Plantation (1935:Mar.-Aug.).
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- v. 5 Time book no. 5. Butler Greenwood Plantation (1936:Jan.-June.).
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- v. 10 Time book no. 10. Butler Greenwood Plantation (1939:Feb.-1940:May).
- v. 11 Time book no. 11. Butler Greenwood Plantation (1940:May-Oct.).
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- v. 13 Time book no. 13. Butler Greenwood Plantation (1941:Apr.-Nov.).
- v. 14 Time book no. 14. Butler Greenwood Plantation (1941:Nov.-1942:July).
- v. 15 Time book no. 15. Butler Greenwood Plantation (1942:July-1943:Mar.).
- v. 16 Time book. "The Cottage" (1920:Feb.-July).
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- v. 18 Time book. "The Cottage" (1906:Jann.-1907:June).
- v. 19 Time book. "The Cottage" (1922:Jan.-May.).
- v. 20 Time book. "The Cottage" (1922:Aug.-Dec.).
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- v. 23 Time book. "The Cottage" (1929:Oct.-1931:Jan.).
- v. 24 Time book. "The Cottage" (1932:Apr.-Sept.).
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- v. 27 Time book. "The Cottage" (1933:Nov.-1934:Aug.)
- v. 28 Time book. "The Cottage" (1934:Aug.-1935:Aug.)
- v. 29 Time book. Fair Place (1915:May-1916:Mar.).
- v. 30 Time book. Laynaud Place (1920:Jan.-June).

Subseries 4. Account books, 1884-1948.

Account books are comprised of ledgers and small notebooks pertaining to the operation of several plantations managed by Edward Butler. Entries record plantation income and expenditures, tenants' accounts, payroll, cotton allotments, crop production, and the sale of crops and livestock. Entries for cattle record breed, age, and sex of each animal.

Note: Account books are organized by volume number; dates within some the volumes are not sequential.

- v. 31 Account book. Accounts for cattle (1900-1904), timber (1900-1901), wages (1901-1902).
- v. 32 Account book. Crop accounts, inventories of household items (1908, 1911-1912).
- v. 33 Account book. Cattle, crops (1918-1919, Dec. 1941).
- v. 34 Account book. Charitable contribution (1927-1936), livestock (1943).
- v. 35 Account book. Tenants' accounts, livestock (1931-1934).
- v. 36 Account book. Livestock log. (1934-1940).
- v. 37 Account book. Cattle notebook (1935).
- v. 38 Account book. Notebook recording cattle sales (1940-1941).
- v.39 Account book. Plantation notebook on planting, crop production, cattle, cotton allotments, timber at "The Cottage," Clover Hill, Belmont (1943-1948).
- v. 40 Account book. "The Cottage" expense, wages paid, tenants' accounts, includes tenant agreement (1945-1948).
- v. 41 Account book. Tenants' accounts notebook (ca. 1916-1917).
- v. 42 Account book. Cattle notebook (1921).
- v. 43 Account book. Tenants' accounts with to Sallie M. Ventress (1928).
- v. 44 Account book. Memorandum notebook listing payments made to individuals, possibly workers (1930).
- v. 45 Account book. Memorandum notebook listing payments made to individuals, possibly workers (1931-1934).
- v. 46 Account book. Cattle notebook (1936).
- v. 47 Account book. Cattle notebook (1940).
- v. 48 Account book. Cattle notebook (1940).
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- v. 50 Account book. Tenants' accounts notebook (1946-1947).
- v. 51 Account book. Bankbook showing debts, credits and balances, Whitney National Bank (1938-1940).
- v. 52 Account book. Bills payable (1902-1903).
- v. 53 Account book. List of assets, income, and expenditures for Hill Croft and Fancy Point (1926-1934).
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- v. 55 Account book *no. A*. Expense accounts, tenants' accounts, crop production (1884-1910).
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- v. 64 Account book *no. 7b*. Accounts for tenants, timber production, expenses for Alandale, Phillips Place, and Birchwood plantations (1911-1932).
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Series III. Printed items, 1836, 1852-1950, undated (bulk 1932-1945).

Printed items consist of pamphlets, booklets, advertisements, invitations, newspapers and photocopies of newspaper clippings. Material pertains to agricultural practices, banking, migratory birds and wildlife, social functions, and current events. Printed items also contain material distributed by government agencies offering informational material on loans, agricultural programs, and production recommendations. Earliest material contains a burial announcement for George Mathews (Nov. 14, 1836), the *Statement of Sugar Made in Louisiana in 1851-52* (1852), the *Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church ... in the City of New Orleans* (1856), and sheet music for *Review March and Quick Step* (1857). *Herzog's Cotton Man's Hand-book* (1886) and *Buist's Almanac and Garden Manual* (1889) are also present. Later publications include *Neches River, Tex...Letter from the Secretary of War ... survey of Neches River and Tributaries, Texas* (1939) and *Report to the President on the Economic Conditions of the South* (1938).

Newspapers consist of *The Albion* (Jan. 21, 1854), *Pointe Coupe Banner* (Dec. 13, 1902), and *Baton Rouge Home News*, (Oct. 1945). Newspaper clippings report on agricultural issues, political events, World War II (undated), the political situation in Cuba (1934), various physical ailments and diseases, and the history of Cottage Plantation. A complete issue of the *New Orleans Sunday Item-Tribune* is dedicated to Louisiana sugar (Jan. 31, 1937). *Drafting Standards*, U.S. Engineer Office, Galveston, Tex. (Feb. 1, 1939), an organizational chart for

New Orleans city government (1938), and a Baton Rouge telephone directory (1942) are also found in this series.

Series IV. Graphic material, ca. 1900-1949, undated.

Subseries 1. Photographs, ca. 1900-1949, undated.

Identifiable photographs are of David W. Pipes, Jr., as an infant (1912), Robert Ormond Butler, in uniform (1944), a young Virginia Bruns, holding infant, Annie Butler, daughter of Charles M. Butler (undated), and a view of Little Bayou Sara Creek in West Feliciana Parish (undated). Photographic postcards depict Weyanoke House at Bayou Sara (undated), the site of Thomas Percy's house at Birchwood Plantation (undated), and Julius Freyman High School in St. Francisville (undated). The majority of photographs are part of a family photograph album (undated). They depict Audubon Park, a family outing, and unidentified individuals, houses, waterways, and flooded buildings, v. 71 (undated). An aerial view of a river, probably the Mississippi River is also found in this subseries (undated).

Note: Photographs were removed from album and were retained in original order.

Subseries 2. Illustrations, 1934-1939, undated.

Illustrated material includes a sketchbook (undated), drawings, floor plans, and maps of plantations in St. Francisville (undated), West Feliciana Parish (1930), and oil, gas, sulfur fields in Louisiana. (1935). A road map of Louisiana and its bordering states (1946) is present.

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	4	46-68	Business and financial papers (1818-1932).
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OS:B	1	2	Business and financial papers: tax bill (1878) insurance policies (1916, 1923), miscellaneous account sheet (1938), list of securities (undated).
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