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**CARLETON (MARK T.) PAPERS**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Mark Thomas Carleton (1935-1995) born in Baton Rouge served on the LSU faculty in the history department from 1964 until his death in 1995. He received his bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1957, served in the United States Marine Corps (1957-1960), and earned a master's degree (1964) and doctorate (1970) in history from Stanford University.

He returned to Baton Rouge to join the LSU history faculty first as an instructor and lecturer (1964-1968). In 1965, he received a promotion to assistant professor and in 1968, became an associate professor. Carleton served on the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (1973-1978) and left LSU for one year 1976 to 1977 to be PAR director. He rejoined the LSU Department of History in 1978, and his area of specialization lay in twentieth-century Louisiana history, particularly political history.

Major publications included: *Politics and Punishment: The History of the Louisiana State Penal System* (1971); *Readings in Louisiana Politics* (co-editor, 1975); *River Capital: An Illustrated History of Baton Rouge* (1981); *Louisiana Politics: Festival in a Labyrinth* (1982); and *Louisiana: A History* (co-author, 1984). Carleton participated in a variety of university organizations and projects, notably the University Commission on the History of LSU and the establishment of the T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History.

Carleton married Maureen O'Hearn in 1963 with whom he had three sons: Roderick Lewis, Michael Owen and Mark Albert. Maureen and Mark Carleton divorced in 1982.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Carleton Papers (1935-1995) consists primarily of printed material, typescripts, and correspondence which document the professional, historical career of LSU faculty member Mark Thomas Carleton. Campus correspondence reflects Carleton's participation in University activities -- including the University Commission on the History of LSU and the establishment of T. Harry Williams Oral History Center -- and Carleton's efforts to gain tenure and research grants. Other correspondence, printed items and typescripts document his publishing activities in the field of Louisiana history and his involvement as a member and later director in the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana. Highlights of the collection include letters (1966-1970) from noted historian David M. Potter. Photographs from a scrapbook pertain to Carleton's personal life.

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		2	Letters from David M. Potter (1966-1970).
		3	Correspondence (1973-1995) from Governor Edwin Edwards, Speaker of Louisiana State House E.L. Henry, Louisiana Committee for the Humanities, American Association for State and Local history, State Senator Michael O'Keefe, Louisiana State University Press, Speaker of Louisiana State House John J. Hainkel, Robert S. Robins, Texas State Historical Association, University of Mississippi Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University United Methodist Church, Stephen Webre, Paul W. Keve, Lieutenant Governor Robert Freeman, LSU Eunice, <i>Louisiana Life</i> , Southern Poverty Law Center, State Treasurer Mary L. Landrieu, and others.
		4	Correspondence and a press release concerning Carleton's speaking engagements (1973-1992).
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		19	Typescripts: Carleton's Annual faculty reports (1979-1995).
		20	Legal items: copyright certificate; contract; summons in a civil action concerning the Louisiana Historical Association (1971, 1990-1991).
		21	Printed items published by Carleton: "The Politics of the Convict Lease System in Louisiana: 1868-1901"; "A Record of the Late Fourth Louisiana Reg't, CSA Its Service, Etc"; "The Gubernatorial Campaigns of DeLesseps S. Morrison"; "In Search of Fundamental Law: Louisiana's Constitutions" (1967, 1969, undated).
		22	Correspondence, typescript and printed material concerning reviews of <i>Politics and Punishment</i> and <i>Readings in Louisiana Politics</i> (1971-1975, undated).
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		24	Printed material and correspondence including excerpted articles from the <i>Dictionary of American History</i> and <i>Encyclopedia of Southern History</i> (1976, 1979, 1985).
		25	Printed items and correspondence: Book reviews by Carleton (1977-1989, undated).
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		28	Correspondence and typescripts concerning an article on David Potter written by Carleton for the <i>Dictionary of Literary Biography</i> (1981-1982).
		29	Correspondence concerning <i>Louisiana Governors: From Iberville to Edwards</i> (1982-1989).
		30	Correspondence, typescripts and newspaper clippings concerning <i>Collier Yearbook</i> articles by Carleton (1983-1985).
		31	Typescript and correspondence: Carleton's article "Louisiana: The 'Tooth Fairy' State" (1985).
		32	Correspondence and typescript concerning contribution to <i>The American Presidency</i> (1985).
		33	Miscellaneous printed material for <i>Contemporary Authors</i> and <i>LSU Teacher</i> (1986).
		34	Correspondence and printed items concerning <i>Readings in Louisiana Politics</i> (1987).
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		39	Typescript: Draft of <i>The History of Louisiana Politics</i> (undated).
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		41	Typescript concerning Carleton's commentary on Fortier's <i>History of Louisiana</i> (undated).
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		43	Manuscript photocopied: Prospectus for "A Pictorial History of LSU" (undated).
		44	Typescript: Essay 10 "Fundamental Special Interests: The Constitution of 1974" (undated).
		45	Typescript: Report on <i>In Search of Fundamental Law: Louisiana's Constitution</i> (undated).
		46	Correspondence and printed material concerning Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (1976-1980).
		47	Typescript and printed material concerning Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (undated).
		48	Typescript: "Political Reform in the Attakapas Region: 1948-1987," by Carleton (undated).
		--	Two reel to reel audio tapes titled "Louisiana History" (undated).
	2	1	Minutes, reports and correspondence (1987-1989) of the University Press Committee.
		2	Printed material concerning University Archives (1989).
		3	Printed material: University Records Project Bulletin (1990-1992).
		4	Printed material concerning the University Commission on the History of LSU (1991).
		5	Printed material: LSU agency history drafts (1991).
		6	Printed material concerning the T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History (undated, 1990-1992).
		7	Printed material: Annual report of the T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History (1992).
		8	Printed material: Minutes of the University Commission on the History of LSU (1990-1993).
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		10	Printed items: Oral history bibliography (undated)
		11	Printed material concerning Dr. Joe Gray Taylor (circa 1976).
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		19	Printed material: LSU press releases concerning Buddy Roemer (1987).
		20	Printed material concerning Uniting Campus Ministry at LSU (circa 1989).
		21	Correspondence and typescripts concerning consultant work for the Louisiana State Museum on Huey Long (1984).
		22	Correspondence and manuscript material concerning evaluation of University of New Orleans program, MA in History Teaching and a proposed LSU Shreveport program for prison inmates (1979, 1984).
		23	Correspondence and printed material concerning the Louisiana State Museum (1987-1992).
		24	Correspondence concerning the Louisiana Historical Association (1988-1991).
		25	Correspondence and printed material concerning Louisiana Historical Association (LHA) Confederate Museum (1990).
		26	Printed material and correspondence concerning the Arsenal Museum (1988).
		27	Correspondence and typescript material concerning LSU War Memorial Commission and the Civil War Center (1995).
		28	Photographs from family album (circa 1935, undated).
		29	Photographs of Carleton, David Potter, friends and family (undated).
OS:C	--	1	Degrees and certificates (1957-1981).