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M-067 MARSHALL HARVEY TWITCHELL (1840-1905), PAPERS, 1851-1938

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Correspondence, legal records, state documents, bonds, autobiography, and other papers of a Vermonter who was a Freedman's Bureau agent in old Sparta, Louisiana, and was later the North Louisiana leader of the Radical Republicans and owner of a plantation in Red River Parish. 4 boxes.

BOX	FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
001	001	Newspaper clippings about the collection and partial list of documents in collection.
		Political, official, and factional papers of M.H. Twitchell and other officials in Red River Parish, 1868-1877:
002		Map of Coushatta, 1868.
		Letters threatening Twitchell's life.
		Letters from Sheriff Edgerton and other Republicans, August 1874, to Twitchell about alarming state of affairs in Red River Parish. Related letters to others.
		Testimony of Mathilda Floyd and other Negroes about murder of her husband by a group of white men.
		Warrants of arrest.
		Statements about violence in the parish.
		Letters of Clark Holland while under arrest by White League.
		Cancellation of bond of Isaac Coleman, treasurer of Bienville Parish School Board, 1875.
		Letter from Twitchell about his harassment.
		Statement of Twitchell about outrages by White League in Bienville Parish.
		Affidavit of Justice of Peace, Andy Bosley.
		Record of murders in Franklin Parish.

Cancellation of bonds of Isaac Coleman, M.H. Twitchell, R.A. De Wees and George A. King, for various positions in Bienville and Red River Parishes, 1875 and 1876.

Other papers relating to the period and the parish.

Adele Coleman Twitchell's letters to family, 1866-1873:

- 003** Letter from M.H. Twitchell to his future sister-in-law, Lou Coleman.
Letters from Adele, after her marriage, to her sister Lou and other members of her family.

M.H. Twitchell and family legal records, 1869-1877:

- 004** Two land grants in Natchitoches land district, 1851. Deeds.
Auction sales of land.
Appointment of M.H. Twitchell Commissioner of the U.S. for the District of Louisiana.
Pay vouchers of jurors.
Will of M.H. Twitchell.
Appointment of John W. Harrison as attorney for M.H. Twitchell (1874).
Petitions.
Other legal records.

Business correspondence of M.H. Twitchell and Elizabeth Twitchell, 1877-1879:

- 005** Letters from Twitchell and his mother, 1877, to lawyer L.B. Watkins and John W. Harrison, his agent at Starlight Plantation.
Letters to M.H. Twitchell, 1877-1879 (before going to Canada), and to Elizabeth Twitchell, 1877-1879, from J.W. Harrison, P.W. Harrison (his brother) and others, mainly about property matters.

- 006** Microfilm of collection.
- Letters of recommendation for M.H. Twitchell, 1877:
- 002 001** Copies of letters to President Rutherford B. Hayes recommending M.H. Twitchell for a government position.
- M.H. Twitchell family legal correspondence, 1877-1879:
- 002** Letters received by Twitchell, his mother and J.W. Harrison, Twitchell's agent, from L.B. Watkins, Twitchell's attorney, dealing with the litigation over Twitchell's Louisiana property.
- Letters to M.H. Twitchell from William Pitt Kellogg, 1877-1893:
- 003** Personal and official letters received by Twitchell from Kellogg, U.S. Senator, later lobbyist, and former governor of Louisiana.
- Letters received by M.H. Twitchell as U.S. Consul in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, 1878-1905:
- 004** Letters about litigation over Twitchell's property in Red River Parish and other matters.
- Business letters on various matters.
- Official and diplomatic letters.
- Letters concerning Twitchell's military pay and veteran's pension.
- Letters from former military comrades about reunions and other matters.
- Letters about Twitchell's delivering a Memorial Day address and copy of the address, 1894.
- A few political letters.
- Letters about and from a former U.S. soldier desiring a U. S. pension.
- Two letters about son from his teacher.

Letters asking various official favors and those in appreciation of same.

Letters of introduction.

Letters concerning Twitchell's being retained as consul during another administration written by various U.S. government officials.

Letters of appreciation for favors and kindnesses shown.

Personal letters of M.H. Twitchell to son, Marshall C. Twitchell, 1890-1905:

- 005** Letters to son before and after the latter went to medical school. Includes one letter to Dr. Jackson, a friend and father of one of son's colleagues.

M.H. Twitchell family legal and official records, 1877-1905:

- 006** Lawsuits against him and his mother Elizabeth.
Interrogatories.
Deeds.
Powers of attorney.
Will of Marshall H. Twitchell.
Other legal papers.
Related Maps.

M.H. Twitchell military service records, 1861-1905:

- 007** Appointment as First Sergeant in Vermont infantry, 1862.
Military discharges.
Muster roll of Captain Twitchell's company, 1864.
Pension records.
Application for membership in Loyal Legion.
Role of Co. I, 4th Vermont Volunteers.

- M.H. Twitchell financial and business records, 1870-1905:
- 008** Promissory notes.
- Bonds.
- Warrants.
- Invoices.
- Cancelled checks.
- Receipts.
- Business records of his dealings with and partial ownership of F.F. Twitchell & Co., 1882-1905.
- M.H. Twitchell miscellaneous papers:
- 009** Masonic diploma.
- Copy of letter to President Hayes from C.C. Antoine.
- Copy of letter from C.G. Coleman to Postmaster General.
- Letter to James M. Tyler from attorney Samuel A. Hull, 1881, concerning Twitchell property in Coushatta, Louisiana.
- Marshall C. Twitchell personal letters from South Carolina relatives, 1895-1908:
- 010** Letters from his Aunt Lou Coleman Jeter, Aunt P.C. Tucker and J. Coleman Jeter, mainly asking for money. Includes a few letters addressed to M.H. Twitchell from the same relatives.
- M.C. Twitchell and E.G. Twitchell legal records, 1910-1912:
- 011** Cemetery Deed, 1910.
- Executor's certificate from probate court concerning will of M.H. Twitchell, 1911.
- Other papers relative to division of M.H. Twitchell's estate.

M.C. Twitchell and E.G. Twitchell letters received 1902-1938:

- 012** Letters concerning their father, M.H. Twitchell.
- 013** Autobiography of Marshall Harvey Twitchell, first copy.
- 003 001** Autobiography of Marshall Harvey Twitchell, second copy.
- Public Records:
- 002** Report of Joint Committee of the General Assembly of Louisiana on the Conduct of the Late Elections and the Condition of Peace and Order in the State, 1869.
- 003** Public letters to Gov. Wm. P. Kellogg, 1873 from Rep. W.M. Ward of Grant Parish about Colfax affairs. [missing?]
- 004** Senate Document for the Second Session of the Forty-Third Congress, 1874-75 and the Special Session of the Senate in March, 1875, including section on affairs in Louisiana.
- 005** Report of Special Committee of the Senate on Political Persecution and Outrage, 1875.
- 004** 24 issues of the Sparta Times, November 26, 1870 - May 27, 1871, published by M.H. Twitchell at his Starlight Plantation in Red River Parish.