Ray Thompson Collection
of Louisiana Architecture Photographs

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SCOPE and CONTENTS

Photographic prints
Ca. 1890 – 1960
3 albums
Collection consists of 246, mostly, 8” x 10” black and white silver gelatin prints of photographs of historic Louisiana architecture, principally in New Orleans. The prints were collected by Thompson and include such well known photographers as Charles Franck, Frances Benjamin Johnston, and Wood “Pops” Whitesell. Thompson was a New Orleans public relations figure who collected the photographs in connection with his work.

PROVENANCE

Photographs were purchased by Tulane from the widow of Ray Thompson in 1973.

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INVENTORY

Photographic Prints.
Arranged by photographer. Unless noted, photographs are undated. Popular, contemporary names used by photographer. Note: Tulane University may not hold copyright to most images.

A. Aubrey Bodine.

1. View of 600 block of Dumaine Street, New Orleans, LA.
2. Haitian workers removing bananas from railroad car, Cape Haitian, Haiti.
3. Loading bananas aboard the S.S. Oriskany, probably Cape Haitian, Haiti.
4. Preparing to cut banana stem from plant, probably Haiti.
5. Carrying stem of bananas to railroad car, probably Haiti.

Eugene Delcroix.

6. Palm trees, probably Jefferson Parish, LA.
7. View of cypress swamp, probably Jefferson Parish, LA.

Charles L. Franck.

1. Royal Street, 1140. Lalaurie Residence, New Orleans, LA.
2. Royal Street, 640. “First Skyscraper”, Building, New Orleans, LA.
3. French Market, view of carriages, New Orleans, LA.
4. Cabildo, Building, view of stockade in courtyard, New Orleans, LA.
5. Royal Street, 417. Brennan’s Restaurant, Building, New Orleans, LA.
6. Royal Street, 613-615. Court of Two Sisters, Building, New Orleans, LA.
7. St. Anthony’s Alley, New Orleans, LA.
8. Canal Street. View of streetcars in snow, New Orleans, LA.
9. Ursuline Convent (Second), Buildings, New Orleans, LA.
11. View of man crabbing on river bank.

Louis T. Fritch.

1. Cabildo, Building, New Orleans, LA.
2. Jackson Square, view includes Cabildo, St. Louis Cathedral, and Presbytere, New Orleans, LA.
3. Chartres Street, 440. Maspero’s Exchange, Building, New Orleans, LA.
4. Chartres Street, 1113. Beauregard House, New Orleans, LA.
5. Royal Street, 417. Brennan’s, Building, view of courtyard, New Orleans, LA.
7. Canal Street. View of Mardi Gras, New Orleans, LA.
10. Audubon Park. Avenue of live oaks, New Orleans, LA.
11. New Orleans City Park. Avenue of palms, New Orleans, LA.

C.C. “Tex” Hamill.
1. Royal Street, 624. Isadore Labutut House, courtyard, New Orleans, LA.
2. St. Louis Cemetery No. 1, New Orleans, LA. View with tourists in horse drawn carriage.
3. Andrew Jackson, statue, New Orleans, LA. View with St. Louis Cathedral.
4. Jackson Square, New Orleans, LA. View with tourists and Cabildo.
5. Pirates Alley, New Orleans, LA. View with portrait artist, sitter, and spectators.

Frances Benjamin Johnston.
1. Cabildo, Building, view of arcade, New Orleans, LA.
2. Chartres Street, 1113. Residence, courtyard, New Orleans, LA.
3. Dauphine Street, 716. Le Prettre House, New Orleans, LA.
4. Dumaine Street, 632. Madame John’s Legacy, Residence, New Orleans, LA.
5. Royal Street, 520. Seignouret House, courtyard, New Orleans, LA.
6. Royal Street, 700. Labranche Building, New Orleans, LA.
7. St. Anne Street, 917. Gaillard Cottage, courtyard, New Orleans, LA.
8. Toulouse Street, 708. Court of Two Lions, Building, New Orleans, LA.
10. Iberville Parish, LA. Belle Grove Plantation House.

F.C. McDaniels.
1. St. Louis Street, 713. Antoine’s Restaurant, 1840 Room, New Orleans, LA.
2. St. Louis Street, 713. Antoine’s Restaurant, autograph collection display, Mystery Room, New Orleans, LA.
3. St. Louis Street, 713. Antoine’s Restaurant, cookbook collection display, New Orleans, LA.
4. St. Louis Street, 713. Antoine’s Restaurant, kitchen items display, New Orleans, LA.
5. St. Louis Street, 713. Antoine’s Restaurant, theater program display, New Orleans, LA.
6. St. Louis Street, 713. Antoine’s Restaurant, rare wines display, New Orleans, LA.
7. St. Louis Street, 713. Antoine’s Restaurant, portraits of Roy L. Alciatore, proprietor, New Orleans, LA.

George F. Mugnier.
1. Tulane Avenue. Charity Hospital (old), Building, New Orleans, LA. Ca. 1895.

Audrey Murphy.

1. Unidentified person in Mardi Gras costume.
2. Unidentified person in Mardi Gras costume.

F.C. Sorrels.

1. Robert E. Lee, funerary statue (New Orleans, LA?).

Leon Trice.

2. Bourbon Street, 521-533. French Opera House, Building, New Orleans, LA.
3. Gravier Street, 611. International House, Building, New Orleans, LA.
5. Union Passenger Terminal, Building, New Orleans, LA.

Wood Whitesell.

1. Portrait of Whitesell by Staff Sgt. Philip L. Ellison. Used in January 16, 1944
   *Everyweek Magazine* article about Whitesell.
2. Theatrical self-portrait with actor and props.
3. Copy of newspaper review of Whitesell’s work.
4. Cabildo, Building, New Orleans, LA.
5. Chartres Street, 500. Girod House, Building, New Orleans, LA.
6. Chartres Street, 526. Residence, New Orleans, LA.
7. Dauphine Street, 716. Le Pretre House, Building, New Orleans, LA.
8. Royal Street, 800 block. View with Desire Streetcar, New Orleans, LA.
10. Esplanade Avenue, 623; 625. Residences, New Orleans, LA.
Orleans Street, 717. Orleans Ballroom, Building, New Orleans, LA.
13. St. Peter Street, 726. Whitesell’s studio, Building, courtyard, New Orleans, LA.
14. Royal Street, 520. Seignouret House, Building, courtyard, New Orleans, LA.
15. Royal Street, 500. Labranche Building, New Orleans, LA.
16. Royal Street, 500. Labranche Building, New Orleans, LA.
17. Royal Street, 900. Miltenberger Houses, Building, New Orleans, LA.
18. Royal Street, 915. Cornstalk Guest House, Building, New Orleans, LA.
19. Royal Street, 1140. Lalaurie House, Building, New Orleans, LA.
20. Toulouse Street, 628. Jacob House, Residence, New Orleans, LA.
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22. Toulouse Street, 628. Jacob House, Residence, New Orleans, LA.
23. Unidentified Building (French Quarter?), courtyard, New Orleans, LA.
25. French Market, New Orleans, LA. View of truck farmers. 1920’s.
27. St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA. View of people waiting for Mardi Gras parade.
29. Unidentified man in doorway (French Quarter?), New Orleans, LA.
31. New Orleans City Park. Allard Tomb, New Orleans, LA.
33. St. Charles Parish, LA. Locke Breaux Live Oak.

Other Photographers.
2. Frederick, H.K Kitz. St. Peter Street, 615. Arsenal, Building, New Orleans, LA.
3. Leyrer and Schaff. Royal Street, 700. Labranche Building, New Orleans, LA.
4. Meates, Roy C. St. Louis Cathedral, Building, New Orleans, LA. View with Andrew Jackson statue.
6. Williams, H.S. Pontalba Building (lower), New Orleans, LA.
7. Wolbrette, D.J. Jackson Square, New Orleans, LA. View of Andrew Jackson statue. 1944.
8. Wolbrette and Mortenson. St. Louis Cathedral, Building, New Orleans, LA.

Greater New Orleans and River Scenes.
2. David Photo Service. Typical river towboat, probably Mississippi River. 1946.
5. Miller, Frank Lotz. Moisant International Airport, Kenner, LA. Photograph of model.
6. Randon Picture Service. City Hall, Civic Center, Building, New Orleans, LA.

New Orleans Personages.
1. Daspit, J.H. Arts and Crafts Club. Miss Goodall in art class. 2 views.

Louisiana Plantations, Rural Scenes, etc.
8. Wilson, Scott, and Associates. Unidentified sugar cane fields.

Unidentified Photographers.

French Quarter.
1. Bourbon Street, 200 block. New Orleans, LA.
2. Bourbon Street, 238. Old Absinthe House, Building, New Orleans, LA.
5. Bourbon Street, 309. Paddock Bar and Lounge, Building, New Orleans, LA.
7. Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA. View toward St. Louis Cathedral.
9. Chartres Street, 500. Building, New Orleans, LA.
13. Liberty Street, 1012. Cottage, New Orleans, LA.
14. Orleans Street, New Orleans, LA. View from 716 Dauphine Street.
16. Pontalba Building (lower), New Orleans, LA.
17. Royal Street, 520. Seigneuriet House, New Orleans, LA. View from carriageway toward courtyard.
18. Royal Street, 640. First Skyscraper, Building, New Orleans, LA.
19. Royal Street, 640. First Skyscraper, Building, New Orleans, LA.
20. Royal Street, 700. Labranche Building, New Orleans, LA.
21. Royal Street, 700. Labranche Building, New Orleans, LA.
22. Royal Street, 1140. Lalaurie House, New Orleans, LA. Entrance.
23. St. Anne Street, 600 block. New Orleans, LA. View from Royal Street balcony. 1944.
26. Toulouse Street, 708. Court of Two Lions, Building, New Orleans, LA. 1944.
27. Unidentified Mantelpiece.

Greater New Orleans.
5. Audubon Park, New Orleans, LA. View of bridge over lagoon.
6. Voodoo woman with doll, totem, and chicken feet.
10. Fisherman at bank of Mississippi River.

Louisiana Plantations and Rural Scences.
4. Landry Home. Unidentified location.
7. Unidentified house boat being towed.

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8. Unidentified steamboat and cypress trees.
9. Unidentified cypress swamp.

Miscellaneous Locations.
2. Grand Isle, LA. Man, “last of Walker’s men”.
5. Grand Isle, LA (?). View of boat with fisherman. 1920.

Personages and Miscellaneous.
1. Louis Armstrong, with trumpet.
4. Andrew J. Higgins.
5. Andrew J. Higgins, on P.T. boat.
6. Alice Frances Goodall.
7. View of unveiling of Angela Gregory bust of John McDonogh.
8. Mrs. Westfeldt with Dickens figurine collection.
10. Documents describing early historic events in North America.