

Richard Joel Russell papers, [ca. 1930s-1971]
Circa 1930-1971
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Summary Information

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Abstract	This collection includes correspondence, lectures, notebooks, reports, photographs, and maps. There is much in Russell's papers concerning the Department of Geography at L.S.U., as well as faculty and research concerns and other needs of the university.

Background note

Richard Joel Russell was a geologist and geographer. He studied the river deltas of America (chiefly the Mississippi River), Spain, France, and Turkey. He also studied the coastal morphology of the Gulf of Mexico; stream patterns; arid areas of the United States; and he worked on a climatic map of California. He came to Louisiana State University in 1928, where he created the Department of Geography, and he remained there all his academic life.

Scope & content

Native American Images note : 180 black and white photographs, maps, diagrams, and sketches of pre-historic Archaic, Tchefuncte, Troysville-Coles, Taensa, Plaquemine, and Caddo Indian sites in parishes throughout Louisiana taken from 1934-1950. Images accompany reports by Russell, with contributions from fellow Louisiana State University colleagues Henry V. Howe and Fred Kniffen, of field investigations of shorelines in legal dispute by various corporations. Site locations include: Chicot Pass, Bayous Perot, Sale, Freshwater, and Choctaw, Grand Lake, and Red River. Geographical and geological in nature, the photographs include shell middens, pottery shards, and mounds of early Native American settlements.

Maps note: There are approximately 150 maps in this collection. They are in various notebooks which give a general indication of the area and sometimes a date. The maps generally are quite small and were sketched on the site of the topographical or geological study then underway. (Realms of Gold, 40).

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Provenance

Acquisition Information

Presented by Richard Joel and accessioned, 1967 (1967 2626ms). See in-house shelf list for additional accession numbers and dates.

Processing Information

Inventory not complete.

Indexing Terms

Corporate Name(s)

- Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College. -- Dept. of Geography.
- United States. -- Office of Naval Research.

Genre(s)

- Diagrams.
- Diaries.
- Gelatin silver prints
- Lectures.
- Maps.
- Notebooks.
- Sketches.

Geographic Name(s)

- Louisiana -- Description and travel.
- Morocco -- Description and travel.
- Rhône River Delta (France)
- Turkey -- Description and travel.

Personal Name(s)

- Howe, Henry V. (Henry Van Wagenen), 1896-
- Jones, Wellington Downing, 1886-
- Kniffen, Fred Bowerman, 1900-
- Lawson, Andrew C., (Andrew Cowper), 1861-1952
- Louderback, George D., (George Davis), 1874-1957
- Mencken, H. L., (Henry Louis), 1880-1956
- Morgan, James P., (James Plummer), 1919-
- Penck, Albrecht
- Price, W. Armstrong, (William Armstrong), 1889-
- Roy, Chalmer John, 1907-
- Sauer, Carl Ortwin, 1889-1975
- Sternberg, Hilgard O'Reilly
- Thornthwaite, C. W., (Charles Warren), 1899-1963

Subject(s)

- Caddo Indians
- Geography.
- Geology.
- Indians of North America--Louisiana--Antiquities
- Indians of North America--Louisiana--Caddo Parish--Antiquities
- Indians of North America--Louisiana--Cameron Parish--Antiquities
- Indians of North America--Louisiana--Iberia Parish--Antiquities
- Indians of North America--Louisiana--Lafourche Parish--Antiquities
- Indians of North America--Louisiana--LaSalle Parish--Antiquities
- Indians of North America--Louisiana--Saint Mary Parish--Antiquities
- Indians of North America--Louisiana--Tensas Parish--Antiquities
- Indians of North America--Louisiana--Vermilion Parish--Antiquities
- Naval research -- United States.
- Physical geography -- Rhône River Valley (Switzerland and France)
- Prehistoric peoples--Louisiana

- Public lands -- Louisiana.
- Southeast Indians
- Taensa Indians

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Report: Age of Island in Chicot, Louisiana	26 Jan. 1942
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Report: Bayou Ledet

Dec. 1939

Report: Bayou L'Ours, LaFourche Parish, Oct. 1940
Louisiana (Indian Mounds)

Report: Bayou Perot Region, LaFourche 1944
Parish, Louisiana #1

Report: Bayou Perot Region, LaFourche 1944
Parish, Louisiana #2

Tchefuncte shell mound 1944

Tchefuncte shell mound, 1944

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Report: Bayou Sale [St. Mary Parish,
Louisiana] #1

1941-1942

Report: Bayou Sale [St. Mary Parish, Louisiana] #2	1941-1942
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Troysville-Coles Creek site	1942
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Troysville-Coles Creek site, 1942

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Report: Bayou Sale [St. Mary Parish,
Louisiana] #3

1941-1942

Report: Bayou Sale [St. Mary Parish,
Louisiana] #4

1941-1942

Report: Bayou Sale [St. Mary Parish,
Louisiana] #5

1941-1942

Report: Bayou Sale [St. Mary Parish,
Louisiana] #6

1941-1942

Report: Catahoula Lake-elevation of the shore 1941
line. LaSalle Parish, Louisiana #1

Report: Catahoula Lake-elevation of the shore 1942
line. LaSalle Parish, Louisiana #2

Report: Choctaw Bayous, Tensas Parish, 1943-1944
Louisiana #1

Report: Choctaw Bayous, Tensas Parish, 1943-1944
Louisiana #2

Report: Choctaw Bayous, Tensas Parish, 1943-1944
Louisiana #3

Report: Choctaw Bayous, Tensas Parish, 1943-1944
Louisiana #4

Report: Determination of the Mean, High- 1944
Water, Lake St. John, Concordia Parish,
Louisiana

Report: Freshwater Bayou Canal, Louisiana #1 1950

Report: Freshwater Bayou Canal, Louisiana #2 1950

Plaquemine pottery shards 1950

Plaquemine pottery shards, 1950

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Plaquemine pottery shards 1950

Plaquemine pottery shards, 1950

[\[http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2671\]](http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/graphics:2671)

Report: Geological Conditions along Texas 1941
and Pacific Railroad, between Gretna and
Shreveport, Louisiana #1

Report: Geological Conditions along Texas 1941
and Pacific Railroad, between Gretna and
Shreveport, Louisiana #2

Report: Grand Lake, Parish of Cameron, 1934
Louisiana #1

Report: Grand Lake, Parish of Cameron, 1934
Louisiana #2

Report: Lake Hatch Region, Terrebonne Parish, 1939
Louisiana

Report: Long Lake, LaFourche Parish, 1940
Louisiana #1

Report: Long Lake, LaFourche Parish, 1940
Louisiana #2

Report: Paradis Area, St. Charles Parish, 1940
Louisiana #1

Report: Paradis Area, St. Charles Parish, 1940
Louisiana #2

Report: Sunflower Plantation Study, Red River, 1944
Louisiana #1

Report: Sunflower Plantation Study, Red River, 1944
Louisiana #2
