JOHN A. AND NELL POMEROY O’BRIEN COLLECTION

(Mss 120)

Inventory

Earl K. Long Library
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Summary

Size: 11 linear feet

Geographic locations: France, New York, Mexico, and New Orleans, Louisiana


Bulk dates: 1891 - 1968

Summary: Papers of John A. O'Brien and Nell Pomeroy O'Brien, consisting of correspondence, appointment books, scrapbooks, clippings, photographs, business ledgers, photographic prints of paintings, genealogical materials of Marquis, O'Brien, and Pomeroy families, and miscellany.
Biographical Note

John A. O’Brien, a native New Orleanian, was born September 18, 1895. After graduating from Tulane University in 1917, he joined the Army as an officer and served in the Engineer Corps with the Rainbow Division to New Orleans and engaged in civil engineering and general contracting. He married Nell Pomeroy in 1922, and they had one daughter, Patricia. He died in New Orleans on March 4, 1943.

Nell Pomeroy O’Brien was born in New Orleans on August 11, 1898 (probably 1897). Educated in New Orleans schools, she received additional training in art at the Art Students League in New York and in France. She was a well-known portrait painter and served as vice-president and director of the Art Association of New Orleans. She was the founder and first volunteer instructor of the Junior Members of the Art Association at Delgado Museum and also served on the Spring Fiesta Advisory Board and the New Orleans Symphony Board. She died in New Orleans on January 20, 1966.

Sources: Biographical information from newspaper accounts at the time of deaths.

Note: Addenda formerly numbered 1-3 have been incorporated into the collection and are not inventoried separately.

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120-14 **Art Association of New Orleans.**
Membership list. n.d.
Miscellany. n.d.; 1931; 1936.

**Business ledgers.** John A. O'Brien. 3 vols.
120-21 1926-1937.
120-22 1937-1938.
120-23 1939-1943.

120-13 **Catalogues of art exhibits.** March 1, 1936; February 5, 1939; October 27, 1940; December 1953 - Nov 4, 1967.


**Condolences.** March 8, 1943.
120-54 Mrs. Shipman of New York to Mrs. O’Brien on death of Mr. O’Brien.

**Correspondence.** Lt. John A. O’Brien to Nell Pomeroy.

120-6 n.d.; August 8, 1914 - June 26, 1918.
120-7 July 20, 1918 - October 20, 1918.
120-8 October 21, 1918 - 1926.


120-10 Miscellaneous. n.d.; 1931; April 24, 1931 - October 17, 1967.

(Note: For additional correspondence see scrapbooks: 120-27, 120-28, 120-29, 120-31, 120-33, 120-34, family album 120-43 and 120-50 and genealogical correspondence 120-42.)

120-29 **Correspondence box.** (Contained letters from John A. O’Brien to Nell Pomeroy. Box probably painted by Nell.)

**Genealogical materials.**

120-42 Correspondence. (Pertains to Marquis and Pomeroy genealogical data. Also includes notes and clipping.) n.d.; August 18, 1891 - July 8, 1939.

Family albums.

120-41 Marquis. ca. 1900.
120-43 O’Brien. ca. 1901 - 1943.
120-50 Pomeroy. ca. 1894 - 1929.

120-45 Family documents and miscellany relating to genealogy. (Arranged chronologically.)


n.d. Copies of documents relating to purchase of slave, February 5, 1857; February 18, 1857.

December 5, 1876. Teaching certificate of Katie Corr.


June 1, 1922. Wedding invitation of John O’Brien and Nell Pomeroy.


Photographs; family and friends.
(Loose and those removed from albums.)
120-40  Marquis. n.d.; July 1919 - April 2, 1922.
120-44  O'Brien. n.d.; ca. 1917; 1940; July 1957.

120-49  Publications.
Albert A. Pomeroy.  History and Genealogy of the Pomeroy Family.  Vol. III.  1922.  (2 copies.)
Lewis Effingham DeForest, ed.  The Journals and Papers of Seth Pomeroy.  1926.

Includes resumé, travel itinerary, receipts, lists of paintings.

120-46  Paintings.
Javanese Dancers. 1937.
Portrait. n.d.

Photographic prints of paintings by Nell Pomeroy O'Brien and other artists.

Albums (Album titles assigned by Mrs. O'Brien maintained.)  5 vols.
120-17  No. 3 Women. n.d.; 1941; 1944.
120-18  Portraits of Nell O'Brien. 1925 - 1942.  [Painted by other artists.]

Photographic prints not in albums.
120-38  Flowers. n.d.

Photographic prints and negatives portraying the move of the Edgar B. Stern home by the firm of John A. O'Brien.
22 photographic prints with matching negatives, made from originals owned by Mrs. Mogens Strigel (née Patricia O'Brien).
120-51  Photographic negatives (22 items)
120-52  Photographic prints (22 items)

120-35  Photographs.  (Note: See also scrapbooks 120-24 - 120-34 and family
albums and photographs 120-40, 120-41, 120-43, 120-44, 120-50.)
Mme. John's Legacy. n.d.
St. Simeon's Select School. ca. 1903; April 15, 1904. (Magazine
clipping of October 6, 1963.)
Unidentified gentleman. n.d.

Postcards from European tour. June 1938 - August 1938. (Note: See
also scrapbook 120-28.)
120-36     With notations.
120-37     Without notations.

120-24     n.d. (family).
120-25     n.d. 1918. (family).
120-26     n.d. 1916; 1918; 1919. (family).
120-27     n.d. 1931. (family; tour of the United States).
120-28     June 1938 - August 1938. (family; European tour).
120-30     n.d.; 1944. (family).
120-31     n.d.; 1926 - 1948. (family; professional).


Slave sale document
120-53     Notarized bill of sale for a slave, dated February 5, 1857, New
Orleans, Louisiana.

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