A. C. PRIESTLEY COLLECTION
(Mss 143)

Inventory
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University of New Orleans
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Summary

Size:

Geographic locations: New Orleans, Louisiana

Inclusive dates: 1903-1924

Summary: Correspondence and minutes of Board of Directors, Leland College, Baker, Louisiana; hand-colored tintype of [William G. Brown]; 2 volumes of enrollment records for McDonogh 24 School (New Orleans), 1903/4 and 1913/4.

Related collections: Orleans Parish School Board Collection (Mss 147)
**Historical Note**

Nothing but a few crumbling walls and an entry marker remain of the original buildings at Leland College, but it has the distinction of being one of the permanent sites of America's first college for African-Americans. The college, first located in New Orleans, was moved to Baker, Louisiana, on November 1, 1923, after its original buildings were destroyed by a hurricane in 1915. The school provided education from first grade through university level for black students. After it closed its doors to students seeking higher education, the school continued as a public school for black students in the Baker area until segregation was finally abolished. Leland closed in May 1960.

**Source:** *Baker, the First Two Hundred Years, 1776-1976* (Baker, La.: The City of Baker, 1976), p. 93-96

**Preliminary Inventory**

Correspondence. February 8, 1923 - March 29, 1924, May 10, 1949.

Leland University. March 4, 1922, March 13, 1923.

Minutes, Board of Trustees annual meeting. Attachment, calling card of Rev. Avery A. Shaw. March 4, 1922.

Minutes, Board of Trustees annual meeting. Enclosures, Treasurer's Report for year ending February 1, 1923, notes taken at annual meeting by A. C. Priestley [?]. March 13, 1923.

Miscellaneous
Calling card of Dr. T. A. Walker.  n.d.

Unidentified list of names.  n.d.

McDonogh Booth 24 School, 1903 - 1907, 1913 - 1914, 1915.

Annual Register.  1903 - 1904; 1904 - 1905; 1905 - 1906; 1906 - 1907.


Correspondence.  1886-1969, n.d.

Handbills.  1886-1888, n.d.

Charles S. Gerth for U.S. Senator, n.d.

Straight University.  Annual concert and exhibition, May 27, 1886.

Texas State Farmers' Alliance, September 22, 1888.

Invitations and Programs.  1881 - 1967.


First Free Mission Baptist Church.  Services, March 8, 1959.

In Memoriam; John R. Patterson, Sr., August 11, 1966.

Leland University.  Annual exhibition of The Ciceronian Literary Society, May 24, 1881.


Matriculation Book.  Leland University.  
School enrollment 1872 - 1902; student grades, 1889 - 1892, and biographical sketch of Holbrook Chamberlain, founder of the University.


Miscellany.  August 2, 1884; n.d.

Admission ticket to Wilson Hall, August 2, 1884.
Purchased from Chartres Antiques.

Trade cards
J. & P. Coats. n.d. 2 items
Jacobs Bros. Walkover Shoes. n.d. 1 item
Tarrant's Seltzer Aperient. n.d. 1 item

Business cards
New Orleans Naturopathic Establishment
Triangle Radio Service

Calling card (signed) J. W. E. Bowen


New Orleans newspapers, 9 items.

Notes (personal). n.d. 12 items.

Notes (school assignments). 1916, 1924. 7 items.

Pamphlets
*This Is One of the World's Most Unusual Cities.* [S.l.: s.n., n.d.]

Personal Papers of A. C. and L. E. Priestley

Civil War Pension application form, n.d.

Poll Tax receipt, 1935.

Pullman Company card for Lucullus E. Priestley as car porter

State of Louisiana, Juvenile Court probation report. March 16, 1920 [?]

Xavier University, High School Department report card of Sherman Priestley. 1918-1919.

Photographs
Album containing 39 photographs. ca. 1926.

4 x 6 photograph with inscription “From Alice to Professor Priestley.” n.d.

OVERSIZED Poster

School Catalog and Directory
New Orleans Public Schools. 1929-1930 directory.
Straight University, New Orleans, La. 1903-1904 catalog.

Serials
*Le Petit Journal*, vol. 5 (1924) 85.

Sheet Music

William's Methodist Church.

Yearbooks

**Index Terms**

Brown, William G.
Leland University
McDonogh 24 School (New Orleans, La.)
Straight University