

J. Edgar Monroe Collection

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Name of Creator

Monroe, J. Edgar

Administrative/Biographical History

J. Edgar Monroe was born on February 11, 1897 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I and became an active businessman upon leaving the military. He served as an executive in companies such as Boland Machine and Manufacturing Co., Inc., Canal Bank and Trust Co., Canal Assets, Inc., Southdown, Inc., and Electric Bond and Share. Mr. Monroe was a generous philanthropist, over the years donating tens of millions of dollars to Catholic charities and Loyola University New Orleans. Mr. Monroe did not attend college, but he was honored by Loyola University as a Doctor of Humane Letters in 1991 as thanks for his extensive charitable contributions. He died on May 6, 1992 at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

Scope and Content

The J. Edgar Monroe Collection consists primarily of documents related to Mr. Monroe's business interests, such as the Canal Bank and Trust Co., Canal Assets, Inc., Electric Bond and Share, and Southdown, Inc. The collection also contains a small number of Monroe's personal documents and school records of Robert J. Monroe, J. Edgar Monroe's nephew.

System of Arrangement

This collection has been arranged into nine series. The original order of materials that began as bound volumes (covering one bound volume from Series IV and the entirety of Series V – VII) has been preserved. The arrangement scheme for the rest of the collection was imposed during processing in the absence of a usable original order. Except for Series V – VII, the folders of each series are arranged alphabetically.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

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Language and Scripts of the Material

Collection is in English.

Related Archival Materials

Canal Bank records, Manuscripts Collection 25, Louisiana Research Collection, Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118.

Sources Used

Pope, J. (1992, May 8). J. Edgar Monroe, philanthropist, dies. *The Times-Picayune*, pp. B-1, B-2.

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Processing Information

Finding aid written by James Clifford, 2013.

Series Description

Series I Canal Bank and Trust Co.

Primarily correspondence and documents concerning the shareholders of Canal Bank and Trust Co., in Liquidation between the years 1947 and 1954. One folder contains shareholder letters from between the years 1950 and 1957 forwarded to a Mr. Cameron W. Wolfe, Jr. on May 21, 1973.

Also see Series IX: Oversized for framed 19th century bank notes issued by the Bank of Louisiana and the New Orleans Canal & Banking Company.

Series II Canal Assets, Inc.

Primarily financial reports and shareholder documents of Canal Assets, Inc. from 1954 until its merger with Southdown, Inc. in 1969. One folder contains earnings and profits reports from between the years 1949 and 1963 forward to a Mr. W.A. West on September 30, 1968. Another folder contains correspondence from 1960 regarding outstanding fees James G. Schillin claimed he was owed upon his death in a letter addressed to his widow and step-daughter.

Series III Electric Bond and Share

Material related to the Electric Bond and Share Company from between the years 1941 and 1969. Includes magazine clippings from Ebasco News and the April 8, 1961 cover of Business Week, assorted pages from the Standard and Poor's stock report from August 12, 1941 – March 23, 1964, and a notice of an annual shareholder meeting and proxy statement from May 22, 1964.

Also see Series IX: Oversized for a resolution of thanks to J. Edgar Monroe.

Series IV Southdown Merger

Documents related to the merger of Canal Assets, Inc. and Southdown, Inc. in 1969. Includes financial statements, insurance schedules, IRS documents, shareholder correspondence, and shareholder agreements. Also includes one bound volume dated August 21, 1969 of material concerning the merger, much of which is duplicated in the previous folders.

Series V Canal Bank and Trust Co. – Assets Register

Register of the Canal Bank and Trust Co., in Liquidation's assets. Includes checks and notes underwritten by the bank, mineral lease agreements, inventories of office fixtures and furniture, and other outstanding debts and balances.

Series VI Canal Bank and Trust Co. – Board of Directors Minutes

Pages from the "April – 1930" minute book of the Canal Bank and Trust Co. Board of Directors, from between the dates April 15, 1931 and May 18, 1933. Also included after page 184 are minutes and documents from several meetings of the Canal Bank and Trust Co., in Liquidation, from between the dates August 5, 1948 and March 5, 1954.

Series VII Canal Assets, Inc. – Shareholders Binder

Pages from a shareholders binder containing reports and notices concerning Canal Assets, Inc. from between the years 1954 to 1969.

Series VIII Personal Documents and Effects

A small number of personal documents and effects belonging to J. Edgar Monroe and his nephew, Robert J. Monroe. Includes photograph of J. Edgar Monroe from his Army service in World War I, school records of Robert J. Monroe, and a military cap with various World War II and USSR related pins.

Additionally includes newspaper and magazine clippings related to the Vanderbilt family. Members of the Vanderbilt family owned property in Newport, Rhode Island, as did the Monroe family. Mr. Monroe and his wife owned the mansion known as Rosecliff for 25 years before donating it to the Newport Preservation Society, during which time it was featured in the 1974 film version of “The Great Gatsby”.

Also see Series IX: Oversized for an Honorary Doctorate awarded to J. Edgar Monroe.

Series IX Oversized

Three items: an Honorary Doctorate of Letters degree awarded to J. Edgar Monroe from Loyola University in gratitude for his charitable contributions, a resolution of thanks from the board of the Electric Bond and Share Company, and framed 19th century banknotes from the Bank of Louisiana and the New Orleans Canal & Banking Company.

Container List

Series I: Canal Bank and Trust Co.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Cameron W. Wolfe, Jr.
	2	Corporate Biographies, 1926 and 1931
	3	Correspondence and Shareholder Documents, 1925 – 1954
	4	Correspondence and Shareholder Documents, Photostats, 1947-1948
	5	Indentures of Trust, 1952 and 1954

Series II: Canal Assets, Inc.

Box	Folder	Description
1	6	Annual Reports, 1960 – 1962
	7	Annual Reports, 1966 – 1969
	8	Auditors Reports, 1954 – 1959
	9	Dividend Sheets, 1954 – 1969
	10	Edward B. Benjamin, Jr.
2	1	James G. Schillin Estate Dispute
	2	Miscellaneous Shareholder Documents, 1956 – 1968
	3	Reports on Assets, 1955
	4	Statements of Condition, 1954 – 1968

Series III: Electric Bond and Share

Box	Folder	Description
2	5	Shareholder Documents, 1941 – 1964

Series IV: Southdown Merger

Box	Folder	Description
2	6	Agreement of Merger
	7	Correspondence and Shareholder Documents, April 15, 1969 – May 28, 1969
	8	Correspondence and Shareholder Documents, June 25, 1969 – August 15, 1969
	9	Correspondence and Shareholder Documents, August 20, 1969 – July 11, 1973
	10	Notice of Special Meeting of Shareholders – Southdown, Inc.
	11	Proxy Statements – Canal Assets, Inc.
3	1	“Southdown, Inc. – Merger of Canal Assets, Inc. August 21, 1969”

Series V: Canal Bank and Trust Co. – Assets Register

Box	Folder	Description
4	1	Assets Register, pages 1-100
	2	Assets Register, pages 101-200
	3	Assets Register, pages 201-344

Series VI: Canal Bank and Trust Co. – Minutes

Box	Folder	Description
5	1	Minutes, Board of Directors, April 1930, pages 93 – 134
	2	Minutes, Board of Directors, April 1930, pages 135 – 180
	3	Minutes, Board of Directors, April 1930, pages 181 – 184, plus Additional Documents

Series VII: Canal Assets, Inc. – Shareholders Binder

Box	Folder	Description
6	1	Shareholders Binder, 1954 – 1962
	2	Shareholders Binder, 1963 – 1968
	3	Shareholders Binder, 1969

Series VIII: Personal Documents and Effects

Box	Folder	Description
7	1	News Clippings – Vanderbilt Family
	2	Personal Documents
	3	Photograph – J. Edgar Monroe, Headquarters 19 th Division, First War
	4	Russian Military Cap with Pins

Series IX: Oversized

Box	Folder	Description
8	1	Framed Bank Notes, circa 1862
	2	Honorary Doctorate from Loyola University, May 20, 1991
	3	Resolution of Thanks from Electric Bond and Share Co, August 21, 1969