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Reverchon Family papers Finding aid

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Julien Reverchon, the Reverchon family, and descendants

Title: Reverchon Family papers

Dates: 1856-1947

Bulk Dates: 1856-1907

Abstract: The collection is comprised of Reverchon Family papers, including biographical materials, letters, financial documents, notebooks, journals, (in French and English), Prayer Book, legal documents, and tax receipts.

Identification: A.84.75

Location: Dallas Historical Society

Language: The materials are in English and French

Repository: Dallas Historical Society

Biographical Sketch or Administrative History:

The Reverchon family moved from France to Dallas, Texas in December 1856. Jacques Reverchon, the family patriarch, subscribed to François M. C. Fourier's utopian social philosophy and decided to join Victor P. Considérant's La Réunion near Dallas, Texas. Julien Reverchon accompanied his father. They arrived at La Réunion in December 1856 and learned of the colony's failure, so they bought a small farm nearby.

Julien was a botanist and studied the plant life of Texas. During a fossil-finding trip to West Texas in 1879, Julien discovered a plant which was then named after him, "Reverchonia". Julien was a member of the Torrey Botanical Club of New York and was professor of botany at the *Baylor University College of Medicine and Pharmacy* at Dallas. He died of Bright's Disease on December 30, 1905. The city of Dallas named Reverchon Park in Julien Reverchon's honor.

S. W. Geiser, *Naturalists of the Frontier* (Dallas: Southern Methodist University, 1937; 2d ed. 1948). *Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas County* (Chicago: Lewis, 1892; rpt., Dallas: Walsworth, 1976). George H. Santerre, *White Cliffs of Dallas: The Story of La Reunion* (Dallas: Book Craft, 1955).

Scope and Contents Note:

Reverchon Family papers including biographical information, journals, photographs, financial documents, and other materials related to botany and to Early Dallas.

Arrangement:

The boxes are arranged in chronological order starting in 1856 and ending in 1947.

Restrictions:**Access Restrictions:**

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Related Material:

- V.84.75.1-7
- L.84.75.1-5
- M.84.75.1-27
- A.77.40

Index Terms:**Subjects (Persons):**

- Jacques Reverchon
- Julien Maximilian Reverchon
- Paul Reverchon
- Dr. Rene Caillet
- Elizabeth Caillet
- Paul R. Caillet
- Dr. Robert Freeman

Subjects:

- Botany
- Plant Species
- Dallas County Tax Receipts
- Early Dallas

Places:

- Dallas, Texas
- France
- La Réunion
- Baylor University
- Baylor University College of Medicine and Pharmacy in Dallas

- Reverchon Park

Document Types:

Archival

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| Administrative Information: |
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| Description of Series: |
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The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the Reverchon Family Collection.

| Box # | Folder # | Title/Description | Date |
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| 1 | A.84.75.1 | Photocopy of a book titled "Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas County, Texas" Copy of a biography of Jacques Reverchon (2 Copies) Copy of <i>Bulletin de la Societe d'Etudes du Brionnais</i> (In French) Reverchon family tree (2 copies) | 1892 Undated January - June 1937 Undated |
| | A.84.75.2 | Handwritten Letter from Paul Reverchon to his father, with 2 translated copies Handwritten Letter from Paul Reverchon to his father, with 2 translated copies Handwritten Letter from Paul Reverchon to his father, with 2 translated copies Handwritten Letter to Eugenie, with translated copy Handwritten Letter, with photocopy and translated copy Handwritten Letter, in French Handwritten Letter, in French Handwritten Letter from Julien Reverchon, in French Handwritten Letter, in French and English Handwritten Letter, in French | February 12, 1868 October 20, 1867 January 9, 1874 Undated September 30 August 26, 1871 1879 July 21, 1876 April 25, 1877 |

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| | | Handwritten Letter, in French Handwritten Letter to Eugenie, in French | December 1, 1877 December 14, 1877 November 19, 1877 |
| | A.84.75.3 | Handwritten Letter to Miss Kimbell from J Reverchon Handwritten Letter from J Reverchon Handwritten Letter to Mary from R. P. Henry Handwritten Letter | December 13, 1900 January 9, 1903 October 7, 1883 August 30, 1878 |
| | A.84.75.4 | Letter to Dr. Rene Caillet from James Pratt regarding contacting Reverchon relatives living in France for research Copy of a letter to P. Vincent from J. Reverchon regarding Reverchon ancestry Copy of a letter to Dr. Caillet from Juliette Honnay regarding Reverchon ancestry Letter to Dr. Caillet from Juliette Honnay regarding research about Jacques Reverchon Copy of a Handwritten Letter from P. Vincent regarding research about Jacques Reverchon, with translation Letter from Vincent regarding his research about Jacques Reverchon Letter from Juliette Honnay regarding Jacques Reverchon and Reverchon ancestry Copy of a handwritten letter with typed portions from P. Vincent (2 copies) | July 19, 1977 September 14, 1977 November 8, 1977 November 28, 1977 January 31, 1978 March 9, 1978 March 12, 1978 June 17, 1977 |
| | A.84.75.5 | State and county tax receipt for 1859 State and county tax receipt for 1860 State and county tax receipt for 1863 State and county tax receipt for 1865 State and county tax receipt for 1868 Convention tax receipt State and county tax receipt for 1869 State and county tax receipt for 1871 Property tax receipt for 1871 | March 21, 1860 January 25, 1861 January 21, 1864 January 19, 1866 September 30, 1868 September 30, 1868 September 27, 1869 October 5, 1871 1871 October 7, 1875 May 3, 1893 |

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| | <p>School tax receipt for 1875 City of Dallas tax receipt for 1892 State and county tax receipt for 1877</p> <p>State and county tax receipt for 1877 Receipt from W.S. Lee, M.D. and Francis Keller, M.D. Dallas city tax receipt for 1878 State and county tax receipt for 1878</p> <p>State and county tax receipt for 1879</p> <p>Dallas city tax receipt for 1880 State and county tax receipt for 1880</p> <p>Dallas city tax receipt for 1881 State and county tax receipt for 1881 Dallas city tax receipt for 1882 State and county tax receipt for 1882</p> <p>Dallas city tax receipt for 1883 Dallas city tax receipt for 1884 State and county tax receipt for 1883 State and county tax receipt for 1884</p> <p>Dallas city tax receipt for 1885 State and county tax receipt for 1885</p> <p>Dallas city tax receipt for 1886 State and county tax receipt for 1886</p> <p>Dallas city tax receipt for 1887 State and county tax receipt for 1887 State and county tax receipt for 1888</p> <p>Dallas city tax receipt for 1889</p> <p>School tax receipt for 1872 State and county tax receipt for 1889 State and county tax receipt for 1890</p> <p>State and county tax receipt for 1890</p> | <p>November 14, 1877 April 13, 1878 April 8, 1878</p> <p>August 21, 1878 February 19, 1879 January 24, 1880 August 6, 1880 February 19, 1881 August 23, 1881 January 7, 1882 August 24, 1882 February 20, 1883 August 31, 1883 August 28, 1884 March 7, 1884 February 20, 1885 August 28, 1885 February 6, 1886 July 6, 1886 February 7, 1887 October 3, 1887 December 1887 December 6, 1888 September 28, 1889 August 27, 1872 January 2, 1890 October 27, 1890 October 27, 1890 December 23, 1890 February 3, 1893</p> |
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| | | Dallas city tax receipt for 1890 Letter from the City of Dallas Tax Department | |
| | V84.75.5 | Explication Des Planches, loose bound book with plant diagrams written in French Handwritten notes in Cornell style labeled 2 and 3 regarding plants Handwritten notes about various plants in essay form (2 pages) | n.d. n.d. n.d. |
| | A84.75.6 | Box to Rent slip signed by A. M. Reverchon Bill from J. S. Thatcher, Civil Engineer and Surveyor to Julien Reverchon Bill to M. Reverchon in French for \$5 Handwritten receipt addressed to M. Reverchon with a balance of 9.10 5 Francs note 10 Francs note Note of receipt to Dr. H. K. Leake for professional services Handwritten note of receipt of Julien Reverchon for \$20 | 1881 July 13, 1887 January 1873 n.d. n.d. n.d. January 17, 1885 April 6, 1880 |
| | V84.75.6 | Handwritten letter in French, folded, unsigned Handwritten letter to Doctor Kech from Julien Reverchon in French, folded | 1871 1876 |
| | A84.75.7 | Handwritten letters of Administration with Will of estate of M. Reverchon deceased annexed to Julien Reverchon (one copy in French, one copy in English) | September 21, 1878 |
| | A84.75.8 | Julien Reverchon's Journal, handwritten in French | 1855 |
| | A84.75.9 | J. Reverchon lined notebook with writing in French and sketches of mountains | 1877 |
| | A87.75.10 | Empty | |
| | A84.75.11 | Julien Reverchon's handwritten journal, written in French | 1864 |
| | A84.75.12 | Handwritten address card in French Handwritten note with Herbarium of Thomas Morong header Handwritten French Cream Cake recipe in three parts Handwritten note titled Words for parting Handwritten noted titled Scripture (2 pages) | n.d. July 27, 1875 n.d. n.d. n.d. |

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| | | Handwritten list Handwritten letter to A. Louise signed Mr. In French Handwritten note in French Handwritten letter in French Handwritten account about coming to Dallas County Handwritten list/note numbered 1-21, foldable, written in French Handwritten table in French | n.d. n.d. 1873 n.d. n.d. n.d. n.d. |
| | A84.75.13 | Missing | |
| | A84.75.14 | Eighth Annual Commencement Exercises of Medical and Pharmaceutical Departments of Baylor University program (2) Invitation to Baylor Class of 1907 Commencement Exercises and program Commencement Exercises Southwestern University Medical College Program | April 27, 1907 April 23, 1907 April 25, 1907 |
| | A84.75.15 | Baylor University College of Pharmacy Annual Announcement Third Session Program Baylor University College of Pharmacy Annual Announcement Third Session Schedule 5 Seconds by the Watch Parke, Davis & Co advertising flyer Pharmaceutical Review pamphlet The Hot Springs Medical Journal | July, 1903 July, 1903 n.d. April, 1904 July, 1908 |
| | A84.75.16 | Printed Photo of Prof. Julien Reverchon Schedule of July, August, and September in table format in French Advertisement for the Fern Bulletin, the Bryologist, and the Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club Partial printed list about plants (5-8 and 17-29) in French Obituary for Mrs. J. Reverchon titled A Voice From The Wilderness in two parts Newspaper clipping about the origin of term Dixie Newspaper clipping titled Dallas Naturalists Name card of Mr. & Mrs. Martine Corner of table of contents in French Newspaper clipping titled Graves of Our Presidents by Frederic J. Haskin in four parts Newspaper clipping in French | Circa 1906 n.d. n.d. n.d. June 1906 n.d. n.d. n.d. n.d. n.d. |

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| | | Backed newspaper clipping titled Complain of Paving from The Dallas News | n.d. April 19, 1903 |
| | A84.75.17 | Gulliver's Voyage to Lilliput with explanatory notes by Dean Swift belonging to Chas. Clay | Circa 1886 |
| | A84.75.18 | Handwritten letter with torn corner regarding the Freeman settlement signed with initial A Bill of Costs totaling \$27.70 received of Dr. Freeman for legal costs in three parts Letter from E. G. Eberle to Doctor Freeman requesting information on Mr. Reverchon and suggesting naming park in his honor Handwritten memorandum from Dr. S. W. Geiser to Dr. R. M. Freeman requesting to see Mr. Reverchon's books, letters, and personal items to get to know what he was like | June 1909 August 28, 1909 July 15, 1915 January 23, 1929 |
| | A84.75.19 | <i>St. Paul's Sanitarium vs. R. M. Freeman</i> Appeal from the District Court of the 14 th Judicial District of Texas in Dallas County. | 1907 |
| | A84.75.20 | Photocopy of letter from Napoleon Bonaparte to Citizen Reverchon in French and English transcript | March 17, 1796 |
| | A84.75.21 | Map of the Railroad system of Texas published by the Galveston Dailing and SemiWeekly News and The Dallas Morning and SemiWeekly News | January 1, 1900 |
| | A84.75.22 | Handwritten letter in French signed A. C. Brown and J. H. Rohde Handwritten notes in Cornell style about plants | 1873 n.d. |
| | A84.75.23 | Pocket Prayer Book given to Mrs. Reverchon from Sisters of the Orphanage | 1899-1917 |
| | A84.75.24 | Small Stamped Envelope addressed to Monsieur Reverchon Medium envelope addressed to Julien Reverchon Postcard to Mr. R. M. Freeman from Edward H. Cary with photo of Baylor University Envelope addressed to Mr. Juline Reverchon from the War Department Folded Handwritten note in French Flyer for Sam Ventura Grocery in three parts | 1867 n.d. 1906 n.d. n.d. n.d. |