

# Guide to the John Wesley Blassingame Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 737

**CREATOR:** Blasingame, John W., 1940-2000

**TITLE:** John Wesley Blasingame Papers

**DATES:** 1857-1904

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The John Wesley Blasingame Papers consist of note cards and research materials (electrostatic copies) used in the preparation of his dissertation, *A Social and Economic History of the Negro in New Orleans* (Yale University, 1971). Included are copies of reports of Louisiana state agencies, minutes and other papers of organizations like the White League of New Orleans, and legal documents deposited in the Orleans Parish courthouse.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of John W. Blasingame, 1972.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

John Wesley Blassingame was born on March 23, 1940, in Covington, Georgia. He received a B.A. (1960) from Fort Valley State College, an M.A. (1961) from Howard University, and an M.Phil. (1968) and a Ph.D. (1971) from Yale University. Blassingame joined the Yale faculty in 1970. He served as the acting chairman of Afro-American studies (1971-1972, 1976-1977) and as chairman (1981-1989). In the mid-1970s, he also became the editor and publisher of the papers of Frederick Douglass. He wrote and edited numerous works on the history of slavery in America. Blassingame died in New Haven, Connecticut, on February 13, 2000.

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## Scope and Contents

The John W. Blassingame Papers consist of electrostatic copies of research materials and note cards used in the preparation of Blassingame's 1971 Yale University Ph.D., *A Social and Economic History of the Negro in New Orleans, 1860-1880*. The electrostatic copies may be divided into two groups. The first group includes various reports of the Louisiana government, minutes and other papers of organizations such as the White League of New Orleans and the Union League, and other miscellaneous items, all dating between 1864 and 1904. These papers were copied from originals at Tulane University and Louisiana State University. The second group of copies are succession papers copied from the Orleans Parish courthouse; they include wills, inventories of estates, marriage contracts, and similar items. The collection is completed by a series of note cards containing data on black property holders compiled from the 1850, 1860, and 1870 New Orleans manuscript census

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## Arrangement

The succession papers are arranged alphabetically by individual. The other papers are arranged chronologically.

## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1857-1904

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b. 1, f. 1	<a href="#">Union League, New Orleans: constitution and by-laws</a>	1864
b. 1, f. 2	Flanders papers	1864-1889
b. 1, f. 3	<a href="#">Radical Republican Convention: report of the Committee on Grievances</a>	1867 July 12
b. 1, f. 4	Delery, Dr. Charles, <i>The Black Ghost or Radicalism in the United States</i>	1868
b. 1, f. 5	Supervisors of Registration, Parish of Orleans: reports	1868
b. 1, f. 6	<a href="#">Crescent City White League of New Orleans: platform</a>	[1868?]
b. 1, f. 7	<a href="#">General Assembly of Louisiana: "Report on the Conduct of the Late Elections and the Condition of Peace and Order in the State,"</a>	1869
b. 1, f. 8	Hardin, J. Fair, Collection	1870
b. 1, f. 9	Special Investigating Committee of the Louisiana House of Representatives: report	1870
b. 1, f. 10	Special Louisiana House Committee, Session 1870--Charges against Gov. Warmoth: report	1870
b. 1, f. 11	Brickell, Daniel Warren: papers	1872
b. 1, f. 12	Union League Club of America--4th Ward, New Orleans: minutes	1872
b. 1, f. 13	<a href="#">Allain, Hon. T.T.: oration delivered at West Baton Rouge, Louisiana</a>	1874 June 13
b. 1, f. 14	<a href="#">Louisiana House of Representatives, Committee on Elections and Qualifications: report on the case of Charles Montaldo vs. C.L. Walker</a>	1875
b. 1, f. 15	<a href="#">Campbell, Gen. Hugh J.: "The White League Conspiracy against Free Government" (address)</a>	1875 January 11
b. 1, f. 16	Kellogg, W.D.: papers	1875-1876
b. 1, f. 17	<a href="#">"The Returning Board of Louisiana," The Republic, Vol. VIII, No. 2</a> English	1877 February
b. 1, f. 18	Our New Orleans Letters--No. 2,	1878
b. 1, f. 19	Secretary of State, State of Louisiana: annual report	1878
b. 1, f. 19A	Secretary of State and State Librarian, State of Louisiana: annual report	1879
b. 1, f. 20	Secretary of State, State of Louisiana: biennial report for the two years ending	May 1, 1882
b. 1, f. 21	Secretary of State, State of Louisiana: biennial report	1884
b. 1, f. 22	<a href="#">Ficklen, John R.: papers</a>	1894, 1903-1904

b. 1, f. 23	"A Few Specimen Depositions and Affidavits in the Case of Gov. Kellogg vs. Ex-gov. Warmoth...," English	undated
Succession papers		
b. 1, f. 24	Anderson, Mary	1860, 1864
b. 1, f. 25	Azemard, Augustine	1860, 1864
b. 1, f. 26	Barber, Alexander E.	1870, 1875
b. 1, f. 27	Beaulieu, Charlotte	1870, 1874
b. 1, f. 28	Blache, Marie Henriette Ernestine	1870, 1874
b. 1, f. 29	Bonseigneur, Jean Baptiste Deterville	1870, 1871
b. 1, f. 30	Boutté, Francis	1859, 1870
b. 1, f. 31	Clay, John Francis	1864, 1870
b. 1, f. 32	Darensbourg, Victor	1860, 1880
b. 1, f. 33	Davenport, Nancy	1860, 1871
b. 1, f. 34	Dédé, Bazile	1860, 1865, 1870
b. 1, f. 35	Dreux, Gentilly	1870, 1874
b. 1, f. 36	DuBois, Etienne	1860, 1867
b. 1, f. 37	Duplantier, Guy (Mrs.)	1870, 1874
b. 1, f. 38	Fernandez, Ignace	1870, 1877
b. 1, f. 39	Foucher, Louis (Mrs.)	1861, 1870
b. 1, f. 40	Furmeret, Louis (Mrs.)	1867, 1870
b. 1, f. 41	Glaudin, Jean Baptiste	1867, 1870
b. 1, f. 42	Jacques, Pelagie	1860, 1869
b. 1, f. 43	Jason, Maria	1860, 1864
b. 1, f. 44	Lacroix, Francois	1860, 1865
b. 1, f. 45	Larche, Constance	1869, 1870
b. 1, f. 46	Laurens, Pierre	1857, 1870
b. 1, f. 47	Macarthy, Victor Eugene (Mrs.)	1870
b. 1, f. 48	Macarty, Drausin B.	1860, 1870
b. 1, f. 49	Macarty, Pauline	1861, 1870
b. 1, f. 50	Maindibourg, Octave	1867, 1870

## Succession papers (continued)

b. 1, f. 51	Marigny, Celeste	1860, 1867
b. 1, f. 52	Montane, J.B.	1860, 1870, 1873
b. 1, f. 53	Montford, Jean Jacques	1860, 1870
b. 1, f. 54	Narcisse, Edoward	1867, 1870
b. 1, f. 55	Pessou, Victor Martel	1870, 1871
b. 1, f. 56	Piron, Lirene (Emilie)	1860, 1870
b. 1, f. 57	Reggio, Armand	1860, 1868
b. 1, f. 58	Rondeau, Mary	1860, 1861
b. 1, f. 59	Sauvé, Marie	1867, 1870
b. 1, f. 60	Taylor, William	1860, 1869
b. 1, f. 61	Tucker, Lucillia	1860, 1867

## List of Negroes in New Orleans Possessing \$200 or More in Property

b. 2	Data from 1850 census
b. 2	Data from 1860 census
b. 3	Data from 1870 census

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

African Americans -- History  
Historians

### **Geographic Names**

Louisiana -- History  
New Orleans (La.) -- History  
Southern States

### **Names**

Blassingame, John W., 1940-2000

### **Corporate Body**

Yale University -- Faculty