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Scope and Contents

Includes manuscript material in French. The collection is currently being processed and new items will be added on an ongoing basis. This collection has multiple creators, which have not been indexed at this time.

Keywords

Contracts
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Music--Manuscripts--France--18th century
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Receuil des plus beaux vers François qui ont estes faicts à la louange du roy Louis le Grand [...]

Unit ID id126313

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/41252

Unit Date 1693

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language French

Scope and Contents

Manuscript of poetry and prose written by an unknown Jesuit priest which praises Louis XIV, also known as the Sun King. The full title is "Receuil des plus beaux vers François qui ont estes faicts à la louange du roy Louis le Grand avec quelques autres pièces melangées". There are over 150 individual works within this volume and all but one of them are poems. The largest number of the poems were written to commemorate the victory of the French army during the siege of Namur. Item cannot be displayed for technical reasons.

Jean duc d'Estrées: Relation de ce qui s'est passé pendant la campagne des vaisseaux du Roy commandés par Monsieur...

Unit ID id126312

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/41251

Unit Date 1698

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language French

Scope and Contents

Official report of the experiences of the French naval squadron in Spain in 1698, during the leadup to the War of Spanish Succession, authored by Jean duc d'Estrees. The full title of the report is as follows: "Relation de ce qui s'est passé pendant la campagne des vaisseaux du Roy commandés par Monsieur le comte D'Estrées, en mil tin cens quatre vingt dix huit." Mentions the poor health of King Charles II of Spain, the state of the Spanish fleet, harassment by Algerian pirates, and the relationship between France and England. The Comte d'Estrées likely created this report and had it copied and disseminated to French officials. This copy comes from the papers of Michel Begon, a French civil servant.

Marriage Contract (France)

Unit ID id130288

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/41254

Unit Date 1704 August 25

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language French

Scope and Contents

Marriage contract between Nicolas Dubord and Marie Madgalène Salle, both of Le Havre, France.

Sisters of Sainte-Marthe de Dijon Legal Document

Unit ID id149067

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/41257

Unit Date 1736

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language French

Scope and Contents

The document outlines the terms under which Michelle Gautier is going to join the religious order of the Sisters of Sainte-Marthe, Dijon (Burgundy), France. The contract lists names of other members of the order, as well as of local officials and the representative of the King. It addresses in detail the monetary contributions Gautier has to make and the rules she will have to follow.

Related Materials

Related publication: Kevin C. Robbins: Early Modern Burgundian Hospitals as Catalysts of Independent Political Activity Among Women: Lay Nurses and Electoral Empowerment, 1630-1750
<http://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.0642292.0035.005>

Marriage Contract (France)

Unit ID id128211

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Unit Date 1753 February 13

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language French

Scope and Contents

Marriage contract between Louis François Nicolas Petitcolas and Jeanne Simon, daughter of Pierre Simon de Corcondray.

Alexandre Guichard Chansonnier Songbook

Unit ID id140643

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/41255

Unit Date circa 1794-1795

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language French

Scope and Contents

Manuscript chansonnier (songbook) kept by Alexandre Guichard of Stenay (Alsace, France), containing lyrics to 188 French songs. The date given on the first page is "An 3 de la Republique," the 3rd year of the French Republic, which began on September 22, 1794, following the Reign of Terror. The chansonnier includes the lyrics but not the actual music for the songs, but always notes the tune to which it is sung. An alphabetical index can be found at the end.

Dangel-Sivadier Correspondence

Unit ID id143523

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/41256

Unit Date 1941-1942

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language French

Scope and Contents

Correspondence includes a postcard, December 30, 1941 from André Dangel, a French prisoner of war in a German POW camp to Marthe Sivadier (probably his wife) and his mother in Paris. Dangel expresses hope to be released and mentions that a fellow prisoner, who will be repatriated to France shortly is planning on visiting Marthe and his mother. Also included is a letter, July 28, 1942, from Marthe Sivadier (Paris) to André Dangel still in the POW camp ("M.-Stammlater, V A"). She talks about her work, complains that not enough effort has been made to secure Dangel's release from the camp, talks about upcoming vacation with family, how she spends her weekends and how she hopes that he will be released soon, due to his status as medic and father. Both items are written in French, and the stationary is pre-printed specifically for POW correspondence with address field, instructions, name of camp, etc., printed in both German and French.

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