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DESCRIPTIVE CATALOG SHEET

1. Main Entry: Don Juan Filhiol.

2. Titles: Papers, 1783-1876.

3. Donor: Caldwell Parish, Clerk of Court

4. Date: 1971

5. Restrictions:

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

6. Record types: Correspondence, land claims, instructions,
sketches of property.

11. Historical periods:

7. Quantity: leaves; 3 reels linear feet

8. Kinds of copy: Microfilm

SUBJECT DESCRIPTION

9. Outline of career: Don Juan Filhiol was born in Eymet, in Perigord, France, Sept. 20, 1740. Filhiol was a relative of the Duc de Grammont. He arrived in New Orleans after a period in Santo Domingo in May, 1779, in time to take part in Don Bernardo Galvez's conquest of West Florida and Baton Rouge. As reward for gallant conduct in this campaign, the King of Spain appointed him a Captain in the army and commissioned him Commandant of Militia. In this capacity he served in the garrison at the Post of Opelousas where he met and married the beautiful Francoise Poiret, member of a prominent and wealthy family of Opelousas. Galvez was succeeded as Governor by Col. Estevan Miro who assigned Filhiol

10. Scope and contents of collection: Correspondence, land claims, instructions relating to Filhiol's service as an army officer, the Ouachita Post, and Florida, La. Includes some correspondence with Miro and papers of Juan Filhiol with Papelas de Cuba. Photocopied papers include Baron de Carondelet, 1794-1796, and Estate Sale of Jean & Mary Bres, 1836-1844.

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12. Cataloger:

13. Date Catalogued:

Outline of career (continued) : the duty of establishing the Post of Ouachita with instructions to take a company of soldiers and settlers and establish a Spanish outpost on the Ouachita River. As partial recompense for these duties he was given a large grant of land to be located by them in this wilderness. Sometime around 1783 he made this long and difficult journey from New Orleans, up the Mississippi, Red and Ouachita rivers into a very sparsely inhabited region. Filhiol located his first post at Ecore a Fabri, the present site of Camden, Ark., in 1783. In 1784 he transferred the site of the new post to a more favorable location down river at the Prairie des Canots, site of present day Monroe. Filhiol served as Commandant for 15 years resigning in 1800. He located grants for himself on both sides of the river at the present site of Monroe.

For more extensive information see "Don Juan Filhiol and the Founding of Fort Miro, the Modern Monroe, Louisiana," by J. Fair Hardin. The Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Vol. 20, No. 2, April, 1937...Vertical File - LSU-S Archives.

PAPERS OF JEAN (JUAN) FILHIOL.

Reel #

- 1 Papers, 1783-1876, ca. 60 items. In part, transcripts and photocopies.
Army officer. Correspondence, orders, reports, petitions, land grant (Arkansas), and other documents relating to Filhiol's service, (1783-1800) as commandant of Ouachita, a county of the region in La., of which there is a description (1786) in French. Includes instructions (1783) of Estevan Miro to Filhiol, posthumous papers relating to the land claims of Filhiol's descendants, and English translations of some of the material in French.
Deposited by Mabel E. Crissey, 1932; converted to gift, 1946.
- 2 Papers of Juan Filhiol from Papelas de Cuba
Archivo de Indias, Seville, Spain.
1 Letters to and from Don Juan B. Filhiol during the period 1784-1790, including a Roster for the Ouachita Post (1790) and other correspondence relating to that post. (45 letters, packets of letters, or documents.)
2 Correspondence to or from Juan B. Filhiol, relating primarily to Florida, La., & Ouachita. (27 letters or packets of letters)
3 Correspondence between Filhiol and Miro. (9 letters or packets)
4 Correspondence relating to the Ouachita Post and the Spanish Period in La. (11 letters, packets or documents)
- 3 Papers of Juan Filhiol for Papelas de Cuba
Archivo de Indias, Seville, Spain
Papers of Juan Filhiol from Papelas de Cuba

Filhiol Papers, 1794-1796; 1836-37.

Letters from Baron de Carondelet, October 9, 1794 - July, 1796. (photocopies)

Sale of estate of Jean and Mary Bres, 1836-1844. (Copies of originals made in 1844) (photocopies) 31 lvs.

Originals in Court House, Caldwell Parish.