Guide to the Creole Social Club records
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation note

Creole Social Club records, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

The "Creole Social Club" in Mobile, Alabama, was founded in October 1857. It was a social club for "Creoles of Color". The majority of the founders were also members of the "Creole #1" Fire Station, which was originally founded, in 1819, by "Free Men of Color". The Creole Social Club and its auxiliary for women, like the Creole Fire Company, "held regular meetings. Their main purpose was to provide insurance for their members. Any member who got sick could appeal to the organization for living expenses, or burial expenses when necessary. Both organizations offered their members protection against a society that was closing in around them." (Gulf Coast Historical Review, v.9, Fall 1993, no.1, pp/39-40)

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains insurance policies on the club house, an account book from a Mobile apothecary with the club, and tickets for social events.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama February 2008

Revision Description

February 2013

Conditions Governing Access note

None

Conditions Governing Use note

None

Provenance
Purchased from J. Pat Cather, 1998

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unknown, 2008; updated by Martha Bace, 2013

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Account books
• Insurance policies
• Invitations

Geographic Name(s)

• Mobile County (Ala.)

Subject(s)

• African Americans
• African Americans--Southern States--Social conditions
• Alabama
• Organizations
• Sports, Recreation and Leisure
• |x Social life and customs
**Collection Inventory**

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