Guide to the

Paul A. Sompayrac Collection

1891-1894

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Collection Number 244

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Biographical Sketch

Paul A. Sompayrac was born and reared in Natchitoches Parish and came to Lake Charles about 1892. He practiced law alone until about 1904, when he entered partnership with J. Sheldon Toomer, where he practiced for about four or five years. He then moved to New Orleans, and lived there until his demise. He was unmarried. (Memorandum written to Alvin O. King by C. A. McCoy, 1948) Sompayrac was born April 12, 1867 and died November 24, 1933 in New Orleans.

That Sompayrac was a favorite in the social circles of Lake Charles is evident from his name being mentioned several times in *Leaves from the Diary of Louise*, a compilation of articles from the early Lake Charles newspapers. He took part in a concert for the Episcopal Church in the Williams' Opera House in 1892. He was called a prominent Lake Charles attorney when it was reported that he was visiting parents and other relatives in Natchitoches. He was in charge of the music at the Fourth of July celebration in 1895. He served on the board of directors for the Pleasure Park and was a member of a whist club. He was listed in the 1901 *Lake Charles City Directory* as an attorney and notary public.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains the Notarial Register of Lake Charles attorney and notary public Paul A. Sompayrac from 1891-1894. Included are copies promissory notes and public instruments of protest.

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