

# Chaillé, Stanford E., Collection

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.2008.031

### Unit Date

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

The collection consists of letters, government issued documents, printed material, and two photo albums of Dr. Stanford E. Chaillé, Confederate surgeon during the American Civil War and dean of Tulane University's medical school. Significant topics include the Union occupation of New Orleans, postwar elections, Dr. Chaillé's medical career, and Chaillé genealogy. Materials cover the period shortly before the Civil War to the early twentieth century, and deal mostly with New Orleans.

### Creator

Chaillé, Stanford E., 1830-1911

**Extent**

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

**Repository**

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## Biographical Note

Stanford E. Chaillé was born on July 9, 1830, in Natchez, Mississippi, the descendant of several patriots of the Revolutionary War. Educated by private tutors until his mother's death, Chaillé eventually graduated from Phillips' Academy in South Andover, Massachusetts, in 1847. Chaillé then received an A. B. (bachelor's degree) in 1851 from Harvard College and later earned his medical degree from the Medical Department of the University of Louisiana (now Tulane) in 1853. Chaillé later returned to Harvard College and received an A. M. (master's degree) in 1854. On February 23, 1857, Dr. Chaillé married Laura E. Montfort. The union produced one child, Mary Laura Chaillé. Laura E. Montfort died on August 18, 1858. Before the American Civil War, Dr. Chaillé worked as a resident student in the New Orleans Charity Hospital and then served as a resident physician at the United States Marine Hospital and at the Circus Street Infirmary.

During the war, Dr. Chaillé rose from being a private in the New Orleans Light Horse Brigade to acting Confederate Surgeon General of Louisiana in 1862. In May, 1862, Dr. Chaillé became the surgeon and medical inspector of the Confederate Army of Tennessee. In July of 1863, Dr. Chaillé took the post of surgeon-in-charge of the Fairground Hospital #2 in Atlanta, Georgia, then transferred to Okmulgee Hospital in Macon, Georgia in December, 1863. While in Georgia, Dr. Chaillé met, and later married, Mary Louisa Napier.

After the Civil War, Dr. Chaillé lectured and demonstrated anatomy and obstetrics in New Orleans. In 1878, Congress selected Dr. Chaillé to study the great yellow fever epidemic, and he later sat on the Havana Yellow Fever Commission. Dr. Chaillé also contributed significantly to medical literature. Among these contributions was his formulation of infant developmental standards in 1887. From 1885 until his retirement in 1908, Dr. Chaillé served as the dean of Tulane's medical school. Dr. Stanford E. Chaillé died in 1911.

## Scope and Content

The Stanford E. Chaillé Collection consists of letters, government-issued documents, printed material, and two photo albums containing thirty-six photos. Those pictured in photos include: Dr. Chaillé, Laura Chaillé, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Layton M. D. P., and other friends. Materials date from shortly before the American Civil War to the decades following southern Reconstruction. Salient topics are the occupation of New Orleans by the Union during the Civil War, postwar government elections, the great yellow fever epidemic, and Dr. Chaillé's long career and accolades. Several documents relate to Dr. Chaillé's position as dean of the Tulane Medical School, such as a notable graduation speech welcoming Confederate leader Jefferson Davis. Dr.

Chaillé's interest in genealogical research also appears in letters and documents. In one genealogical sketch, Dr. Chaillé traces his family tree to France where it was "very Catholic" before 1540.

## Keywords

Civil War

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

## Existence and Location of Copies

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type. Letters appear chronologically.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Stanford E. Chaillé's biographical/genealogical information**

**Unit Date** 1863-1899

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Confederate marriage license for Stanford E. Chaillé and Mary L. Napier**

**Unit Date** 1863

### **Biographical Sketch of Dr. Chaillé**

**Unit Date** 1894

### **Manuscript resume**

**Unit Date** 1899

### **Manuscript of Chaillé lineage**

**Unit Date** 1899

### **Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1862-1903

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **Letter from Mr. Legaré, Farmington**

**Unit Date** April 30, 1862

#### **Scope and Content**

Discusses Mr. Legaré's travels through Union held New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

### **Letter from A.L.N., New Orleans, LA**

**Unit Date** May 14, 1862

#### **Scope and Content**

Advises Dr. Chaillé to return to New Orleans.

**Letter from Henry Hacksford, New Orleans, LA**

**Unit Date** May 17, 1862

**Scope and Content**

Advises Dr. Chaillé to return to the city.

**Letter from Mary Owen Preston, Lexington**

**Unit Date** October 5, 1862

**Scope and Content**

Discusses the confederate evacuation of Lexington and includes a picture of Mrs. William Preston and Caroline Preston.

**Letter from Marvin T. Myers, Richmond**

**Unit Date** October 12, 1862

**Scope and Content**

Discusses fight at Leesburg with Lee.

**Letter from Stanford E. Chaillé to a Mr. Barker, New Orleans, LA**

**Unit Date** March 22, 1883

**Scope and Content**

Requests a copy of the Medical News and apologizes for previous abruptness.

**Letter from Mr. Legaré, Mobile**

**Unit Date** April 20, 1864

**Scope and Content**

Discusses a Confederate coward.

**Letter from Henry R. Rand, Macon, GA**

**Unit Date** February 4, 1865

**Scope and Content**

Mr. Rand admits to defrauding Dr. Chaillé of \$744 but pleads for leniency

**Letter from General Randall L. Gibson, Washington, D.C.**

**Unit Date** December 25, 1876

**Scope and Content**

Asks Dr. Chaillé to analyze the Republican officers and returns board from a recent election. This letter apparently refers to Republican attempts to shut out former Confederate Democrats from power in Louisiana (postmarked envelope included).

**Letter from W.R. Morrison, St Charles Hotel, New Orleans, LA**

**Unit Date** July 8, 1877

**Scope and Content**

Informs Dr. Chaillé of when his testimony is required (for an apparent congressional hearing).

**Letter from the Honorable Alexander Randall, Annapolis, MD**

**Unit Date** October 31, 1877

**Scope and Content**

Informs Dr. Chaillé of the results of Alexander Randall's investigation of any person named "Peter Chaillé" in the eastern shores of Maryland.

**Letter from Stanford E. Chaillé to Colonel Charles Chaillé Long, Asheville, NC**

**Unit Date** October 15, 1889

**Scope and Content**

Discusses Chaillé family lineage. Includes many specific questions about the Chaillé family.

**Letter from Stanford E. Chaillé to Professor Albert B Miles, M.D., New Orleans, LA**

**Unit Date** 1894

**Scope and Content**

Letter of recommendation for Dr. Warren Stowe.

**Letter from Alcée Fortier, New Orleans, LA**

**Unit Date** November 1, 1899

**Scope and Content**

Describes the origins of the name "Chaillé." According to Alcée Fortier, Chaillé derives from the French word for flint.

**Letter from J. W. Nicholson, Baton Rouge, LA**

**Unit Date** June 11, 1903

**Scope and Content**

Thanks Dr. Chaillé for two addresses.

**Speech**

**Unit Date** 1889

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Scope and Content**

In this speech, Chaillé states that there is "no heart nobler and no hands braver than those of Jefferson Davis."

**Miscellaneous printed material (broadside, newspaper clipping)**

**Unit Date** 1885, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

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**Photo album 1**

**Unit Date** 1860-1880

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**Container** 5 (folder)

**Photo album 2**

**Unit Date** 1866-1882

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