

**Elizabeth Adolph Collection of Early 20<sup>th</sup>  
Century New Orleans Sports Memorabilia**

**3 Items**

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## Reference Code

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## Name and Location of Repository

Special Collections and Archives, J. Edgar & Louise S. Monroe Library, Loyola University, New Orleans

## Title

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## Date

1904-1908

## Extent

3 items (1 box)

## Name of Creator

Crescent City Jockey Club and Parker-Blake Company

## Administrative/Biographical History

*Crescent City Jockey Club*

The Crescent City Jockey Club was established in 1892 at what is now the New Orleans Fair Grounds. For 16 years, the club ran a winter racing season from mid-December until early April. However, in 1908 Louisiana passed a state law which halted horse racing in New Orleans for a time. While the club held on to

their lease at the fair grounds for several years hoping that racing would be allowed to return, they eventually had to liquidate their assets in the spring of 1913.

### *Parker-Blake Baseball Team*

The Parker-Blake Baseball Team was a commercial baseball team in New Orleans at the turn of the last century. These men were druggists from the Parker-Blake Company which was established in New Orleans on January 1, 1903. The company was headed by Arthur D. Parker, brother to Louisiana governor John M. Parker (1920-1924) and Thomas N. Blake, both of New Orleans. In 1904, the company formed a baseball team which took over for another commercial team known as the Baldwins. The team played regularly at both Ferran and Eddy parks in the city. The 1908 team was the leader of their independent, semi-professional league. The company was purchased by the McKesson and Robbins pharmaceutical distribution company in 1929. Kittums was a stray black cat who became the company, and subsequently the team's mascot, until his death in 1909.

### **Scope and Content**

The Elizabeth Adolph Collection of Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century New Orleans Sports Memorabilia is comprised of three items: two printed silk programs from the Crescent City Jockey Club dated 1904 and 1906 and a team photograph of the 1908 Parker-Blake baseball team.

### **Conditions Governing Access**

The collection is open for research use. Access to the Crescent City Jockey Club Programs is restricted due to their deteriorated and fragile state.

### **Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use**

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### **Language and Scripts of the Material**

Collection is in English.

## Processing Information

Finding aid written by Katherine Kuhl, 2012.

## Container List

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Description</b>                                 |
|------------|---------------|--|
| 1          | 1             | Crescent City Jockey Club Program, March 1, 1904   |
| 1          | 2             | Crescent City Jockey Club Program, January 3, 1906 |
| 1          | 3             | Parker-Blake baseball team photograph, 1908        |