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**OBADIAH PEARSON AMACKER FAMILY PAPERS**  
Mss. 1604  
Inventory

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University

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**SUMMARY**

- Size.** 3 items, 1 manuscript volume, and 1 printed volume
- Geographic locations.** Kentwood, La.; St. Helena Parish, La.; New Orleans, La.
- Inclusive dates.** 1861-1865, 1959
- Bulk dates.** 1861-1865
- Language.** English
- Summary.** Civil War materials and genealogy of the Amacker Family of Kentwood, Louisiana.
- Organization.** Chronological
- Restrictions on access.** None.
- Related collections.** Kent-Amacker Family Papers, Mss. 4185
- Copyright.** Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
- Citation.** Obadiah Pearson Amacker Family Papers, Mss. 1604, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
- Stack location(s).** U:118
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### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Amacker family settled in the Florida Parishes of Louisiana in the early 18th century. Obadiah Pearson Amacker, born in December 1838, was the son of Nathaniel and Mosilla Pearson Amacker. He attended the University of Virginia and later law school in New Orleans, La. During the Civil War, Obadiah rose to the rank of acting Colonel in 3rd (Wingfield's) Regiment, C.S.A. Cavalry. He was captured when Port Hudson fell, imprisoned on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, and was exchanged at Fort Maryland in May 1864. In September of that year, he married Abigail Means Kent, and following his discharge in 1865, the family moved to Greensburg, La., where Obadiah Amacker practiced law. Both Obadiah and his wife Abigail died in 1910.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection contains a diary kept by Abigail Means Kent during the Civil War, beginning on April 21, 1862 and ending on April 3, 1865. Within the diary, she describes life at home during the war, including her daily activities, rumors circulating of battles, surrenders, and casualties, and her anxiety of what is to come.

The rest of the collection consists of a list of the officers and men of 1<sup>st</sup> company to leave St. Helena Parish April 18, 1861 from Tangipahoa, La. under Captain Wingfield, Company G, 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Louisiana Volunteers, Beaver Creek Rifles. In addition to this list are the Amacker Family Confederate Records copied from the State Library Commission and a small drawing of Confederate flags. A pamphlet entitled "The Amackers of the Deep South" by Leslie Maud Amacker Arnett (1959) is also found in the collection.

## INDEX TERMS

**Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found throughout the entire collection.**

Amacker, Abigail Means Kent, 1841-1910.

Amacker family.

Arnett, Leslie Maud Amacker, 1872-1963.

Confederate States of America. Army. Louisiana Infantry Regiment, 4th.

Confederate States of America. Army--Registers.

Diaries.

Florida Parishes (La.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Genealogies.

Saint Helena Parish (La.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

CONTAINER LIST

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U:118	1	--	Abigail Means Kent Amacker Diary (1862-1865)
		1	3 items: (1861-1865)
		2	Pamphlet (1959)
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