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1863-1864



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract

Joseph J. Baker's letters discuss the October 1863 Battle at Chickamauga and the 1864 battles at Marietta, Georgia, part of the Atlanta Campaign, including estimates of wounded, killed, and captured soldiers, food resources, and sentiments sent to his family.

Creator

Baker, Joseph J., abt.1841-1931 (54th Regiment, Virginia Infantry)

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from Joseph J. Baker Correspondence must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical Information

Joseph J. Baker was born about 1841 in Wythe County, Virginia. He enlisted with Company K, 54th Regiment, Virginia Infantry, in April 1862. In October 1863, he was promoted to Corporal. Shortly after one of the letters in this collection was written in June 1864, Baker was taken prisoner outside Marietta, Georgia. He was released from Camp Morton, Indiana, in June 1865, and returned to Wythe County. Some time between 1865 and 1871, he married and he and his wife, Sarah, had at least four daughters. Baker died in 1931.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of letters from Confederate soldier Joseph J. Baker of the 54th Regiment Virginia Infantry, dated October 2, 1863, and June 15, 1864. In addition to battle descriptions (Chickamauga and Marietta, Georgia), including estimates of wounded, killed, and captured soldiers, Baker writes of food resources and sends sentiments to his family.

Collection includes transcription.

Keywords

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Civil War

Chickamauga, Battle of, Ga., 1863

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Polk, Leonidas, 1806-1864

Arrangement

Collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

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