



McCormick Civil War Institute

Baker Collection

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Extent: 3 boxes

Date: 1834-1903

Alternative Form Available: Researchers may request to obtain electronic copies of these items. Transcriptions are available for some of the items in this collection.

Scope and Content: The Baker Papers contains items related to Josiah Baker and his family during the Civil War Era. Josiah Baker's home Osborn stood near the Berryville Pike.

Arrangement: Box 1—letters, papers, and other ephemera; Box 2—books from the Baker family library and photo albums; Box 3—photographs and artifacts related to Osborn.

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Box 1

Folder No.	Brief Description
001	List of materials used to build the Baker house, "Osborn"
002	Stonewall Cemetery Central Executive Committee Announcement
003	Josiah Baker oath of allegiance taken April 14, 1862
004	Poem "Old Church on the Hill"
005	Order signed by Col. Wm. Lewis, 110 th PVI, April 14, 1863, safeguarding Josiah Baker's property
006	Gen. Ord. No. 27, issued by Gen. Philip H. Sheridan on December 20, 1864. Order prohibits Union soldiers from taking property without permission
007	Oath taken by Josiah Baker on August 28, 1865
008	3 different passes issued by provost marshal's in Winchester. Dated May 11, 1862; July 29, 1864; April 6, 1865
009	Misc. newspaper clippings related to Josiah Baker's family and the home Osborn during the Civil War. 4 clippings in total including obituary of Josiah and Alcinda Baker's daughter, Mrs. H.B. Dunlap. One article includes daughter standing in front of fence.
010	Receipt for hay issued to Josiah Baker by 1 st Indiana Artillery dated August 7, 1862
011	Handwritten lyrics [appears to be wartime writing] of song "Just Before the Battle Mother"
012	Undated wartime letter to wife and sister from Josiah Baker. Speaks in part about 7 th Virginia utilizing home as headquarters and Baker's hope that no property will be damaged.
013	Letter dated January 26, 1876 to Eppa Hunton about whether or not Josiah Baker should submit a claim to the Southern Claims Commission for damage done to property during the Civil War
014	Undated letter from Virginia Wall to Josiah Baker about loss of horses.
015	Virginia Wall to Josiah Baker, January 15, 1862—content about enslaved
016	Order signed by officer of 7 th Virginia (later West Virginia) safeguarding Josiah Baker's property—dated April 12, 1862. Signed by Maj. Jonathan Lockwood.
017	Provost Marshal pass dated June 11-July 11, 1865
018	Lloyd Logan Receipt, dated March 10, 1838
019	Letter from George Osborn to brother and sister, November 5, 1865
020	Reward of merit (school award) dated July 4, 1834
021	Dr. Hunter H. McGuire receipt and cover, dated December 1, 1903

022	Letter signed Jno. Baker, dated April 19, 1842, about the formation of militia company in Frederick County, Virginia
023	<i>Baltimore Sun</i> newspaper clipping, dated December 8, 1845
024	Postwar photo in the “sitting room” at Osborn showing Josiah Baker and wife Alcinda (both seated), daughter Fannie (standing) and son George Goodwin Baker (seated at right)
025	Photograph of bed from Josiah Baker house “used by Civil War soldiers,” photograph of home “Osborn,” and photograph of Josiah Lockhart Baker and Alcinda Baker in Mount Hebron Cemetery
026	Large photograph of George Godwin Baker, son of Josiah Baker AND tintype photo of a young George Godwin Baker
027	CDV of Josiah L. Baker
028	Miscellaneous items—3 covers, brief note about playing piano, by-laws of Winchester’s Hiram Lodge No. 21, photo copies of provost marshal passes, information about burial locations of Baker family members
029	Letter of Davenport Magruder, Rockbridge Artillery, October 25, 1863, to aunt Alcinda Baker.
030	Letter of Davenport Magruder, Rockbridge Artillery, March 14, 1864, to aunt Alcinda Baker.
031	Letter of Davenport Magruder, Rockbridge Artillery, April 1, 1864, to aunt Alcinda Baker.
032	Letter of Davenport Magruder, Rockbridge Artillery, April 11, 1864, to aunt Alcinda Baker.
033	Letter of Davenport Magruder, Rockbridge Artillery, September 30, 1864, to aunt Alcinda Baker.
034	CDV’s of Davenport Magruder, Rockbridge Artillery (in civilian attire) and Uncle Daniel Magruder. Both photographs taken by J.I.H. Baker’s Gallery, Winchester. File also contains biographical notes about Davenport Magruder related to his Confederate service.

Box 2

- 2 photograph albums containing cdv’s of members of Baker family and friends
- George Osborn’s (he was father of Alcinda, Josiah’s wife) *The Methodist Pocket Hymn Book* published 1810.
- Josiah L. Baker’s *Hymns, Original and Selected, Public and Private Worship in the Evangelical Lutheran Church* published 1850.
- Alcinda Baker’s copy of *A Concise Dictionary of the Holy Bible* published in 1838
- George Osborn’s copy of *History of the United States of America* published in 1823.
- Silhouette (framed) of William Alexander Baker, father of Josiah Baker) with notations about the family on the back.

Box 3

- Box of “hand made nails from Josiah Lockhart Baker House, Winchester, Va., dated July 1971”
- “Candle snuffer from Winchester house” (Osborn)
- Tintype of Alcinda Baker (standing center) and two other unidentified women
- Image of George Godwin Baker as a child, ca. 1860, in case
- Image of Josiah L. Baker in case
- Image of Alcinda Baker with father George Osborn and Mary Elizabeth Jackson