

**OXFORD, JONATHAN LAFAYETTE, 1840-1909.**  
**Jonathan LaFayette Oxford**  
**papers, 1862-1902 (bulk 1862-1896)**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Oxford, Jonathan LaFayette, 1840-1909.  
**Title:** Jonathan LaFayette Oxford papers, 1862-1902 (bulk 1862-1896)  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 483  
**Extent:** .25 linear feet (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Confederate soldier and businessman Jonathan LaFayette Oxford who served in the 9th Georgia Infantry Regiment, including a Civil War diary and documents, financial papers, a letter, and two photographs.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

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**Source**

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**Citation**

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Jonathan LaFayette Oxford (January 8, 1840-October 28, 1909) joined Captain Robert P. Welborn's company, 9th Georgia Infantry Regiment, Company E at Orange Court House, Virginia on February 27, 1862 as a private. He was from near Dalton, Georgia, and served with Captain Welborn's Company, 9th Georgia Infantry Regiment, Company E, during the Civil War. Oxford was in Virginia, took part in the Maryland and Pennsylvania invasion, and the battles of Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, and Chickahominy River. After the war, Oxford dabbled in various businesses. He moved to Red Clay Valley (Whitfield County), Georgia, in 1876.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of a diary of Jonathan Lafayette Oxford with entries between February 27, 1862 and April 27, 1865, kept while he was in the Confederate Army during the Civil War; two account books covering his business transactions between 1870-1896; one Paroled Prisoner's Pass, issued April 10, 1865 at Appomattox Court House, Virginia; and one letter written May 15, 1906 by Oxford to Mrs. J. L. Chastain. The diary is very factual, giving a brief day by day account of his whereabouts, with very little description or comment of any kind. He seldom expresses his own opinions or feelings. He never complained about the hardships he endured and seemed fairly well educated for the period. The collection also contains two items relating to World War I - a picture of the *U. S. S. George Washington* and "The Hatchet" of the *U. S. S. George Washington*.

