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## Sankey T. Johnson Family papers

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## OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

**Title:** Sankey T. Johnson Family papers

**Date:** 1861-1864

**Extent:** 3 Boxes; 2 Tubes

**Creator/Collector:** Johnson, Sankey T.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. [specolle@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:specolle@georgiasouthern.edu), 912-478-7819, [library.georgiasouthern.edu](http://library.georgiasouthern.edu).

**Processing Note:** Finding Aid revised in 2021.

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## INFORMATION FOR USE OF COLLECTION

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**Physical Access:** Materials must be viewed in the Special Collections Reading Room under the supervision of Special Collections staff.

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**Related Collections:** Frank Saunders Collection

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## **ABOUT THE COLLECTION**

**Biographical Note:** Sankey T. Johnson was born October 20, 1800 in Greene County Georgia. He served as a Judge of Troup County Inferior Court from 1833-1837 and was a Georgia State legislator from 1840-1841. He was married to Ave Pollard Andrews, Rebecca Peterson Jones, and Elizabeth Evans and had nine children. Sankey died April 19, 1864 and is buried in Clay County Alabama.

Asbury Sankey Lee (1835-1862) Johnson was the son of Judge Sankey T. Johnson and his third wife, Elizabeth Evans Johnson. Asbury married Sarah Elizabeth Thompson on April 20, 1854. On January 14, 1862, he enlisted in the Confederate States Army serving as a sergeant in Company C, 34th Regiment in the Georgia Infantry during the civil war. Asbury was admitted to a military hospital with typhoid fever in Dalton, Georgia on December 28, 1862 and died on December 30, 1862. He is buried in Corinth Cemetery, Heard County, Georgia,

Sarah Elizabeth Thompson was married to Thomas D. Ferguson on September 8, 1874. She died January 18, 1918 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Ashburn, Georgia.

**Scope and Content:** This collection consists of correspondence between Asbury "Sankey" Lee Johnson and Sarah Elizabeth Thompson from 1861-1864, Transcripts (typed and handwritten) of correspondence are included as well as three ambrotypes; a family Bible, hymnal; coin silverware; and quilt.

### **System and Arrangement:**

**Box 1:** 0200105012203

**Box 2:** 0200105012252

**Box 3:** 0200105012260

These folders contain the correspondence of the Johnson family during the Civil War, particularly the correspondence between Asbury Sankey Lee Johnson, a Confederate soldier, and his wife Sarah. The contents of the folders will be listed only when they are not Civil War letters

**Tube 1:** 0200105030700

**Tube 2:** 0200105030908

**Acquisitions Info:** Gift of Dr. Rosemary Johnson, of Ashburn, Ga., and Audrey and Emma Wallace of Sylacauga, Al. in honor of the late Ruby Hill Johnson and John Seaborn Johnson of Ashburn, Ga. Acquired by R. Frank Saunders, Georgia Southern University Professor of History, 1984.

**Access Points:**

Johnson, Sankey T  
 American Civil War (1861-1865)  
 Georgia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources  
 Troup County (Ga.) -- History  
 Georgia  
 Georgia -- Troup County  
 1861-1865  
 History  
 Sources

**CONTAINER LISTING**

**Box 1:** 0200105012203

	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Walker, William. <i>The Christian Harmony: Hymn and Psalm Tunes, Odes and Anthems</i> . Philadelphia: Miller's Bible and Publishing House, 1873	1	N/A
<i>The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments: together with the Apocrypha: translated out of the original tongues, and with former translation diligently compared and revised..</i> Auburn and Rochester: Alden and Beardsley, no year given.  Family Bible with "Family Record" in center- Jefferson Lafayette Pearson and Mary Abigail Johnson	1	N/A
Poster - Sankey T. Johnson Family Papers: A Georgia Family at War, 1861-1865	1	N/A
Coin Silver spoons (4)	1	N/A

**Box 2:** 0200105012252

	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Small framed ambrotype of Sankey T. Johnson	2	N/A
Two small framed ambrotypes known to the family as the son(s) of Sankey T. Johnson	2	N/A
Jefferson L. Pearson Photograph album	2	N/A

**Box 3:** 0200105012260

	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Sarah to Asbury, 1861	3	1
Sarah to Asbury, 1862	3	2
Asbury to Sarah, 1861	3	3
Asbury to Sarah, 1862 (1)	3	4
Asbury to Sarah, 1862 (2)	3	5
Asbury to Sarah, 1862 (3)	3	6
Asbury to Sarah, Undated	3	7
Miscellaneous Originals (1)	3	8
Miscellaneous Originals (2)	3	9
Miscellaneous Originals (3)	3	10
Genealogical information Sankey T. Johnson family (photocopies and originals)	3	11
Photocopies of Letters	3	12

**Tube 1:** 0200105030700

	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Quilt	1	N/A

**Tube 2:** 0200105030908

	<b><u>Box Number</u></b>	<b><u>Folder Number</u></b>
Small framed ambrotype of Sankey T. Johnson	1	N/A