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**ORRAMEL HINCKLEY AND FAMILY PAPERS**  
(Mss. 970, 1151, 1317)  
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**SUMMARY**

- Size.** 335 items, 14 manuscript volumes
- Geographic locations.** Washington, La.; Opelousas, La.; Brookfield, Conn.; New Orleans, La.; Mobile Ala.; Nashville, Tenn.; New Albany, Ind.; Natchez, Miss.; Louisville, Ky.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Alexandria, Va.
- Inclusive dates.** 1811-1926
- Bulk dates.** 1830-1867
- Language.** English, French
- Summary.** Personal and business papers and accounting books of Orramel Hinckley, a steamboat captain of Saint Landry Parish, La., include letters related to family news and children's education, family photographs, and records related to the vessels he operated. Civil War materials pertain to the shipment of goods for the Confederate Army. A ledger from the tanning business of the related Norton and Gardner families, also of St. Landry Parish is also included.
- Organization.** Chronological.
- Restrictions on access.** If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
- Related collections.** Gardner Family Papers, Mss. 970
- Copyright.** Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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- Also available on:** Microfilm 5735, Series B, Reels 8-9  
Omission: Bound volumes and printed volumes

## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Orramel Hinckley (1813-1868) was a steamboat owner and captain whose business was centered principally in New Orleans and Opelousas, Louisiana. His wife, Anna Hawley Gardner (1824-1886), and son, Orramel Strong Hinckley (1840-1885), lived in Washington, Louisiana, in St. Landry Parish. Anna Hawley Gardner was the daughter of Thomas Gardner and granddaughter of Asa Norton, tanners and dealers in hides and deer skins in St. Landry Parish.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Personal and business papers and account books (1834-1897) of Orramel Hinckley document his work as a steamboat captain and include volumes containing cash debts, credits and accounts of the owners of the steamboat *Anna* (1854-1855), list of accounts for the steamer *A. W. Glaze* (1854-1855), accounts for the steamer *Aline* (1858-1863), insurance records (1860), lists of crew, expenses, and cash paid for barge workers (1863), and receipts and expenses for the flatboat *Robert E. Lee*. Other correspondence pertains to family matters and to the education of the Hinckley children at the Alexandria Boarding School in Alexandria, Virginia, and a manuscript volume contains poems by Orramel S. Hinckley. The collection also includes five photographs of Hinckley family members.

Civil War letters and items pertain largely to the transportation of government stores and the procurement of supplies for the Confederate Army. Hinckley served as a second lieutenant on Confederate transport vessels. A letter of Orran Gardner requests clothing and describes camp conditions and Federal prisoners of war. Confederate States' tax receipts and Amnesty oaths signed by O. Hinckley and O. S. Hinckley are included.

Papers (1811-1855) and a ledger (1835-1849) of Asa Norton and Thomas Gardner relate to their activities as tanners and leather dealers. A volume (1853-1859) contains orders, memoranda, and a list of slaves belonging to the estate of Mary Gardner.

Printed volumes include directions for the use of medicines (1841) and the by-laws and rules of the New Albany Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons (1851).

**LIST OF SERIES**

**Series I, Gardner and Norton Families, 1811-1860, undated**

**Series II, Orramel Hinckley Business Papers, 1834-1867**

**Series III, Hinckley Family Personal Papers, 1835-1897, undated**

**Series IV, Printed items, 1841-1926, undated**

**Series V, Manuscript Volumes, 1835-1883, undated**

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

[The collection is arranged chronologically, but like items are described in groups below. See the Container List for description reflecting physical arrangement

### **Series I, Gardner and Norton Families, 1811-1860, undated**

Business papers include a bill of sale of a cattle brand to Asa Norton (1811), a land agreement between Asa Norton and Antoine Fournelle (1812), various receipts and account sheets for Thomas Gardner (1816-1818, 1827-1829), including a receipt for a horse for William Dalton (1825) and an account sheet for Charles Norton (1827). These papers also include a certificate appointing Thomas Gardner Overseer of the Thirteenth Road District of St. Landry Parish (1818) and directions for different methods of tanning and using different varieties of Moroccan leather (undated).

Correspondence includes a letter from John Gardner to his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gardner, informing them of his engagement (1817) and a later letter to Mrs. Gardner from John Gardner tells of his wife's death (1820). A letter from Polly Gardner to her sister Harriet Hawley in Connecticut provides family news (1821) and a letter to Thomas Gardner from John Maddox discusses the death of Maddox's brother and inquires about any land or money he left behind (1824). Letters to Thomas Gardner from John Hawley discuss his crops and provide updates about his family (1831) and documents surrounding the estates of Mary Norton and Thomas Gardner are also included (1844, 1860). Finally, a letter from Orran Gardner from Camp Boggs, a prisoner of war camp in Shreveport, La., requests an overcoat and pants, as no more are to be issued. He discusses the amount of food issued to each person and talks of the number of Yankee prisoners and deserters at the camp (undated).

### **Series II, Orramel Hinckley Business Papers, 1834-1867**

A letter from Erasmus W. Benton recommends Orramel Hinckley as a trusted steamboat engineer (1834). A number of business letters are written to Hinckley (1851-1860), many from Capt. Souaillier (1857-1860), including one discussing the burning of the Steamer *A.W. Glaze* (1857), and many from Augustin & Thibaud with information for sugar planters (1859).

Financial papers such as account sheets (1837-1839), tax receipts, shipping receipts, balance sheets (1850-1866), shipping agreements (1851), and insurance certificates for the Steamboat *Nina Simmes* (1860) are included, as are a land grant of Thomas Byrne (1853), and an act of co-partnership of Hinckley and others (1860). Later business letters are addressed to O. Hinckley and Son (1866-1867).

Items during the Civil War pertain largely to the transportation of government stores and the procurement of supplies for the Confederate Army. They include orders to Captain Hinckley to

organize the men and protect the town of Washington, Louisiana (October 1861), a certificate stating Mel Hinckley an active member and recruiting officer for the Orleans Flying Cavalry Squadron (May 1861), and the appointment of O.S. Hinckley Second Lieutenant of the State Boat *Anna Perrett* of the Militia of Louisiana (June 1862). Other letters and orders concern government supplies and transportation of stores (1863-1864), including one order from Headquarters, Trans-Mississippi Department, Office of the Cotton Bureau pertaining to General Taylor's order against trading with the enemy and penalties for buying cotton to take to the enemy (March 1864). Confederate States' tax receipts (1864) are also included as is the amnesty oath for O. Hinckley.

**Series III, Hinckley Family Personal Papers, 1835-1897, undated**

Letters from Hinckley to his nephew in Mobile, Ala., discuss his work, places he visits, and other family members (1835-1836). The first letter to Anna Gardner from Orramel Hinckley is written before their marriage (January 13, 1839) and subsequent letters are written after they are married, with Hinckley writing from various steamers (1839-1860). A number of letters are written from Orramel S. Hinckley to his father (1850, 1855) and mother (1854-1855) discussing family members and studies. A letter from Benjamin Hallowell of Alexandria Boarding School to Orramel Hinckley discusses his son (1855), while a letter to Hinckley from L.W. Everitt, a teacher and surgeon, discusses O.S. Hinckley's education and gift for studying medicine and encourages Hinckley to allow his son to pursue it (1860).

Also included is the funeral announcement for Charles Hinckley, son of Orramel Hinckley, aged four (1847), a poem for Orramel Hinckley (1850), and an invitation to the Annual Hoosier Ball (1857). A certificate of registration appointing Orramel Hinckley a Royal Arch Mason (1850), the funeral notice of Rev. B.F. Wilson (1860), and an oath to the Constitution and voting registration for O. Hinckley (1867) are included, along with an invitation to a Fancy Dress Ball to Mrs. Hinckley and Family at the Masonic Hall (1869).

The funeral notice for Orramel Hinckley (1868) is included as are funeral notices (in French) for Octave Roy (1872), Jean Baptiste Roy (1873), Arthur Roy (1873), and Louise Pitre (1876). Also included are the estate of Orramel Hinckley (1879), funeral notices for Orramel Strong Hinckley, aged 45 (1885), Anna Gardner (1886), Joseph Muller (1888), Elbert Gantt (1888), Eraste Roy (1893), Anna Melanie Roger (1897), and Amanda Melvina Tesson (1897). A letter from Henry Hinckley discusses ancestors of the family (1875), as do copies and extracts of genealogical data (undated).

**Series IV, Printed items, 1841-1926, undated**

Newspaper issues include *Le Courier des Opelousas*, July 27, 1867, Vol. XV, No.7 (in French and in English) and *The Washington Argus*, July 14, 1887, Vol. VI, No.34.

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Photographs of Capt. and Mrs. Orramel Hinckley (undated) and Anna and Delia Hinckley and brother (undated) are included, as well as two photographs of a home (April 1926) and a photograph of an unidentified woman by the grave of Louis M. Roger, d.1903 (April 1926).

Two printed volumes are included in the collection, one entitled *Plain Directions for the Use of the Articles in the Medicine Chest, and for the Treatment of the Ordinary Diseases of the Human System* by Thomas Ritter, M.D., (New York: Rotary Press, 1841), the other *By-laws and Rules of Order of New Albany Chapter, No. 17, of Royal Arch Masons*, Adopted July 23, 1850; Royal Arch Masonry, 2378, (New Albany [Indiana]: Kent & Norman, 1851).

**Series V, Manuscript Volumes, 1835-1883, undated**

Vol. 1 Cashbook (1853-1859)

Orders, memoranda, list of slaves belonging to estate of Mary Gardner

Vol. 2 Cashbook (1854-1855)

Cash debits and credits; on cover of volume is Steamboat *Anna*, owners in account with T.L. Hogan

Vol.3 Cashbook (1854-1855)

List of accounts due steamer *A.W. Glaze*

Vol. 4 Cashbook (1858-1859, 1863)

Statement or balance sheet (copies) for steamer *Aline* for trips 3-15; listing accounts for freight, passage, wood, stores, wages, expenses, prior gain and total gain

Vol. 5 Cashbook (1860)

Account of Ohio Insurance Company with O. Hinckley

Vol. 6 Cashbook (1863)

Listing crew, expenses, and cash paid for work for barges

Vol. 7 Cashbook (1880-1883)

Receipts for tuition; list of students A.C. Hinckley

Vol. 8 Cashbook (undated)

Accounts listed alphabetically

Vol. 9 Cashbook (undated)

Receipts and expenses for flatboat *Robert E. Lee*, Road and Bridge, O.S. Hinckley and James Powers

Vol. 10 Diary (1841)

Washington, St. Landry Parish (few entries)

Vol. 11 Ledger (1835-1849)

Vol. 12 Ledger (1849)

Vol. 13 Notebook (ca. 1855)

Class exercise book for Trigonometry, names of students attending Alexandria Boarding School, copies of poems and original poems by Orramel S. Hinckley, Washington, St. Landry Parish

Vol. 14 Notebook (1874)

Class exercise book apparently for accounting, A.C. Hinckley

**INDEX TERMS**

*A. W. Glaze* (Steamer)

Account books.

Alexandria Boarding School.

*Aline* (Steamer)

*Anna* (Steamboat)

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Confederate States of America. Army--Transportation.

Gardner, Anna Hawley, 1824-1886.

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Hides and skins--Louisiana.

Hinckley, Orramel Strong, 1840-1885.

Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Norton, Asa, 1769-1815.

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		2	1820-1829
		3	1830-1839
		4	1840-1849
		5	1850-1857
		6	1858-1860
		7	1861-1865
		8	1866-1897
		9	Undated
		10	Photographs, 1926, undated
		11	2 Printed volumes 1841, 1851
		12	Copies and extracts of genealogical data
		13	Volume 14 Notebook, 1874
J:9	--	--	Volumes 1-13
OS:H	--	1	Certificate appointing Thomas Gardner Overseer of the Thirteenth Road District of St. Landry Parish (1818), land grant of Thomas Byrne (1853); Newspapers, 1867-1887
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