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CONFEDERATE NEWSPAPERS: A COLLECTION FROM FLORIDA, GEORGIA, TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA AND ALABAMA



This collection is a mixture of issues and papers from Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, and Alabama ranging from 1861-1865. These newspapers "recorded the real and true history of public opinion during the war. In their columns is to be found the only really correct and indicative 'map of busy life, its fluctuations and its vast concerns' in the South, during her days of darkness and of trial."

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Detailed Description:

In Four Years in Rebel Capitals: An Inside View of Life in the Southern Confederacy from Birth to Death, one of the finest memoirs of the era, journalist T. C. DeLeon wrote that the South's best wartime newspapers boasted the thinking of some of the sharpest minds in the region. Their pages "recorded the real and true history of public opinion during the war. In their columns is to be found the only really correct and indicative 'map of busy life, its fluctuations and its vast concerns' in the South, during her days of darkness and of trial." DeLeon's words underscore the basic truth that Civil War America was a newspaper culture. When the war broke out in 1861, the South produced hundreds of newspapers. Every town of any size boasted at least a weekly paper. Two years into the war, attrition had substantially decreased this number. By mid-1864, the number of pro-Confederate newspapers decreased dramatically; found only in the major Southern cities. The causes of decline were numerous. Like men in other occupations, editors, printers, and their employees joined the army, creating a severe labor shortage. Then, as the conflict lengthened, the cost of newsprint, lead typeface, glue, and other supplies spiraled out of control, making it harder to stay in business. Union occupation of swaths of the South closed still more papers or converted them into Union organs. Following the end of the war, the remaining pro-Confederate newspapers ceased publication or returned to reporting on state and local issues.

This collection consists of:

Florida newspapers—

Floridian & Journal March 5, 1864

Cotton States April 16, 1864

The Peninsula April 21, 1864

La Recherche December 31, 1865

Tri-Weekly Observer August 4, 1866

Florida Union August 18, 1866

Georgia newspaper—

Daily Intelligencer October 7, 1858-September 18, 1859; January 4, 1860-December 31, 1860; January 1, 1861-Dec. 31, 1864

Tennessee newspapers—

The Daily Rebel August 9, 1862

Chattanooga Daily Rebel September 10, 1862-July 29, 1863

Chattanooga Daily Gazette March 5, 1864-September 2, 1865

Virginia newspapers—

Daily Express September 7, 1861-June 16, 1865

The Sentinel March 12, 1863-April 1, 1865

Alabama newspapers—

Mobile Daily Register March 11, 1860

Mobile Evening Telegraph August 19, 1864

Selma Evening Dispatch May 12, 1864

NB: This Archives Unbound collection has been digitized from the Scholarly Resources microfilm collection entitled "Confederate Newspapers." All issues in the microfilm have been included.