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SUMMARY

Size.	53 items and 6 volumes
Geographic locations.	Orleans Parish, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana; Mississippi; Alabama
Inclusive dates.	1861-1900
Bulk dates.	1861-1878
Language.	English, French
Summary.	Civil War and political papers of John Baptiste Vinet, covering military tasks and excursions, documents concerning his promotions, and writings pertaining to his career as a public official.
Organization.	Arranged chronologically.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	N/A
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

John B. Vinet was a Confederate captain of the Pontooniers, Orleans Artillery Battalion, Louisiana Militia. Early in the war he was assigned to the Quartermaster's Department and later (1864) to the Engineer's Department under Colonel Samuel Lockett. He was paroled in 1865 in Mobile, Alabama. Vinet received gubernatorial appointments as Ordnance Officer, with the rank of Brigadier General, 1880-1881; public administrator for Orleans Parish, 1888; and Chief of Ordnance, Louisiana State National Guard, 1889-1896.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers include Civil War dispatches, field orders, vouchers, passes and correspondence. Other items include account statements and receipts for food purchased for the Confederate troops; Vinet's expense accounts (1863) for travel and surveying excursions in Mississippi and Alabama; and a map depicting Confederate fortifications in Macon County, Alabama. Documents related to Vinet's various post-Civil War appointments are also present. A notebook (1861) kept by G. R. Stankey, a physician of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, contains remedies, many of which are in French, for various maladies. Two case record books belonging to Vinet pertain to relief administered by the Howard Association, a New Orleans philanthropic society organized to give aid to those in need, particularly during yellow fever epidemics. Entries record statistics compiled by Vinet during the 1878 yellow fever epidemic, such as individuals who received relief, where they lived, places of birth, nationalities, and attending physicians and nurses. Two of the three published volumes address military tactics, and the remaining volume describes the funeral ceremonies honoring James A. Garfield, held in New Orleans in September of 1881.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Papers consist of a letter from William Forstall to Vinet relaying General Grivot's wish to see him (January 17, 1861), a detail of guard mounting at Camp Lewis (August 8, 1861), receipts for traveling expenses as well as meat purchased by the Confederate Army, paroles and passes given to Vinet to visit New Orleans, and lists of articles lost by Pontooniers or destroyed at Camp Butler. Other documents pertain to orders for Vinet to report for duty in the Engineer Department under Lt. Colonel Samuel H. Lockett (August 1864), payment for lodgings of officers in Montgomery, Alabama (1865), and an order for Matthew R. Marks, unfit for field duty, to report as quartermaster (March 1865). Also included is an oath taken by Vinet, swearing he will not take up arms against the United States while a prisoner of war (April 26, 1865), as well as two passes given to Vinet, one for reconnaissance duty, another to visit New Orleans while a prisoner of war. Other items include directions given to an agent of the Opelousas railroad for the settlement of accounts [1861], a pass for the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad, and a drawn map of a town near the Alabama River (undated).

Oversize items include a map showing Confederate fortifications in Macon County, Alabama (undated), and nine gubernatorial commissions of Vinet consisting of three appointments by Thomas O. Moore to the Pontooniers of the Orleans Artillery Battalion, Louisiana Volunteers (February-October 1861), two appointments by Louis A. Wiltz as ordnance officer on the governor's staff (February-May, 1880), two appointments by Samuel D. McEnery as ordnance officer (October 1881) and as public administrator for Orleans Parish (April 1888), an appointment by Murphy G. Foster as brigadier general and chief of ordnance of the Louisiana State National Guard (September 1896), and an appointment by W. W. Heard as lieutenant colonel and aid-de-camp on governor's staff (August 1900).

Two notebooks of John B. Vinet during his employment at the Howard Association in New Orleans are included (1878), as well as a notebook of G. R. Stankey, A. M., M. D., 116 Girard Street, Philadelphia, containing notes, various medical remedies, prescriptions, and accounts signed by John B. Vinet, Treasurer of Committee (1861). Some entries in manuscript volumes are in French. Three printed volumes are also included (see container list).

CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
African Americans--New Orleans (La.)	1881	Accounts of "Colored Citizens' Societies" participating in President Garfield's funeral ceremony, pages 247-254, (printed volume).
Camp Butler (La.)	1861	Terrebonne Parish, Grand Caillou. Railroad bill for shipment of supplies to camp, Sept. 10; Receipt for pork signed by Captain D. H. Marks, Oct. 28; Lists of articles lost, destroyed, or worn out by Pontooniers in making fortifications. Oct. 8 and 28.
Camp Lewis (La.)	1861	Pontooniers, Orleans Artillery, Louisiana Volunteers; New Orleans, near Carrollton. Detail of guard mounting, Aug. 8.
Charities--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1881	Accounts of various benevolent associations participating in President Garfield's funeral ceremony, (printed volume).
Confederate States of America--History, Military.	1861-1865, undated	Materials reflecting officer's service as quartermaster in the Pontooniers of the Orleans Artillery and as engineer in the Army of Mississippi and the Department of Mississippi, Alabama, and East Louisiana.
Cooking.	1861	Recipes for orange and blackberry wines, (notebook).
Ellis, E. John (Ezekiel John), 1840-1889.	1881	Address at Garfield's funeral, (printed volume) p. 142.
Forstall, William.	1861	Captain, Orleans Guard Battery, New Orleans. Relates General Grivot's request to see Captain Vinet.
Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881.	1881	<i>A History of the Proceedings in the City of New Orleans on the Occasion of the Funeral Ceremonies in Honor of James Abram Garfield, Late President of the United States, Which Took Place on Monday, September 26th, 1881.</i> New Orleans: A. W. Hyatt, Stationer and Printer. 1881.
Governors--Louisiana.	1861, 1880-1900, undated	Commissions with seals from Thomas O. Moore, 1861; Louis A. Wiltz, 1880; Samuel D. McEnery, 1881, 1888; Murphy G. Foster, 1896; and W. W. Heard, 1900.

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Howard Association (New Orleans, La.)	1878	Comments on aid to sick persons during yellow fever epidemic.
Lockett, Samuel H. (Samuel Henry), 1837-1891.	1864, undated	Confederate Chief Engineer, Dept. of Miss., Ala. And East La.; Alabama, Mississippi. Special orders concerning assignment of Captain Vinet to Colonel Lockett in Demopolis. May 24 and Aug. 12, 1864; Comments on permanent assignment of Captain Vinet as engineer. Meridian. June 8, 1865. Issues pass for scouting to Capt. Vinet, undated
Medicine--Practice.	1861	Remedies for rheumatism, neuralgia, vomiting, malaria, croup, consumption, cholera, dysentery, snake bite, asthma, hydrophobia, toothache, and other illnesses, (notebook).
New Orleans, Opelousas, and Great Western Railroad Company.	1861	Transportation bill for shipment by Confederate Quartermaster of pork, caps, and scales to Captains Marks and Mioton at Grand Caillou. Sept. 10.
Quartermasters--Confederate States of America.	1861-1862	Statements for transportation and purchase of supplies, and transfer of equipage. September 10 and October 4, 1861, September 28, 1862.
United States. Army. Infantry--Drill and tactics.	1876	<i>Artillery Tactics, United States Army, Assimilated to the Tactics of Infantry and Cavalry</i> , printed by command of General Sherman (printed volume)
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.	1861-1865	Pontooniers, Orleans Artillery Regiment, Louisiana Volunteers; Army of Mississippi, Stewart's Corps; Corps of Engineers, Department of Mississippi, Alabama, and East Louisiana. Official papers and related items reflecting officer's service at Camps Lewis and Butler, and as engineer under Captain Green and Colonel Lockett.
Yellow fever--Louisiana--Orleans Parish.	1878	Comments on sick persons receiving aid include biographical information, assistance rendered, and names of doctors, nurses, and druggists involved.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
	A:69	1	1a-1b	Papers (1861-1866, undated)
	G:18	1	--	6 volumes: Notebook: G. R. Stankey (1861) Notebook: Howard Association Case Record Book (1878) Notebook: Howard Association Case Record Book (ca. 1878) <i>United States Army Artillery Tactics</i> . A revision of Emory Upton's <i>Infantry Tactics</i> which includes tactics for artillery and cavalry. Published at New York by D. Appleton and Co., 1876. (582 pages) <i>Street Riot Duty</i> . Contains drill regulations for street riot duty (8 pages) and Lecture #13 on street riots by Brigadier General Albert Ordway, District of Columbia Militia. (45 pages) <i>A History of the Proceedings in the City of New Orleans on the Occasion of the Funeral Ceremonies in Honor of James Abram Garfield, September 26th, 1881</i> . The work was compiled and published under the authority of the General Committee of Arrangements, New Orleans, 1881. (255 pages). [Another copy located LLMVC E687.N55]
	OS:V	--	1	Commissions (1861-1900) and map (undated)