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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Nicholas Bartlett Pearce was born July 20, 1828, at Princeton, Kentucky. After graduating from West Point in 1850, he entered the service and was stationed in Texas, Utah, and Arkansas. While he was stationed at Fort Smith, he met and married Nancy Katherine Smith. They had six children that survived infancy.

Pearce was against secession but upon Arkansas's secession from the Union was appointed Brigadier General to command the 1st Division, Army of Arkansas. The one major battle that he and his company fought was the Battle of Oak Hills (Wilson's Creek), Missouri. The company voted to disband after they returned to Arkansas, and Pearce made no attempt to receive a Confederate commission. Pearce became a major in the commissary department, where he remained through the duration of the Civil War.

After the war, he returned to his family's property at Osage Mills, Arkansas, and rebuilt the mill after its destruction during the war. During 1872-1874, he was professor of mathematics and engineering at Arkansas Industrial University, now the University of Arkansas. He moved to Whitesboro, Texas, in the late 1870s, due to his wife's bad health. His wife died in 1885, and he remained in Texas until his death March 8, 1894.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains a copy of a letter written by Nicholas B. Pearce and a manuscript about his Civil War days.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Mrs. Kie Oldham, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1911.

Collection Inventory

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Confederate States Army

1892 March 28: Letter, N.B. Pearce, Gainesville, Texas, to Kie Oldham, Little Rock, Arkansas