

Reference Code MS 148 (Formerly GR 050 S)

Repository: Georgia Room, Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System, 823 Telfair Street, Augusta, Georgia 30901

Title: *The Southern Field and Fireside*

Date: 1864

Extent: 1 (one) library bound edition of weekly issues of the newspaper for 1864; one (1) loose copy in oversized folder.

Scope and Content: bound editions contain Vol. II, no. 1 (January 2, 1864) – Vol. II, no. 38 (September 17, 1864). Loose issue: Vol. II, no. 15 (April 9, 1864).

Name of Creator: Augusta Public Library

Administrative/Biographical History: The library bound edition was moved to special collections when the new headquarters building at 823 Telfair Street was opened in June of 2010. The loose issue, dated 9 April 1964 was also moved to special collections at the time of the opening. Both were previously held in the “locked cases” opposite the reference desk at the former library building at 902 Greene Street. The bound edition was issued a call number (GR 050 S) and affixed with a barcode and RFID tag, but never processed in the PINES catalog.

From the Digital Library of Georgia:

“The *Southern Field and Fireside*, founded in 1859, was an agricultural and literary paper published in conjunction with the *Augusta Constitutionalist*. Colonel James Gardner, publisher of both, intended for the paper to supplement the *Constitutionalist* with additional information. With the help of press manager John L. Stockton and editor W. W. Mann, the *Southern Field and Fireside* was remarkably able to maintain publication throughout the civil war. Despite this success, Gardner sold the publication to Mr. Smith of Raleigh North Carolina in 1864 and the paper would eventually cease publication by 1865.”

In 1865, the Constitutionalist's offices were at 101 Broad Street (Augusta City Directory, 1865). Gardiner is listed as Gardiner, James T, warehouse & com'n, 12 McIntosh, h cor Lincoln and Broad. (Augusta City Directory, 1865).

Conditions governing access: no restrictions.

Related resources:

*Southern Field and Fireside* is fully digitized and found in the Georgia Historic Newspapers Website:

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn90065032/>

Also on microfilm: Athens, Georgia: University of Georgia Libraries.