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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

Five lists of destitute soldiers and families of soldiers living in Buckingham County, Virginia, during the American Civil War, providing names and descriptive data on the families to be provided public assistance.

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Historical Note

During the American Civil War, The Virginia State Convention of 1861 placed responsibility for relief of destitute soldiers, their families, and refugees on local governments. Lists of those in need were compiled and maintained by local officials who were also responsible for the distribution of assistance. Early in the war, relief was provided in the form of money, but as the Confederate economy collapsed, relief was often distributed in the form of food and other goods.

Scope and Content

This collection contains five lists of destitute soldiers and families of soldiers from Buckingham County, Virginia, during the American Civil War. The lists were compiled during the war for the purpose of distributing relief to local families in need. Of the five lists, only one is dated (November, 1864). The lists are variously titled (e.g., "List of the Indigent Soldiers and the Families of Such As Have Been Killed and Honorably Discharged, and the Families of Such As Are Now in the Service"). The lists follow different formats, each providing the names of those to be assisted, with some lists including each head of household's age, the number and/or ages of children, and--in one case--the names of the children. None of the lists are specifically identified as being from Buckingham County, but searches on the names listed determined their county of origin.

Keywords

Civil War

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General

This collection was purchased under the title "List of Relief, CSA," and was accessioned and originally cataloged under the title "Lists of Civil War Soldiers." In the course of processing the collection in 2022, the title was changed to "Buckingham County (Va.) Lists of Indigent Soldiers' Families" to more accurately describe its contents.

Description of Subordinate Components

Lists

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