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Abstract

The collection includes the Elizabeth Hughes claim for damages done to her home by unidentified Confederate forces in 1862 during the American Civil War. The claim is dated 1868, and details the loss of property stolen and destroyed by fire.

Creator

Hughes, Elizabeth

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Biographical Note

Information in the claim states that Elizabeth Hughes' husband was a Union soldier who was killed in action before October 1862 during the American Civil War. No other information on Hughes or her family is available.

Scope and Content

Following the American Civil War, in February of 1868, the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee passed "An Act to secure the loyal citizens of Tennessee recompense from the United States government for losses incurred by the Rebellion." A claim had a list of requirements, including the need for a signed statement the claimant was loyal to the Union and had never assisted the Confederate army, signatures of two witnesses swearing to the person's loyalty, witness statements to the acts of damage or theft, and the signature of a military or government official to vouch for the claimant and witnesses.

On May 20, 1868, Elizabeth Hughes filed a claim (numbered "No 6") for the loss of property stolen, including a horse and wagon, bushels of wheat, and sides of leather. The claim also contains notice of a fire, set by Confederate soldiers, in which Hughes lost "all of [her] house hold. Kitchen Furniture[,] some valuable Papers, and many other articles too tedious to mention." The total claim amounts to more than \$1400. The identity of the unit(s) involved is not known. Signatures include those of witnesses, county and state officials, and the governor. Hughes' signatures come in the form of her mark, attested to in each case.

Related Archival Materials

For a similar claim, see the William Belew Claim for Quartermaster Stores, Ms2009-047, also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

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Arrangement

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Description of Subordinate Components

Claim filed by Elizabeth Hughes, Lawrence County, Tennessee, for stolen goods and property lost by fire in 1862

Unit Date 1868

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