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Abstract

The collection contains an advertisement for "Hicks House" summer tourist resort in the town of Appomattox Courthouse created by proprietor, E.G. Hix, c.1865-1892.

Creator

Hix, E. G.

Extent

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Biographical Note

Hicks House refers to Clover Hill Tavern; constructed in 1819 by brothers Alexander and Lilburne Patteson, it is the oldest structure in the village of Appomattox Courthouse. It was a restaurant, inn, and bar for travelers along the Richmond-Lynchburg stage road. In 1846, the court house and subsequent scene of the surrender of General Lee's army was built across the road. During the evening of April 10, 1865, the Union army set up printing presses in Clover Hill Tavern to produce more than 30,000 paroles for surrendered Confederate soldiers. After the American Civil War, the village fell into financial ruin and the courthouse was largely forgotten by those except veterans; however, town reservation efforts started in the 1920's.

Although Wilson Hix owned the tavern during the war, E.G. Hix later took over proprietorship in the time period between the end of the Civil War and the 1892 fire which destroyed the courthouse. J.W. McKinney took over the proprietorship of the tavern after the fire. E.G. Hix was married three times. His first marriage was in 1840 to Birta Tibbs; his second wife was Eva Tibbs and his third wife was Miss Cobbs of Franklin.

External sources:

Featherston, Nathaniel Ragland. *Appomattox County: History and Genealogy*. Baltimore: Reprinted for Clearfield Company by Genealogical Pub., 1998. Print.

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Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single printed advertisement seeking summer tourists to come and stay at "Hicks House" in the town of Appomattox Courthouse to see the site of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's surrender at the end of the American Civil War. It lists E.G. Hix as the proprietor and boasts that the accommodations are, "pleasant [and] quiet" and only, "two miles and a half from Appomattox Station."

Related Materials

See *The proceedings connected with the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia*, April, 1865 by Frank P. Cauble (E477.67 .C37 1975 Spec Civil War) in the Rare Books Collection.

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