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Abstract

This collection contains photocopies of affidavits, claims and answers, stipulations, and a bill for legal fees relating to *U.S. v \$28,000-Effects of R. E. Lee et al.* which dealt with the seizure of land from Confederate leaders.

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Biographical Note

Robert E. Lee was born January 19, 1807, at Strafford Hall, Virginia. He served with distinction in the United States Army from 1829 till 1861, resigning his commission when his home state of Virginia seceded from the Union. After resigning, Lee was commissioned a General and Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia in the Confederate Army. An integral part of the Confederacy, he was later named General-in-Chief of the Confederate Army. Much of Lee's land was confiscated during the war via court cases and libel suits, like *U.S. v \$28,000-Effects of R. E. Lee et al.* Upon conclusion of the war, Lee became president of what is now Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, serving until his death in 1870.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of photocopies of legal documents filed in the case of *U.S. v \$28,000-Effects of R. E. Lee et al.*

Affidavits, 1866, contain photocopies of handwritten and sworn statements by John A. Spilman that Robert E. Lee and the other parties included in the case were officers in the Confederate Army and were engaged in hostile rebellion against the United States.

Claims and Answers, 1863-1866, consists of photocopies of hand written claims by U.S. Attorneys L. Weldin and Seth E. Shuman for the confiscation of the libelants' property. Photocopies of answers by N. Bushnell, libelant defence attorney, counter the claims for seizure of his clients' property.

Stipulations, 1866, include photocopies of agreements between the case attorneys, stating that each claimant to the case seeks no more than \$250 and the libelants will not incur court costs if the case is ruled in favor for them. The stipulations are made in the names of Margaret E. Lee, as libelant, and R.E. Scott, S.G. Sherman, and W. McCoy as claimants to the case.

Fee Bill, undated, shows a photocopy of a hand written bill for an unidentified lawyer's legal fees relating to work done on *U.S. v \$28,000-Effects of R. E. Lee et al.*

Keywords

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

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