

COMMISSIONERS OF CLAIMS,

ACT MARCH 3D, 1871.

No. 18544

36615

REPORT ON CLAIM

OF

Clairinda Porter

OF THE STATE OF

Georgia

Submitted to Congress Dec. 1874

Amount Allowed. \$ 180.00

R. Ayscough
J. W. A. W.
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No. of Item.	DESCRIPTION.	AMOUNT CLAIMED.		AMOUNT ALLOWED.		AMOUNT DISALLOWED.	
		Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.
✓	One Gray Horse	15000		10000		5000	
✓	4 Cattle	8000		6000		2000	
✓	7 Hogs	3500		2000		1500	
✓	6 Beehives	1200				1200	
	Total	<u>27700</u>		<u>18000</u>		<u>9700</u>	

Clarinda's property is established by her own state ment and the testimony of two witnesses - She is a widow whose husband died during the war and left her the above.

Her own statement and the testimony of her fellow servants establish her ownership of the property and the taking for the use of the army by soldiers of Sherman's Cavalry in December 1864.

We allow the sum of one thousand and eighty dollars.

That the property in question was taken or furnished for the use of a portion of the army of the United States, known as the Sherman Army and commanded by Maj. Gen. Sherman and that the persons who took or received the property, or who authorized or directed it to be taken or furnished, were the following:

NAME	RANK	CO.	Regiment, Corps or Station.

That the property was removed to and used for or by all this on or about the 11th day of December, in the year 1864.

That no voucher, receipt, or other writing, was given for the property,

That your petitioner verily believe that the property described was taken under the following circumstances, or one or more of such circumstances, viz:

1. For the actual use of the army, and not for the mere gratification of individual officers or soldiers already provided by the Government with such articles as were necessary or proper for them to have.
2. In consequence of the failure of the troops of the United States to receive from the Government in the customary manner, or to have in their possession at the time, the articles and supplies necessary for them, or which they were entitled to receive and have.
3. In consequence of some necessity for the articles taken, or similar articles; which necessity justified the officers or soldiers taking them.
4. For some purpose so necessary, useful, beneficial or justifiable as to warrant or require the Government to pay for it.
5. Under the order or authority of some officer, or other person connected with the army, whose rank, situation, duties, or other circumstances at the time authorized, empowered, or justified him in taking or receiving it, or ordering it to be taken or received.

That Clarinda Porter was of the original owner of said claim, and that she is still the present owner of the same

That your petitioner remained loyally adherent to the cause and the Government of the United States during the war, and was so loyal before and at the time of the taking of the property for which this claim is made, and he solemnly declares that, from the beginning of hostilities against the United States to the end thereof, her sympathies were constantly with the cause of the United States; that she never, of her own free will and accord, did anything, or offered, or sought, or attempted to do anything, by word or deed, to injure said cause or retard its success, and that she was at all times ready and willing, when called upon, or if called upon, to aid and assist the cause of the Union, or its supporters, so far as her means and power, and the circumstances of the case, permitted.

Note 3. Describe the organization as fully and particularly as possible.

4. State as well as can be done the place to which the property was conveyed.

7. State as fully and minutely as possible, the particular persons or commands using the property, and to what particular uses it was applied or intended to be applied.

8. If any vouchers or written papers were given, attach the originals or copies, or state where the originals are to be found and give the substance of them.

9. "Taken" or "furnished."

10. The loyalty of the owner of the property when taken or furnished, and of all persons having a present beneficial interest in the claim, must be established by proof.

11. If any other persons than the original owner now own or have an interest in the claim, state how such ownership or interest was acquired.

That said claim has not before been presented to any one

That J. C. Todd hereby authorized and empowered to act as Attorney for the prosecution of this claim. Wherefore your petitioner pray for such action of your Honorable Commission in the premises as may be deemed just and proper.

Witnesses: Samuel Mear Clarinda Porter

STATE OF Georgia
COUNTY OF Liberty
(14) Clarinda Porter (Colored)
being duly sworn

deposes and says, that he is the petitioner named in the foregoing petition and who signed the same; that the matters therein stated are true, of the deponent's own knowledge, except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes them to be true; and deponent further says that he did not voluntarily serve in the Confederate army or navy, either as an officer, soldier, or sailor, or in any other capacity, at any time during the late rebellion; that he never voluntarily furnished any stores, supplies, or other material aid to said Confederate army or navy, or to the Confederate government, or to any officer, department or adherent of the same in support thereof, and that he never voluntarily accepted or exercised the functions of any office whatsoever under, or yielded voluntary support to, the said Confederate government.

Witnesses: Samuel Mear Clarinda Porter

Sworn and subscribed in my presence, the 26th day of November 1872.

Names and residences of witnesses who will be relied upon to prove loyalty: State of Georgia

Henry Stevens (colored) Liberty, Ga.
Andrew Stas " " " "

Names and residences of witnesses who will be relied upon to prove the other facts alleged in the foregoing petition:

same as above.

Post office address of claimant: Riceboro Liberty, Ga.

Post office address of attorney: Savannah, Ga.

NOTE 12. If the claim has heretofore been presented to any branch of the Government, state when and where presented, and what action was taken upon it.

13. Claimants sign here.

14. Give the names of all the petitioners.

15. If more than one petitioner, insert the words, "each for himself," and in the next line insert "one of" in the proper blank.

That, as stated in the Petition referred to, the property in question was taken from or furnished by Clarinda Porter (colr) of Riceboro, in the State of Georgia, for the use of a portion of the army of the United States, known as 3rd, and commanded by Genl. Wm. S. Sherman and that the persons who took or received the property, or who authorized or directed it to be taken or furnished, were the following:

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	Regiment, Corps or Station.

That the property was removed to (4) Madison Church and used for or by (5) towards the building works; all this on or about the 14th day of December, in the year 1864 as appears by the petition presented to the Commissioners.

That by the following named persons, the claimant expects to prove that, from the beginning of hostilities against the United States to the end thereof, his sympathies were constantly with the cause of the United States; that he never, of his own free will and accord, did anything, or offered, or sought, or attempted to do anything, by word or deed, to injure said cause or retard its success, and that he was at all times ready and willing, when called upon, or if called upon, to aid and assist the cause of the Union, or its supporters, so far as his means and power, and the circumstances of the case, permitted.

Wm. W. Stephens (Col) of Liberty Co.
and Wm. Stacy " of _____
 _____ of _____
 _____ of _____
 _____ of _____

That, by the following named persons, the claimant expects to prove the taking or furnishing of the property for the use of the army of the United States:

Sam a. abor of _____
 _____ of _____
 _____ of _____
 _____ of _____
 _____ of _____

The claimant now prays that the testimony of the witnesses just designated be taken and recorded, at such place and at such time as the Special Commissioner may designate, at the reasonable cost of the said claimant; and that due notice of the time and place of the taking thereof be given to the Claimant, or to his counsel.

Submitted on this 26th day of Nov, 1872
Clarinda Porter
 Claimant.
Raymond Casey
 Attorney.

P. O. Address of Attorney:
Riceboro Ga

Clarinda Porter Before Special Commissioner
75 John Vignie Higgin
United States at Riceboro Ga

It is believed that no further testimony is necessary in the above case & the depositions are respectfully submitted to the Commissioner of Claims for his consideration & decision
 sign Raymond Casey
Att'y

No. 13244

CLAIM OF

Charinda Porter

OF

Liberty County,

State of Georgia

\$ 27.00

TESTIMONY OF

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Charinda Porter 329
Henry Stephens 6214
Andrew Blacy 8226

Submitted

TAKEN BEFORE

Virgil Hillier
Special Commissioner.
State of Ga.

Raymond Gray for
of J. Richard
Liberty Co. Ga. Attorneys.

May 14/74

RENEWAL BY THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONER

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Before the Commissioners of Claims.

ACT OF CONGRESS, MARCH 3, 1871.

Case of Clarinda Porter
No. 18541

It is hereby certified, that on the 18th day of February
1874, at Pocahontas, in the county of Liberty
and State of Georgia, personally came before me the following
persons, viz:

Clarinda Porter Claimant,
Raymond C. Gray Counsel, or Attorney,
and Hecary Stephens
Andrew Stagg Claimant's Witnesses,

for the purpose of a hearing in the above entitled cause.
Each and every deponent, previous to his or her examination, was properly
and duly sworn or affirmed by me to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
but the truth, concerning the matters under examination; and the testimony of
each deponent was written out by me, or in my presence, and as given before me,
and subsequently read over to said deponent, by whom it was also subscribed in my
presence.

Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of February,
1874.



Virgil Miller
Special Commissioner of the Commissioners of Claims,
State of Georgia

Deposition of Clarinda Porter

In answer to the First General Interrogatory, the Deponent says:
My name is Clarinda Porter, my age 40
years, my residence Liberty County, in the State of
Georgia, and my occupation a farmer's housekeeper.
I am related to the claimant,
and have a beneficial interest in the claim.

[NOTE: The Claimant should always be first examined when present, in which case the words "related to" as printed immediately above, should be stricken out.]

Clarinda Porter } Before the
vs. } Special Commissioner
United States } at Pocahontas - Ga.
Testimony of Clarinda Porter } the
claimant - on loyalty -
1 I was born in Liberty Co. Ga. I was a
slave and became free when she was
came through. I am about 40 yrs old.
I live on Mrs Willis Place Liberty Co.
I plant & do housework for a living
2 From the 1st of April 1861 till the 1st
of June 1865 I resided on John Ba-
ker's place in Liberty Co. Ga. I stayed
there until everything broke up - I was
a slave then & was living on my own
master's place. I didn't change my
residence or business during that time.
I worked fixing the ground to plants
3 Irrelevant
4 I never took any such oath or affirma-
tion.
5 I took the amnesty oath I think at
No. 3. I don't know who it was that
I took it before and I don't know what
the nature of the oath was.
6 to 25 inclusive (to each and every ques-
tion being separately put the claim-
ant answers no)
26 They threatened me if I was friendly

- to the Yankees they would carry me off
do work harder than I did here,
27 They never did anything to me.
28 to 39 inclusive (to each and every
question being separately put the
claimant answers no).
40 At the beginning of the war I was
friendly to the U.S. at first they
had told me so many things I
was afraid but afterwards I felt
rejoiced. I said if the Yankees would
come where I stand that I would
wash & cook & do for them. I was on
their side till they came.
41 In conclusion I do solemnly declare
that from the beginning of hostil-
ities against the U.S. to the end
thereof my sympathies were con-
stantly with the cause of the Union
that I never of my own free will and
accord did anything or offered or
sought or attempted to do anything
by word or deed to injure said cause
or retard its success and that I was
at all times ready and willing when
or if called upon to aid and assist
the cause of the Union so far as my
means and powers and the circum-
stances of the case permitted.

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43 I was a slave when the war com-
menced and became free when the
Yankees came through. I stand on my
master's place a short time after I be-
came free and then I moved on to my
^{another} master's place and worked on shares
I moved on to the third place. I worked
for my master by task when I was a
slave and then I worked for myself &
earned this property. I got my head
of cattle by buying one and raising
the rest and the hogs in the same
way. I had been raising hogs some
years and cattle 8 yrs. My husband
bought the horse and then he died and
left me the horse. My husband be-
longed to Richard Baker and I to John
Baker. My husband worked by the task
as I did & got some more horses & cows
& cattle & raised them till he
raised money by selling them or
bought a horse. My husband died
about 2 yrs. before the war & left me
the horses the two hogs. Indian Sam
was my guardian to hold the property
for me. I don't know who my first
guardian was. I never heard the
deed without any complaint until
his master didn't do it. I am not in

my old master's employment he is
not in this country. I don't see my
old master anything near the estate.
I live on land that belongs to the main
man. I am working on land. He told
me that at the end of two years he might
sell it to me, to me but myself and
children has any interest in this claim.

Witness
Henry Middleton Clarinda ^{maid} Porter
Sworn to and subscribed before me
Virgil Killebrew
Special Commissioner
State of Georgia

Testimony of Henry ^{Colonel} McCallum
loyalty.

I was born in Liberty County, Georgia
slave and belonged to John S. Baker.
I don't know whether he is living or
not he has left the country long ago.
I became free when the army came
through. I am 29 years old. I live
near Midway church in Georgia. I am
living. I know Mrs. Porter, the
claimant. I am not related to
her. I have no interest in her
claim. I have known her
from the time I was born after.

had sense. He lived on one place.
I knew her all the time of the war.
I worked right in the same field.
I used to talk with her about the
war & when we heard the guns she
would laugh & wish they could
get here or agreed about the war.
she was a strong friend of the free
people all the time when they
came there she gave them the best
& one thing and another to eat
in. She never had any chance to
do anything for them but for the
same time. I think she would
have if she had had a chance.
Charges she showed her people were
generally for the free people. She was
as strong as any of them.

Witness
Henry Middleton Henry & Stephens
Sworn to and subscribed before me
Virgil Killebrew
Special Commissioner
State of Georgia

Testimony of Andrew Stacy colored on Loyalty.

1 I was born in Liberty Co Ga. I was a slave and became free since emancipation I belonged to the Baker, I am 33 yrs. of age. I live on my own spot in Liberty Co 2 miles from Riceboro. I am farming. I know Mrs. Clarinda Porter I am not related to her. She has no beneficial interest in her claim. We were raised on one place & have known her ever since I can remember. I lived on this place. Place the second house from her. I saw her every day. I talked with her about the war. She was very rejoicing to think we were going to have our country that was between us we couldn't let our owners know. She was a good Christian woman. All the colored people were Union people as far as they found out what it meant.

Witness
Henry M. Adlington Andrew Stacy
made of

Sworn to and subscribed before me
Virgil Kelley
Special Commissioner
State of Ga.

Clarinda Porter (colored) } Before the
U.S. } S. Court
United States } at Riceboro Ga.

Testimony of claimant on property.

- 1 I was present when this property was taken.
- 2 I saw it all taken. Some carried here & some they took from the spot & some they carried to Equitt. I didn't put them in my claim because my attorney didn't ask me anything about them.
- 3 They told me when they came there that if they took them from me I could get them back.
- 4 They took them things from my place at John Baker's place when the war passed through here. I can't remember to the time of year or the year it was in the winter. They were taken by the first said that came through of Gen Lee's soldiers. They were taken when I was Sherman's or Polk's soldiers were out here or back. There is a rule of requirement of them. I can't tell how many they didn't take anything the first day but the next day they commenced taking ^{some} until they had taken it all.
- 5 Henry M. Adlington Andrew Stacy

9 They carried them to the place
where the camp was. They told me
they were going to carry them and
people that came there said they took
8 horses.

10 They took the horses to the place
near the white and the other place
so eat. I saw them eat the horses
the hogs & I saw them eating the
horses.

11 I told them I didn't know what they
going to do. They wanted to take
the things away to the horses with
that is all the complaint I made.

12 I didn't see the horses or
the property in the place
any more in the morning
in the evening. I was up at the
I didn't see the officers there but
they were looking on & seeing the
take the things I didn't get.

14 When they took the horses
were encamped at Midway about
about 5 miles from my house
same camp but I don't know
was encamped there. I was the
first man that came through. They
came to my house right after they
got into camp. They stayed there

until Saranac surrendered. I did
not know the quartermaster or any of
the officers.

15 Some the hogs were in the same
same were running out in the
field & the horse & cattle were in
the old field.

16 Horse No. 1. This was a gray horse,
about 7 years old. He was a large
enough horse - good sized work
horse - fat - he was in good
sound. His eyes were both good.
He had longed in his head and
he was large, rather a heavy and
got them on a tough horse when he
was young. He was well broken. He
got on to him and side him off.

Horse No. 2. That 4 cattle - one steer
and 2 milking cows and a calf
& 2 yrs old. I don't know anything
about the weight of cattle - the 3 were
large, rather large, than ordinary
cattle & the calf was not full grown.
It was big enough to kill. They killed
the steer at my house & the rest they
drove away.

Horse No. 3. I had 7 head of hogs
they were pretty large hogs - some
more stock hogs - there were 3 in

the pen - 3 s. 4 p. I was for them
them for my own use. I don't know
what they would weigh - the whole
would weigh 50 lbs. I think they
killed them right there - some they
put on horses & some on the wagons &
some on pack. I had 12 lbs. horse and
they took them all. I don't know how
they came to get it & in my accounts
they burst them open & took the
honey out & put it into buckets and
piggins and carried it off - they eat
a little there.

17. 18. passed

If this was all my private property
I cannot receive any pay for any
part of this property. I have no part
in any other claims - This is the first
and only claim I have ever presented.

Witness

her

Clara Muddington. Clara Muddington

mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me

Virgil D. Hill

Special Commissioner

State of Georgia

Restoration of Henry Stephens' ^{lost}
property.

Patronization by claimant's atty
the talk belonged to the same man
- Samuel S. Baker. She had never
the horse & was gone before they
it. It was a gray horse - she had
been took it along with them - they
were cavalry - they caught it on the
place and carried it to the camp
- saw them take it - her husband
bought it - this horse never was
to them - Baker's wife - she
used to ride it to church - she
the whole people could hear - she
helped them drive off the cattle
& drive a whole drive - she helped them
drive them as far as Mt. Hebe was
It is on the road to the Cigarette
between Midway & the Cigarette
The whole drive didn't belong to the
Baker - she had about 4 head that
they took. I saw her shoot in the
front & left them there at Mt.
Hope - she had some boys they
killed them. All this property be-
longed to Clara Muddington. She was
allowed to own this property - her
husband died before the army came

here. If Mr. Baker would buy the
his people he would buy them first
from them before he shot them
down - if he wanted to buy them
she would sell them to him but she
could sell them to any body who
had the money. Several of the
people had horses, as the horses
I never knew him to take care
without paying for it. They all
worked in the field by task.

Second set of interrogations by the
Commissioner -

1 I was present when this horse was
taken.

2 I saw it taken.

3 They didn't have a word to say just
slaughtered and went on as they
pleased.

4 The property was taken right at
Mr. Baker's house on his small
plantation. They were taken when

the army came here about June
the year. They were taken by the
main army. They were business.

There was a whole crowd of them
came there. I can't tell how many.
They took the cows all one day &
part of the horse then they came

back and took the rest of them.

5 All the folks in the place were
there right at her house there
were Andrew Stang & Henry Porter &
myself & the Clarks & Gales.

6 I could hardly tell the difference
between officers & soldiers. I didn't
hear any orders except when they
drove the cows off. Some man in
a horse told them to gather up
all the cattle.

7 They "ratched" the horse & jumped
on top of him & put a hog in his
mouth & they drove the
cattle off they killed the horse &
drove them off 2 the first time
& afterwards one by one.

8 They all had horses & they took
some off on their horses. They
rode the horse off drove the cat-
tle & they wanted the horse and
carried it ^{the horse} off in jugs & one thing
and another.

9 I don't know what they did with
things. I carried the cows on to
a Mt. Hope they were going onto
Bryan. I made a pen at Mr. Baker
and drove the cattle in there to
them there. There was a whole lot

of come in the crowd but I am cer-
tain that there 4 were there they
killed the dogs at home & hung
them on the horses & carried them
to their camp. They started there
for the camp. I didn't go with
them.

- 10. I don't know the use they made of
this property - I think they killed
the cattle & eat them on the spot
I guessed they eat the pork they
eat some of the honey right there
Some of them eat sugar right there
& eat some of the pork right there.
- 11. I heard this Peter ask the women
what she should do & they said
don't fret you'll get it back.
- 12. I didn't hear any canoes or weaft
asked of.
- 13. The property was taken in the day
time. I don't seem up till night
They took everything. My old
wishes had moved most of the
good things. They took some
sheep & an old white pony with
14. When they took their property they
were encamped about a half mile
from there & all along the way
to Midway. It was the main way

They came there as soon as they
commenced camping. I believe they
staid there about a week. There had
nt been any battles or skirmishes
just before the army stopped
there. I didn't know the quar-
master or other officers.

- 15. This property was in pretty good
order. They were in the field and
pen. She had 2 bacon logs in
the pen. The rest were running out.
The bacon logs were in pretty good
order.
- 16. Her name I don't know. She
old the horse wasn't born a good
sizable size in good order. She
were no size in being. He was
good sound horse. He belonged
to Peter's father. She & her husband
ought him. They had had him
about 6 or 7 years. I remember I never
heard anyone else claim the
horse. He sold the horse for
& thought he had the horse. They
came there & caught the horse &
killed a dog & put him on the
pen & led away the other horse.
They had
Name No. 2. He had 4 head of cattle.

There was one steer & 3 head of
coices they were all full grown
One was younger than the others &
you could hardly see the difference
in the size - the steers & cows were
worth about ^{tho} 4000 the other about
500 lbs. They drove them off & sold
ed some of them to Mr. Hope & Mr. J. A. B.

Item No. 3. She had 7 head of hogs
& 2 fattening barrows - about 100 lbs.
weight - the others would weigh
from 25 to 70 lbs. She killed the
hogs & threw some of them into the
house & carried them off to
Harrisburg. She had 7 beehives in
her yard & I tried to buy a hive one time. The
didn't care to sell - they took all the
honey out & the bees died it was so
cold. I didn't see them take any
blankets or quilts or anything
I saw them take the other things
with my own eyes & they pretended
to be I never heard of a man ever
claiming property that belonged to
his slave - I didn't see any property
wasted - they just killed them
as if they wanted to use them

dear of the cattle. They stripped
everything clean - you couldn't find
a chicken or a pig before the army
came nobody left the country but
the white people, but after the army
came through the colored people
were swept so clean that they had
to leave 100

Witness _____ his
Anne Maddox. Henry & I together
made

Sworn to and subscribed before me
Wingel Gillette
Special Commissioner
State of Georgia

Testimony of Andrew Stacy (colored)
on property.

- 1 I was present when this property was
taken.
- 2 I saw them take the house, cattle,
hogs & honey.
- 3 I told them that they were her things
& they said that she was not there
back - they went ahead and
took the things.
- 4 It was taken at her home on Charles
Lee's plantation. It was at the
corner of the yard. I can't think of

the year. They were United States soldiers that took it. They covered the whole place. I don't know how many were taking the things. There was as many as coats. They were about a day. Some few walking things were taken afterwards.

6 There were several fellows there when the property was taken. Mrs. Cook, Henry Stephens, Sam. Caswell & others.

6 I didn't see any officers stop. Some were riding along. I didn't hear any orders; but I could see them taking them. I was so much excited that I don't think I'll ever know what I did. I could see a heap more than I could hear.

7 They caught the horse and drove him off. He was in the field. They put off the cattle. They killed the sheep & carried off some on the horses. I was in the house & the rest on the lot. They killed the cows.

8 They carried some in the wagon and some on the horse.

9 They went towards the camp. I didn't follow them. I supposed they took it to the camp.

10 I don't know, but I suppose they took it for their own use. They eat the money right there. I didn't see them using any of the rest there.

11 I didn't hear any complaint made. She was so much excited she didn't know what to do to put questions.

12 I didn't hear any voucher or receipt asked for.

13 The property was taken in the day. Mine from 7 till about 9 o'clock.

14 When they took their property they were surrounded all around. They were about 300 or 400. They were cavalry and infantry. I don't know what the others were called besides Riflemen. They went to work taking things about 10 o'clock as they got there good. They stand there 3 or 4 days. They took every thing off the place. My master had cleared out. They took all the goats except what the hind carried away. I followed the army into Chatham. I got along well enough.

15 The property was all in good condition. The horse was in the lot. The cattle

in the field - the hogs some in the pen - they were all in good order.

16 Horn do. 1 This was a gray horse. I am a poor judge of horses - he was a pretty large horse - he was in good order a pretty good able working horse. He was sound had no lumps on him. His eyes were good - he was a pretty good traveller. I did not see him after they left there. They rode him off they put a hog on his back that they had killed. They had had some other good ones. It was there because Mrs. Porter bought him & died & left him to her wife. It didn't belong to Mr. Baker - what was him was his. I never heard anyone else claim him.

Horn do. 2 She had 4 head of cattle - 3 were grown & the rest was smaller - about 2 yrs. old & about 3 grown. They were fat enough for beef. I think the large one would weigh about 400 lbs. & the smaller one 170 or 200 lbs. I am a pretty poor judge of cattle. I saw them take them away.

They drove them off with the other cattle they went towards the big camp one ^{was} at Midway & the other at Coechee - Midway is on the road to Coechee. It is about 4 miles from Mrs. Porter's house to Midway. Horn do. 3 She had 7 head of them 2 of them was fat small hogs. I think they would ^{weigh} 10 lbs. a piece they were 12 yrs. old. I think but will fatten. The other would weigh 10 or 12 down to 10 or 12. They killed them & carried them off in baskets. I saw them & saw them take some of them. There were some more hogs they took them & took out their honey & killed the bees they carried it off in baskets. I didn't see them take any baskets or quilts or pots or bottles. I saw them take some poultry - they took all the poultry from this place. That would be more about the party I didn't see any of it.

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