

COMMISSIONERS OF CLAIMS,

ACT MARCH 3D, 1871.

No.

21416 36.614.

REPORT ON CLAIM -

OF

Rachel Norman

OF THE STATE OF

Georgia

Submitted to Congress Dec. 1874.

Amount Allowed. \$ 100.00

No. of Item.	DESCRIPTION.	AMOUNT CLAIMED.		AMOUNT ALLOWED.		AMOUNT DISALLOWED.	
		Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.
✓ 5 Head Cattle		100 ⁰⁰		70 ⁰⁰		30 ⁰⁰	
✓ 15 Bush Corn		22 ⁵⁰		4 ⁰⁰		18 ⁵⁰	
✓ 12 Bush Rice		24 ⁰⁰		6 ⁰⁰		18 ⁰⁰	
✓ 12 Chickens		3 ⁰⁰				3 ⁰⁰	
✓ 14 Hogs		20 ⁰⁰		20 ⁰⁰			
	<i>Total</i>	<u>169⁵⁰</u>		<u>100⁰⁰</u>		<u>69⁵⁰</u>	

REMARKS.

Claimant was a slave she inherited and raised her stock. Her legalty is established by her own statements and the testimony of her witnesses. Her ownership of the property and the taking of the same is also established by her evidence and that of her fellow servants.

We allow the sum of One Hundred 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 [5] Company C, 10th Cavalry and commanded by Paul Howard H. H. H. H. 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.
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That the property was removed to [6] Camp at Midway Church and used for or by [7] the Army stationed there all this on or about the 20th day of Decr, in the year 1864

That [8] no voucher, receipt, or other writing, was given for the property

That your petitioner verily believe that the property described was [9] 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 [10] Rachel Norman of Liberty County Georgia was the original owner of said claim, and that she is the present owner of the same [11].

That your petitioner remained loyally adherent to the cause and the Government of the United States during the war, and was loyal before and at the time of the liberty of the property for which this claim is made, and she 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 5. Describe his organization as fully and particularly as possible.
 6. State as well as can be done the place to which the property was conveyed.
 7. State as fully and minutely as possible, the parties or persons or commands using the property, and to what parties or 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 [12] any branch of the Federal Government

That Raymond Cay Jr is 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: Raymond Cay Jr Imo H. Cay [13] Rachel Norman

STATE OF Georgia }
 COUNTY OF Liberty }
 (14) Rachel Norman
 being duly sworn (15)

deposes and says, that he is Raymond Cay Jr 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: Raymond Cay Jr Imo H. Cay Rachel Norman

Sworn and subscribed in my presence, the 26th day of February 1863
John L. Harden Ch. & J. P. L. S.

Names and residences of witnesses who will be relied upon to prove loyalty
Phineas Porter } Liberty County
Fadedon Porter } Georgia
Clairinda Porter }

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

Phineas Porter } Liberty County
Fadedon Porter } Georgia
Clairinda Porter }
 Post office address of claimant : Riceboro Ga
 Post office address of attorney : Saranac 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 blanks.

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Before the Commissioners of Claims.

ACT OF CONGRESS, MARCH 3, 1871.

Case of Rachel Sherman (Co.)
No. 21416

It is hereby certified, that on the 5th day of March
1874, at Richmond, in the county of Liberty
and State of Pa., personally came before me the following
persons, viz:

Rachel Sherman Claimant,
Raymond C. Lee Counsel, or Attorney,
and Wm. H. Porter
Wm. H. Porter
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 5th day of March
1874.

SEAL

Virgil Willson
Special Commissioner of the Commissioners of Claims,
State of Pa.

Deposition of Rachel Sherman

In answer to the First General Interrogatory, the Deponent says:

My name is Rachel Sherman, my age 51
years, my residence Liberty, Pa., in the State of
Pa., and my occupation a farmer;
I am related to the claimant,
and have no 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.]

In the case of
Rachel Sherman before Special Commissioner
vs Virgil Willson Esq
County State of Richmond Pa.
I have no further available evidence
to offer in the above case and now
submit it for the consideration
and decision of the Honorable
Commissioners of Claims
Raymond C. Lee
Att. for Claimant

Rachel Norman (col) } Before the
vs } Special Commrs
United States } at Riceland Ga.

Testimony of Claimant on loyalty.

- 1 I was born in Liberty Co., Ga. I am about 50 yrs. old. I live in Liberty Co. Ga. I live on James Winn's plantation. I work with my hoe for a living. I am the claimant in this case.
- 2 In 1861 I lived on Mr. Alexander's plantation & staid there until after the Yankees came here. I belonged to him at that time & was working on his place as his slave.
- 3 & 4 Invariant.
- 5 I never took any amnesty oath.
- 6-25 No each and every question being separately put the claimant answers no.
- 26 They threatened if I ran away with the Yankees that they would shoot me.
- 27 I never was molested.
- 28 I never contributed anything for the U.S. Government.
- 29 I cooked & washed for them after they came here & did all I could for them.
- 30-39 No each and every question being separately put the claimant answers no.
- 40 At the beginning of the rebellion I

sympathized with the Union cause. At first I was afraid they were going to kill me. Our white people said they would carry us to Cuba & kill us all that. I told them the Yankees were not going to kill me. I had not done anything to them. I was more afraid the white people here would kill me. I was on the Yankee side all the time.

- 41 An conclusion I do solemnly declare that from the beginning of hostilities against the U.S. to the end thereof my sympathies were constantly 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 & assist the cause of the Union so far as my means & powers and the circumstances of this case permitted.

- 42 I was a slave at the beginning of the war & became free when the Yankees came & sold me so. The first year after I was free I ran over to Scharham. We couldn't stay here the white

people threatened to kill us, after-
wards I raised crops. My father &
mother died & gave me a sow, hogs
& a fine heifer calf. I had been raising
cattle 10 or 12 yrs. when the Yankees
came here, I could sell them if I chose.
My master gave me leave - his name
was Adam Alexander. I am not work-
ing for him & I don't live on his land.
I live on the estate of James Winn.

I don't ^{owe} my old master anything. I think
they owe me, I have been at work for them
a long time, I don't want to be no slave.
If I was a slave I wouldn't last long for
I am getting sickly. No one has any in-
terest in this claim but me.

Witness Rachel & Nomina
Arney M. Adlington mark

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

Testimony of Plenty Carter (col) on loyalty
I was born in Liberty Co. Ga. I am a
slave & belonged to Major Porter. It
was free when the Yankees came
here, I am about 60 years old. I live
near James Winn's place. I farm. I
know Rachel Norman the claimant.
I am no kin. I have no interest in
her claim. I have known her a
good many years. I know her before
the war. I never talked with her
about the Yankees coming. She was
a good Union woman. She wanted
& wanted for the Union army when
they came here. Some paid & some
didn't pay.

Witness - Plenty Carter
Arney M. Adlington mark

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

Testimony of Paul Wilson (col) on loyalty.
I was born in Liberty Co. Ga. a slave.
belonged to Col. Wynn. I was made
free when the said came through.
I am farmer. I know Rachel Roman.
I am no kin to her. I have no bene-
ficial interest in this claim. I have
known her over 20 years. I know her
before & during the war. I lived
over a mile from her. I used to see
her 3 or 4 times a week. I never talked
with her about the war. I always hear
people say she was a good Union
woman. Colored people were not
allowed to talk about Union except
privately.

Witnessed Paul X Wilson
James M. Adlington, mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me
Virgil Hillyard
Special Commissioner
State of Georgia

Rachel Roman (col) } Begone the
vs. } Special Commis
United States } at Ricord Ga.

Testimony of claimant on property.

- 1 I was present when the property was taken.
- 2 I saw them take it - the cattle, corn,
rice, chickens & hogs.
- 3 They said we must give up the chickens
for they wanted them to eat & they to
let them go right along.
- 4 They took the property at my house on
Mr. Alexander's plantation. They took
them the second day they came on the
plantation. It was before Christmas
& when the Union army came here.
It was taken by soldiers of Sherman's or
Kilpatrick's army. There were enough
there - 30 or 40 - there was such a
gang came that they took all mine
at one time.
- 5 There were present Polidora, Porter, Henry
Porter & Clarinda Porter & others.
- 6 I didn't know of officers. I didn't hear any
orders given.
- 7 They drove the cattle off from the field.
They went up into the loft & took the
corn & feed put them into bags - they
made some small bags catch the corn
they shot some down. They shot the hogs

- 10 8 They came there & drove off the cows & took some of the property in wagons & some on horses.
- 9 They removed it to Midway I saw it taken there but they all went there they went in their direction.
- 10 I don't know the use for which they took the property they killed the hogs & cattle & eat them - I saw them out & they brought the meat & pork for us so I took for them.
- 11 I didn't make any complaint.
- 12 I never asked them for a voucher or receipt.
- 13 They took it in the day time at all times in the day.
- 14 When they took this property they were encamped at Midway church about 8 miles off, I think it was Kilpatrick's army. They staid there about 3 weeks as they took it while they was there. I didn't know any of the quartermasters or other officers.
- 15 The cattle were in pretty good order & so were the hogs the cows & ride had been gathered & were in the house.
- 16 Item No. 1. I had 4 head of cattle 3 were grown & the other was a good sized yearling about 1 1/2 yrs old.

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- I had 2 milch cows, one steer & one calf, they were large size. I can't tell their weight. I never saw any weight. They drove them down to Midway & I brought some down to eat for them.
- Item No. 2. I had 12 bushels of corn & it was in sacks. I allowed it to be 12 6 bushels shelled & they took them in bags & put it into wagons.
- Item No. 3. I had 6 bushels of peas I had 2 bands full & they took them out. I saw them put in the wagons.
- Item No. 4. I had 8 chickens. I have sickness in my head & I can't recall my sense clearly. I can't string remember.
- Item No. 5. I had 4 head of hogs. Some were 1 1/2 yrs & some 2 yrs old they were not so very fat but they were fleshy. They would make good fresh meat. I couldn't tell how much they would weight. This property all belong to me.
- 17, 18 passed.
- 19 They never paid me anything for this property. This is the first and only claim I have ever made against the Government. My master owned about 60 slaves he worked them by tasks. Almost all had property.
- 11

12 cows, nice, fine, long horns. I have been sick
3 months. I can just take my stick &
hop about

Witness Rachel X Chapman
witness

Adm. M. Edlington

Sworn to and subscribed before me

Virgil Kelley
Special Commissioner
State of Georgia

Testimony of P. Bentley Porter not in
property.

1. I was present when the property
was taken.
2. I saw them take the cattle, cows, &
chickens & foot horse
3. They just ran right into the house
& went to work taking all the things
& carrying them away.
4. This property was taken at her house
or Mr. Alexander's place somewhere
called Porter's place. I can't remember
the year, but it was before Christmas
1862, when the Union army came here.
5. There were present Blain & Porter, but
not Wain & Rachel Chapman & others.
6. There were officers there. I didn't know
them. I didn't hear any orders given
but I know if they hadn't had leave

they couldn't have done it,

7. They drove off the cattle from the field.
8. They took the cows & mice from the house.
9. They went into the woods & took the chickens
& some of the hogs were in the pen &
some running into.
10. They drove away the cow & they killed
the hogs & the others were put into
wagons & on horses.
11. I suppose they went to camp. They
had no other place to go.
12. I know they must have taken it to
eat. They fed the horse with corn &
rice.
13. I didn't hear any complaint made.
14. I didn't hear her ask for any rewards or
rewards.
15. The property was taken in the day time.
16. They were camped at night. The army
was encamped when they took the
property about 5 miles off at Nutley
church. It was Dan. McPatrick's camp.
I know they staid there a little while
than 2 weeks, I don't know how long
they had been in camp before they came
up to her house. I didn't know the
quartermaster or any of the officers.
17. The property was in a good condition.
18. How do you know she had 5 head of cattle

3. Full grown - one good sized yearling
about 2 yrs old & a little calf I expect
the 3 largest would weigh about 100 lbs
to the quarter. The 2 yr old I think
would weigh 60 or 70 lbs. to the quarter.
It was a good sized calf was about
a year old or better. I guess he would
weigh 20 or 25 lbs. to the quarter. They
drove these off.

Stond No. 2. She had about 10 or 12 bushels
of shelled corn. They went right into the
house and took the corn.

Stond No. 3. She had 18 bushels of corn.
It was measured & put away, they took
it into the room.

Stond No. 4. I think she had 10 chickens
I saw them take them away.

Stond No. 5. She had 4 head of hogs.
They were full grown would weigh from
100 to 160 lbs. They shot them out of the
pen & carried them on horses. This property
all belonged to her. She said it & I never
heard anybody else claim it.

Witness
Serg. W. A. Arlington, Capt. X. Porter
 Private

Sworn to and subscribed before me
Virgil S. Lilly
Special Commissioner
State of Georgia

Testimony of Paul Wilson - got on
property.

1. I was present when the property was
taken.
2. I saw the cattle, corn, rice, chickens
hogs taken.
3. They didn't say anything only came up
took what they wanted & what they
could catch.
4. The property was taken at Mrs. Alex-
ander's place - now Mrs. Pater's and
at Meni Norman's house. It was a little
before Christmas in Dec. the same year
the army came through. It was taken
by Yankee soldiers - I ran down the
line, sometimes 6 or 7 at a time were
engaged in taking it. They were paid
& offered for about a week taking
this property.
5. Plenty Porter, Polidore Pariv, Calarius
Porter, Rachel Norman & I were there.
6. There were some lieutenants there I think.
I didn't hear him give any orders to take
the property.
7. They went into the field & drove the
cattle. They took the corn & rice
from the loft in the house. They had
the chickens & made the little boy
run after them. The hogs were in the
pen.

- 16 field they shot them down -
 8 They removed it in wagons or teams.
 9 They removed it to where they were camp-
 ing at Midway almost I didn't follow
 them but concluded they took it there
 as they were camped there.
 10 I don't know the use but I suppose
 they took it to feed & to eat, I didn't
 see them feeding or using it.
 11 I didn't hear any complaint made,
 12 I didn't hear her ask for any vouchers
 or receipts.
 13 The property was taken in the day time
 between the white people of both part &
 3 o'clock in the evening. It was not taken
 secretly.
 14 The army was encamped in the
 vicinity of Midway church about 3
 miles off. They said it was Mrs. Sher-
 man's army. They staid there some 2 or
 3 wks - They were there not more ^{than} 3 days
 before they came to her house.
 15 Her property was in good condition.
 16 Item No. 1. She had 4 head of cattle
 They were full grown cattle, I suppose
 the biggest one would weigh 30 lbs to
 the quarter I suppose the smallest one
 would weigh over 40 lbs. to the quarter.
 I saw them drive them off.

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Item No. 2. She had 4 bushels of corn.
 I don't know how much corn land she
 planted.

Item No. 3. There were 4 bushels of rice
 It was Wisconsin rice. I saw the corn &
 rice measured.

Item No. 4. She had 10 hoes of chickens.

Item No. 5. She had 4 head of hogs
 full-grown - The largest would
 weigh about 200 lbs. & 150 lbs. & the
 other 2 would weigh over 120 lbs.
 This property belonged to Rachel Sherman.
 She raised it. I was the driver on the
 place & know just what she had.
 It wasn't my business to go around
 measure but when they asked me to do
 so I did it. I saw it all taken.

Witness
 Amey, M. Adlington

Paul F. Wilson
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Quoted and subscribed before me
 Virgil Killeen
 Special Commissioner
 State of Georgia

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Rachel Gorman

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Due her

OUT OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR

"Claims of Loyal Citizens for Supplies furnished
during the Rebellion."

For amount allowed her
by the Southern Claims Com-
mission.

Reported March 16, 1875.

Returned " 20, 1875.

Requisition No. 4214, dated

April 12, 1875, transmitted for

Warrant April 13, 1875.

No. 2446

CLAIM OF

Rachel Herman Co.

OR

Liberty County,

State of Fla.

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Submitted

TAKEN BEFORE

Virgil Hillman

Special Commissioner.

State of Fla.

Raymond Camp

of Liberty Co. Fla.

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June 1/74