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### Abstract

This collection includes a broadside from the *Lexington (Virginia) Gazette* in 1865, advertising T. B. Heck & A. D. Elliott, "Cabinet Making and Undertaking", which also sold coffins and would barter with customers for goods.

### Creator

Heck, Tilford Barclay, 1823-1890

### Creator

Elliott, Andrew D., 1832-c. 1870

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# Historical Note

During the Civil War, many young men from Lexington, Virginia, both permanent residents and students of Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and Washington College, enlisted in the Confederate military by 1862. In June 1864, General David Hunter marched Union troops through the Shenandoah Valley and targeted Lexington. The Union Army fired artillery into the town, looted homes and businesses, and burned the VMI barracks, as well as Governor John Letcher's home. More broadly across the former Confederacy, the destruction of infrastructure and the natural environment, along with the end of an enslavement-based agrarian economy, rising inflation, and failure to keep pace with the Union's evolving economic system, left much of the South with great financial setbacks after the Civil War.

This local and national economic crisis left many southerners unable to pay for goods with currency. This led to the use of bartering for goods as an alternative economy.

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# Biographical Note - T. B. Heck

Tilford Barclay Heck was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, in 1823. In 1850, he married Estellina M. Boyd in Albemarle County, Virginia. The pair had seven children. Heck worked as a carpenter from early adulthood. In 1861, Heck enlisted in the Confederate army in Rockbridge County. After the Civil War, Heck returned to Lexington and continued to work as a carpenter. He died in 1890 and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Lexington, Virginia.

Sources: United States Censuses for 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880

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<https://www.ancestrylibrary.com/discoveryui-content/view/136049:3723>.

## Biographical Note - A. D. Elliott

Andrew D. Elliott was born in 1832 in Rockbridge County, Virginia. Elliott married Georgia Anna Liggan in Rockbridge County in 1853. He worked as a cabinet maker from early adulthood until his death in c. 1870.

Sources:

United States Censuses for 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880

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## Scope and Content

This collection includes a broadside from the *Lexington (Virginia) Gazette* in 1865, advertising T. B. Heck & A. D. Elliott, "Cabinet Making and Undertaking." The broadside informs readers that Heck and Elliott had recently opened a cabinet shop in Lexington, which also sold coffins. The broadside also contains offers for barbers, stating "COUNTRY PRODUCE, LUMBER, &c. will be taken, at the market price in exchange for work."

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**Broadside Flyer**

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