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Bibliography

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None

Biographical Information

Catherine Barbara Broun (1820-1903) lived at Sunny Bank Farm in Middleburg, Virginia, during and after the turbulent years of the Civil War. She kept a detailed diary during this period, noting the struggles of maintaining the farm despite consistent foraging by both Union and Confederate troops. Broun's eyewitness account describes troop movements in the area, as well as the dispersal of local Confederate units such as Mosby's Rangers at war's end. After the war, Broun continued to manage Sunny Bank Farm until her death. Today, Sunny Bank Farm is a popular location for the Middleburg Hunt.

Scope and Content

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