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Unit Date

1861-1875

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Biographical / Historical

Asa Moore Janney (1802-1877) was a Quaker, mill owner, abolitionist and Native American agent for the Santee Sioux Reservation located in Nebraska. Janney operated Forest Mills in Loudoun County, Virginia and was a unionist who provided goods to the then confederate occupied communities in Virginia during the Civil War (1861-1865). Forest Mills was raided and burned by Union and Confederate soldiers multiple times throughout the war, including once in 1864 by General Philip Sheridan's cavalry. After the end of the Civil War, Janney received financial compensation for the burned mill. Janney married Lydia Janney and had two daughters, Cosmelia and Thamsin. Cosmelia worked on the Santee Sioux Reservation as a teacher during Janney's work as an agent. Janney died in 1877 and the mill came under new ownership before burning again in 1899.

Content Description

The Asa Moore Janney Forest Mills ledgers contains three ledgers belonging to Asa Moore Janney, a Quaker who owned Forest Mills located in Loudoun County, Virginia. The ledgers contain accounts of flour and other commodities Janney provided to families including African Americans as well as volunteers in the Confederate army. The ledgers tracked daily business sales and transactions along with labor expenses for the mill operation.

Keywords

Quaker abolitionists
Quakers--Virginia--History
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Loudoun County (Va.)
Flour mills--Virginia--History
Millers--Virginia
Mills and mill-work--Virginia--19th century
Mills and mill-work
Millwork--1880-1900
Confederate States
Santee Sioux Tribe
Santee Sioux Tribe of the Santee Reservation of Nebraska
Native American tribes

Arrangement

The Asa Moore Janney Forest Mills ledgers are arranged into one series: I: Ledgers.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/594088

Unit Date 1861-1875

Language English

Scope and Contents

This series contains ledgers belonging to Asa Moore Janney, a Quaker miller operating in Forest Mills, Loudoun County, Virginia. The ledgers contain accounts of flour and other commodities provided to families of Confederate soldiers. Despite this, Janney had union loyalties.

Forest Mills Ledgers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/594128

Unit Date 1861-1865

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Conditions Governing Use

Ledger is very fragile with spine torn from book. Handle with care.

Scope and Contents

A booklet and ledger.

Forest Mills day book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/594129

Unit Date 1862 September 1 - 1867 July 13

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Forest Mills day book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/594127

Unit Date 1873 December 17 - 1875 July 9

Mixed Materials 3 (box)