

Orville C. Brown territorial loss claim

Report of H.L. Strickler, Commissioner to Audit Claims of Citizens of the Territory of Kansas, contained in the U.S. Congressional Serial Set of congressional and executive documents. Orville C. Brown submitted claim # 121 for losses sustained during the summer of 1856 from various groups of armed men. He also claimed that his house was destroyed by men under the command of General John W. Reid on August 30, 1856. His detailed list included a number of household goods as well as some school and Sunday School books. Each claimant had to submit an itemized list and have two witnesses attest to the losses claimed. Even though many of these claims were approved for payment, no funds were ever appropriated or distributed.

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CLAIMS OF CITIZENS OF KANSAS.

No. 121.

TERRITORY OF KANSAS, }
County of Lykins. }

To the Hon. H. J. Strickler, commissioner appointed by an act of the territorial legislature, entitled "An act to provide for the auditing of claims," approved February 23, 1857.

The petition of Orville C. Brown, of the town of Osawatomie, in said county of Lykins, respectfully sets forth: That your petitioner is and has been a resident of said county for the last three years; that during the summer of 1856, this portion of the Territory was in a state of great excitement, occasioned by large bodies of armed men travelling over the country committing robberies, burning houses, destroying crops, and outrages of various kinds upon the property of peaceably disposed citizens; that on or about the 30th day of August, A. D. 1856, a large body of armed men, under the command of one General John W. Reid, called into service by a proclamation of the then acting governor, Woodson, entered said town of Osawatomie, and then and there set fire and destroyed one dwelling-house, with household furniture, clothing, &c., then and there being, belonging to your petitioner, more particularly mentioned and described in the schedule hereto annexed, which schedule is made a part hereof. This said body of men, at the same time and place, took from the premises of your petitioner one horse, wagon, harness, saddle, and bridle, as per schedule; also, at the same time and place, burned an office containing an iron safe, office furniture, school books, Sabbath School library, &c., as per schedule; that about the same time one cow and one yearling bull were also taken from the possession of your petitioner; that the crop then growing on the claim of your petitioner, near said town, was also destroyed by companies of men roving about the country, as per schedule.

Your petitioner would further show, that he has never received any compensation for any of the above losses.

O. C. BROWN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of November, 1857.

CYRUS TATOR,

Judge of Probate, Lykins County, K. T.

Schedule referred to in foregoing petition.

1 dwelling, 16 by 40, 1½ story.....	\$800 00
1 barn, 18 by 20.....	125 00
Out-house and ice-house.....	100 00
1 wagon.....	125 00
3 harnesses.....	75 00
1 saddle, bridle, &c.....	15 00
1 mare.....	150 00
1 cow and yearling bull.....	45 00

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1 acre potatoes.....	\$75 00
1 piano-forte, stool, and cover	425 00
Library	250 00
Beds, bedding, and bedsteads	450 00
Tables, chairs, bureaus, lounges, &c	90 00
Crockery and glassware.....	250 00
Linen napkins, towels, table-cloths, &c.....	75 00
Stove, pipes, furniture, &c	75 00
Pails, tubs, &c	15 00
Trunks, chests, baskets, &c	32 00
4 carpets, mats, and drugget	110 00
Robes and blankets.....	15 00
Pictures and paintings.....	65 00
Electric machine and body-brace.....	25 00
Cutlery	25 00
Silver forks, spoons, ladles, &c.....	150 00
Plated ware.....	65 00
Fishing rod, tackle, &c.....	15 00
2 barrels cement.....	18 00
Provisions and groceries	50 00
Carpenter and farming tools and implements.....	150 00
O. C. Brown's wardrobe	315 00
Mrs. O. C. Brown's wardrobe	175 00
Six children's wardrobe.....	175 00
Unmade cloth and yarns	30 00
Oakum, pitch, and spikes.....	15 00
Mirrors, curtains, &c.....	30 00
Medicines, &c.....	25 00
Vinegar, soap, and candles.....	20 00
Small articles, combs, brushes, &c	25 00
1 iron safe.....	250 00
Books	20 00
Office furniture.....	20 00
School books in office.....	354 00
Sabbath School library and hymn books	30 00
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LYKINS COUNTY, ss.

Robert W. Wood, Francis Brennan, and James J. Holbrook, of said county, being severally duly sworn, say: That they have heard read the foregoing petition made by Orville C. Brown, and are well acquainted with the facts therein set forth; that they believe the same are true. Deponents further say, that they were well acquainted with the property mentioned and described in the foregoing schedule; that the sums set opposite the respective articles are a fair compensation for the same.

JAS. J. HOLBROOK.
R. W. WOOD.
F. BRENNAN.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of November,
A. D. 1857.

CYRUS TATOR,
Judge of Probate, Lykins County, K. T.

I certify that in the foregoing claim of Orville C. Brown, of five thousand three hundred and fourteen dollars, the said sum is proven, and is of the private class.

H. J. STRICKLER, *Commissioner.*

No. 122.

TERRITORY OF KANSAS, *County of Lykins:*

To the Hon. H. J. Strickler, commissioner appointed by an act of the territorial legislature, entitled "An act to provide for the auditing of claims," approved February 23, 1857.

The petition of Thomas Roberts, of said county of Lykins, respectfully sets forth: That your petitioner is and has been a resident of said county for the last two years; that during the summer of 1856 this portion of the Territory was in a state of great excitement, occasioned by large bodies of armed men travelling over the country committing robberies, burning houses, destroying crops, and perpetrating outrages of various kinds upon the property of peaceably disposed citizens; that on the 30th day of August, 1856, a large body of armed men, under the command of one John W. Reid, called into service by proclamation of the then acting Governor Woodson, entered upon the premises of your petitioner and took from his possession two yoke of working oxen, valued at \$120 per yoke, as per schedule hereto annexed; and also, at the same time and place, one heifer of the value of \$25, as per schedule; and that your petitioner has never received any compensation for any of the above losses.

THOMAS ROBERTS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of November,
1857.

CYRUS TATOR,
Judge of Probate, Lykins County, K. T.

Schedule referred to in foregoing petition.

Two yoke of cattle, \$120 each	-	-	-	-	\$240 00
One heifer, valued at	-	-	-	-	25 00
Amount	-	-	-	-	<u>265 00</u>

LYKINS COUNTY, ss.

Bainbridge Tuller, of the county aforesaid, being duly sworn, says:
That he has heard read the foregoing petition made by Thomas