

Lewis N. Rees and Perry Keith 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. Claim #188 was filed on behalf of the company of Rees & Keith by Lewis N. Rees and Perry Keith, partners in the business in Leavenworth County. It was for provisions supplied to the territorial militia under the command of Brigadier General Lucian J. Eastin and Colonel Archibal Payne. Jarrett Todd served as the commissary for Colonel Payne's regiment. The items furnished included various food stuffs, kitchen equipment, and some ammunition. 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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1856, or thereabouts, whilst the difficulties were going on in Kansas; that he knows the horses well, having seen them often; this affiant living close by, and was at Mr. Rively's every day; that the horses were worth about \$375.

JOHN A. LINDSAY.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, October 29, 1857.

H. J. STRICKLER,
Commissioner for auditing claims.

I certify that in the foregoing claim of M. P. Rively there is proven the amount claimed, \$401 15, of which \$26 15 is of the public, and \$375 of the private class.

H. J. STRICKLER, *Commissioner.*

No. 188.

To the honorable the commissioner appointed to audit certain claims under the provisions of an act, entitled "An act to provide for the auditing claims," approved February 23, 1857.

Your petitioners, Lewis N. Rees and Perry Keith, partners, doing business under the name, firm, and style of Rees & Keith, would respectfully state: That in the month of December, A. D. 1855, the militia of the Territory of Kansas was called into requisition by the governor of Kansas Territory, for the purpose of suppressing insurrection and maintaining and executing the laws; that the first brigade of the northern division of Kansas militia was called out, and entered into the service under the command of Brigadier General Lucian J. Eastin, and that the fourth regiment of the above named brigade, under the orders of Brigadier General Eastin, entered into service under command of Colonel Archibald Payne, and that Jarrett Todd was the commissary for Colonel Payne's regiment on the expedition; and that your petitioners, upon the requisition of the said commissary, did furnish for the said command, and delivered to the same commissary, provisions and necessaries for the troops then called into service, amounting to the sum of five hundred and twelve dollars and twenty-one cents, as per account and bill of items herewith exhibited, marked A, attached hereto and made a part of this petition, will more fully appear in all its particulars, which said account in all its particulars is correct, and the same is still due and owing, no part thereof ever having been paid to your petitioners, and no remuneration of any kind having been received therefor; and your petitioner herewith exhibits a voucher, the receipts and certificate of the said Jarrett Todd, and also the certificate of Colonel A. Payne, endorsed on said exhibit A; and your petitioners herewith tender their proofs of the matters and facts charged in this their petition, and respectfully ask that their account be audited under the provisions of an act entitled

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"An act to provide for the auditing of claims," approved February 23, A. D. 1857, passed at the session of the territorial legislative assembly of the Territory of Kansas for the year A. D. 1857.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEWIS N. REES,
PERRY KEITH,
Petitioners.

TERRITORY OF KANSAS, }
County of Leavenworth, } ss.

This affiant, Lewis N. Rees, one of the above named petitioners, makes oath and says: That the matters and facts set out and stated in the foregoing petition, as therein stated, are true; that the accompanying account referred to is correct; that the articles were furnished as stated, and that no part thereof has been paid from any source, and the full amount remains justly due and owing to your petitioners.

LEWIS N. REES.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, October 28, 1857.

H. J. STRICKLER, *Commissioner.*

United States of America in account with Rees & Keith, Dr.

1856.

December 1. To	2 sacks coffee, 329 lbs., at 17 cents.....	\$55 93
	300 lbs. N. O. sugar, at 13 cents.....	39 00
	12 sacks extra superfine flour, at \$5 50.....	66 00
	41 gallons molasses, at 80 cents.....	32 80
	2 kegs powder, at \$12 50.....	25 00
	2 bbls. crackers, at \$11.....	22 00
	180 lbs. salt, at 2 cents.....	4 50
	286 lbs. bacon, at 15 cents.....	42 90
	12 gallons vinegar, at 30 cents.....	3 60
	4 lbs. pepper, at 25 cents.....	1 00
	2 lbs. allspice, at 30 cents.....	60
	4 dozen spoons, at 75 cents.....	3 00
	4 coffee mills, at \$1.....	4 00
	5 frying pans, at \$1.....	5 00
	9 butcher knives, at 50 cents.....	4 50
	1 box, at 25c.; 40 lbs. star candles, at 40c.	16 25
	1 box, at 25 cents; matches, at \$2 50.....	2 75
	4 camp kettles, at \$2.....	8 00
	135 lbs. lead, at 12½ cents.....	16 88
	1 dozen buckets.....	6 00
	10,000 gun caps, at \$1.....	10 00
	3 bags shot, at \$3.....	9 00
	3 sacks for sugar, at 25 cents.....	75
	1 keg for vinegar.....	1 50
	7 sacks extra superfine flour, at \$5 50...	38 50
	300 lbs. side bacon, at 15 cents.....	45 00

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1 bbl. butter crackers.....	\$11 00
20 gallons Bourbon whisky, at \$1 25.....	25 00
1 pair of blue blankets.....	6 00
3 kegs for whisky, at \$1 50.....	4 50
1 box for packing.....	1 25
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The undersigned, Jarrett Todd, do certify that the within account and the items thereof were procured by me from Rees & Keith, as commissary for Colonel A. Payne, regiment of Kansas militia, under an order from General Lucian J. Eastin, in December, 1855; that they were procured as provisions and necessities for the troops then called into service by Governor Wilson Shannon to suppress a rebellion.

JARRETT TODD.

FEBRUARY 3, 1857.

I certify that the above is correct.

A. PAYNE,
Col. commanding 4th R., N. D., K. M.

I certify that in the foregoing claim of Rees & Keith there is proven the amount claimed of the public class, \$512 21.

H. J. STRICKLER,
Commissioner.

No. 189.

To the Hon. H. J. Strickler, commissioner for auditing claims in Kansas Territory, under an act to provide for the auditing of claims, and an act supplemental thereto, both passed and approved by the legislature of Kansas Territory, February 23, 1857.

Your petitioner, Leander F. Hollingsworth, of Leavenworth county, Kansas Territory, being a captain of what is known as the Delaware company of the 4th regiment northern division of the Kansas militia, being duly appointed and commissioned by the governor of Kansas Territory, complains and says: That in the month of April, 1856, he, as captain of the aforesaid company, received of L. J. Eastin, acting brigadier general of the division aforesaid, one stand of United States muskets and bayonets, viz: 160 muskets and bayonets, which said stand of arms was received by your petitioner as principal, and for which your petitioner as principal, and C. M. Burgess and J. M. Hall as sureties, executed their bond to the Territory of Kansas for the sum of thirty-two hundred dollars, that being double the value of said muskets and bayonets.

Your petitioner further sheweth, that while he was absent from the town of Delaware, by order of the commanding officer, eighty of the aforesaid muskets and bayonets were taken from the county jail, where they were deposited for safe-keeping by sundry persons, who were in