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INTRODUCTION

The Luther Meade Blackman Papers concern the career of L. M. Blackman (1834-1919), businessman, public official, soldier, member of the Tennessee General Assembly, and journalist of Eve Mills, Monroe County (later Loudon County), Tennessee. The majority of the papers are military records kept by Blackman as Major and Quartermaster of the First (later Fourth) East Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, U. S. A. during the Civil War.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Luther Meade Blackman Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Luther Meade Blackman Papers, spanning the years 1857-1919 and containing approximately 3,800 items and 3 volumes consist of accounts, advertisements, cartoons, certificates, claims, clippings, contracts, correspondence, court records, election records, an epitaph, genealogical data, legislative records, military records, newspapers, notes, poems, promissory notes, a prospectus, publications, receipts, resolutions, sketches, and speeches.

Concentrated in the period of the American Civil War and Reconstruction, this collection documents the career of Luther Meade Blackman (1834-1919) as soldier, public official and businessman of Eve Mills, Monroe (now Loudon) County, Tennessee.

Claims included in the collection consist of affidavits, applications, petitions and supporting papers filed by L. M. Blackman or other claims agents or attorneys on behalf of Union Civil War veterans or members of their families or for non-combatants seeking payment from the federal government for property seized by federal officials during the Civil War. Claims included are dated 1863-1892.

Correspondence for the years 1857-1896 consists primarily of the incoming correspondence of L. M. Blackman. Twenty-three letters by L. M. Blackman, undated and 1857-1891 are also included. Prominent correspondents include Foster V. Brown, H. Clay Evans, Leonidas C. Houk, John R. Neal, Newell Sanders, Henry C. Snodgrass, and Jacob M. Thornburgh. Prominent persons mentioned in the correspondence include James G. Blaine, Foster V. Brown, William G. Brownlow, Grover Cleveland, Edmund Cooper, Charles Foster, James B. Foster, Rutherford B. Hayes, Leonidas C. Houk, Andrew Johnson, William McKinley, Erwin Howell Matthews, Horace Maynard, DeWitt C. Senter, Hoke Smith and Jacob M. Thornburgh. Primary subjects dealt with include the disposition of claims cases and the active role played by L. M. Blackman on the state and national level in the affairs of the Republican Party.

Court records are for the circuit and chancery court in Monroe County, Tennessee, ca. 1860; the U. S. Circuit Court, Eastern District of Tennessee, 1877-1879; and the U. S. Court of Claims, 1887-1888. These records, which include affidavits, bills, bonds, cases, guardian accounts, mittimus, petitions, powers of attorney, subpoenas and warrants, are primarily for cases handled by L. M. Blackman as U. S. Commissioner for the District of Eastern Tennessee, 1877-1879.

Military records, which comprise approximately sixty percent of the collection, are primarily quartermaster records kept by Major L. M. Blackman for the First (later Fourth) East Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, U.S.A., for the years 1862-1865 and consist of abstracts, accounts and account books, applications, certificates, charges and specifications, claims, court records, estimates of equippage required, furloughs, inventories, invoices, issues of provisions, lists, orders, receipt rolls for clothing, receipts, reports, requisitions, returns, rolls of enlisted men employed on extra duty, statements and subsistence issues.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Luther Meade Blackman

1834	Born, Feb. 14, names of parents not known; place of birth not known: one source indicates Cincinnati, Ohio; another names "Sandy Hook," a suburb of Newton, Litchfield County, Connecticut. Attended "common schools" of Cincinnati until the age of nine after which he attended the "common schools" of Tecumseh, Lanawee County, Michigan
1855	Moved to Knoxville, Tenn., where he was employed as a letterer and engraver in the marble business. Opened marble business of his own on Bert Creek in Monroe County and became an agent-for Daly's Marble Works in Chattanooga, Tenn.
1862	Enrolled, Dec. 13, for duty in the Union Army in Nashville; on the same day he was appointed 1st Lieutenant and regimental Quartermaster for the 4th Tenn. Cavalry (originally the 1st East Tenn. Cav., the regiment was also known as the 4th East Tenn. Cav.)
1863	Promoted, Sept. 18, to Major
1864	Served as a recruiting officer for the regiment in East Tennessee
1865	Mustered out at Nashville, July 12; returned home after Civil War to find business ruined; turned to politics and farming.
1865-1869	Elected to fill the vacancy in the 34th Session of the Tennessee House of Representatives caused by the resignation of George Woodson Gaines; elected again in 1867 to the 35th Session; represented Monroe County in both Assemblies.
1868	Married, Jan. 19, to Margaret Cook, of Fort Creek, Monroe County, daughter of Jacob Cook; they had four daughters and two sons; W. D. Blackman, Mrs. J. S. Tipton, Mrs. Milt Rausin, Mrs. Lee Leslie (names of one son and one daughter not known). Blackman edited the newspaper at Clinton, Anderson County, TN for one year. He served as special revenue commissioner for his district several years; assistant district internal revenue assessor four years. Blackman also was in the claims business during the 1880's, helping veterans and their widows apply to the government for pensions.
1919	Died, July 11, in Monroe County; buried at Knoxville

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