

HEIRS OF SOPHIA L. RAGAN.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS
TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE
COURT IN THE CASE OF MARY L. CROPPER, SALLY Z. McCULLOH,
DORA SCHMITT, AND BELLE WILSON, HEIRS OF SOPHIA
L. RAGAN, AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 4, 1909.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be
printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 21, 1908.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883, known as the "Bowman Act."

I am, very respectfully, yours,

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

HON. JOSEPH G. CANNON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 12148. Heirs of Tillard Ragan, deceased, v. The United States.]

This case, being a claim for stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that Tillard Ragan and Sophia L. Ragan, the persons alleged to have furnished such supplies and stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, were loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

BY THE COURT.

Filed January 13, 1908.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 12148. Mary L. Cropper, Sallie Z. McCulloh, Dora Schmitt, and Belle Wilson, sole heirs of Tillard and Sophia L. Ragan, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case, for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 28th day of February, 1906.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 13th day of January, 1908, found that the persons alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, were loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 23d day of November, 1908.

G. W. Hott, esq., appeared for claimants, and the Attorney-General, by Clark McKercher, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimants in their petition make the following allegations:

That they are the only children and sole heirs of Tillard Ragan and his wife, Sophia L. Ragan, both late of Cass County, Mo., deceased.

That during the late civil war there was taken from the said Tillard Ragan and Sophia L. Ragan, in said county and State, by the military forces of the United States, by proper authority, and appropriated to the use of the United States Army, property of the kind and value, as follows:

39,180 rails, at \$5 per 1,000	\$1,959.00
40 acres of timber, 3,600 trees, at \$1	3,600.00
1 house, removed for breastworks	800.00
25 head of hogs, 5,000 pounds, at 3 cents	150.00
1 horse, 1 carriage, and harness	650.00
2,025 rations	607.50
1 horse, wagon, and harness	400.00
4½ tons of hay	54.00
680 bushels of corn, at 50 cents	340.00
 Total	 8,560.50

(Taken from January, 1862, to the fall of 1865, by Colonel Nugent, Colonel Thompson, Colonel Anthony, Colonel Catherwood, and Gen. A. J. Smith.)

The court, upon the evidence adduced, and after considering the argument and briefs of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDING OF FACT.

During the late civil war the military forces of the United States, by proper authority, for the use of the army, took from claimants' decedents in Cass County, State of Missouri, property of the kind and character described in the petition, which at the time and place of taking was reasonably worth the sum of two thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars (\$2,970), no part of which appears to have been paid.

BY THE COURT.

Filed December 7, 1908.

A true copy.

Test this 18th day of December, 1908.

[SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

