

Appendix I. Alexander Valle Civil War Damages Claim, 1870-71.

Alexander Valle affidavit, July 25, 1870, Rejected Claim of Alexander Valle, Folder 49, Claims Considered and Rejected, Box 148, Record Group 92, Records of the Office of the Quartermaster, National Archives and Records Center (NARS), Washington, D. C..

Territory of New Mexico, 300
County of Santa Fe, 300
On this,
25th day of July A.D. 1870, personally
appeared before me, a Clerk of the
first Judicial District Court, in
and for said County and Territory,
Alexander Valle to me well known
and whom I certify to be a citizen of
the County of San Miguel in said Ter-
ritory, who being by me duly sworn
declares and says, I am fifty three
years of age, that I am a citizen and
actual resident of the Village of Pecos
in the County of San Miguel, in the Territory
of New Mexico, and that I resided in said
County and Territory, and on my farm
at a place called San Glorietta, at the
time my claim herein after set forth
originated; that I was at the time and
date my said claim originated, and
have ever been, loyal to the Government
of the United States; that on and from
the 24th to the 27th day of March, in the
year One thousand Eight
hundred and sixty two, at my farm
in said County and Territory, the
following Quartermaster supplies

and Horsemen taken from us by
United States Troops, under the Com-
mand of Col. J. M. Whittington U.S. Vol.,
and by order of said Col. J. M. Whittington
Commanding, and the Officers and
Sergeants, in Command of detachments
of Regular and Volunteer Troops under
him, and Surgeon E. Bailey United
States Medical Director in the Military Depart-
ment of Tennessee, and in charge of sick
and wounded troops in hospitals at that
time, and places; "No Wit."

Articles	Quantity	Price	Total
31,000 pounds shellacked Corn	@ 8¢	2480 00	
3000 " fodder	@ 25¢	75 00	
5 Hens. Hay, 11,200 pounds	@ 25¢	280 00	
1000 Bags Barley Sheaf oats	@ 30¢	300 00	
41 Wagon tires	@ 150¢	600 00	
2 fine. Carriage Horses	@ 300	600 00	
1 Light Wagon		125 00	
5 Riding Bridles	@ 40	200 00	
5 Saddles	@ 200	1000 00	
1 Coll. Harness (Extra fine)		60 00	
1 Heavy Wagon (new) (new)	@ 300	210 00	
1 Large Cook stove, broken & destroyed		120 00	
4 Horse Ovens (small)	@ 40	160 00	
8 Hay forks (heavy)	@ 60	480 00	
12 Mess-pans	@ 100	1200 00	

From March 23rd to General 27th 1862 in store

2 Do Caps & Linens	@ 4 ⁰⁰	32 00
8 Drying pads	@ 15 ⁰⁰	12 00
6 Steam Mangles	@ 30 ⁰⁰	18 00
6 Doz aft ^o Spoons	@ 35 ⁰⁰	21 00
6 " Rivers & Forks	@ 6 ⁰⁰	36 00
7 Butcher knives	@ 75 ⁰⁰	5 25
4 Camp Kettles	@ 30 ⁰⁰	12 00
14 Wash bowls & Pichers	@ 45 ⁰⁰	63 00
3 1/2 Doz Dishies aft ^o	@ 57 ⁰⁰	20 12
6 " Glass Tumblers	@ 35 ⁰⁰	21 00
114 Wool Blankets	@ 6 ⁰⁰	684 00
32 Bed Spreads & Bed & Cot triles	@ 35 ⁰⁰	112 00
36 Wool Mattresses (double)	@ 12 ⁰⁰	432 00
46 pairs bed Sheets (aft ^o)	@ 35 ⁰⁰	158 00
14 Doz Linen Towels	@ 6 ⁰⁰	84 00
1 " " Table Covers	@ 36 ⁰⁰	36 00
70 Pillows & Cushions (Mod.)	@ 12 ⁰⁰	70 00
95 Pillows & Cushion Covers	@ 50 ⁰⁰	47 50
130 yards Carpeting	@ 15 ⁰⁰	180 00
9 China Chamber Pots	@ 25 ⁰⁰	22 50
1 pair Revolving Pistols	@	40 00
1 " Rifle " double	@	100 00
3 Hunters Rifles	@ 40 ⁰⁰	120 00
1 Sporting Shot Gun	@	40 00
1 do do do Express		60 00
1 Dress Case Coats		35 00
1 " do do		40 00
1 " Case do		35 00
Amount Carried forward		7557 37

Wm. Marshall 23 1/2 to 29 1/2 1862 and 1863

Amount Paid forward $\$754.37$

1 Heavy over Coats		45 00
1 do do do		35 00
1 Dog Linen Shirts (new)		54 00
10 Linen Brown do	@ 3.00	30 00
2 Dog Wool & Spread for Horse Saddle		12 00
7 Silk Handkerchiefs	@ 2.00	14 00
10 pairs Cotton Wool Drawers	@ 2.00	20 00
3 " " " " " " " "	@ 1.50	36 00
2 " " " " " " " "	@ 8.00	16 00
240 Yards Cotton Domestic	@ 2.00	48 00
6 Spades	@ 2.50	15 00
4 Axes & Helms	@ 3.00	12 00
8 Pistol Ropes	@ 1.25	10 00
2 Large boxes, Closet, Containing Complete Sets of Joiners & Carpenters tools Sept 4, 1862, Costing		635 00
Amounting to the Total sum of		$\$8529.37$

That the foregoing is, a true and correct account of Quartermasters Stores and Supplies actually taken for the use of the United Army, under command of said Officer, Commanding and directing the same for the field, and were actually used by said Troops, who were composed of that portion of the United States Army operating in the northern

portion of New Mexico, embracing a
 portion of the Regular Army, and some
 Companies of Colorado Volunteers,
 in the Military Service of the United States,
 under Command of Col John P. Shoup
 and marching against, defeating,
 and driving from the Country the Texas
 Rebel forces, Commanded by the Rebel
 General Sibley, then invading the
 Territory of New Mexico; that about
 one-third of said Army, under Com-
 -mand of said Col. J. P. Shoup, some
 four hundred men, preceeding his
 main Army, and under the im-
 -mediate Command of said Col
 J. M. Chivington, and Officers under
 him, took possession of, occupied, and
 held on my said farm, and premises
 thereon, as a central point, and lo-
 cation of the Union forces, both for
 the advance, and rear columns of
 troops; that said Officers with their
 respective Commands, under the
 immediate Command of said Col
 J. M. Chivington advanced and en-
 -gaged the Enemy about six or eight
 miles south west from my said
 farm and premises, the result is

known as the Apache Nation, on the 25th day of March 1862, defeating their advance forces, and capturing many prisoners, but foraging and supplying their troops from my said farm and premises; that, and other forage and supplies as could be had in the immediate vicinity thereof, was also taken and moved to the Union Camp at my said residence for the use of said Army; that my said farm and residence was situated in a sparsely settled portion of the country, on the main road leading from Fort Union, to Fort Marcy (Santa Fe,) New Mexico, and distant from the latter place about twenty miles, my nearest neighbor, with one exception being six miles distant; that water, except at my said place, was about six miles distant, that the Army constituting said Command, was far in advance of the main Army, and supply trains under command of the said Col J. P. Houghton, and were destitute of the necessary forage and supplies, until the main Command and supply trains could

Advance, which Supply trains
 did not reach the immediate
 vicinity of said advance Army
 above said farm during said Cam-
 -paign, but remained far in the rear
 of the same, owing to the mountainous
 nature of the Country, and the scarcity
 of Water for their Animals, and the
 dangers attendant upon the close
 proximity of the enemy, there holding
 the roads and mountain passes be-
 tween the said, Apache Canon West
 of my said farm and promises, and
 Santa Fe; but that the said main
 Army under command of said Col
 Blough did advance, and reach
 my said farm on the 28th March
 1862; that but few supplies, or little
 forage could be obtained on said
 road, and vicinity thereof, for the
 reason that the Country was unsettled
 owing to want of water, and the
 rugged and mountainous nature
 of the same; that I was there regular-
 ly appointed, and recognized forage
 agent for passing United States troops,
 and Supply trains of the United States Army,
 and kept a house of entertainment

for travelling and the public, that I kept forage and supplies in large quantities to meet the requirements and demands of said Agency and the public, and had the above mentioned supplies and stores in reserve for said purpose, at the time they were so taken, and used by said portion of the United States Army; that the wounded from the engagements with the enemy, in said Apache Canyon, and the Apaches living to the front were removed to my said residence, where a hospital was established for their reception, that my premises Corrals, Stables, lots, granaries, and out houses were taken possession of by order of said Officers, my Horses to the same were demanded, and were by me turned over to them, that said United States Troops quartered in, and immediately around my said premises, that my Corrals, Stables, granaries, lots and out houses were taken possession of, guarded and occupied by said Troops with their Horses and Camp, the Captured Rebel prisoners of war, were quartered

and guarded in confinement in my residence; that said forage and Quartermasters Stores and supplies was taken for the use of, and actually used by said United States Troops, while at Camp, and occupying my said farm and premises; that I did apply for, and demand from said Officer in Command, Certificates, Vouchers, or receipts for the same, then and there, but was assured by them, that at the proper time the whole amount would be properly accounted for in due form, and that it was not a proper time to make such demand, that the emergency was such, the proper attention could not be given to such matters then, that the Assistant Commissary Officers and Quartermasters to whom such matters properly belonged were far in the rear in charge of said supply trains, with the further assurance that I should be fully protected for all such supplies taken, and used, and paid for the same at the market price thereof; I further declare that

- I was peremptorily refused the privilege,
 and was actually prevented from
 removing to a secure place, from
 my said residence any jewelry, clothing,
 relics, or furniture pertaining to my-
 - self and family, by said Officers in
 Command, and directing and con-
 - trolling the same, that said surgeon J. F.
 Bailey, M.D. did establish ⁱⁿ and occupy
 my house and residence as a Military
 Hospital, and did use, consume the
 bedding, clothing, household and
 Kitchen, and table furniture in
 supplying the necessities and
 demands of the dying and wounded
 soldiers, and wounded prisoners
 of war, that my said farm and
 premises were held and occupied
 by said Volante troops, as the main
 Camp, Head Quarters, and Hospital,
 until after the arrival of the main
 army under Command of said Col.
 J. P. Slough on the 28th day of March
 1862. on which day a battle was fought
 at, and near the same, lasting nearly
 the entire day, the enemies supply
 trains were entirely destroyed by the
 Union troops, and they forced to aban-

- down the field of Battle, and retreat
 from the Country - leaving their
 wounded, sick, and dying pris-
 - oners of war, in the hands of the
 Federal forces, who were kept, treated,
 and maintained in the Hospital at
 my said residence, until the month
 of May following; that the necessities
 attending the sick, and wounded, of both
 Union ^{forces} and the Rebel prisoners, (being
 remote from any important settlements,
 or military Post,) caused nearly the
 entire consumption and destruc-
 - tion by use, of my household effects
 and appurtenances. Many of the dead
 were ~~were~~ wrapped and dressed in
 my clothing, blankets &c, the Union
 wounded, being removed to other
 points, were rested, and cov-
 - ered in my bedding and other
 effects; I further declare that I
 voluntarily rendered valuable service
 and aid, to said Union forces
 while so stationed, and occupying
 my said farm and premises, by
 giving important information of the
 nature, and status, of the surroun-
 - ding Country, the roads, mountain

passes, by traps &c, also in gaining
 information of the movements of the
 Enemy, by securing the services of Com-
 petent spies and guides and instruc-
 ting and directing them therein; the
 routes and localities to be examined
 and observed by them, and in promptly
 communicating all knowledge possessed
 of the Country, and information gain-
 ed of the movements of the Enemy,
 to the officers of said Union forces;
 that I was also instrumental in gaining
 important information, which led to the
 capture of the principal spies of the
 enemy, who were watching the move-
 ments of the Union forces and sup-
 ply trains, that during said battle,
 at, and near my said farm and
 premises, I did at great risk of
 my life, and capture by the enemy
 partly out into the mountains, and
 intercept, and prevent the capture
 by the enemy, of Union spies, by
 directing and leading them into
 the Union lines; I further declare
 that I do not include in my fore-
 going account and claim, any
 damages or losses sustained, or for

property destroyed by the fortunes of
 War, through war necessity, or for
 damage to property, or losses sus-
 tained by the enemy in battle, or
 otherwise by them; that it is true, that
 by occupation and possession of my
 said farm and premises by the said
 Army of the United States, and this
 rage of Battle with the Rebels, or
 and near the same, I sustained
 serious damage and losses to my
 farm improvements, and premises,
 by the war, breakage and de-
 struction of inclosed fences,
 walls, doors, gates, water tanks,
 Cisterns or wells, timbers, furni-
 ture, clothing, tools, jewelry, morn-
 carriages, &c, and amounting to fifty
 four thousand dollars, actual loss
 and damage sustained, but none
 of which are included in my
 foregoing account and claim
 that my said premises and
 household, and farm appurte-
 nances were taken possession of
 held, and used, as the property
 of the United States, that the deo-
 were entered immediately adjacent

to the walls of my houses; a lucrative business, entirely suspended and destroyed, and a pleasant home almost entirely devastated; that I was captured by the enemy and forced to march on foot at a rapid and sore pace, under a vigilant guard to said city of Santa Fe; that my activity in aiding and assisting the Union Army had engendered a hostile feeling towards me among the enemy, but that owing to their heavy losses, and the pressure of the Union Army, they were forced to release me, and abandon the country; that paroled Rebel prisoners infected with the small pox were placed in Hospital, in my said premises subsequent to said battle, where they were kept until convalescent, or were in a safe condition to travel, or be removed to other localities; that during the summer of said year, and after the evacuation thereof by the United States, I did, ^{at night} expense, and labor, repair, and remove to my said farm, and premises

and continue my said occupation
thereon, and held the position of
Gorage Agent as formerly, and until
I sold my said farm and premises
to the present occupant in 1865.
That during the seasons of 1861-62 in New
Mexico, and owing to failure of crops, the con-
-sequences of war, and augmented dangers from
the Rebels, and savage Indians, the exhor-
-bitant rates charged for transportation
from the distant Eastern markets, every
article of Consumption was very scarce,
and Commerce ruled very high prices,
the supply being far short of the
demands; I further declare that no
payment has been made, or compensa-
-tion received in any way, from any
source whatever, for the whole, or any
part of my foregoing claim, that I did
not recover at any time, any of the arti-
-cles therein stated, that it has not been
transferred to any person or persons
whomsoever, and that the rates
and prices charged are reasonable and
just, and do not exceed the market rate
or price of the article at the time and
place stated, and that no receipt or
voucher has been received for the same

on any part thereof. I therefore now
 apply for payment for the same from
 the Government of the United States,
 under the provisions of the Act of
 # Congress approved July 15th 1864.

Furthermore I, Alexander Valle, a
 solemnly swear, that I will support, protect
 and defend the Constitution and Govern-
 -ment of the United States, and the laws
 of the States thereunder, against all En-
 -emies, whether domestic or foreign;
 that I will bear true faith, allegiance
 and loyalty to said Constitution and
 Government; that I will faithfully sup-
 -port and abide by all Acts of Congress
 passed, and all proclamations of the
 President made during the late
 Rebellion, with reference to Slaves,
 so long, and so far as not modified
 or held void by Congress, or by decisi-
 -ons of the Supreme Court of the United
 States; that I will faithfully perform
 all the duties which may be required
 of me by law; and further, that I do
 make this declaration without
 any mental reservations or evasions
 whatsoever. So help me God.

And I hereby make, Constitute,

and appoint John Grogan, Jr. of Santa Fe New-Mexico, my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name and place and stead, to receive from the United States, or the proper Officer thereof, any amount that may be found due me on the above described Claim, giving and granting unto my said Attorney, full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done, in and about the premises, as fully as all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, and agreeing thereto, with full power of Substitution and Revocation; the said John Grogan, Jr. having an interest to the extent of his fees in this Claim, and I hereby ratify and confirm all that my said Attorney, his agent, or substitute may lawfully do, or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

In Witness of all of the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, and seal, this 25th day of July 1870. In presence of

J. B. Catorn.

M. B. Catorn.

his
Alexander X. Walli. 
Catorn

