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Statement of G. B. Sharp
Citizen of Bedford Co Tenn.
Respecting property taken from
him by Bushwackers. Also
in regard to Wm. & Jas McGee
citizens of Bedford Co Tenn.

Jan. 31, 1864

Cit.

Statement of H. G. B. Sharp Citizen of Bedford County Tennessee

I resided in Shellbyville Bedford Co. Tenn. in the month of Oct 64 A Band of Bushwackers or ~~such~~ thus as are generally termed such came to my premises and took forceable possession of two very valuable young Mares. worth $250 each. Also one Saddle, one Bridle and Blanket. worth $25. Also one pocket Book containing twenty Dollars in money. pocket book worth $3.00/100. Bed Blanket. 7 Girls hat. 5 Pocket Knife 12 & Pistol 15 $14 I have been damaged At least five hundred dollars by these men by being compelled to leave my home, and family. ~~and~~ sell my property. and remove to Shellbyville. Three of the men came into my house with drawn pistols. and knives. threatning to take me to Fort Pillow. this was the first time they came. They visited me the second time. and demanded that I should pay them two hundred dollars. or they would kill me the next time they met me. two of them I was not acquainted with. One of them was Charles Cooper of Bedford Co. Cooper has an interest in his fathers farm. Wm. J. Cooper Deceased. Wm and James McGill of Bedford Co. are interested in the affair to this extent. after my horses had been stolen. I tracked them to the residence of Mrs McGill where James McGill lives. Wm McGill informed me that he was not a friend of the Bushwackers. and for that reason I think he favors them. For further proff of disloyalty I would refer to the papers in the trial between me and Wm McGill. You will then find that Wm McGill violated his Oath. The horses referred to were taken at different times. I am fully satisfied that

he is a disloyal man, evidence brought forth At the trial between myself and Wm McGill, shows conclusively, that he has harbored Bushwackers or Rebels. cannot remember the exact evidence. I believe the parties I have named here, should pay for the property taken from me, namely, Wm & Chas McGill, and Coopers interest in his fathers farm. I gave Warren Bridges an afc to collect on Wm McGill, after having the afc some time, he gave it back to me, and stated that he was afraid to serve a Warrant on Wm McGill, on account of the Bushwackers. A Bushwacker named Ben Stanfield is a relative of Wm McGill.

G. B. Thorp

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 31st day of Jan 1864 Susquehanna County.

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