

Teacher Guide to Worksheet 1-Questions for Stephen Benjamin Schneck

1. What is your primary source?

It is a Claim of B.S. Schneck for real estate and personal property losses.

2. What is the claim for?

The claim is for losses Schneck received as a result of the Confederate burning of Chambersburg.

3. a. How much was his real estate assessed at?

\$3,000

b. What was his total loss (both real estate and personal property)?

\$6,428.50

4. The burning took place on July 30th, 1864. How long did it take to file the claim of losses?

It was filed March 19th, 1866. So approximately 1 year and 7 months, 20 days.

5. When was the claim finally approved?

It was approved August 19th, 1871 (5 years and 5 months after filing and 7 years after the burning). This seems a long time! Even after it was approved, most people never saw the money they were awarded.

6. Name conditions which had to be sworn to in order to receive claim approval.

The claimants had to swear they never aided the Confederates in any way.

“...that the deponent never did, directly or indirectly, by word or act, give aid, comfort, or countenance or encouragement to the Traitors,

whether in arms or otherwise, and that deponent has never communicated, or attempted to take means to communicate to them, or any of them, any information which could in any way be of advantage to them.”

- 7. How many states are represented on the state seal? What do you think they represent?**

Thirteen. They represent the original thirteen colonies. [Note Pennsylvania is placed as the “keystone” in the arch arrangement of states.]

- 8. Describe something else you can tell about Pennsylvania from the seal.**

Answer will vary:

- **The role of agriculture and commerce in the state can be seen by the farmer, plow, and ships.**
- **Mining (coal) and industrialization can be noted with the image of the miner on the left.**
- **Virtue, Liberty, and Independence is motto written on seal.**