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I hope we will have peace now in Camp. On the 16th J. with 3 others of our Co volunteered to go with Walkers Artillery and on the night of the 17th Jul were waked up(,) ordert to pack Knapsacks and be ready to march at a moments notice. We didn't start until daylight of the 18th inst. The Artillery went on as far as Stafford chapel(,) a church near Brooke's Station where we waited for the Sener and Ark. Regiment(.) They came along about 2 oclock(.) Got to Stafford Off about 4 oclock where-

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We rested about an hour when we started again and finally camped last night at this place, This is a very pretty place for a camp(.) it is a grove of trees just on the bank of Acquia⁸ creek. This side of Acquia. Acquia is a place, or has been a place of some note once, especially for a tobacco market.⁹ I went over there last evening and had a good look at it, It has a store or brewery and an old tobacco warehouse built of rock. It is now so filled-

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up that nothing but a skiff¹⁰ can come up here now and so the place has gone down hill. I must close this for this morning as we have to get ready to march again. We are on our way to Manasas Junction. Heard they had a battle there yesterday(.) we expect to get there sometime tomorrow 10' o clock PM(.) left camp at 6 o clock am stopped at Wilcoxenssa (Wilcoxen's Farm) for to rest and get something to eat(.) rested about a hour and had ship biscuit¹¹ and bacon for dinner. A telegraph dispatch from-

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his Potomac Flotilla. The Union bombardment on June 1 lasted almost five hours but did little damage; Captain Lynch, the Confederate battery commander, reported only the death of a chicken and horse and minor damage to the breastworks and railroad. The Confederate battery did minimal damage to the Flotilla and one Union sailor was wounded. See "The Battle of Aquia Creek," accessed April 25, 2025, https://www.thepirateslair.com/aquia-creek-landing-civil-war/AQUIA_3.23.11_PublicMtg_HistoricOverviewBattleAquia.pdf.

⁸ The spelling differs from Aquia to Acquia, but both refer to the same creek

⁹ Aquia Tobacco Warehouse: While encamped near Aquia Creek, Hirsh visited the ruins of an eighteenth-century tobacco market. Tobacco underpinned the wealth of Virginia's early plantation elite, such as George Brent whose property encompassed Aquia Creek. The town of Aquia, carved out of the Brent plantation in Stafford County, housed a tobacco warehouse and inspection station along the navigable Aquia Creek. Stafford had an abundance of Aquia freestone, which was used to build the warehouse (and explained why the derelict buildings remained in 1861). Tobacco inspectors, appointed by the crown before the Revolutionary War, determined the quality and thus the value of the tobacco, which set the basis for tax collection. The inspectors issued crop notes to the planters who deposited the tobacco in the warehouse; the notes were treated as equivalent to cash and used to purchase goods and land. The warehouse and tobacco station had been abandoned by the beginning of the nineteenth century. See Stafford County Historical Society, "Tobacco," accessed April 21, 2025, <https://discoverstafford.org/artifact/colonial-settlement/tobacco/>.

¹⁰ Small, shallow boat

¹¹ Ship biscuit, or hardtack, is an unleavened bread

Manasas says they are fighting there___ 9'o clock PM . This is a church here called (Union) Church (.) got here a little before dark had supper off of bacon (flour) bread which we baked & coffee. orders are to cook provisions for 2 days and that we will have to march again at 2'o clock AM. Saturday morning 20th 7'oclock. Started at 2'o clock this morning we are now on the march(.) I am writing this on one of the casons¹² just past Brentsville(.) some say it is 4 some say 6 miles to Manasas yet (,) but we shall get there before 12'o clock(.)

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1'o clock PM, Manasas

Got to Manasas about 10'o clock (,) I was very much pleased with the place. There are not many soldiers here but they are all settled around here, about 60 or 70 thousand. We passed Manasas Station and are now encamped about 2 miles from there (,) they had a battle about a mile from here at a place called Bull Run on the 18th inst. it is reported that the Yankees lost about a thousand killed, wounded, & prisoners while we only lost only about 30 in killed & wounded & missing our force were about 6000 strong while the-¹³

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Yankees had about 1500. They were repulsed¹⁴ 3 times when they finally retreated. The Washington Artillery from New Orleans were in The Battle and they cut the enemy to pieces at the front line, The first regiment of Virginia volunteers had the most of the fighting to do, we expect another Battle today(.) the weather is awfull warm and water along the rout was scarce it is hard to game at here, well, I will stop here now may have something interesting to write before night. 21st 6' O'clock AM. Had no attack last-

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night, but had an alarm, about 2 O'clock the morning by one of the pickets from his gun at horse, at the same time one of the tenn men got shot through the heart but by whom I would not learn but where by and another of his company accident. Everybody is on the alert now for we certainly expect an attack today. I feel first rate just now just came back from the spring

¹² Cason, correctly spelled Caisson, was a military wagon used for the transportation of items

¹³ Battle of Blackburn's Ford: Hirsh's mention of fighting on July 18 referred to the Battle of Blackburn's Ford near Manassas, a Union probe of Confederate defenses along Bull Run Creek. Colonel Israel Richardson's brigade, on orders from General Daniel Tyler, attempted to cross the creek at Blackburn's Ford but was repulsed by a brigade commanded by Brigadier General James Longstreet (undetected in the forest across the ford). Hirsh's account greatly exaggerated the disparity in casualties, with actual casualties totaling 83 for the Union and 68 for the Confederates. See "Skirmish at Blackburn's Ford," The Battle of First Manassas (First Bull Run), National Park Service, accessed April 24, 2025, <https://www.nps.gov/mana/learn/historyculture/the-skirmish-at-blackburns-ford.htm>.

¹⁴ Driven back

where I. enjoyed the Luxury of a good wash, which I. haven't had for sometime. I thought yesterday water was scarce, but I was mistaken-

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as we have first rate water not more than 300 yd from here I. think if the enemy don't attack us shortly we shall attack them as there are about 90,000 men about here now. 22nd Yesterday after I. wrote the above we suddenly heard the boom of a cannon when we were at once ordert to get ready and march to the scene of action we got ready in about 15 minutes started and went about 100 yd from camp. When we were ordert to halt, we wanted to go on very badly as we heard the booming of cannons all the-

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Time and sometimes could heare to rattle of Muskets about 1 O'clock PM we received ordert again to march, and after a hard ride over a rough road we reached the field about 4 o'clock but by that time the firing was very slow. Two of our cannons were ordered up on a hill and the other 4 kept back for a reserve, I. was kept back with it. The enemy was about 2 miles off moving their columns¹⁵, our two Rifle cannons let fly at them and scattered them every which way killing a good many I. was not permitted to Leave the cannons and-

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Wouldn't go on the Battle Field but I. saw a good many others come from there with all kinds of trophies it was a terrible hard Battle about 30,000 on one side and some of the prisoners we took said there were 120,000 of the Enemy Engaged there near an awfull Slaughter of Men on both sides I. think there were not less than 1000 - to 1500 killed on our side and about twice as many on the enemy side we took about a hundred Prisoners I. saw a good many of them some of them are hard looking cases we took a good many s m all armes and about 30 cannons we Took 6-

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Shermans celibrated Battery we staid at the place till dark by which time the firing ceased, and we left to come back to the camp we left in the morning, but got within a mile of it where we camped and staid untill daybreak this morning and came here it has been raining all day(.)

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¹⁵ Formation of soldiers

Hannah's Transcription (61-71):

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Doz 25 ct Locks
1" Shoe Knives
Large Tacks
Cowhides
shoe thread 2 kinds
Hand saw files
Tea Spoons.
Table Spoons (Cheap)
Darning Needles¹⁶
Pen Holders.
Fishing Hooks Large [?](Text unreadable due to double writing/ink smudge)
Pen knives¹⁷
Some Cheap Knives
Large Tacks

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Forward	916.75
4 Doz Combs a 7.50	30.00
	<u>14.00</u>
	\$969.75
85. 78 Sundries	<u>85.78</u>
	1055 00

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Some common + fine Plates. Large Dishes. Pitchers. Can

¹⁶ A large needle

¹⁷ Small knife often used to sharpen quill pens

Common + fine plates.
 Large Dishes.
 Pitchers. Larg + small
 Common cups + saucers
 Bowls large
 Some stone bowls
 Sugar dishis
 Cooking glasses large
 ½ oz Candy jars
 Malasses pitcher (Text is unreadable due to crossed out) [?]
 Common Trink Glasses
 Large + small stone jars
 1 pt + ½ pt bottles
 Packet cooking glasses
 ½ doz Chamber pots
 Lanturns

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List of Hats + caps
 Bought in Richmond
 By Hirsh + Goldsmith
 1862

By 93 hats a 5.00	465.00
" 16 Hats a 3.75	60.00
" 21 " a 8.00	168.00
" 26 caps a 1.00	<u>26.00</u>
Cost of Hats	\$719.00

Profit [in about?]

Hats	<u>730.00</u>
	\$1449.00

All settled up to Date
 Dec 27 1862

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B. Goldsmith paid half

That is ____	359.50
Half Profit	<u>365.00</u>
	\$724.00

Due me	161.00
Balance	563.50

Simon Hirsh Paid Half	
That is	359.50
half Profit	<u>365.00</u>
	\$724.00
Added to it	<u>161.50</u>
	\$885.50

B. Goldsmith To Simon Hirsh	
To cash sent	100.00
“ “ “	30.00
For Drink	10.00
for [?]	<u>21.00</u>
all settled	\$161.00
up to date	
Dec 27, 1862	

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Kaufman Hirsh	
Bill of Hats + Caps	
Bot in Richmond	
Hesters Bill	95.66
Gordons Bill	156.00
Jacobs “	116.00
Greenwald “	165.00
Whiskey “	18.00
Tobacco “	<u>15.75</u>
	566.41
Paid to Goldsmith	<u>97.34</u>
	\$663.75

Settled up to Date
Dec 29 1862

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B. Goldsmith	
Fleishman	180.00
A Greenwald	336.00
Paper + c	25.00
2 [?]	25.00

14 combs	14.00
1 gross soap	39.00
1 Doz Fine Combs	13.00
Sigars	<u>31.75</u>
	\$663.75

Settled up to
Date
Dec 29 1862

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Fredericksburg Va Dec 29
Hirsh + Goldsmith
Bot of A Green world

By 24 Dozen Hats a 14.00	336.00
" 15 Hats a 11.00	165.00
" 41 Caps a 2.33	95.00
" 9 Hats a 11.00	99.00
" 1 17.00/100	17.00
" 48 Hats a 3.75/100	180.00
" 12 " a 13.00	157.00
" 4 Bottles Whiskey	18.00
" 39 bags Tobacco [?]	15.60
1 Ream Paper 1000 envelope	25.00
2 Trunks a 10 + 15	25.00
14 Combs a 1.00	14.00
1 Gross Soap a 39.00	39.00
12 Fine combs	13.00
450 cigars a 7.00	<u>31.75</u>
	\$1219.35

The above goods was Bot
By Hirsh + Goldsmith at

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Richmond and sold at [Partnerships?] at my store dec 30th 1862
Simon Hirsh
Fredericksburg, Va

Goods Bot in Richmond
By Hirsh + Goldsmith
Jan 2 1863

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1 Dz Hat Tassells	1.80
1 " Combs	9.00
1 " "	4.50
1 " "	8.00
1 " "	5.50
1 " "	8.50
1 " "	8.50
1000 Envelopes	12.00
1 Dz Combs	5.00
1 Dz "	<u>17.00</u>
	\$79.80

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Brought Forward	79.80
½ Ream Paper	7.50
24 Paper	105.00
50 Bags Tobacco	20.00
1 ¾ Dz Combs	18.40
4 pairs razors	20.00
1 Drayage	2.00
for Whiskey (word)	63.00
12 Hats a 14.00	168.00
12 " a 9.50	115.00
Drayage	2.00
fur b(?)urd	2.50
Drayage	1.00
1 Velise	6.00
2 Havre Sacks	<u>4.00</u>
	\$614.20

Settled up to
Date Jan 6 1863

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Paid By K. Hirsh
for goods Bot in 1863
Richmond Jan 2

By 3 Dz Combs	35.00
4 Ream Paper	38.00
1000 Sigars	80.00
12 Buckil - Backs	35.00
for Clacker	55.00
Drayage	<u>1.00</u>
	\$244.00

To Cash Paid to	
Goldsmith	250.58
To Pay my Bill	
of Tobacco	<u>119.62</u>
	\$614.20

Settled up to
Date Jan 6 1863

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Goods Bot in Richmond

January 12th 1863

By Hirsh & Goldsmith

Paid By B. Goldsmith

By 6 B Whiskey a 4.00	24.00
" 7 " " @ 6.00	42.00
" Dz Fine Combs @ 11.00	33.00
" 2 Doz B. Buckls a 40.00	80.00
" 2 " F. [Casseks?] a 12.00	24.00
4 B. " a 6.00	24.00
2 Doz B. Glasses a 10.00	20.00
2 " B. [Casseks?] a 10.00	20.00
1000 Sigars	80.00
4 [lbs of Peaches a 20 cts	18.00
18 B. Buckls at 1.66 cts	30.00
12 Pairs Gloves a 1.00	12.00
6 Hats half a 8.00	S-2.50
3 " 9.00	24.00
3 Dz Soaps a 7.50	13.75
2 Dz [Casseks?] a 7.50	15.00
4 Dz " a 14.00	<u>7.00</u>
	\$519.25

All Settled up to Date
January 15 1863

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Goods Bot in Richmond
 January 12th 1863
 By Hirsch & Goldsmith
 Paid by Simon Hirsch

By 6 B. whiskey a 4.00	24.00
By 6 B. " a 6.00	36.00
" 3 Dz T Combs a 11.00	33.00
" 2 Dz B Boockls ¹⁸ a 36.00	72.00
" 2 Dz T combs a 12.00	24.00
" 4 B " a 6.00	24.00
" 2 Dz B Glasses a 10.00	20.00
" 2 " B. Combs a 10.00	20.00
" 12 B Boockls	30.00
" 50 Bags Tobacco a 22	14.00
" 18 B Boockls a 1.66	30.00
" 1 Velise	5.00
" 7 Hats a 8.00	52.50
" 3 " "	24.00
" 3 Dz soap	13.75
" 2 Dz combs a 7.50	15.00
" 1/2 Dz " a 14.00	<u>7.00</u>
Paid to Goldsmith	441.25
	<u>78.00</u>
Settled up to	\$519.25
Jan 15 1863	

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(77) Drugs, Medicines, &C. (Printed words)

Doz Laudunum
 Large and small Castor oil
 Spts Turpentine
 Hair Oil
 Cologne
 20 lb Salt
 Ham
 Prim stone
 Indigo
 Spice, ginger

¹⁸ Belt buckles

Blue stone + Logwood
 Ess Lemon
 McLanes + Rodways Pills
 1 oz sweet oil
 Shaving soap
 [Jarigorig?]
 Linement¹⁹
 [Cemamen?]
 Wavers
 Shave blacking

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Amount of Goods
 Bot in Richmond
 Feb 6 1863

3 Doz Rings a 6.00	18.00
500 Envelops	20.00
1000 Sigars	80.00
Tobacco	5.00
Pockit Boockls	52.50
Patent Pens (??)	2.50
2 Caps a 7.00	14.00
1 Lot of paper	18.52
Envelops	10.00
1 Bu Rice 15ct	34.80
Fraight & Dray (word)	34.80
Soap + T Bags	63.00
10 lb soda 4.90	49.00
4 Hats	40.00
2 dz- Rings	9.00
6 Package Cards	21.00
2 plain shaves	32.00
Smocking Tobacco	31.80
Carage	<u>50</u>
	\$505.32

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Brought over	504.32
1 Lot Hats	269.00

¹⁹ Correctly spelled Liniment, was a medical liquid used for an assortment of reasons. (aches, irritations, etc...)

3 Pagage Cards	10.00
1 Bu apples.	33.00
1 Lot Hats	100.00
For Whiskey	<u>66.00</u>
	\$980.32

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Beginning of Ezra's Transcription

(81) Special Memorandum (Printed words)

With me taken

33 Doz Hare Skins
 29 Mink Do²⁰
 1 Otter Do
 31 Musk Rat Do
 20 Coon Do
 1 Fox Do
 15 Doz Woolen Socks
 14 [Jar?] Cotton Do

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Mr Lafayette Lee wants
 10 galls Linseed Oil
 25 lbs green paint
 100 lbs white Lead
 1 lb of Lampblack
 2 lb Vermillion Red
 2 brushes
 4 lb Spanish brown

3 Mesusas Zizas [Hebrew for "shiny doorpost"]

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Amount of goods Bot in Richmond February 23 1863

6 [Racoss?] a	7.50
12 pair shoes a 15.00	180.00
1 lbs black thread	14.00
24 hats a 5.50	140.00
12 pair shoes a 19.00	168.00
1 Lot spool Cotton	35.00
6 pair shoes a 14.00	84.00

²⁰ 'Do' seems to indicate same as above, and is in place of 'Skins'

6 “ “ a	13.00	78.00
Liquor		62.00
1 Trunk		10.00
Fraight .		4.00
“ “		<u>3.00</u>
		\$785.50

Selled & Transferred to Day Book
February 23 1863

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Amount of Goods Bot in Richmond
March 11, 1863
in Partnership with - B Goldsmith and K Hirsh

132 lbs Peaches a	35	46.25
2 Bu Apples a	40.00	80.00
15 Bushell 17[?] a	30	
Dried Apples		132.60
8 Bags a	1.50	12.00
250 Envelopes		10.00
1 Dz Pipe Stamp a	10.50	71.00
Envelopes		6.00
2 Dz Tooth Brushes		30.00
6 pair shoes a	3.30	21.00
6 pair shoes a	14.00	84.00
1 Dz Neck Ties		18.00
10 Pockit Book		20.84
10 yds Calico a	2.50	<u>20.00</u>
		763.64

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Forward		63.64
3 Hats a	14	42.00
17 [?] 10.00		22.67
12 pair shoes a	14.00	168.00
1000 envelops		20.00
[?] & Bockil Back		37.00
[?] [?]		10.25
Dray a yr		2.00
Hotel Bill		31.00
Travelling		8.00

Trunk	<u>10.00</u>
	1104.50

1 Dz Neck Ties	<u>12.00</u>
	\$1126.50

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Amount of Goods Bot at Richmond March [24th?] 1863

—	
12 pairs shoes a 14.00	168.00
4 “ Misses a 12.00	48.00
2 “ Boys Garters 7.00	14.00
12 Hats a 16.50	198.00
9 Dz Hats a 22.50	202.50
1 lbs Thread	14.00
12 Hats a 15.00	180.00
1 Dz Gloves	30.00
1000 Sigars	80.00
12 Hats a 11.00	132.00
[Sp?]	<u>17.50</u>
	1090.00

1 Trunk	8.00
[Express?]	<u>10.00</u>
	1108.00

Transferred to Day Brook

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Amount of Goods Bot 1863 in Richmond March 24

By 12 pairs shoes a 14.00	168.00
18 mirrors a 1.25	22.50
12 [Honey?] B	18.00
6 pair shoes	84.00
7 pair shoes a 15.00	105.00
1 Dz Suspenders	36.00
Lot Perfumery	28.50
2 Bags Peaches	52.00
5 Bushell Peas	35.00
Sigars	80.00
12 Boxes Meads	42.00
3 Shaving Brushes	.75
7 Combs	8.75
6 Dz Pipe Stamp	72.00

12 [Becket?] Books	42.00
Ream Paper	33.00
1 Trunk	10.00
[Express?]	24.00
Traveling	<u>15.00</u>
	876.50

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Expencc Account	
from Orange Court House	
to Richmond	4.00
to Carry Trunk	.16
to sundrie expenses	.40
Sundrie Do	1.00
Paid for Cartains	5.00
[?] for scale	.40
Rings	.84
Cane	. 75
Sundrie	3.30
[Train?] back	4.00

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Amount of Goods Bot in Richmond March 30 1863

By 12 Pair Shoes 14.50	174.00
" 12 " " 15.00	180.00
" 12 Hats 15.00	180.00
22 13 13 [?] 14.00	
14 Bags 1.25	329.50
110 [?] Plumes 75	85.00
[31?] Bu Rice 2.24 a Bu	68.85
Fishing Lines & Hooks	20.00
Watch Keys	7.00
Est [final?] Bill	17.40
Fare & Drayage	<u>29.00</u>
	1089.85
2 pair Shoes	<u>32.00</u>
	1121.75

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Amount of Goods Bot in Richmond April 2 1863

114 lb Peaches a 3.72	427.87
15 Bags	15.00

15 ⅓ Do Eggs a 1.50	23.00
217 lbs Tobacco a 1.50	325.50
50 Bags Tobacco	30.00
100 “ “	30.00
1 Bu Tobacco 100 lbs a 75	75.00
[B?]	3.50
3 Dz Blank Boocks a 7.50	22.50
2 “ Pencils	12.00
100 Bags Tobacco	30.00
1 Bu [Cackes?]	55.00
[?] yarn	35.00
[Express?]	19.00
Traveling	8.00
Luggage	8.00
Freight	11.80
Drayage	<u>5.00</u>
	1136.17

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Amount of Goods Bot in Richmond April 14 1863

69 ½ lb Calico a 2.25	163.37
[12] Hats a 13	156.00
6 [Chanes?] 2.50	15.00
12 Hats a 11	132.00
59 pairs shoes 1415	832.00
[Cologne?] &c	23.00
Fancy Paper	7.00
1 Lot Envelops	37.00
2 Dz [Spool?] a 7.00	14.00
1 Dz Suspenders	36.00
1 Ream Paper	38.00
Hotel Bill	20.00
Hotel Fare	3.00
R Road	<u>8.00</u>
	1484.37

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392	586
75	563

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Garters	47
Do [Colert?]	40

Do Congress	68
Do [Heeled?]	95
Misses Heel Boots	42
Fancy [chl?] shoes	37
Do Do	22
High qua men shoes	125
Worker [Eng?] shoes	60
" Buckskins	50
Wo Boots	67
Ladies Slippers	33
" orange shoes	75

[Various Calculations]

12.00	480.00
4.00	<u>83.00</u>
12.00	563.00
<u>1.50</u>	
29.50	396.00
	29
	<u>20.00</u>
	435

(93) [lots of calculations and illegible pencil writing]

392			
<u>75</u>			
467			
	960.50		
	<u>8.75</u>		
	969.25		
		396.00	
		<u>81.00</u>	
		479	
	566.41		
	<u>97.39</u>		
	663.41		
	83.87		
	12.00		
	<u>1.25</u>		
	97.12		

Isaac bring same calico patterns

83
441
525
519
1040

876
258
1230
2564
7
7
2578

59
19
78

Hannah's Research:

Hannah Hirsh (Isaac's mother) purchased 704 Prince Edward Street in downtown Fredericksburg around the Civil War either in 1860 or 1863^[1]. Kaufman and Hannah Hirsh lived there with their seven children...^[2] Their family lived there during the war and even to the beginning of 20th century.

I also found in an 1860 Census of Spotsylvania County^[3] that Isaac Hirsh also lived in St George's Parish which is near 704 Prince Edward St.

^[1] <https://hffi.org/feature-on-candlelight-tour-house-704-prince-edward-st/>

^[2] <https://hffi.org/feature-on-candlelight-tour-house-704-prince-edward-st/>

^[3] "Spotsylvania, Virginia, United States records," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GBSN-9QY?view=index> : May 1, 2025), image 171 of 213; United States. National Archives and Records Administration.