

December 21st 1877

State of Georgia } Inquest on the body of
Clark County } Harrett Whelling (decd)

Beaiah Moore being sworn depeth and
said that Harrett Whelling was her
Mother and that about day she was a
Wake and was praying and groaning
as she usually does also said she left the
house about 7 o'clock that morning and
when she returned she found her Mother
dead and that her Mother had been
sick for a long time and she had
been in the habit of taking Laudanum
at night for a long time and had taken
a bout six drops the night before about
9 o'clock last night and was
paralytic that she takes no more she is
a bout sixty years old & Eda Smith
Yonder sworn that from the body and
testimony that the body was murdered and
thinks it highly probly that she died from
paralysis and thinks it not on concern
in the persons of her age

the jury sworn and sworn on the request of
Harrett Whelling after hearing the evidence ~~that~~
finds that she came to her death paralysis of the
body

John A. Robinson
Thomas J. Lester Foreman John H. Swan

Edward E. Verner

Joseph B. Burch

George J. Vining

John L. Jackson

Thomas C. Thurman

Perry J. Blackshear

William H. Hunt

Charles F. Stokiers

Lewis Morris

A woman born in 1842

State of Georgia } November 30th 1877
Clark County } Inquest on the body of Susan
Crotter born in King Henry County and said
that the child Susan Crotter born about 11 years ago
died of Spasm of the heart & that being some days and
said between 5 and 7 o'clock a.m. two draymen as it was
coming out of my house declared me saying that one
of your little children was laying at your gate sick and
then I approached she was breathing very hard two days
before and taken the child up and carried her in to
Mr H. H. Bernard house where she died in a few minutes
B. L. came very soon with as he was driving by he
saw the child staggering and fall on her face then
he ran and pick her up and calling for assistance
where two ladies Mrs Bernard and Angel Jones (last)
came and carried her into the house & Eliza Jackson
laid her down being sworn and bound in what
B. L. had said and stated it was what he him
self had said it was on Jackson Street in the
city of Athens Clark County Georgia and on this
same day at the house of Mr H. H. Bernard, on
the 24th of November 1877

We the Jury Sumner and sworn on the Inquest
on the Body of Susan Crotter born after having
the evidence do unanimously agree that the child
came to its death from Spasm of the heart

Henry Burrer Herman	Amos S. Hargrave
Henry P. Huggins	James H. Reynolds
James A. Carter	John E. Wilson
John A. Garabala	Joseph L. Hamilton
William W. Porter	John S. Robinson
William A. Porter	John H. Butler

1877

Inquest on the Body of Wiley Sheets

February 26th 1877

On the honor duly sworn on the
Inquest of Wiley Sheets before deceased and
from the testimony of Dr. J. B. Carter
Verizon and Walter A. Farmer of Jackson
County Miller of Jackson County
David Browning Sheriff of Clark County
Robert H. Hawks of Jackson County B.B.
Davis of Clark County James Walter
of Clark County Henry Hill of Jackson
County Jackson County since that
Wiley Sheets before came to his death
from a gun shot wound in the head
over the left ear the gun in the
hand of Stephen P. Hawks of Madison
County while attempting to arrest him
about three o'clock on the morning of
February 26th 1877

Thomas J. Lester Foreman

William Barry

Marcus Jettman

Peter McMurree

John Miller

Bergman Hill Haddy

Horatio B. Berry

William L. Lemoore

William B. East

Theodore A. Miller

William A. Bennett

William A. Garrison

Wiley A. Hooton

Testimony written
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Bill Herington and
Hawks was tried
and bound over
to appear at sup-
port witnesses all
summoned
Wiley A. Hooton

Inquest on the body of Mary Ella
Stephen, born May 19th 1879.

State of Georgia) Mary Stephen being sworn,
Clarke County, I say, I am the mother of this
child. I carried it to the home of Sarah Jackson on
yesterday & left it there. I then went to my father's.
This was about two o'clock. I returned about
four o'clock in the evening. The child was taken ill
about an hour after I got back, and died about
seven o'clock. I saw it last night. I saw Uncle Hankin
bring it to the house. Sarah Jackson, she came and
staid all night. She is the child's grand mother.
She went to the bed and said it is dead; and
called for water & clothes. Said there was nothing
to be done. I do not know anything about
symptoms. The child's face was spotted and
looked like it was bruised. I told Aunt Sarah
Jackson, I thought it must have had a fall.
I started to send for Dr. [unclear] about 8 o'clock
this afternoon. The child's eyes
narrowed & she found at the mouth. I tried
to give it Dr. [unclear] & sugar but could not
get it in its mouth. I have not washed her for
some time, & only washed her on her hands when
I did so. It is a husband child. It was framing
at the mouth and jerking its body & shoulders.
I did not know what to do for it. I bathed it in
warm water doing all I could to save it. The
gentle lavender & camphor to its head, but
nothing did any good. She tried to throw up
but could not. I am a widow & live
John Baker & Patience Baker his wife.

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Patience Baker. Father says.
Aunt Sarah Jackson called on me the other day,
and asked me if I knew what would poison
that child. She said that Mary Stephens and
her sister had gone out to their father's, to fix up
some way to prosecute her son Wash, about the
child, and if I had anything to poison the
child with, it would be dead before it was
got back. I told her that I did not know
anything that would poison anyone. I told
her I did not want anything to do with the
death of an infant. I told her I did not want
to hurt anyone, but if I did it would be a
grown person, and the way I would do it, would
be to take a rock or an ax and knock them
in the head. I then left & went to my house.
Aunt Sarah Jackson then came to my house
& got down on her knees, and said her son
Wash told her that if I would kill her child
that child, that she would give me fifty dollars.
Old man Willis was sitting in the front door,
but did not hear what was said. She told
me if she could get some strychnine she would
kill the baby right away. I told her that she
had said that she had been a church member
for twenty-five years & now you want to
kill a little baby. She then told me that
if I would let her give me something
to kill my child, that Wash would give me
twenty-five dollars. She also said that Wash
had written to her sister Daniel & sister Daniel
and told them that she did not see him.

although Wash did. She further said that
I said Daniel would furnish \$100⁰⁰ to get him
out of the scrape, and that she would give me
fifty dollars to help her lift the baby, or furnish some
poison to kill it with. This was all that passed
at this time. I told John Baker not to say anything
about the matter until it was found out
whether she had the baby or not. I did not
the day after it passed my house in the
arms of its mother. I was going down to the
Canebrake about dark, and on my way met Mrs.
Baker. She struck me on the shoulder
and said "God did not love us." Uncle
Baker told me that the child was dying.
She then said that she had told me the
child was dying & that I had told her that
the child killed it. She then said there would
be a good many lies told about it. I said, I
will not tell any lies. She asked me to come
up with it, but I told her I would not.
I am perfectly friendly with Sarah Jackson. I tell
as a good citizen. This was all that passed about
the baby.

John Baker being sworn to say.
Sarah Jackson wanted to know if I had
any sympathy for her, I told her I had
none. She then said that I had
said to her to poison the child & to
give me twenty-five dollars. I told her
I had not said anything of the kind.

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for. She then went back home & just before the
rain shut both doors leaving her husband out
side. The doors remained shut about half an
hour as well as I can remember. She kept her
husband out doors during this time, although
he had been sick. I spoke to Willie's story and
said it is probable that she is killing the baby.
Myself and wife had been living there by Sarah
Jackson about six weeks and have had
no bad feelings with each other.

Larkin Johnson being sworn says.
I went after Sarah Jackson yesterday. Mary
Bickens sent me for her. I went & told her
the child was dying. She said the child had
ran down that day & did not eat anything
while there. I saw Ephraim said she wanted
Sarah Jackson to come & see the child. Sarah
Jackson did not say anything about the child
being sick while there. I saw the child when
it died. It died very strange & hard and
groaned like a poor folks. I have seen
people have spasms. The child breathed and
like old folks. I never saw any one poison &
I have seen people have fits. I saw the child
dying and went in the house and told the
white woman about it and she came out &
saw the child. She said it may have spasms
and that she would do anything she could
for it.

John Baker being called, stated, that about two weeks ago, Sarah Jackson told me she was uneasy about her son Wash. She was afraid they would have him up and make him marry Mary Stephens, or baptize the child. She said she wanted to get the child out of the way before Wash. She said she would poison it. She did not say anything else but that she did not want Wash to support the child. This was in my house.

Mary Stephens Cross Examined Sept 21st 49 said the child was not sick two weeks. Had it down at Maria Johnson's Saturday and it was with her. I found down there. Had no spasms before Sunday morning. Was not sick at all before that evening. When I got to Sarah Jackson's that evening the child did not appear well. It was on the floor when I got there. I said I did not wish it to sit on the floor as it had a cold. I tried to get the child to suck after I came back but it would not. I went up stairs after I got back about fifteen minutes. I heard the child struggling. Came down, found it with its eyes rolled up jerking. The jerking was kept up till it died. Stretched its arms out and died. I put the breast to its mouth but it would not take it. It turned on Sunday morning all right. I did not kill the child myself; would not kill my own child. Had no conspiracy with any one. Carrie Adams told me that Sarah Jackson told her young son Horace to

go to a certain bottle of medicine and destroy it.

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destroy it without any one seeing him.

Dr John Gerbure being sworn, says.
That to the best of his knowledge and belief, the
child came to its death from unnatural causes.
There is no vegetable poison found by analyzing
the stomach. Have not finished testing for
mineral poison. The child died with symptoms
of poison or concussion of the brain. Poison not
being found, is not conclusive evidence that
it was not poisoned. Vegetable poisons are
very diffusive and very often pass out of the
system even after death.

He the jury after due consideration of the evidence brought before us
find that the child, Mary Ellen Stephens, an infant child
of Mary Stephens, came to its death from unnatural
causes, and think it was murdered by Sarah Jackson.

Robert T. Pittain Foreman	Isaac Lee
Greensby W. Barber	Jesse Gann
George W Hancock	Jerome Wallace
J. J. St. Cheatham	Robert Lilly
William G. Roberts	P. H. McAdams
Jacob Colley	
James Hancock	

H. L. Hood
Crown

Testimony of Witnesses in Coroner's Inquest
held over the bodies of Ella Wilson ^{colored} &
her child August 7th 1879

Isaac Harrison "colored" being sworn; says, I arrived at
at the house of deceased, about half past twelve or one
o'clock. Was in the habit of going there when working in
the vicinity, to take my dinner. She (Ella Wilson) did
not seem to be in any pain at the time. Willie Johnson,
"colored", a supposed mid-wife was in the house. I knew
nothing about her as a mid-wife. Had very little acquaint-
tance with her anyway. Did not know whether she practiced
as midwife or not. Saw her (Willie Johnson) give her
(Ella Wilson) a razor. Razor was open at the time.
Knew that cutting would kill her. Told her it would.
Used every means to prevent it by advice. Was not
in the room at the time of cutting. Am positive that
the razor was given to her by Willie Johnson. Deceased
never said anything about being cut. Do not believe she
was in her right mind. Could not understand any-
thing she said. Was called in after the cutting and
then learned from Willie Johnson's information that
she had cut her self. I am sure the razor was open
when handed to deceased.

Willie Johnson "colored", midwife, being sworn, says.
One of the children came after me about 8 or 9 o'clock. I
did not want to go. Was very reluctant in attending the
case. On my arrival the patient moaned and seemed
anxious to be out of pain. She asked for a razor to relieve
herself. Do not know where she got the razor. Would not look
at her using it. Did not see the cut. Was present and
assisted at the delivery of the children. Children were
born through the natural channel, not through the cut.
The razor just now shown me is the one used. I crashed

it & put it back in the trunk. I am positive it is the same razor. Think she now would have been living if she had not cut her self. Thought the cutting would produce death, but did not wish to interfere with her, so thought it best to let her do as she pleased. The children were born half an hour after the cutting. The deceased did not speak rationally & tried to hug the dead baby. The baby now living was the first one born. I was on good terms with the deceased. Her husband some times came to my house. He never remained long - seldom an hour at a time. I made no attempt to prevent the cutting. I closed the doors & windows during the birth of the children. After the children were born, I opened the door & called in Isaac Harrison. I was requested by deceased to darken the room. I am in the habit of attending on women in child birth. Followed it during slavery times for my master's family. Generally charge about \$2.50. Would look to the husband for payment in this case.

Isaac Harrison, being recalled, says, Willie Johnson handed deceased the razor.

James Wilson, husband of deceased, being sworn, says. I left home about 8 o'clock. I identify the razor as my property. Left it in the chest as usual. I am acquainted with Willie Johnson but know nothing about her as midwife. My wife was well, when I left her in the morning. She had been sick occasionally, but I did not look for her confinement until about the middle of the month. Knew nothing of the cutting until I turned her in the bed. Willie Johnson told me that she gave my wife the razor.

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Elizabeth Strickland, being sworn, says, James Wilson, husband of deceased, came to my house & told me to go & see his babies. Went & found his wife dead. The old woman, Willy Johnson, covered up the wound. I think there was a hole cut through the garment. Willy Johnson told me confidentially, that she washed the razor and put it back in the chest, where she found it. She told me not to tell.

Margaret Horton, Corroborated, the above witness.

Alice Wilson, daughter of the deceased, says
Willy Johnson & mother seldom or ever spoke. Mother did not like for her husband to visit Willy Johnson's daughter, Harriet Johnson. Heard mother say so. Came home this morning.

Dr. J. B. Carlton says. The incised wound in the abdomen was sufficient to cause death. The wound was inflicted with some sharp instrument. Women in her condition are not generally in their right minds & will have recourse to everything in order to relieve themselves from pain & would be likely to ask for any weapon.

Verdict of the Jury in the foregoing case.

We, the Jury, find that Ella Wilson (colored) came to her death by a wound in the abdomen, inflicted with a razor. The deed was done while in the agonies of labor & supposed to be done by her own hands, she having been furnished with the razor by a colored midwife named Willie Johnson.

James Thomas Comer - Foreman

W. H. Boynehan

Joseph L. Church

John C. Lounoy

John F. Finch

Wm. C. Kemp

Benjamin F. Reddy

John C. Jackson

Archie A. McDuffie

David Wallis

Robert Childers

King M. Marks

Athena Clarke County - Ga }
August 7th 1879

Wiley F. Hood
Clerk

State of Georgia | Testimony of witnesses in Brown's
Clarke County Inquest held over the body of
Daniel Arnold, Sept 12th, 1879.

W. C. Durham, being sworn, says: I do not know who
he is. I never saw him until the 11th of this month, and
then he was hanging by the neck, where he now hangs,
on that Mulberry tree. He is in the same place,
where I first saw him. I do not know when he was
hung, nor who hung him.

Richard O. Bell, being sworn, says: I corroborate
what Mr Durham has said, as I saw the body
about the same time, & under the same circumstances.

John Wimper, being sworn, says: I think the body
is that of Daniel Arnold; but, he is swelled so that
I hardly know him. His back looks like him,
and the knife taken from his pocket, I know to
have been his. I am no kin to him, but he had
my wife's daughter, for a wife. They lived together
all right, so far as I know. I do not live very close
to them.

Alex White, being sworn, says: This is the body
of Daniel Arnold. I do not know of any cause
for his hanging himself. He appeared to be
in as good mind as usual the last time
I saw him.

Testimony of Witnesses Continued.

Wm. Parnett, being sworn, says: I think from the looks of the clothes, that it is the body of Daniel Arnold. They are such clothes as Daniel Arnold wore. I do not know how he came to his death. I saw him hanging here, but do not know when, nor how it occurred.

Do. W. A. Carlton, being sworn, says: The man came to his death by strangulation, being hung by the neck. I saw no marks of violence on his person.

State of Georgia } Verdict of the Jury, in Coroner's inquest
Clarke County } held on the body of Daniel Arnold
at Upson Howell's farm Sept 10th 1879.

We, the Jury, find that deceased came to his death, by suffocation; having been hanged by the neck, with a rope, fastened to a Mulberry tree, on the bank of Shoal Creek. We are also of the opinion that the act was done by his own hand.

Upson Howell, "Foreman"
John F. Neal
James E. Biggers
Pier L. Davis
Clark A. Shurley

Jesse J. Head
Hiram Couch
Nathan B. Davis
Melvin J. Couch

Wiley F. Hood
Coroner

Evidence of witnesses in Coroner's inquest, held
over the body of James S. Jones, (of Madison Co. Ga.)
in Athens, Ga. Sept 18th 1879.

State of Georgia } Dr. E. S. Lynden being sworn,
Clarke County. } Says: I was called into the store
of H. S. Lynch on Broad Street yesterday. I found
deceased lying on the floor. Upon examination I
found a wound at the top of the right ear, hanging
downward, fracturing the skull, and sufficient to
cause death. Said wound was caused by a ball
from a pistol.

James T. Johnson being sworn, says: I have known
the deceased for about one year and a half. He
works on my place. I came to Athens with him yesterday
in the wagon. He appeared a little worried and
dissatisfied. He made complaint to me. Did not
see him take anything on the road here. He was a
temperate man, using liquors very rarely. I know
nothing about any family troubles; do not think there
was any except sickness. He had chills & fevers. He
was at my house a Sunday or two ago and appeared
in trouble about his crop, as he could not save it
owing to sickness. His wife told me she had hid the
saw several times from him as he threatened to cut
his throat. He was worried by loss of property. He
anticipated property from his step-father but was
disappointed by not getting it.

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Testimony of witness Continued.

W. J. Lynch being sworn, says. I never saw the
deceased before yesterday. He is a stranger to me.
He walked into my store when I was behind the counter.
Asked me if I had a good pistol. I handed him
one out of the show case: he then asked if I had
Cartridges to fit it. I told him I had. He asked
me to load it. I did so. He asked what it
was worth and I told him \$2.50. While I was
putting the cartridges strait in the box he cocked
the pistol. I warned him to be careful as it was
loaded. As I cast my eyes on the box to put the
top on I heard the report and he fell. He had
the pistol still in his left hand. There was no
person present but him & myself. He appeared
rational and all right when he came in. He
had not paid for the pistol. Did not mention
trouble of any kind to me, but gave his order.

J. W. Moor being sworn, says: Can corroborate
Lynch's statement in respect to position of the
deceased & pistol. Was on the street when I
heard a report of a pistol; saw a crowd running
and started up to see the cause. At the door
of W. J. Lynch's store, I met Mr Lynch. He said a
man has shot himself. Found blood coming
from his head and a pistol in his left hand.
Did not know deceased at the time.

Verdict of the Jury

We the Jury find that James S. Jones committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a No 22/100 pistol in the store of Mr H.C. Lynch on Broad street Athens Ga the 17th of Sept 1879. Cause supposed to be financial embarrassment

Charles D. McKeiv "Foreman"

William H. Pirie

John O Farrell

Geo. W. Richardson

John J. Threlkeld

Thos. C. Threlkeld

Lucy Miller

Lee D. Gorman

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John L. Franklin

George A. H. Jennings

Peter H. McDermid

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Coroner

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Evidence of Witness in Court against the
bodies of Maurice H. Woynehan and
Bernard J. Doyle. Dec. 15th 1879.
State of Georgia } John Gillups being sworn, says;
Gause County, } I was informed there were two dead
bodies on my premises; one at the Creek, the other on
the edge of the Creek. I had the bodies removed to the
bank and took something from their pockets.
The bodies remained in the position I had them
placed, until the arrival of the Coroner.
Gleck Pope being sworn says; I went to Mr.
Worton's this morning, discovered buggy tracks
until I reached the Creek, but saw none on the
other side of the Creek. My suspicions were
excited by that fact, having heard a buggy
pass late the night before. I turned, went down
the Creek and found a buggy & the bodies
of two men unknown to me.

Dr. J. B. Carlton being sworn, says; upon
examination of the bodies I find they came
to their death by drowning.
Dennis C. Hensley being sworn, says; I
identify one of the bodies as that of Maurice
H. Woynehan, the other as the body of Bernard
J. Doyle.

We, the Jury find that Maurice H. Woynehan and Bernard
J. Doyle came to their deaths by drowning.

John Gillups (Foreman)
Daniel J. Conlon
John D. Crowley
Michael J. Conlon

Oscar L. B. Lesters
Jesse J. Head
David Gann

Wiley J. Hood (Coroner)
Clark Lewis

Evidence taken in the Inquest held on
the body of James Wilson Oct 1st 1879
L. H. Cobb, testified: was sitting in my office,
heard a noise like scuffling outside of the office,
followed immediately by a noise like some one falling.
Heard a boy exclaim from the street, that some one
had killed himself. Went to the stairs and saw Mr
Wilson lying at the bottom of the steps. There was
no one in the entry when I went out into it.

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John Flournoy "testified": that he was sitting
in front of Lester's store, heard some one exclaim
a man has fallen & killed himself. He ran to the
door & found Mr. Wilson lying at the foot of the
steps with his head downward.

Jerry Brown "colored" testified that he was standing
near the door and heard a noise, looked in
the door and saw a man falling. Saw his head
hit the side of the house. After he fell Major Cobb
came down and told him and another boy to lift
him up. They lifted his head and finding him
unable to sit up laid him down again.

Dr. E. S. Lyndon, testified, that upon examination he
was of the opinion that the neck was broken, but it was
difficult to determine positively. Considering the short
time that he lived his neck must have been
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William J. Horton
John A. Matthews
John C. Jackson
Mendal Morris
Greenby H. Carter
Willis A. England.

Foreman

Peter H. McDaniel
Alonzo H. Sayre
Jefferson A. Fancher
Timothy J. Deane
Edgar C. Jones

Wiley F. Hood
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Evidence of Wilbur in the Coroner's Inquest
held on the body of Lindsey Smith "Col" Dec 16th 1879
State of Georgia Dr. W. J. Long being sworn, says,
Clay County I identify the body as being
that of Lindsey Smith

Willie Long, being sworn, testified that he and
deceased, Lindsey Smith, were coming across what
is known as McIntosh's Back Yard in a sulky plow.
The yard was covered with water caused by the
river overflow. Mistaking the path, fell into a pit,
saw nothing of the deceased until I came out
saw him when he sunk

Joseph Landrum, sworn. Saw Mr Willie Long
coming across the Back yard with a colored man
with him in a sulky plow. Saw them both sink. Saw
Mr Long rise and struggle to the Bank After Mr Long
got out saw the colored man sink for the last time
as I suppose for I saw no more of him until now.
David Murray being sworn; says:

I was with Mr Landrum
at work on the Rail Road near by and saw
the circumstances transpire as Mr. Landrum has
testified

We the Jurors, Summoned by Coroner Wiley J. Hood
at the inquest on the body of Lindsey Smith "Col"
after hearing the evidence in the case find that
the said Lindsey Smith came to his death by accidental drowning

William P. Pomeroy
Robert Childers
John T. Herring
George McMillan
James L. Jackson

Francis M. Rivers
James D. Williams
Julian C. Sandrum
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 w. John S. Robinson Jr.
 m. James D. Garrison
 City Ft. Hood
 Corner Clark County

Evidence of Missouri at Emma's Request, given on
 the body of Elias White "Cold", Dec 13th 1850
 Wm. L. Douglas being sworn, says:
 "I saw the boy, his name is Elias White. He is
 now, and I think was then. He was from Ohio by I
 King "Cold", Henry Doremus "Cold", John King "Cold", William
 L. Doremus "Cold" & Perry Parker "Cold". When I first saw
 him he was in Dr. H. S. Loring's house. He
 was lying on his back with his hands across his
 breast, in a dying condition. Dr. John T. L. H.
 Elliott was bathing him with camphor. I asked him
 if he was hurt, he made an effort to answer by
 moving his mouth and his right leg, but was
 unable to utter a single word. Henry Douglas was not
 there then but came afterwards. I kept Henry Douglas
 there until the body was moved to the house. I asked
 Henry Douglas who did the deed, and he said it was
 Tom Moore. We said that it was done with an axe.
 Tom Moore was not there when Henry Douglas told me
 that. Tom Moore had killed Elias White. Tom Moore
 came there afterwards. I then asked Tom Moore what
 he killed Elias White for? He said that he did not
 kill Elias White. He said that Henry Douglas killed
 him by knocking him in the head with an axe.
 Two axes lying close to Elias's head.
 Henry Douglas denied killing Elias White in the presence
 of Tom Moore, and Tom Moore denied killing Elias
 White in the presence of Henry Douglas. So both men
 who killed him. We are satisfied that one of
 them did kill him. I & Dr. H. S. Loring were about the
 time, just after, and about half a mile from where
 the deed was done. We saw that the deed was done.

by Tom Moore running from the new ground and out
to S. S. Dorsey. Tom telling that Henry
Douglass had killed Elias White. Elias White and
Tom were quarreling about the new ground a
half before the killing was done. Tom Moore said
that Elias White knocked Henry Douglass down on a
brush heap, with a rock, about an hour and a half
before the killing was done. He told me this after the
killing was done. Tom Moore told me that Elias White
went off after he had knocked Henry Douglass down. He
could not back he began to burn the brush heap and
Henry Douglass picked up his axe in his right hand
walked around the brush heap, and threw the axe
and caught him in his left hand and knocked Elias
White down, striking him in the head with the pole
of an axe; and Henry Douglass told Tom Moore not
to tell who struck Elias. Henry then went to Tom
Moore and told him that Tom Moore told Tom
Moore that he killed Elias White.

William Adams being sworn says:
I do not know the day. Saw him yesterday for the first time.
I saw him in S. S. Dorsey's new ground. He was
burning brush when I saw him, he appeared to be well.
I was hauling stock from the new ground. I heard either
Henry Douglass or Tom Moore say, Gordon comes the
triflingascal now. They were speaking about Elias
White, the dead body now before me. Elias did not
make any reply to them in my presence. I heard
Tom Moore say that Henry Douglass had killed Elias
White. I also heard Henry Douglass say that Tom
Moore had killed Elias White. I am sure they
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John F. William being taken; says.
I recognize the body as that of Elias White. He is not
now where I first saw him. He was done. I saw
him first in Mr. C. O. Loring's new ground. It was about
5 o'clock in the evening of Feb. 12th 1850. He was in a
lying condition when I first saw him, with his head
on a brush heap, and his hands across his face.
I called him but he made no effort to speak. I
then took hold of his arm and asked him if he knew
me but he did not make any reply. No one was
with Elias White when he got there. Henry Douglass
came after me and told me that Tom Moore had
killed Elias White by striking him in the head with
an axe. Henry Douglass went back with me to show
me where Elias was lying. I then asked Henry Douglass
where Tom Moore was. He said that Tom had run off
towards the house. I then asked Henry where he was
standing when Tom Moore struck Elias White. He said
he was standing about twenty feet from them, mending
up a brush heap. I then asked him if he went up to
Elias White after Tom struck him. He said he did &
felt Elias's head and found that his skull was
broken. I then asked Henry if he knew what Tom
Moore & Elias White fell out about. He said
they fell out about a pair of shoes. I then asked
Henry Douglass what made him come & tell me
that Tom had killed Elias White. He said that
he thought that I was the proper one to tell as they were
making for me. I told Henry Douglass to take my horse
to the house & put him up for the night. He then
came back to show me Elias lying, but not time

Told to come. He showed no sign of disposition to be afraid, or he was perfectly calm & cool. He did all in his power to help work with Elias, keep him from dying. He helped me rub Elias's arms & pulse & Henry Douglass took Mr. A. S. Lacey, and Tom Moore in the Colver field. Tom Moore said that Henry Douglass had killed Elias White. Tom was so badly frightened that he could scarcely talk. Said that he did not kill Elias White but Henry Douglass killed him. I then asked Tom Moore, if he & Elias were not always quarreling & fighting, and asked him if he had not drawn a knife on Elias several times. He said that they had fought & that he had drawn a knife on Elias.

Albert S. Lacey being sworn, says;
I know Elias White. About 5 o'clock yesterday evening Tom Moore "old" came running from the new ground. He called & told me that Henry Douglass had killed Elias White. When Tom Moore came up to me he told me that Henry Douglass had knocked Elias White in the head with an axe and had killed him. I then went to the place where the boy was knocked down, and found Elias White and Henry Douglass both there. After talking to Henry Douglass, he Douglass says & claims that Tom Moore did the deed in killing the boy Elias White. The boy was not conscious, could not speak or recognize any one. He was well taken care of. Did all that was in my power to relieve and keep him from dying. He lived about six hours after he was hit. It is my opinion from the ground that it was done with the point of an axe. This was done on Sunday evening, July 13th 1850.

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Verdict of the Jury

The jury find after examining the testimony find
that the deceased Elias White "Old" came to his death
by a blow of violence from the hand of either Tom Moore
or Henry Douglass with an axe

"Foreman"

Joseph H. Dorsey
George W. Hancock
William B. Anthony
Robert J. Heathum
George Bone

Frank Martin
Wiley H. Weston
Thomas H. Smith
James Weston

Feb 13th 1890

Wiley F. Hood
Clerk Clarke County Ga