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Statements in relation to smuggling operations of J. H. Whiteman.

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Office of the Chief of Police
Army of the Cumberland.

In the case of J. H. Whiteman who is charged with smuggling, the following evidence was taken before Wm. Truesdail Chief of Army Police.

Office of Chief of Police
Nashville, Mar. 14 1863.

Statement of Minius Whiteman (Colored.)

I am thirty nine years of age, am a slave of W. S. Whiteman. I was sent out from Lexington Ky. ten years since by James Whiteman to this man S. Henry Whiteman ~~with whom~~ I have staid during that time. Have been employed on the plantation - which is situated eight miles from the City - lately in hauling wood to a paper mill, about one month ago I was called by my master Whiteman to carry a lot of packages from the paper mill to a house distant therefrom about a mile, This house is on the plantation, I done so - with the assistance of another blackman. There were quite a number of packages, I took them over in a wagon. - Whiteman and his black man (the same one that assisted me) put them in the loft of this building - I handed the goods to him out of the wagon - There were some boxes in the lot. one of them got broken in being handed out of the wagon, and I discovered it contained Cotton cards. I never saw any other packages put in this house, nor any put in Whitemans house, These goods were taken over by me about

9 o'clock at night. I have seen Sam Casey who is in the Rebel Army at Whitemans house. Have heard Whiteman say he was a secessionist, a member of times. I have seen parties stop at Whitemans house in numbers as high as four and five - These parties were armed with guns and pistols. Have often heard the negroes on the plantation say that Guerrillas, staid at Whitemans house and took meals. - When the Federals took possession of the City. I went with Whiteman and took a load of paper from a Store in Nashville to Manchester. Whiteman went all the way with me. It was placed on the Cars, and went towards Georgia. Whiteman was in the Rebel Army - and came away, being discharged about a year ago. Whiteman has a brother who is a Guerrilla. My fellow servant Bill Adematta can tell something about these packages - Whiteman had a lot of Confederate money, said he sent it to Nashville - said he had two two thousand dollars

Mintus his x mark Whiteman

Sworn & subscribed to before me
this 14th day of March. 1863

Jno W. Williams, Provost Judge

Office of Chief of Police
Nashville Mar. 24. 1862

Statement of J. Henry Whiteman.

I am 20 years of age, I reside about eight miles from the City of Nashville on the Whites Creek Pike - I have been living there eight years - In the year 1861. I joined the Rock City Guards, a company of men who joined themselves to a Rebel Regiment and served in the Confederate Army. I remained in that service about four months when I was discharged on account of infirmity. I have a brother in the rebel Army. I understand he is in the command of Forrest the Guerrilla. I was arrested this day by an officer of the U. S. Government - I live on my Fathers plantation. There is a paper mill on the plantation as also quite a number of houses. In one of these houses lives a man by name George Lloyd - who is a slave - and works for me. In the month of December 1862 I received a letter from my brother Wm aforementioned stating that there were certain boxes, and packages stored in the Stock house attached to the Paper mill. which he desired me to remove out of it and to a more convenient place, saying that he did not want them

on the plantation" - I answered this letter, saying I did not want anything to do with them, He wrote me again to move them away, which I did, by taking them to the house on the plantation occupied by George Lloyd. I placed them in the loft of the house. I took them over about nine o'clock at night, I was assisted by my black man Mentus & Bill Adametta, I do not know how these packages came in the Stock house - I never belonged to a guerrilla party. Sam Casey, who is a guerrilla stopped at my house at sundry times, I am what is termed a Rebel, within the last four months I have been willing to take the oath of allegiance but not before -

J. N. Whiteman

Sworn & subscribed to before me
this 14th day of March 1863.

Geo. W. Williams, Provost Judge

Office of the Chief of Police
Nashville, Mar. 14. 1863.

Statement of Wm. B. Young.

I reside on White Creek, seven miles from Nashville, Felix Young is my son, I have advised and pleaded with my son in relation to his course - Have urged him

most earnestly to conduct himself differently
I told my son if he would pursue such a course he must keep away from my premises, I know nothing of the depredations of my son and Wm Scruggs or any other guerrillas excepting what I have heard. I know nothing about any one bringing any goods to the vicinity in which I live or to any other place and storing them. I know of no one being connected with any smuggling.
Kindred Ray who was arrested some time ago and with whom goods were found is the only neighbor I know of who has had anything to do with such business. I knew nothing about his operations, until his arrest. dont know where Ray now is. I have never had anything to do with any smuggling operations, dont know of any one who has, except as I have herein stated. What I know about Ray is only hear say.
I have never encouraged or had anything to do with any guerrillas proceedings - Have always tried to discourage anything of the kind. I heard Cook Cantrell say that he was going into a guerrilla company - also heard Whiteman say the same thing.

Sworn & subscribed to before Wm B. Young
me this 14th March 1863. Wm Premier,
Asst Provost Judge

Statement of Cort. Cantrell,

I live at Mr. Whiteman's paper mill about eight miles from Nashville - I have heard some of the negroes about Mr. Whiteman's Mill say something about him having a lot of goods. I supposed from what they told me that the goods were in the house. I suppose the goods were found at one of Whiteman's negro Camps - I never heard Whiteman say anything about having goods on hand - I know nothing about Whiteman's smuggling operations. know nothing about any one else having goods on hand for the purpose of smuggling - know nothing about any one being connected with any smuggling operations.

I have seen Felix Young and Mr. Scruggs about Whiteman's - have seen them about there often - have seen other guerrillas around there - I don't know that any of them have staid all night with him. Think they have not. I have had nothing to do with any guerrillas - I don't know anything about Casey having any guns, pistols or any such thing. I might have said when I was a little tight that I was going to join a guerrilla Company. I have heard a good deal about guerrilla operations, but know

nothing about them. I would rather fight on the side of the Union and Constitution as it always was, than for the rebels - I have never had anything to do with smuggling -

Cook his X mark Cantrell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of March 1863.

Wm. Penner,
Asst. Provost Judge -

Nashville Mar. 15. 1863

Statement of Robert Hill.

I have a Mortgage on Wm. S. Whiteman's Paper Mills, on White creek turnpike, about eight miles from Nashville. I am running the mills - I run the mills for the accommodation of the "Union" Newspaper office. I dont know anything about the goods found on or near the premises of the said Whiteman by the officers of Col. Truesdail, I dont know anything about said Whiteman taking any goods out of the City. know nothing about any of Whiteman's brother taking out any goods. I think the goods belong to his brother, A. G. Whiteman - his brother has been gone away too long. I heard it reported about

a year ago that Wm. S. Whiteman Jr. was smuggling out goods – It was reported once that the goods were captured, that was the first I heard of it. I think Charles Shott, brought in the report of the capture of the goods, I surmised several months ago that A. G. Whiteman was attempting to smuggle goods. In relation to the four boxes of goods found in my store, belonging to A. G. Whiteman, to the best of my knowledge said A. G. Whiteman brought the goods – Mr. Charles J. Burroughs brought them to my store four or five months ago and asked me to let him put the boxes in my store. A. G. Whiteman said at the time that he was going to move to town and open a store. I know nothing at all in relation to smuggling by any one – Heard nothing about W. S. Whiteman's smuggling until after the capture of the goods aforesaid by the officers. I think the goods that were in my store and the goods found near Whiteman premises belong to A. G. Whiteman. I know nothing at all about any smuggling by Jas. A. Whiteman.

Robt Hill

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March A.D. 1883 – Wm Brenner, Asst. Provost Judge

Office of Chief of Police
Army of the Cumberland
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Statement of Charles J. Burroughs.

The goods obtained from Mr. Whiteman were at Franklin about one mile from Mr. Whiteman's dwelling, Mr. Alf. Whiteman told me at the time he bought the goods that he was going to open a store. I know that he came to town for that purpose, He bought these goods here in the City some six or 7 months ago. They were carried out there because he could not get a house. At the time he bought them he was disappointed in getting his house He bought the goods with Georgia and South Carolina money. The pistol taken at the mill belongs to Jas. Whiteman

I know nothing of any one smuggling goods through the lines from this place.

I know nothing about what the other parties have been doing, except that Wm Young has often told me that he was sorry the way his son Felix was doing, said that he could not help it, that he has ordered him away from his house, and would not permit him to come if he could possibly help it.

C. J. Burroughs.

Subscribed & sworn to before me
this 14th day March 1863.

J. M. Prier.
Probate Judge