Cat 7 No 493 4

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Samuels Mary Mrs
Samuels Annie Miss
Samuels Robena "
Samuels John "
Battles Fannie Miss
Booker Harriet "

} Spys"

Disloyal. Spies. Mail carriers assisting prisoners to escape. & doing everything in their power to assist Rebels.

Sent to O. C. P. May 6th 1863

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Young Samuel

bad character

Head-Quarters Fourteenth Army Corps,

DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,

OFFICE CHIEF OF POLICE,

Nashville Feby 6th 1863.

Commandant
Camp Chase

Sir. Young Samuels. Who with His Mother and Two Sisters Have been Sent. To your Charge. for imprisonment. by Order Maj Genl Rosecrans. Has. a Reputation Here. of being. a Most desperate Character. Capable of. doing. any. ache of Violence. He was under Charge of Committing Murder. Some Miles from the City of Nashville. He Boasted to His associates that He would not be Long. Retained in Prison. I would Call your attention. to the Holding of him Closely.

Respectfully
Your Obt
Servt
Wm Prandail
Chief Army Police

ROLL OF Political PRISONERS OF WAR AT Camp Chase O

NO.	NAMES—IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. (BY REGIMENTS AND COMPANIES.)	RANK OR TOWN.	REGIMENT OR COUNTY AND STATE.	CO.	WHERE CAPTURED.	WHEN CAPTURED.
1	Battles Miss Fanny	Citizen	Davidson Co.	Tenn.	Nashville Tenn	April 7th 1865
2	Booker Miss Harriett	"	Rutherford "	"	" "	" 7th "
3	Samuels Mrs. Mary	" & Spy	Nashville	"	" "	February 1st 65
4	Samuels Miss Anna	" "	"	"	" "	" 1st "
5	Samuels Miss Robbie	" "	"	"	" "	" 1st "
6	Samuels John	" "	"	"	" "	" 1st "

I hereby certify that the above prisoners transferred to Washing

Camp Chase Ohio transferred to Washington=City D.C. for exchange

May 4th 1863

	WHEN CAPTURED.	REMARKS, (CHARGES, &c, &c.)
	April 7th 1865	Aiding rebels - rebel mail carrier & Smuggler
	" 7th "	" " - " " " "
	February 1st 65	Smuggler & dealing in contraband goods
	" 1st "	" & " " " "
	" 1st "	" & " " " "
	" 1st "	" & " " " "

that the above is a correct list of Female & Male
ferred to Washington=City D.C for Exchange May. 1865

John C. Mason
Captain Commdg Prisons

Evidence in case of the Dannels'.

Aiding & Abetting the Rebellion.

Head Quarters Chief of Police
14th Army Corps
Department of the Cumberland
Nashville Tenn, Feb 4th 1863.

Affidavit of John Bungan policeman in the secret service Department.

Some 4 or 5 months ago my attention was directed to the circumstance of so many prisoners escaping from the different prisons of this place and that they invariably made their escape good showing that must have been asisted by citizens in this town, I was placed in the penetentiary by the order of Genl Buell for Military reasons, and while there made the acquaintance of a Mr White of Ky, whom I was instructed to asist out of prison and have him think he was making his escape but to watch him and see how he got outside the lines, I went to the Penetentiary the day before he made his escape; he then told me that in case he did not find me ready the next morning that there was a Mrs Samuels living on Union St who had told him if he ever should get out of the prison to come direct to her house and both could and would

2 assist him, accordingly I went to my
Bording house and when he called
I was not there to receive him — he then
left and went to Mrs Samuels where
I followed him but did not go in, That
was in the morning, I then watched the
house to ascertain what course they
would take — Mrs Samuels went
out and procured for him a full
change of clothes as a disguise as
she afterwards informed me and
that evening, Miss Annis Rains brought
a carriage to the door when he came
out and she drove him through the
lines as her Brother, That night about
dark I called at Mrs Samuels and
inquired if Mr White was there, Miss
Roberta Samuel came to the door &
informed me that she did not know
any person by that name, I hesitated
and seemed to be surprised whereupon
she went in the house saying she
would see her Mother when the latter
came to the door and asked me my
name, On my giving it she inquired
if I had been in the Penetentiary, I
told her I had when she said I was
the very person she wanted to see
and invited me in, I accepted the

3 invitation and she informed me that Mr White was safely outside of the line and how they had managed to get him out which was accomplished as above stated. She then informed me that it was no uncommon thing for them to take out one or two a week and that if either myself or friends wished to escape to come there and she would get us out. This occured about the 1st of Oct 1862 and a short time afterwards 14 made their escape The following are some of their names Capt Jackson - Hoffler - Moore of Mobile, Ward - Case Shelton & Hancock - the others I did not know - A portion of these Mrs Samuels and her two daughters passed through the lines - Hoffler and Jackson where both kept at her house when Roberta Samuels procured a pass for herself and added the other names which she showed me afterwards and said she had done it frequently before and that she had done enough if the Federals only knew it to hang her but they thought she was young as she talked that way to them. On one of my visits I found them very much elated

4 at something that had just occurred
and upon inquiry Miss Anna Sam-
-uels told me that Mrs Winborn of the
City Hotel informed her that a Mrs
Carter had gone within Genl Braggs
lines for Genl Negley with false draw-
-ings of the fortifications around this
town to decieve Bragg. and that she
had followed her out and revealed
the fact thus causing her arrest &
imprisonment, Almost the entire
time of this family was employed in
acts of this kind and Miss Anna
informed me she was in Bennets
Camp the Night before Genl Negley
broke it up where she had gone to
take a prisoner and a lot of pistols
that her Brother had purchased from
the soldiers which business he followed
all the time and they the daughters
would take them out. They frequently
told me when they could not get pas-
-ses that Mrs Winborn would get
them through the influence of the
officers that boarded with her. After
Genl Rosecrans came here and it
became more difficult to procure
passes they said they could get them
from Genl Wm. Cook when ever they

5 wanted and that they did get them and lend them to their frends, I told them that I had a lady frend that desired to smuggle out some goods but could not get a pass when they readily handed out their pass and said they could get another. whenever she wanted one which the lady took although she was going on Goverment buisness and could have obtained a pass at any time, but I took this course to prove that they did accomplish what they said they had. At the time that Sam G. Brown escaped from this place I was in the country but on my return I called at Mrs Samuels who informed me that Mr Brown came to her house about 12 Oclock the day before he made his escape and told her he was fearfull they would send him to Camp Chase and that he wanted to make his escape and wished her assistance which she readily promised to give, Accordingly he staid there until after dark when after putting on a disguise which she had procured for him they went to Dr Hudsons where were

6 found 12 more prisoners who had just escaped from the Penitentiary While there she and the Dr advised them how to get away safely - to goto the River at the head of the Island and proceed to the lower end of it where the water was not so deep and then cross to the opposite bank which they did as the Dr informed her the next morning as he went to the River with them and remained until he heard them on the opposite side. She also informed me that they took with them a revolving rifle and some pistols - the rifle the Dr had in his house she did not know how he came by it, but believed he had got it from a soldier. the pistols her son had brought from Ky but a short time before where he had been with money furnished by Dr Hudson for the purpose which he had been in the habit of doing. She also told me that her son was in prison for shooting a soldier but that he was not guilty but he was guilty of enough if they knew it to imprison him until the end of the War if they did not shoot him. During the various

7 interviews we had from time to time it was always a repetition of the same thing how much she and her daughters were doing for the cause of the South. I never had met her son until after his liberation from the jail when they proposed to me to let them have money enough to purchase pistols from the soldiers to send South — they said they had made considerable money in that way but by his (young Samuels) being confined so long he had no money to operate with. They showed me 3 pistols they had on hand when I told them I knew who would take them if they could be gotten outside of the lines Roberta Samuel said she would agree to take them out and that she had taken out 42 at a time. The day after Ford (alias) Harrison was arrested she sent for me to call on her as she had something of importance to impart — she then went into the particulars of one of Braggs spies being here wanting to find Harrison which he could not do as the latter was keeping out of the way until he could get out of

8 the lines. She said she informed
him that could find him and
would have him there the next
day which she accordingly did
The day after Harrison made his
escape I called there and was in-
-formed that he had been arrested
a few minutes after he left her
house and had been in Jail right
opposite but never had showed
himself until he found out he
was going North when he called
Roberta Samuels crofs the street
and told her he was going to be
sent off the next day and that
they must assist him to make
his escape. The guard brought him
acrofs the street to her house where he
remained for some 2 hours when they
furnished him with what he requir-
-ed to get his irons off and was in-
-structed by him what disguise to
procure to assist him in making
his escape which she accordingly
did and he did make his escape
the following day, In my intercourse
with the family I had conclusive
Evidence that every member of it
was actively engaged in the different

ways reffered to in this affidavit, and that they succeeded in doing great damdge to the Federal Army.

John Buggan

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 4th day of February A.D. 1863.

John Fitch
Provost Judge

Statement of C. H. Williams.

I am a resident of the city of Nashville as regards Mrs Samuels & two daughters I have to say Mrs Samuels told me that a young man that stays in Fransiscos hat store and whose name is Winnivest to the Drugstore and got a bottle of aquifortice and gave to her and that she obtained a permit to talk with one Harrison (alias) Ford who was confined in prison on the charge of being a spie and other serious offences with which to cut off his chains The young man Winna is a small man light complected and may be known by a particular tooth a kind of a

10 twin or double tooth, the man Har-
-rison did get his chains off and
made his escape — I heard Mrs Sam-
-uels and both her daughters speak
of their success in helping Harrison
out of Jail — They also told me that
a confederate prisoner a lieutenant
was concealed at the house of an Irish
lady on church street near the river
and I went with them in the night
to said house after him and he re-
-turned with us to the house of Mrs
Samuels the young ladies called
him cousin Jim — The young ladies
I went with after him were Miss
Roberta Samuels and Miss Albany
Samuels, he remained at the house
of Mrs Samuels that night and all
the next day — during the day Miss
Roberta Samuels went to Genl Mitch-
-ells and got a pass in her own name
and then inserted his name and
passed him out of the lines — after
this Miss Roberta Samuels told me
that she helped this same officer
out of the Penitentiary together with
some sixteen or seventeen others hav-
-ing got a permit to visit the prisoners
in the prison she carried them in-

11 =pliments by means of which they were enabled to break out—

Other ladies assisted them in getting through the lines = The Boles family assisted. I think they live on colledge hill there were others engaged in it but I cannot remember their names They told me that they were in the habit of getting passes in their own names and then inserting the names of other parties, I know of their having done so in several in=stanses, I saw the names inserted but cannot remember the names did not know the parties — I know that a lady by the name of Collins had her name inserted in one of those passes and went south — I know of the Misses Samuels did visit the house of Dr Hudson and I have seen him at their house, I have heard all the Miss Samuels say that Dr Hudson sent quantities of goods south as well as Carbines & pistols and they spoke of him as being the most in=fluential freud of the south in Nashville — I have been in the habit of visiting the house of Mrs Samuels frequently for two months and have

12 been a day border in the house for two weeks. I have been on very friendly terms with them. Mrs Samuels has one son in the Confederate Army. They are active in aiding and assisting the Confederate cause than any family I know of in Nashville - They are constantly engaged concerting plans of some kind to aid the cause -

Charles H. Williams

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 2nd day of February A.D. 1863

John Fitch Provost Judge

Evidence in case of the Samuels family - Aiding & abetting the Rebellion.

Statement of Charles H. Ball.

I am engaged by Col Wm. Truesdail as one of the Army Police, sometime about the 1st of January 1863. I was directed to make the acquaintance of Mrs Mary Samuels, and her family, she being a widow woman residing on Union Street in the city of Nashville I accordingly called on her at her house - and introduced myself to her as by the name of Hamilton and being a Confederate spie sent here by Genl Bragg, and that I was a private in Genl Ashby's cavalry, and that I had been recommended by Samuel G. Brown and a man by the name of White to call on her - She seemed much pleased to see me and offered to take me into her house as a boarder, and offered to conceal me - and to assist me in any way that was in her power - She intro-duced me to her two daughters Roberta and Anna Samuels and they also seemed much pleased to make my acquaintance, the mother and daughters made many enquir-ies of me in relation to the confed-erate Army under Bragg, and of their

acquaintances in his army — they all became very communicative to me and related to me the many things they had done for the Confederates, they insisted on me remaining at their house, and when I would leave they urged me much to return to their house as often as I could that I would at all times be welcome and that they would give me all the information that they could that would be of advantage to the Confed=erates — Mrs Samuels and her Daugh=ters told me that they had procured blank formes of passes and filled them up and forged the signature of the Provost Marshal for the purpose of getting spies and prisoners out of the lines, and that she and her Daught=ers had taken prisoners out in Car=raiges and crossed the River at Buna Vista ferry several times and that they had taken files & saws out to the Penetentiary for the prisoners to cut their way out also that they had at one time taken a Hatchet out to the Penetentiary for the use of the prisoners and that they had furnished disguises for them — and

that they had taken and sent a great many arms out of the lines to the Confederates — also Mrs Samuels said to me that she and her Daughters would have gone south some time ago, if she had not thought that she could do more good for the Confederate cause by staying here, she stated to me that she had procured a plan of the city & fortifications and that she had sent it to Genl Bragg by one of his spy's — I talk of my conversation with Mrs Samuels and her Daughters they seemed exceedingly anxious to impress it on my mind that they were willing to run any risk to serve the confederates —

Also Mrs Samuels and her Daughters informed that they a few day's since aided a man by the name of Harrison a Confederate Spy to escape from the Guard house on Union Street — they said that they furnished the said Harrison with a saw to cut his Irons, and that then he got the guard on duty drunk they having him with a disguise and that among other things which they had furnished him the said Harrison, was a pair of green goggles which

Mrs Samuels said she had great difficulty in procuring—

At one of my visits to the house of Mrs Samuels I was introduced by her to a Mr Charles Williams whom she recommended very highly to me as being a good secessionists. she telling me that he had a lot of pistols that he had procured for the purpose of sending south to the confederates— Mr Williams then told me that he had a lot of pistols and that he would sell me some, and that he had sent 24 pistols through the Federal lines by a man named Charles Burrows who was going to sell them to the Confederates down on the Cumberland river—

The said Charles Williams sold three pistols to me for which I paid him $.75 cts and took his receipt for the same— he also promised to get some more for me but he failed to do so, before he was arested— He also stated to me that the 24 Pistols that he sent out by Burrows belongs to him and John Samuels in partnership— he also wanted to go

with me out to Burrows to see if he could not get the pistols which he had sent out by him, as he thought there was a chance that Burrows might not have disposed of them yet said Williams was very anxious to go with me, and on the night that he was arrested it was his express intention to go out of the lines with me and to enter the service in Genl Forrest and Wheeler command as a spy and agents to procure pistols here in Nashville he said that if they would furnish him money that he could and would get plenty of arms for them - he also said that it was not safe for him to stay here much longer, and with an oath he said that if I would not let him go out with me he would go by himself - He wanted me to stay one or two days longer in town and he also said that if I wanted him that he would get me fifty pistols for us to take out to Genls Wheeler & Forrest - and that he was willing to do any thing in his power for the Southern

cause

Chas. H. Ball

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 4th day of Febuary A.D. 1862

Geo. S. Hampton, Assistant Provost Judge

Nashville Feb 4th 1863.

Statement of Geo W. Walker policeman in employ of U.S. Govt. Army of the Cumberland. Col Wm Truesdail Chief of Police

I have been in the secret police service for some five weeks since, About four weeks ago I was directed by Col Truesdail to investigate the doings of the Samuels family in this city - I was introduced by another policeman (Mr Ball) to the family, as a Mr Hamilton, - I have read the statement of Mr Ball in this case and pronounce it correct in all its essentials, I made calls upon the family almost daily and many times in company with Ball, The family taked

pretty much the same way were extreme Rebels in sympathy, and boasting of what small acts they had done to aid that cause. I was introduced to them as a Confederate prisoner here on his parole. They immediately began to inquire of me how several rebel officers & men were, asking respecting one Frank Jackson, a man by the name of Suffner and of Ward & others - who they said they had aided to escape from Penitentiary and were anxious to know if they got through safe. I heard Miss Roberta Samuels say she had taken pistols through the lines concealed in her clothing. She also said several times, in boasting way that they had got out prisoners and had taken out their (the prisoners) clothing under their own. I have heard Miss Anna Samuels say she had forged altered passes to take persons out of the lines. Mrs Samuels stated one transaction thus, laughing heartily at the way she fooled the Yankees. Got a pass for Miss Anna - was refused a pass for Miss Anna & her brother, by Genl in command of Post. Anna writes in the name of her brother herself and went out

on Buena Vista pike ferry taking out with her an escaped prisoner whom they had assisted out of the Penetentiary. The old lady and girls also boasted of their having placed saws & files in cakes & pies and in some instances in bread and thus get them to prisoners in the Penetentiary. Mrs Samuels told me last week or rather the day on which prisoner Ford escaped, that she had that day sent money across the street to the guard on duty at door of the Military Police Prison, to get him drunk to aid in the escape of Ford, (alias) Harrison, who had told her that same day that he was to be sent next day to Alton Military Prison. Mrs Samuels house is directly across the street from said prison room, and on that morning Ford had persuaded one of the guards to step across to her house with him where he stayed some two hours. They had been well acquainted previously. This she told me and that Ford at that interview assured her he was a spy of Braggs army and she must aid him if possible, and he wished a pair of green goggles for his eyes as a disguise, as well as

means to get out. She told me she had that day got to him a saw to cut the ball & chain from his leg she slipped to him when passing to him some cooked food. This was in the evening after supper of that day, he had been over with the guard that afternoon During that night Ford escaped by getting the chain off his leg making an excuse to the guard of answering to a call of nature going on to the walk (as the prison was a store room under the Odd Fellows Hall & had no backdoor way or it was kept fastened up) and then run off, the night being very dark. This Mrs Samuels told me the next day and was vastly pleased her daughters were present and all enjoyed their success vastly.

I might relate many other conversations - and matters of rebels actions & sympathy of this family, but they are unimportant except to show the extreme rebelism of the family. The son of Mrs Samuels "Coose" they call him, I was but little acquainted with, as he lay in jail in Nashville from my first acquaintance with the family up to a few

days ago. The mother & sisters usually spoke of him as one of them, said he had smuggled pistols out &c and that he had done enough, but the Federals would prove nothing on him.

Signed Geo. W. Walker

Subscribed & sworn to
befor me this 4th day of February A.D. 1863
John Fitch, Provost Judge.