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The within application of citizens of Hardiman County State of Penn. to Keep arms for self defence —

Respectfully forwarded and recommended to be granted

J. A. L. Geddes
Col Comdg Brig —

Head Quarters 16th. Army Corps,
Memphis Jan. 10, 1864.
Respectfully returned,
To allow these men
to have arms now would be
placing them where the enemy
could gather them as soon
as our forces march away.
By order of Maj. Gen. Hurlbut
L. C. Harris
a. a. G.
Brig. Gen. Fuller.

January the 14th 1864

State of Tennessee }
Hardeman County. } We a portion of the citizens of Hardeman Cty. living north of the M. & C. R.R. do hereby ask you to grant us the privilege of arming ourselves and carrying the same to protect ourselves against all thieves & robbers. We also pledge ourselves that in the event we should take any person or persons robbing or attempting to rob or otherwise molesting or disturbing the peaceable citizens within the limits hereafter stated that we will deliver them to the Federal authorities at the nearest station.

We feel that we are necessarily compelled to defend ourselves against these thieves & robbers in some way until they are cleared out.

We ask of you to grant us the privilege to scout this portion of Hardeman Cty. extending from Pocahontas or near there to Bolivar by the way of Hatchie river thence to Salisbury by the way of Spring Creek.

S. B. Sain
W. Macon
J. Doyle
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S. B. Harris
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James M. Jacob
W. R. Jacob

C. M. Lambeth
John Bryant
Tomas Ross
John et McKinne
W. H. Bryant
P. Jordan
~~J. Doyle~~
M. J. Pankey
Geo. Thompson
F. M. Rainer
J. H. E. Bryant
Lee Rainer
J. W. Wellons
J. M. Tompson
Benjamin Rose

John McDaniel
C John Foster
W. L. Thompson
Thomas Harris

January 10th 1864

State of Tennessee Hardeman County
District No. 8

We the undersingned Citizens of Hardeman County were called on by the Citizens as a committy to hear the evadence in the Case of James Simpson, James Powel, and S. C. McNeese, who were arrested on the Carges of hanging and robbing the Citizens of Hardeman County.

We the undersigned Citizens proceded to hear the evidence in the Case, and from the evadence before us, we found them gilty of the Charges. We passed sentence on them that they might have Choice of the two to be hung or to be shot

The reason why we did not execute them. Armed men came upon us where we had them in the woods, Claiming to belong to the Confederate Army, and also Claiming that the Prisoners belonged to the Confederate Army, and threatened us with the penally of death if we executed said men, And that caused a confusion among the Citizens, because we did not have sufficent quanty of Arms and amunition to defend ourslves

J. N. McDaniel
John Foster

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