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Evidence against James Dority

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March 64.

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Test
C. Adkins

Provost marshals office Clinton Tenn
This is to certify that Mr Isaac White Deceased
told me that Jas and Jesse Dority
Robed him this took place some time
in July last at the foot of Gilieo
mountan on the Road leading from
Clinton Tenn to Williams Burg Ky
he meaning the said White since deceased
told me that when he got to the foot
of the said mountain James and Jesse
Dority halted him and told him if he
did not give up his property and money
they would kill him the Dorities being
armed Mr White said for fear of his life
he gave up, to the said Dorities his Horse
bridal and saddle and money Mr
White said that when they had taken
his horse and property & money they left
him and carried it off The said Mr
White told me in a few days after
he was Robed that he was going to
meete James and Jesse Dority at
Miss Phillipses on Ligans [illegible] for they
told him if he would [illegible] them
at Miss Phillips's and [illegible] a
gun that had been captured from James
Dority By the Rebels they would gave
him the said White back his money
The said White was to meete me
at the said Miss Phillipses when he was
to get his money back the distance
being I suppose from 25 to 30 miles

2 ond

I started and went by the said Whites he said he would start nex morning and we was to meete at Miss Phillipses from 12 to 2 o clock the next day I went to Miss Phillipses as i promised him and there waited for the said White near three hours and being uneasy about him I went back by his house and he was gone and his family told me he had started to miss Phillipes I then told his family if he come home any more for him not to go through Grave gap by him [illegible] for I thought it was dangerous for him to go the Road by him self on the account of the rumor I herd about him while I was gone The said Isaac White did not return home or get to Miss Phillipses and about 2 weeks after he was Robed I and several others started out to hunt him and found him on friday after he left home 9 days I being the oldest man in the croud was call up to him to examine ~~him~~ him which i did and found that several bullets had passed through his cloths one ball passed through his shoulders another through his hips and it looked like there had been several small shots went through his shirt 7 Mr. Whites out side cloths and shoes was gone could not be found his under cloths all sound except the Bullet holes his flesh mostly Destroyed

They geathered up the remains of Mr White and carried him home and I helped bury him he was killed near four miles from home

I further state that as I was going from ~~Mrs. Phillipses~~ Smoky Mts to ~~W~~ Mr Whites when I got to new River I came wher some 10 or 15 persons ~~wer~~ gethered to gether and I stoped with them and in a short time there was a gun or pistole fireed under the River bank which raised a considerable excitement among the croud I saw two persons going up through the field near 4 hundred yds from us some of them said it was James Dority and some one else this was on the day White was killed and was near 4 miles from wher he was killed

Question 1st

What time of day was it that you met up with the 10 or 15 men that you spake of Anser I dont no but hit was 10 or 11 o Clock

Question 2nd

was these 2 men you saw going up smoky going towards or from towards where Mr White was killed

Ans they ~~w~~ wer going rather from wher he was killed

Question 3.

Who was it that said it was James Dority that you saw going up smoky after the gun or pistol was fired off under the river Bank

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Answer John Carrel
Question 4th
What was the rumer you heard which caused you to be uneasy and caused you to notify his family that if he white come home again not to let him go through grave gap by himself
Ans it was Whites own talk together with what John carrel and ~~and~~ the people in general told me while i was on the riger
Question 5
Who does the neighbors generally accuse of robing and killing Mr White
Ans I cannot say
Question 6
Who does the people generally accuse of the robery and murder of Mr White
Ans Jacob Harness Edd Van and I think that the majority accuses James and Jessu Dority of the mischief

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of march 1864 Calvin Adkins Dept. P. M. A. Co. Tenn

Joseph his mark + Webb

Eliga White states that in July last his father come home and told him that James and Jessu Dority had robed him at the foot of the Gilieo mountain he said one of the Dorities I think James cocked his gun and presented her at White's breast and told him if he did not give

up his property and money he would kill him and after taking his horse Bridal saddle and money they then left him telling him if he ever come on that side of the mountain again they would kill him Mr. White started over the mountain again in a few day after he got home and was killed on the road or near the road croping said mountain

Question 1st
Who do you believe Robed and killed Isaac White
Ans I believe that James and Jesse Dority Robed him and I Believe Jacob Harnep Emond Van Warren Jones and James and Jesse Donty killed him

Question by Deft 1st
Where did the said white start to and what mountain did he start crop
Ans he started crop the cumberland mountain trough the Grave gap to Mis Phillipses

Question 2d
did White tell you he had started to meet James and Jesse Dority
Ans he did not

Sworn to and subscribed Eligah White
before me this 29 day of march 1844
Calvin Adkins Dept P.M. A, ca Tenn

Clinton March 8th 1864

I certify that some time in July last that I went to Isaac Whites on saturday after his family said he had left home his folks asked me if I had seen Isaac White I told them I had not I went back to whites the next day and he still had not come home his folks were very uneasy about him and on the 9th day after he left home his folks together with the neighbors went to hunt him and found him the said White I was one of the first that found him he was lying in a gully near a quarter of a mile from the road after he had paped through the grave gap on the north side of the mountain we agreed to look round to see wher he was killed at it had rained the 8th day preceding the day we found him and we found wher he had been drag near a quarter of mile there it seamd that he had been hid among some logs wher we found the said whites hare and from the sign we seen he was killed there in Jacob harnepes field we then went back and searched his pockets for papers and they had been taken out if he had any

Question 1st

What sign did you see in Jacob Harnes field that made you think that White had been killed there,

Answer

By the potatoe patch being dug up and the sign of him Harnes and his family for I think I saw Harnes track round about where he had

been hid in the field at the edge of the potatoe patch

Question 2nd

What made you think that While had been concealed in the field that you speak of,

Answer,

from the sign he had been killed and put in between two logs and the bark and brush put over him and a greatdeal of sign of persons could be seen there, and it looked like some person had been drug from there to where we found him, and when we raised up the brush and bark we found some of Whites hair on the ground where he lay,

Question 3rd

Did you ever hear any person threaten to Kill Isaac While and if so who was it that threatened to Kill him,

Answer

I did, I heard Jacob Harness threaten to Kill him,

Question 1st by James Dority one of the Defts

Who do you believe Killed Isaac While,

Answer,

I think that Jacob Harness San Vannan Warren James Killed him,

Question 1st by Polly While

What do you know about bringing the gun back and getting the money

Answer

I heard Col Dority, the father of James Dority, say that if Mr Edward would bring back the gun that Bill Edward, took from James Dority here that he would give up the money that James

Dority and Jesse Dority had taken from Isaac White
sworn and subscribed before me Hannah her mark Davis
this 30th day of March 1864

Calvin Atkins Dept P, M, A Co Tenn

This is to certify that James Dority told me that he took a horse bridal and saddle and twenty dollars in Government money from Isaac White the said Dority said he took this propperty and money from white a short time befor the united states forces taken possession of E Tennessee
I herd James Dority tell William Enory he would give him twenty dollars for a pistole
Dority said he took the $20.00 from White
Dority called white a Rebel and said he would kill him and in 3 or 4 Days
I herd that white was killed
Question 1st
Who do you believe killed Isaac White
Ans I believe from Dorities talk that he was the man that killed him
Question 2nd ar you acquainted with James Dority's general character
Ans tolerably well acquainted with him
Question 3rd Wahat is his general character
Ans bad guilty of stealing and robing in general
Question 4th did James Dority say he took some papers from white when he took his hores
Ans he did

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Question 1st by Dept
Where was I at when I proposed buying
Emorys Pistol
Answer at Charley Wests house on
a creek called Paint Rock
Question 2nd
Was white called a Rebel -
Ans I do not know
Question 3rd Did you ever hear of white
being with the Rebels when they took me
Ans I herd Dority say so and none other
sworn to and subscribed
before me March 30th 1864

William his x mark Low
Scott Co, Smoky Creek

Calvin Atkins Dept P. M. A. Co Gen

This is to certify that Isaac White told me
on or about the 10th July last that James
and Jesse Dority Robed him of his horse
Bridal and a saddle that I had loaned to
him to Ride to Kentucky on the said
white had some money that my wife
sent by him to Ky to buy Indigo and white
said he told Dorities that it was Mrs
Edwardses money and they did not take
it, but told him to take her back her money
I know of White haveing one twenty dollar
bill of green back money which he said
Dorities taken with some other money
Ned Smith and others told Isaac White
if he would bring a certificate from
union citizens showing he was a union
man that he should have his property
and money back.

I wrote him a certificate stating that he was and always had been a union man Mr Edwards signed it and I think Mr Ross and others in the vally signed it also

Question 1st
was you acquainted with Isaac White
Ans I was well acquainted with him

Question 2nd
was white a loyal man
Ans
I believed him always loyal

Question 3rd
do you believe that Isaac White was a man of truth and veracity
Ans
I alway believed he was

Question 1st by Deft
have you a gun keping in pledge until whites horse and money was brought back
Answer No I have not
There was a small walnut stocked rifle gun at my house left there by W. H. Edwards said to be James Dorities Mrs Edwards sent said gun by Hanner Davis and told her to gave Dorities word if they would bring Isaac Whites horse and money back to them they should have the gun

E. C. Edwards

Sworn to and subscribed before me Asst P.M. A. Co Tenn
Mar 30th 1864 Calvin Atkins Asst P. Mr. A. Co. Tenn

Clinton March 31st 1864

This is to certify my Father Isaac White ~~told me~~ that he was robed on the 1st day July 1863 in Scott Co Tenn; — I also certify that afterwards towit on the 16th day of the same month he left home to go to Mrs Phillips and never returned any more until we found him murdered and brought [illegible] home to bury them

Mary her x mark White

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Evidence against James Scoity

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