

Joseph Juicial Circuit
Rockingham County, Virit.

In the Circuit Court of the said County
The Jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia in and for the body of the County
of Rockingham and now attending the Circuit Court of said County, do upon
their oaths present that William R. Jones on the 13th day of April
in the year one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty Seven in the
said County, a certain Mill House ^{the property of John Miller} not adjoining to or occupied
with the dwelling House of ~~the said~~ John Miller or any other person, then
situate in the night time feloniously did enter, without breaking
with intent the goods and chattels of the said John Miller in the said
Mill House then and there being, feloniously to steal, take and carry
away and two barrels of flour of the value of Fifteen Dollars of
the goods and chattels of the said John Miller in the said Mill House
then and there being found, then and there feloniously did steal, take
and carry away against the peace and dignity of the Common-
wealth of Virginia. And the Jurors aforesaid on their oaths
aforesaid do further present that William R. Jones on the 13th
day of April in the ^{year} one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty Seven
in the said County of Rockingham did feloniously break and enter
a certain Mill House the property of John Miller and ~~occupy~~ ^{not} adjoining
to or occupied with the dwelling House of the said John Miller
and not adjoining to or occupied with the dwelling House of any
other person, with intent the goods and chattels of the said John
Miller in the said Mill House then and there to steal and that he
the said William R. Jones two barrels of flour of the value of
Fifteen Dollars of the goods and chattels of the said John Miller
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County of Rockingham, did feloniously break and enter a certain Mill house
the property of John Miller and not adjoining to ^{occupied} with the dwelling
house of said John Miller and not adjoining to or occupied with the dwelling
house of ~~any other person~~ ^{the said John Miller}, with intent the flour of the said John
Miller in the said Mill House then and there to take steal and

and carry away, against the peace and dignity of
the Commonwealth of Virginia

Now the Jury find the prisoner
guilty in manner and form
as is alleged in the indictment
and according to the term of his
indictment confinement in the
Penitentiary at four years

David Dome
Foreman

We the jury find a
Verdict against the
prisoner guilty of four years
imprisonment in the
Penitentiary

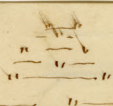
David Dome

Commonwealth
vs.
William R. Jones

Indictment for breaking &
entering the Mill House of
John Miller with intent
to commit Larceny

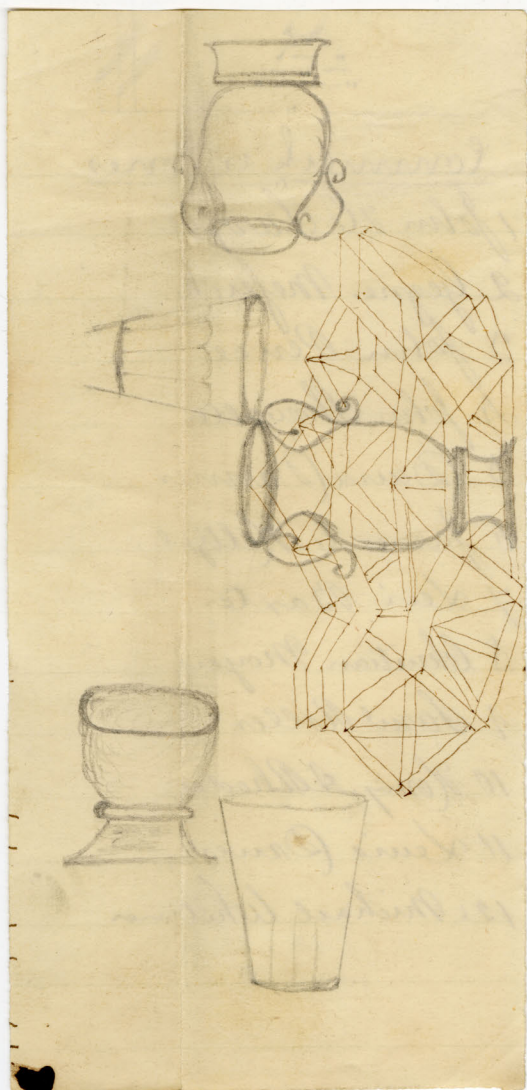
A True bill
S. Ward Hays
Foreman





Commence Jones

- 1 John H. Surpre
- 2 Gezner Mefick
- 3 John Pence
- 4 John Showalter
- 5 David Danner
- 6 James L. Heltzel
- 7 Levi Baxter
- 8 Christian Moyers
- 9 Saml Koller
- 10 Henry A Rhodes
- 11 Lewis Drives
- 12 Michael Whitmer



Com'mth. vs Jones.

Names of Witnesses for Com'th.
John Johnson.

George W. Guad

Wm. J. Downes

Margaret Randol +

Phibe Randol. +

Elijah Huffman,

Sarah Randol.

Abraham Noble.

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Debnth vs Jones

1857 clerks fees	10.68
shffs	3.50
Witneses	41.57
Money	5.00
Board for jury	10.00
paid jury for services	72.00
Jailer bill for board	46.15
costs in cit. est.	<u>\$278.90</u>

costs in county court not certified

Garrth vs Wm Jones,

1857 Oct, One Sp a 20, copies 50, Surg Jury 70, Entg Order 72
Entg three Orders 108. Entg 21 Witnesses 6.30 Taxg cert 20
copy 20, Execution re 58, filing papers 20.

\$10.68

The Commonwealth of Virginia. To the Sheriff
of Rockingham County Greeting: We command you, that you ~~cause to~~
~~come before~~ Summon twenty four persons, freeholders of your said
County, residing remote from the place where the felony was committed
of which William R Jones stands charged, and said persons to be
qualified in other respects to serve as jurors, to appear before the Judge
of the Circuit Court of Rockingham, on the first day of the next
term of said Court, to recognize on their oaths whether the aforesaid
William R Jones, be guilty of the felony aforesaid, and have then
there the names of the said freeholders and this writ. Witness
Littleton W Gamble Clerk of the County Court of Rockingham at the
Court house thereof, on this 28th day of September 1857 and in the
82^d year of the Commonwealth

L W Gamble

Comrneth
or Verine
Racine
Jones

Oct. 8, 1857. - Executed by summoning
John Linauer, Gessner Messick,
Michael Whitner, James J. Miller, George
H. Funkhouser, John Pence, Mr. Lowry,
David Reedy, Levi Baxter, Isaac Lohr,
John Showalter, Madison Moore, Lewis
Driver, Samue B. Reed, Shetow H. Carney,
Samuel Roller, Samuel Martz, James C.
Holtzel, Jos. C. Williams, David Banner,
Samuel H. Huffman, Henry A. Roads,
Jno. A. Fishback, John Long, jr.
Jno. R. Hoopley, S. R. Co.

State of Virginia

In the County Court of Rockingham June 15th 1857
William R Jones late of the County of Rockingham who stands charged with a felony by him committed in this that he did on the night of the 15th of April 1857 in the County aforesaid feloniously break and enter a certain Mill the property of John Miller and not adjoining to or occupied with a dwelling house with intent the flour of the said John Miller in the said Mill then and there to steal take and carry away and that the said William R Jones two barrels of flour of the value of fifteen dollars the property of the said John Miller then and there in the said Mill feloniously did steal take and carry away was this day led to the bar in custody of the Sheriff of this County and sundry witnesses being sworn and examined touching the premises and the Court upon mature deliberation are of opinion that a felony has been committed and that there is probable cause to charge the prisoner therewith it is therefore ordered that the prisoner be remanded for trial before the Circuit Court of this County at the next term thereof and thereupon the prisoner was remanded to jail

Be it remembered that John Johnson, George McJudd, Wm S Downes, Margaret Randol, Phely Randol personally appeared in Court and acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of one hundred dollars each to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements and for the use of the Commonwealth, yet upon this condition that they the said John Johnson, George McJudd, Wm S Downes, Margaret Randol & Phely Randol shall make their personal appearance before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County on the first day of the next term thereof to give evidence on behalf of the Commonwealth against William R Jones who stands charged with felony and not to depart thence without the leave of said Court, then this recognizance to be void, else to remain in full force

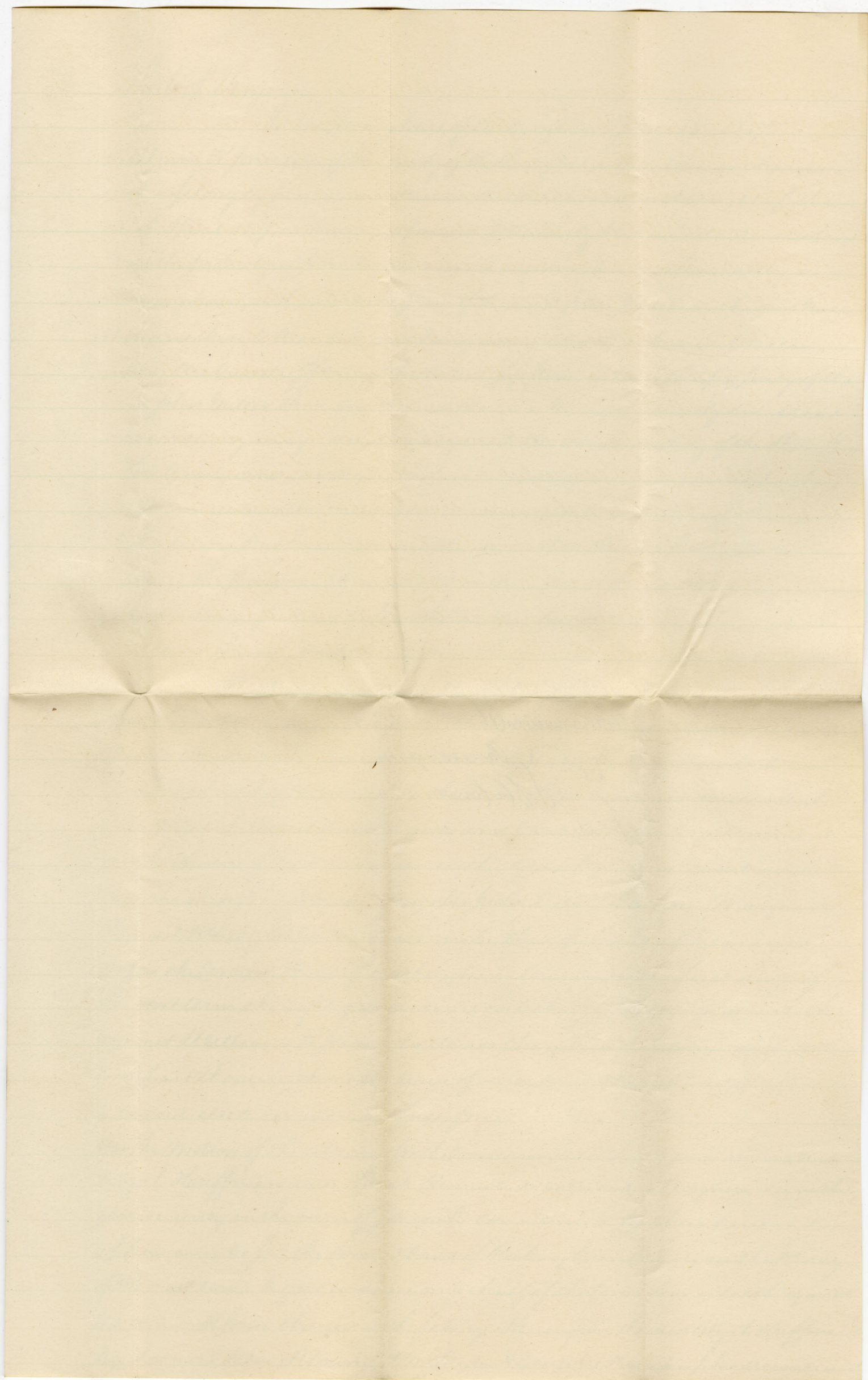
On the Motion of the Attorney for the Commonwealth it is ordered that Elijah Huffman and Sarah Randol do enter into a recognizance with good security in the sum of \$100 each conditioned for their personal appearance before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County on the 1st day of the next term to give evidence on behalf of the Commonwealth against William R Jones charged with felony. Thereupon the said Elijah Huffman together with Wm S Downes, A W Layton & George Mc Kempe his securities

acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to the Commonwealth the said Elijah Huffman in the sum of \$100. and the said Wm S Downes P M Layton & George W Kemper Jr. jointly in the like sum of One hundred dollars to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements and for the use of the Commonwealth, yet upon this condition that the said Elijah Huffman shall make his personal appearance before the Circuit Court of this County on the first day of the next term to give evidence on behalf of the Commonwealth against William R Jones charged with a felony, and not to depart thence without the leave of said Court, then this recognizance to be void else to remain in full force.

Be it remembered that Sarah Randall together with Wm S Downes P M Layton & George W Kemper Jr. her securities personally appeared in Court and acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, the said Sarah Randall in the sum of \$100 and the said Wm S Downes P M Layton & George W Kemper Jr. in the like sum of \$100. to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, and for the use of the Commonwealth, yet upon this condition that the said Sarah Randall shall make her personal appearance before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, then and there to give evidence on behalf of the Commonwealth against William R Jones who stands charged with felony, and not to depart thence without the leave of the said Court then this recognizance to become void, otherwise to remain in full force and Virtue

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Commonwealth

vs

Jones

Proceedings

J. H. Cant

Rockingham County to wit

To L W Gambell Clerk of the County Court

I J M Layton a Justice of the said County do hereby Certify that I have by my warrants this day Committed William R Jones to the Jail of this County that he may be examined before the County Court of the said County for a felony by him Committed In this that he did on the Night of the 13 of April 1857 in the said County feloniously break and enter a certain Mill the property of John Miller and not adjoining to or occupied with a dwelling house with intent the flour of the said John Miller in the said Mill then and there to steal Take and carry away and that he the said William R Jones two barrels of flour of the value of fifteen Dollars the property of the said John Miller then and there in the said Mill feloniously did steal Take & carry away
Given under my hand this 11th day of June 1857

J M Layton J.

Count

12 *Elberfeld*
Jones

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Rockingham County to wit

To W^m S Downs (Special) Constable of S^d Co.

Whereas Sallie Randol of said County has this day made complaint and information on oath before me J. M. Layton a Justice of the said County That William R Jones ^{in the night time} on the 13th day of April 1857 in said County did feloniously break and enter a certain Mill the property of John Miller and not adjoining to or occupied with the dwelling house of the said John Miller with intent the flour of the said John Miller in the said Mill then and there to steal, and that he the S^d William R Jones ^{did take} two Barrels of flour of the value of fifteen dolls (15^{ff}) of the property of said John Miller in the said Mill did feloniously steal take and carry away from said Mill These are therefore to command you in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia forthwith to apprehend the said W^m R Jones and bring him before me or some other Justice of the said County to answer the said complaint and to be farther dealt with according to law

Given under my hand and Seal this 10th day of June 1857

J. M. Layton J. P. Seal

Comwell
to J. P. P. P.
Jones

1857 June prison
sent to Circuit Court

1857 Oct. N. G. P. and
Verdict of Guilty & sent to
Penitentiary.

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1858

P. P. P.
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Examination of Mrs Jefferson Remond
Jan 9th 1857

Quest. Are you acquainted with Mr Jones

Ans. Not until he came to our house

Quest. How long have you known Mr Jones

Ans. He lived at Joseph Remond's, I have seen him pass and repass, I do not know how long it was, he came to our house last fall in seedling time and remained until he got married

Quest. Can you tell in what month he was married

Ans. She was free on Wednesday and married on Sunday the 19th of April to Mr Jones

Quest. Mr Jones lived close to you after he was married

Ans. Yes Sir

Quest. Did he live on the land of Jefferson Remond

Ans. No on Lige Buffum's Lot

Quest. Who did he work for whilst he lived there

Ans. He worked a little with our people

Quest. Mrs Remond was he at your house at the time you heard of the breaking open Missus Mice

Ans. Yes Sir right there

Quest. Previous to the breaking of that Mice did you hear any talk about breaking the Mice open

Ans. He said the fellow was sitting close to the Mice door in side, and he could break the door and get it

Quest. Did he say what way he could break the door. He did not say

Quest Did you hear Mr Jones say since the
breaking open that Mill, that he broke
it open

Ans. I heard him say he broke the
door open and got the flour

Quest How did Mr Jones look then were
others besides Mr Jones

Ans. There others

Quest What those were those

Barnes Adam Mompens Barnett and
Barnes Elish

Quest Did Mr Jones and these negroes return
to your house

Yes Sir all of them

Quest What passed between them

Ans. They ^{said} that a man and dog
got after them and Jones jumped
into the river, and pulled off his coat
and threw a rock in it, and threw
it in the river, and the rock fell
out, and the coat lodged in a
bush

Quest Did you see what sort of a coat
Jones had on when he left

Ans. Yes Sir, I saw what coat he
had on

Quest Would you know that coat now
if you were to see it

Ans. Yes Sir I would That is the
coat I know by the patch

Quest Did you patch that coat,

Ans. Margaret ^{Rampson} patched it, I got her
to do it when she was down at
Kirt-Baudens

Quest Mrs Remond did you know that Mr

Jones sold that coat

Ans. He never sold the coat it was a plan made between him and Jefferson Ransom. It was not sold for apples, nor anything else it was not sold at all, the coat was hanging there all the time

Qu. Tell us what time Mr Jones and the negroes left your house

Ans. About midnight

Qu. Do you know the reason why it was they were so late starting

Ans. They had been at Levi's smoke house or some where for meat

Qu. Did they bring in meat

Ans. they brought meat there but did not put in no house

Qu. Can you tell us what they did with the meat

Ans. They said they put it in a rock pile

Qu. What was the reason they put it in a rock pile

Ans. They said they were afraid some person would come and search for it

Qu. Do you know whether Mr Jones used that meat or not

Ans. He used of it

Qu. Did you ever have any conversation with Mr Jones about the taking of that meat

Ans. I talked to them both about it; and Jeff told me he would put 6 balls in me if I told it - and Jones

Threatened to cut my throat if I loved it.
Quar. Mr Bondar did you ever hear any
communication between Jeff and
Mr Jones about the burning of Annays
or Eutlys barn

Ans. No Sir I never heard that

Quar. What time in the morning did Mr
Jones and the negroes return

Ans. It was about light, when I
got up they were in the kitchen

Quar. How did Mr Jones look

Ans. He was wet all over

Quar. Was it wet-weather

Ans. No Sir, it was not raining
he said he jumped in the river

Quar. Did you ask him the cause of
his jumping in the river

Ans. Yes Sir

Quar. What was the cause

He said a man and dog got after
them and he had to take water
(The Ind was the man)

Quar. Did you hear Mr Jones say any
— thing about the breaking of
that mill, Yes Sir. I heard him
say he took the door open and
took a Bbl of flour on his
shoulder and went out, and came
with it on his shoulder

Quar. Did you ever hear Jeff Bondar
and Mr Jones speak of taking a
horse out of the pasture or John
Harpers

Ans. I never heard anything but
Jones did not live as can hear them

Quest. Mrs. Bondal The boy of Mr & Davous
that run off from the time that the
mill was broken open until a short
time since, can you tell whether Mr
Jones and that negro, were together
during that time

Ans. I heard him say that he had talk
— ed to him in the road once

Quest. Mrs. Bondal, was Mr Jones in the
habit of sleeping by himself at
your house or did any one of your
boys sleep with him

Ans. He slept by himself 2 or 3 months

Quest. Mrs. Bondal ^{was} your sons at home the
night of the breaking open the mill

Ans. William and Lige was at home
Dick, was gone to Winchester

Quest. Did you hear either of them say that
Mr Jones was absent that night

Ans. I heard Lige ask where he
was traveling that night that he
was not up stairs

Questions By Jones asked by Ryan

Q. Did I not go to bed that night
with Lige

Ans. No Sir he slept by the window
by himself

Quest. Did we not go to bed that night

Ans. He went up stairs, I don't think
he went to bed anywhere, did not stay
long enough to go to bed anywhere

Quest. Did he not come down next morning
No Sir he was sitting in the kitchen
by the fire and wet, and said he was
next frozen

Quest How he came to tell you he was going to commit this crime,

Ans. I heard him talking about it in the kitchen, and he slipped in the yard and was talking about and knew how he was to get it.

Quest At the time the meat was brought did you see Mr Jones bring any of the meat

Ans. Yes, the negro, and Jeff, were all together in the yard and the meat was there.

Quest Did you not threaten to tell something on me, when I told John Lewis that that runaway negro was there

Ans. No sir

Quest Evidence of Margaret Randal
Margaret have you any recollection of mending a coat owned by Mr Jones,

Ans. Yes sir

Quest Did Mr Jones employ you to mend that coat

Ans. No sir

Quest Who did employ you

Ans. Aunt Lacy Randal

Quest Do you think you would know the coat - if you would see it

Ans. Yes sir

Quest Is this the coat

Ans. Yes Sir this is the coat

Quest Did you ever see him wear it after it was mended

Ans. I do not recollect.

Do you know why it was your Aunt
Sally Boudoe employed you to mend
it, Aunt. I was staying with Mr
Breeders' wife and they told me that
if I would stay with Mr Boudoe wife
she would furnish me with work (his

Sally Boudoe would furnish the work
Quint Did you ever hear Sally Boudoe say
that Wm Jones was engaged in
breaking open Mice's Mill

Aunt. Not until today

Quint Did you ever see that coat about
Boudoes

Aunt. I saw it in the kitchen

Quint How long was it before the break-
ing of the Mill that you saw
the coat

Aunt. I don't know.

Quint What paid you for mending the
coat

Aunt. Mr Jones gave me 20 cents
for mending that and another

Quint } Do you think that Mrs Boudoe
by Ryan } was mad with W. Jones when she
told you today that Jones was
engaged in breaking open Mice's
Mill

Aunt. No Sir I don't think she
was mad, she talked like she
was in a good humor

Quint by } Did you ever hear that the coat
Byam } was laid before the Mill was
broken open,

No Sir, Not until the mill was
broken open

Querry } Who told you first I think I
Hyon } heard it at Maees first also
Wm Jones wife told me

Querry } Did you ever hear against Wm
R } Jones any charge before he was
married, yes Sir

Querry } Did you ever hear Mrs Bondar
R } say anything against Mr Jones
until the difficulty arose between
Jones and Bondar

Ans. I never heard anything until
they were arrested, I did not see
her for about six weeks

Evidence of Judd

Querry } Have you any recollection of
the day Millers Mill was broken
open

Ans. I recollect it was on earth-

Sunday night

Querry } What Time in the night

Ans. About 4 60

Querry } How came you to know it
was that Time

Ans. After I locked them to
the stable, I went to the house
to put on my cloths, and the
clock struck 4

Querry } Mr Judd how came you to find
out

Ans. My dog commenced barking
and went under the house and
waked me

Querry } You then got up and went
out Ans. Yes Sir

Quest What did you see.

Ans. When I went around the corner there was a man standing half way between when the team was found and the house, and there a sack of the dog.

Quest Did you encourage the dog.

Ans. Yes Sir I let the dog on and he ran down to when the other man was standing at the flour.

Quest Did you see anything of him after - crosses

Ans. I followed them down as far as when Mr. Jones lived between my home and the mill, they down the - up the water then the little pond and turned up towards my stable and when they turned up then you heard the 2 Bkes of flour fall and saw the man run up to them right at the mill between the saw mill and my stable.

Quest How far was the mill from that Bke of flour. about 20- or 25- yards

Quest Did you see them after they run up to the stable.

Ans. I saw them cross the race the little bridge at the saw mill then of them.

Quest Mr. Judd did you think the man that had the Bke of flour on his back crossed the race.

Ans. I think he did.

Quest Do you think that either of the men

who were at the Bke of flour on
the river

Ans. No Sir I do not know

Quar. Can you tell whether they were
black or white,

Ans. No Sir

Quar. Mr Judd There was a coat found
there do you know at what time
the coat was seen there

Ans. No Sir

Quar. Have you seen That coat since
it was found Yes Sir

Quar. Is that the coat

Ans. That is the same coat

Quar. Have you any recollection of
of seeing the coat before it was
found Yes Sir

Quar. Who was the owner of that coat

Ans. I do not know, I saw Mr
Jones with it on some time last
winter, He went down the river
and when he went down it was
pretty good coat and when he
came back it was burnt - so
I heard him say

Quar. Do you know who it was that
patched the coat

Ans. No Sir, I once heard that
a black person owned that coat
until I heard ^{Mr Johnson} Jeff ~~Bond~~ say
that Jeff Bond told him that
Mr Jones had traded it to a
black person for a bushel or
half bushel of apples on Sunday
or Sunday week before Easter

Quest by 3 You say you only saw three
deft persons

Ans. There was all I saw
Quest The third person you saw ^{was} the
deft one that let the BTB of flour
fall in answer

Quest Have you any recollection of
deft the size of the third person or
one who let the BTB fall

Ans. I think about 5 feet high

Quest Do you think the size of either
deft of those persons were about the
size of Mr Jones,

Ans. I think ^{the} one at the upper
benches would correspond with the
size of Mr Jones

Quest Do you think the tallest person
deft was a white person

Ans. I cannot say

Quest Was the night dark No Sir
deft the moon shone

Quest Had either of those men on a
deft coat similar to the one here
exhibited

Ans. I don't know

Quest Have you had any conversation
deft with Mrs Randall since the break
— ing of the mill

Ans. No Sir

Quest Did you see those bags
deft yes Sir after I went back

Quest Whose bags

Ans. Dr Kempus name was
on one of them

Quest Did you examine the bags

Ans. Yes Sir I saw That Their
had been meat in them
Quest. Do you know anything about
The peab, Ans. Yes Sir I picked
it up and I saw some on it at
The upper corner, I think

Testimony of Mr. Lachie

Quest. Do you know anything of the flock
That was taken out of the Mill
Ans. Yes Sir I saw the flock that was
taken out

Quest. Do you recollect the time it was
eaten Monday morning

Quest. Do you recollect the peab given by
Mr Brown

Ans. Yes Sir, I found it was written
by Mr Brown to let Adam peab to
Mr Wymant, in Albemarle, do you

Quest. recollect seeing on that peab the
name of Jones

Ans. No Sir

Quest. Did you hear any noise before day
Ans. No Sir

Quest. Who found the coat

Ans. I think Sgt. Ponderster

Quest. Was the coat seen by any white person
before it was taken out

Ans. No Sir

Quest. by Do you recollect how long it was
left after the flock was taken that the
coat was found Ans. No Sir

Carden of Mr Johnson

Quest Mr Johnson Tell us about the time the Mill was broken open

Ans. It was easter monday morning of the 13th about 3 or 4 6^o

Quest In what way was it got open

Ans. By getting out a window and opening the door inside

Quest What part of the Mill was the flour taken from

Ans. Neer the door when it was taken out

Quest Do you recollect of Mr Jones being there a short time before the mill was broken open

Ans. Yes Sir I think it was the week before Not over two weeks I know

Quest Had he any business with you

Ans. Yes Sir he bought castings from me

Quest Do you recollect of seeing the coat that was found before it was brought to the Mill

Ans. No Sir I dont recollect what sort of a coat he had on

Quest by Was Mr Jones in any other part of the Dept. Mill

Ans. No Sir I dont think he was in any other floor ~~but~~ the lower

Quest So that the floor where the flour is kept Ans Yes Sir

Quest by Was Mr Jones about the floor when the flour was taken out

Ans. Not nearer than the scales Neer the door

Quest Was the castings weighed the day he came

he came after them

Ans. Yes sir and he left immediately

Cardene Phoebe Rondo Jones Witness

Quest. That morning you came in the
Kitchin Kitchin at Jeff Rondo's
do you know that I was wet

Ans. It was on Ester Monday a
little after Sun up I did not put
my hands on him, I do not know
whether he was wet or dry he had
his boots off

Quest. Was Jeff Rondo's wife up when
you came to the house

Ans. I went into the Kitchin first
and Jeff took me to go into the house
and Sally was ~~laying~~ in the bed
when I went in

Quest. Was she dressed or undressed

Ans. She was dressed or had on her

Quest. Did you see me come out of the ^{chub}
house and go into the Kitchin when
you came near the gate

Ans. No sir you was in the Kitchin
when I first saw you Jeff and
three black boys was there I took
one to be Adam

Quest by
Court. Mrs Rondo did you notice what
sort of paper or papers Mr Jones
was reading at the time you saw
him in the Kitchin

Ans. No sir Two little dirty papers
2 1/2 or 3 inches wide folded up with
writing on them, I saw him hand them
to one of the black boys

Quar Did the papers have the appearance
of being wet No Sir

Examine the E. Jones,

Quar Were you at Jeff Rannels on Sunday
Sft And saw Jeff Randal a coat to
a negro for apples, Yes Sir I did
and I think about 12 barrels

Quar Did you hear Jeff tell him it was
Sft my coat

Ans. Yes Sir, I did that he did not
expect you to wear it any more

Quar Was it 2 or 3 weeks before Easter

Sft Ans. One week

Quar Did you see Jeff give me apples

Sft Ans. Yes Sir, I did also Hambus
Austin

Quar Did Jeff tell you the names of negroes

Sft I do not recollect

Quar Did you see Jeff deliver the coat to

Sft the negro. I did.

Quar Do you recollect where he got the

Sft coat, Ans. I think out of the kitchen
hanging on one of the joist pieces

Quar Was Dick or Lige there.

Sft Ans. Yes they were playing marbles
in the yard

Quar Do you think you ever saw

Sft the coat after that time

Ans. I saw it at the mill, This
is the coat-

Quar What time was the coat traded

Sft off Ans. Soon in the
morning

Quar How many negroes then that morning

Ans. I think three

Quest. How many had apples

Ans. None but the one that I
saw make the trade

Quest. Did they trade in the kitchen
or yard

Ans. At the kitchen door

Evidence of Sally Randall

Quest. Have you any recollection
that Jeff sold the coat Sunday,
before Easter (his W^m Jones' coat)

Ans. He never sold Jones coat
for apples

Quest. Was any negroes there Sunday
before Easter,
I do not know

Quest. Who was about from town the
Sunday before Easter
Kirt-Bauman and wife

Quest. Do you Recollect whether Thos
E Jones was was there the Sunday
before Easter in company
with Hankins Austin

Elijah Huffman Evidence

Quest. Did you see Thos E Jones and
Hankins Austin at Jeff Randalls
Easter Sunday

Ans. No Sir

Quest. Did you see three negroes there
on Easter Sunday,
I don't recollect

Quest. Did Mr Randall have apples on
Easter Sunday at his home

Ans. I don't recollect

April 11th 1857

Mrs Mary Bailey

Quest Have you seen the coat that was found at Millers Mill before or since the opening of the mill

Ans. Before Sir

Quest When did you see that coat
I saw it on W. Jones

Quest Is this the coat

It looks like the same coat but badly treated since I saw it

Quest Have you had any conversation with W. Jones about the coat since it was found No Sir

Quest Have you had any conversation with Elish Jones, about the coat

Ans. Yes Sir

Quest Tell us what that conversation was, when or where that conversation took place, at my house, what was that conversation.

Ans. The tale came out that the coat was found, I told Elish Jones that it was suspicious to be Kirk Breddens, the answer was it was a dreadful thing

Quest How long before the opening of the mill was it that you saw the coat

Ans. Some time in the winter

Evidence Ely & Haffman

Ques Mr Haffman you spoke of being
at Jeff Randols Sunday before
Easter

Ans Sir I was there

Ques Did you remain there all day
Ans I was not

Q What time in the day

Ans got my dinner there

Wm A May sworn

Ques Mr May were you about trading
with Wm Jones some time before
the Trecking open Miller (mill)
for an over coat which said
Wm Jones owned

Ans Sir
on Saturday evening before the
mill was broken open I asked
him to sell me the over coat
he said he would, and going
on up when we got to Jeff
Randols, he asked me to come
in and get it - I told him I
could get it any other day, and
on Tuesday after the mill was
broken open, I asked him, he said
he has forgotten, he had sold it
to a negro

Ques Are you certain Mr May that it
was Saturday, Ans Sir I am certain

Ques Did I tell you that I had sold it -
or that Mr Randol had sold it -
Ans you said you had sold it -
as I understood it

Ques
Ans

Quert You are certain it was after this
of damage that I told you this
coat was seen Yes Sir I am certain

Quert } (Mr Henry I suppose you are well
By Com acquainted with the coat as you
were about buying it - without seeing
it at that time,

Ans. I was acquainted with it -

Quert What opportunity had you to know
Com that coat -

Ans. He kept his horse at my
Brother's and had the coat there
a good while, and he located the
same time that I did, and he
wore the coat on the river -

Quert Is this the coat exhibited to you now
Com Yes Sir this is the coat - it was burnt
at Kemper's Falls on Shenandoah river

Quert How long was it before this damage
Def- was done that you saw the coat -

Ans. About the last of July
He had loaned it to Benj. Many
to go down the river, Many wore
it down the river and fetched
it back The last time I saw it
was in Port Republic Many told
me he was going to take it home
to W. Jones and get his own coat -

(E. Hoffman)

[E] What time in the evening did you
leave there

Ans. About one hour by day

Quert Have you any recollection of seeing
W. Jones coat in the kitchen

Ans. I do recollect

Quest. Have you any recollection of
Seeing the coat of Jeff Randall
at any time afterwards

Ans. I saw it There Easter Sunday
evening hanging on a pole

Quest. Now come you to see the coat

Dft. I saw it hanging There

Quest. Are you certain that was
Dft. Easter Sunday,

Ans. Yes I am

Quest. Do you know that I sent the
Dft. coat There - I do not

Quest. Is this the coat

Ans. Yes Sir it is

Quest. You say you did not see any
Dft. Negroes there That Sunday

Ans. Sir I did not

Quest. Mr Huffman did you lend Jeff
Randall any of D. Humphreys bags
a short time before the breaking
of Meers Mill

Ans. I sent him some bags
previous to breaking of the
mill do not know how long

Abraham Mosher

Quest. Mr Mosher did you see the coat That was
found near Meers Mill a short
time after the mill was broken open

Ans. I saw a coat that was
picked up out of the river near
my wood pile

Quest. Did you examine that coat

Ans. I would know the coat if

I could see it - now

To the best of my knowledge that
is the coat, it was ^{then} wet and now
dry all the difference I can
see

Q. Tell us who found that coat
A black boy I have hired about
12 years ago, he was chopping wood
at wood pile, I missed him from
the wood pile, went down to the
gate to see where he was, saw
him coming up from the bank
of the river to the wood pile
with coat in his hand, I then
sent Mr. Meen word, who came
over and got it

That occurred the same morning
the flour was taken, I saw the
flour standing on the opposite
bank before the coat was found

Q. Mr. Proctor, you live near Meen's
Mill, as you do, do you know
anything about the fastening of
the door that was broken open
on that occasion

A. I can't say that I do
Q. Tell us how it was formerly
fastened

A. When my father owned
the mill it was fastened with
A Hook & Latch

On John

Quest When did you find these bags
Ans. At the floor 13th above
the mill, where the flour
was taken

Quest Have you ever found any
owner for this bag No Sir

(Bags exhibited)

Mrs Sally Rendal

Quest Do you know anything about
this bag

Ans. I think it was in my kitchen
the other was in the window
at the kitchen.

The one with ^{Says} Dr Humphreys name
on it, I patched



This blood made this 13th
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