

Combs is Wilkinson - I am a black boy about 12 years of age Swoon  
my name is Jerome Sam Wilson Colesburg, Iowa, called so <sup>in the family</sup> mother's name  
is Mary ant Jane Frances, Father's name is Sam Kenely -  
throat cut on Tuesday morning, Tom Wilkinson did it, was behind  
a big oak log. I found the place yesterday, was about half a mile from  
when I lived, no one was with me, I was in the woods, was going to  
the coaling to work - when going to coaling my throat was cut on  
Tuesday morning about half an hour by sun - my brother Henry  
was with me when I left home - we went together about half  
a mile, I then gave him the basket of vegetables & told him I  
would overtake him, Tom came on walking very fast, he was  
coming from towards the coaling, through a little piece of woods  
& got within 25 yards of me, when I started to run, Tom through Scott's  
field he must have gone through he caught me down there, he  
caught me right in Mr Scott's field, he picked me & carried me  
across the water & tied a rag over my face, I ran about 1/2 a mile  
from when I started to when he caught me - I was running  
in the direction of home, I was about half a mile from the house  
then, the way now was clearer than the road, after trying to run  
on my head filled my mouth with leaves, & put his foot on my  
head, I then grabbed the knife & cut my fingers, he took the knife  
out of my hand set his foot on my head & that is the last I remember  
the next thing I remember I waked up, it seemed as if I had just  
been asleep - I ~~thrust~~ came down to a little spring where I  
had a round water trough, then I knew where I was - when  
I waked up my throat was cut, then I went to the house  
my mother was not there, then I went to Mrs Randall,  
she was there - I do not think my throat was bleeding  
when I came to - the blood had run down on my shirt -  
I went to Mrs Randall, and climbed on the fence. they all  
kept such a noise that Mr Eutychus came there - Tom lived  
on Mr Scott's place, at the time he cut my throat my mother lived  
there to they both lived together, I lived there too, Tom was not good  
to me, he whipped before that was all, many a time he said he would  
chop my head off with a shovel, own from <sup>him</sup> because I knew he was mad  
or something wrong with him - I could tell by his looks - It was  
about a half mile from the house where I sat down and  
about 200 yards from that to when he caught me, I will be 12 years  
old 8<sup>th</sup> month - was on a Tuesday morning about 1/2 mile from  
home stopped to do my business - was about 1/2 mile to coaling  
wasn't there 15 minutes before Tom came - he did not fetch anything up  
my clothes when he came, I don't now I am sure I was there Henry  
had not been gone more than 15 min - I ran before he got  
to me - I ran towards Scott's, caught me in the woods

found myself behind big oak log, and went to a spring, do not know it was done, went round the field, did not like cross the fences about 1/2 mile from home where he caught me - ~~comment~~ on my hands & knees to the ground, threw my on the ground, cut half dozen licks on the throat, no body at home when I got there - Henry said nothing to me - I told him I would visit him, Henry had not got more than 200 yards before Tom came, when Tom caught me said nothing to me, ~~but~~ could not talk to another mind came out of my wind pipe - could did not talk to Eutter or Kemper could not talk to be understood - could my head with an old quarry rag - know no difference between rag & licks - Tom had an old paper blade at Crutis ground - never said any body else did it - mother says nothing to me about it, was not right to myself when I got home - was weak by loss of blood, had to crawl home - ~~he~~ commenced cutting my throat after pulling his foot on me, I was very much alarmed, cannot say certainly how, cuts he gave me on the throat - suppose he cut me half a dozen times - carried me about 100 yards before he cut me, could not see, did not speak to me, saw & heard no one, do not know whether I hollowed or not could not cry out leave me in my mouth - I went to Dawson & broke his cow leg - Dawson whipped, know Tom would whip me when I saw him - am right handed left hand is cut, would strike with my right hand

D. G. W. Kemper sworn - I swam in ~~throat~~ probably an hour after it was cut, bleeding had ceased when I got there - was a bad cut, appears as indicated 2 or more cuts, ~~were~~ <sup>about half off</sup> about 2 inches, wind pipe not cut entirely ~~through~~ <sup>air</sup> escaped from wind pipe - suppose the wound was given with something in the nature of a knife, though probably not a very sharp one - I sharp knife applied with the same force would probably have killed him - there was a great deal from a cut of the kind, on to the same extent on either side I think would have produced death - when I saw he was in bed, with his throat tied up - removed the cloth, no occurrence of the bleeding - I am not able to say whether he was much recalled or not - he talked any little, I directed him not to talk, could not talk with facility, mind of the wound, could not talk intelligibly until wound was dressed - paid no attention to condition of his mind at the time - did not discern that his mind was deranged - heard him speak but a few words & they were scarcely intelligible - did not ask him who cut him - do not recollect that he told me who cut him

Eustice was there when I arrived probably Tom Scott also. Tom came  
while I was dressing, Tom thought he came to the door & exclaimed  
"Good God, what is the matter," he then stepped back several paces &  
took a seat on the yard, after a little while he came into  
the house passed by bed & took <sup>as usual</sup> asked no more questions; did  
not come to the bed to look at. God - when I was leaving the  
house Tom I think asked me whether the boy dangerous  
and requested me to attend the boy that he would pay for it.  
I was 15 or 20 min in the house after Tom came in - do not  
know the day I noted so - I think Tom was taken up <sup>that</sup>  
night -

Geo. W. Eustice - sworn - I was at Mrs Randall's on the day  
Tom's throat was cut, it was the same day after dark Tom was taken up  
do not know the time exactly, suppose was in the latter part of May  
or first of June am not certain about the time, was the day the woman  
was injured, I saw her standing in Mrs Randall's yard with the throat  
cut. I sent for the Doctor - one of Mr Scott's sons went. I think I did not  
see Tom then, Tom came in 1 1/2 or 2 hours I suppose - the D. arrived before  
Tom, was not in the house when Tom got there, I heard or saw no manifestation  
of anxiety on the part of Tom about the boy's situation - on the presence  
of Tom I questioned the boy, Tom seemed to try to change the conversation -  
I told Tom I believed he did it, I searched him he had no knife -  
Tom left the house, I intended to have arrested him but did not tell  
him so - he moved pretty quick after leaving the house, did not follow  
immediately - I went in company with other examiners the ground  
where the boy said the cut was done - in a separate - on the sand of  
the creek I found a fresh track, Scott had tramped it out - found  
other indistinct tracks, found other tracks - as if the person were moving  
rapidly, took the measure of the tracks carefully, saw other tracks  
in the direction indicated by boy, found other tracks - corresponding  
with the others, hunted for the place where the boy said the deed was  
done could find no blood, saw no small tracks up there, the next day  
found tracks about size of boys - in the direction he said he had run  
the largest small tracks came together near a creek in some  
soft sand & leaves near by near near Scott's field in  
rather open ground with scattered bushes, must be con-  
sidered open land - about 15 steps of Scott's field - close to water  
or run - did not follow tracks far - Compared land tracks with  
Tom's foot correspond exactly, do not mean the shot track  
the mud was too deep. I thought it was the Boy's track  
did not compare to Yes sir I was one of the party who arrested  
the person he gave no amount of himself appeared willing  
to go as a collier, was cooling for labour at the time - do  
not know much about coalery - suppose a man might start  
unknown at least from coal pit - I come, collier, would pass  
near Mrs Randall's - he told me <sup>my</sup> Shifflett cut his throat -  
with great difficulty, said another man was present but  
did not interfere - said he had done heard the deed, when  
he told me Shifflett did it Tom was not present -

I think I told <sup>him</sup> to tell the truth, & he would be protected - I told him  
I believed he was lying - I went back same evening to see boy, said he would  
tell me truth - voluntarily, told me Tom had cut his throat, said he  
did not know any thing about his former statements - & said he did  
not recollect any thing about what he had formerly said - I did not  
know about the boy, and out of his mind - about a mile ~~from~~  
from that place to coaling - boy did not describe the place, said  
he was blind fold - & the first place he found himself was at the spring  
I went there & found no blood - did not notice whether there was any  
blood on Tom when I searched him - heard them boy murdered early  
in day, went there & found the boy with his throat cut, arrested Tom  
at his board on the same day - went with <sup>to</sup> the shew on place but  
could not find it - in all my searches found no evidence of blood  
I told me it was near a Cedar that his throat was cut, & that he thought  
it was done with an old razor, said he could not see - his <sup>head</sup> eyes  
were tied up with an old rag, said he did hallo - How never had any  
misunderstanding with the prisoners, have done nothing in the matter  
but what I conceived to be my duty

Amos Scott Sworn - <sup>Randalls</sup> Went to Mrs Eulester's house & found <sup>to</sup> Laying in  
bed with his throat cut, found O'Kempfer & Eulester then aided in <sup>the</sup> <sup>boy's</sup> <sup>throat</sup>  
throat, went out to see Eulester's house returned & found Tom in the house  
Eulester told the boy he had not told the truth, & accused Tom of cutting the boy  
throat. Tom denied it, seemed to be uneasy - and in a short time  
left the house, when leaving he told Kempfer to attend to the boy and  
he would pay him - went <sup>to</sup> examine where <sup>the</sup> <sup>boy</sup> <sup>said</sup>  
said the act was done, but could find no indications, went to  
the coal pit, but did not find Tom, the next day went to see the boy  
& inquired <sup>what</sup> him with the propriety of speaking the truth, in searching after-  
wards found tracks of a person, made apparently by one moving rapidly  
about the size of Tom's tracks, found a small horse foot track near  
the largest track, the day the boy's throat was cut, Tom as backwards &  
forwards between the pit & the house was frequent - in the morning when  
I first went to the house I said Shufflet did it - Tom was not present,  
I told me his throat was cut with a razor blade, because he felt it  
when he caught it in his hand, which was cut, saw blood on where  
saw on blood on Tom, did not examine him - Boy said Tom  
cut his throat, Tom I think was not present at the time,

For the Defense - Henry - Negro Boy (Sworn) -  
I went to <sup>the</sup> <sup>mountain</sup> <sup>went</sup> <sup>up</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>road</sup> <sup>3/4</sup> <sup>mile</sup>, I stopped told me to  
go on he would overtake me, I went on - did not know what he stopped  
for, stopped on the hill called Tom went back, but did not find  
him, went 200 yards before it turned back - then went to the coaling  
& find Tom eating <sup>his</sup> <sup>breakfast</sup> to know, asked me when he  
was, the morning was damp, Tom took up a shovel & said was  
going to the pit - went from Pit home with Tom -