

The State vs Roland Rice

Affidavit

The State of Alabama }  
 Baldwin County }  
 Know all men by these presents:-  
 Before me, H. J. Davis, Justice of the Peace, in and for said  
 County, personally appeared Charity Harris who being duly  
 sworn, deposes and says that she has probable cause for  
 believing and does believe, that in said State and County that  
 Roland Rice did assault and beat Charity Harris  
 with a stick, against the peace and dignity of the State  
 of Alabama.  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
 December, 1907,  
 H. J. Davis, Justice of the Peace.

Sheriff's Return

Said Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1907, presented by arresting Roland Rice  
 Returned Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1908  
 R. P. Slaughter.

Bond

The State of Alabama }  
 Baldwin County }  
 We Roland Rice, Principal, and Sigh  
 Rice, Charley Costick & Gaston Beerham his securities, acknowledge our  
 selves indebted to the State of Alabama, in the sum of One Hundred  
 & fifty Dollars to be void if the said Roland Rice appear before  
 the next term of the Circuit Court 1908 and from time to time  
 thereafter, until legally discharged and answer the charge of assault  
 with a stick preferred against him by Charity Harris as a  
 part of the consideration of this bond, we, the principal  
 and securities, do hereby waive all our exemption and  
 homestead rights under the Constitution and Laws of  
 the State of Alabama, to any property, real or personal,  
 as to the collection of the penalty of this bond.

Witness our hands and seals this 11 day of Jan 1908.  
 Approved this 11 day }  
 of Jan. 11 1908 }  
 H. J. Davis }  
 Roland Rice  
 August Rice  
 Charley Costick  
 Gaston Beerham

Organization of Court and Grand Jury

The State of Alabama }  
 Baldwin County }  
 Circuit Court  
 Spring Term, 1908  
 Be it remembered that a Court was begun  
 and held for the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama

on the Fourth Monday in March, 1908, the same being the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of the Month, His Honor Saml B. Counce, Judge presiding, also were present the Clerk of said Court and the Sheriff of said County, when the following proceedings were had: And now comes Thomas A. Booth, Sheriff of said County and returns into Court his Venire Facias, served upon the following good and lawful men who had been duly and regularly drawn in accordance with law to serve as Grand Jurors at the present term of the Circuit Court to wit: R. L. Guille Jr, H. M. Slaughter, Arrie Stapleton, T. L. Ferguson, H. C. Minwiddie, Chas. F. Swan, W. D. Cleverdon, L. O. McPherson, Hector Smith, H. M. Gilly, H. C. Staples, E. M. Strong, Theo. A. Johnson, J. B. Vaughn, Geo. H. Hayle, G. N. Hayes, J. H. Underwood, E. M. Watters and Joseph Menzel, all of whom answered to their names except H. M. Slaughter, Hector Smith and Theo. A. Johnson and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that the said H. M. Slaughter, Hector Smith and Theo. A. Johnson have good and sufficient excuse for their non-attendance, it is ordered by the Court that they be and are excused. And the following of said persons, so summoned to serve as Grand Jurors were then duly examined as to qualification by the Court, and were then duly and legally empanelled sworn and charged by the Court, H. C. Minwiddie having been appointed and sworn by the Court as foreman of said Grand Jury: R. L. Guille Jr, Arrie Stapleton, T. L. Ferguson, Chas. F. Swan, W. D. Cleverdon, L. O. McPherson, H. M. Gilly, H. C. Staples, E. M. Strong, J. B. Vaughn, Geo. H. Hayle, G. N. Hayes, J. H. Underwood, E. M. Watters and Joseph Menzel and the said Grand Jury then retired under the charge of Walter H. Sibley who had been duly appointed and sworn by the Court as Bailiff to said Grand Jury.

And the said Grand Jury among other indictments returned the following:

Indictments:

The State of Alabama ( Circuit Court,  
 Baldwin County ) Spring Term, 1908

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before the finding of this indictment Roland Rice assaulted and beat Charity Harris. And said Grand Jury further charge that before the finding of this indictment Roland Rice assaulted Charity Harris