

No. 17. *Booth vs Major Ridley*

The State of Alabama,) Justice Court of,
Baldwin County)

Personally appeared before me, D. C. Byrne, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, J. A. Booth Sheriff, who being duly sworn, says on oath that Major Ridley, within 30 days before making this affidavit in said County, unlawfully and with malice and thought did assault Mrs. Bot Jones the wife of Bot Jones, with the intent to murder her by shooting her with a gun, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

J. A. Booth

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 1st day of August 1908.
D. C. Byrne, J. P. & off. J.

The State of Alabama,)
Baldwin County)

To any lawful officer of said County greeting: You are hereby commanded to Arrest Major Ridley and bring him before me at my office in said County to answer the State of Alabama on a charge of Assault with intent to murder Mrs. Bot Jones preferred by J. A. Booth

Witness my hand this 1st day of August, 1908

D. C. Byrne, J. P. & off. J.

Witnesses for the State, Mrs. Bot Jones, Bot Jones, J. A. Booth

Received in office this 1st day of Aug., 1908.

Executed by arresting the within named defendant and the said defendant and put him in jail.

J. A. Booth, Sheriff.

The State of Alabama,)
Baldwin County)

Circuit Court,
Fall Term, 1908

Organization of Court and Grand Jurors

Be it remembered that a Court was begun and held for the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama on the Fourth Monday in October, 1908, the same being the 26th day of the month; His Honor Daniel B. Browne, 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:
Wm. Tompkins, P. M. Adams, John Mobley, J. G. Bradley, Chas. Head,
James Byars, Joe Fennicar, M. C. Underwood, Oscar Johnson,
J. D. Group, Thomas Hadley, J. B. Gunn, G. B. Childress, W. B.
Thomley, N. Washon, G. R. Suarez, J. P. Lipscomb & Tillman
Lambert.

All of whom, answered to their names except M. C. Underwood
and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that
the said M. C. Underwood has a good and sufficient excuse for
his non attendance. It is ordered by the Court that he be, and
is excused. It is further ordered by the Court that W. M.
Adams (who was present in Court) be and he is excused upon
a sufficient excuse being rendered. 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. W. M. Bradley having been appointed and sworn by the
Court as Foreman of said Grand Jury; W. M. Tompkins, John
Mobley, Chas. Head, James Byars, Joe Fennicar, Oscar Johnson,
J. D. Group, Thos. Hadley, J. B. Gunn, G. B. Childress, J. B. Thomley,
N. Washon, G. R. Suarez, J. P. Lipscomb and Tillman Lambert.

And the said Grand Jury then retired under the charge of W. O. Cook
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:

Indictment

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

The Grand Jury of said County charge that, before the
finding of this Indictment, Major Ridley, unlawfully and with
malice aforethought assaulted Carrie Jones with the intent to
murder her.

And said Grand Jury further charge that before the finding
of this Indictment Major Ridley, whose name is to this
Grand Jury unknown otherwise than covered in this Indictment
unlawfully and with malice aforethought assaulted Carrie Jones
with the intent to murder him, against the peace and dignity
of the State of Alabama.

James H. Starnes,
Clerk of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

Endorsed.

No Prosecutor A true bill
J. T. Bradley, Foreman of the Grand Jury
Witnesses: T. A. Booth, Carver Jones, Bob Jones.

Bail fixed in open Court at Three Hundred Dollars, this 30th day
Oct. 1908.

Samuel B. Browne, Judge.
Filed in open Court 30th day of October, 1908.
J. M. V. Clerk.

Capias

The State of Alabama }
Ballwin County } To any sheriff of the State of Alabama,
An Indictment having been found against Major
Ridley at the Fall Term 1908 of the Circuit Court of
Ballwin County, for the offense of Assault with intent
to Murder, you are therefore commended forthwith to
arrest the said defendant and commit him to jail
unless he give Bail to answer said indictment, and
that you return this writ according to law.
Dated this 30th day of Oct. 1908.
J. M. V. Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Ballwin County.

Executed the within writ by arresting the within defendant
and committed him to jail. Feb 18, 1909,
E. L. Hagdon, Sheriff Jefferson Co
by E. L. Newman, D.S.