

AFFIDAVIT

1036

Moore Printing Co., Bay Minette, Ala

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF  
FRANK P. PROPST

Before me, FRANK P. PROPST, Justice of the Peace

in and for said County, personally appeared Taylor Wilkins who, being  
duly sworn, deposes and says on oath that he has probable cause for believing and does believe that, in said county, on  
or about Aug 2-1948 that one Freda A. Abercrombie

unlawfully and with malice aforethought killed  
Willard Lee Abercrombie by shooting him with a  
22 rifle against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2  
day of Aug A. D. 1948  
Frank P. Propst, J. P.

Taylor Wilkins

WARRANT

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY LAWFUL OFFICER OF SAID COUNTY, GREETINGS:

You are hereby commaded to arrest Freda A. Abercrombie  
and bring her

before me to answer the State of Alabama on a charge  
murder

and have you then and there this writ with your return thereon

Witness my hand this 2 day of Aug, 1948  
Frank P. Propst, J. P.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
BALDWIN COUNTY  
**FRANK P. PROPST**  
JUSTICE COURT OF

**AFFIDAVIT**

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
vs.

Freda A. Abercrombie

WITNESSES FOR THE STATE:

Taylor Wilkins  
Nelson Embles  
Joe Rickman  
Boots Willis  
B. L. Cobb

JUSTICE COURT OF  
**BALDWIN COUNTY**  
**WARRANT OF ARREST**  
**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

vs.

Freda A. Abercrombie

Executed this 7 day of Aug., 1948

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing her in Jail

Taylor Wilkins, Sheriff  
H. F. Hall, Deputy Sheriff

0 miles

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin County

We, Freda Abercrombie, as

principal, and undersigned as sureties, agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of \$2,500.00

Twenty Five Hundred DOLLARS

unless the said Freda Abercrombie appear at the

next Term, 1948 of the Grand Jury Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,

and from term to term thereafter until discharged by law, to answer a criminal prosecution for the offense of

Murder

We hereby waive as to all amounts that may become due hereunder the benefit of all laws exempting personal property from levy and sale under execution or other process for the collection of debt, by constitution or laws of the State of Alabama, and we hereby severally certify that we have property over and above all debts, liabilities, exemptions and this bond to the amount of: real property of the value of \$2,000.00 and personal property of the value of \$1,000.00.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Baldwin County, Ala.

Freda Abercrombie (Seal)

E. J. Scott (Seal)

L. P. Halaway (Seal)

W. J. [unclear] (Seal)

Taken and approved this the 17 day of

Aug 1948

Lloyd Wilkins, Sheriff

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Sheriff

No. \_\_\_\_\_

The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_ COURT

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The State

VS.

Sheriff's Appearance Bond

Amount of Bond, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA, VI  
Cullman, Ala.

I hereby certify that I have examined  
the liabilities of the within named  
sureties, and find them to be sufficient  
for the amount of this bond, and would  
approve the same in my county.

This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_

August 4<sup>th</sup>  
J. D. Hyatt  
Sheriff of Cullman County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

JUSTICE COURT.

To Any Sheriff Of The State Of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*Margie Windbiger*

personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof in Bay Minette, on the 13 day of Aug, 1928 and from day to day of said term, and from term to term thereafter until discharged, to give evidence and the truth to speak in behalf of The Defendant in a prosecution now pending in said Court, wherein the State of Alabama is Plaintiff and

*Freda Abernethy*

Defendant, and have you then and there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this 10 day of

Aug A. D., 1928

**FRANK P. PROPST**

Notary Public and Ex-officio J. P.  
NOTARY PUBLIC Ex-Officio

*Mobile*

**Subpoena--Original**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**The State**

**vs.**

**SUBPOENA FOR**

Received in Office

\_\_\_\_\_, 192

\_\_\_\_\_, Sheriff

I have executed this writ by leaving a copy of the within Subpoena with the within named witness, this

\_\_\_\_\_, 192

\_\_\_\_\_, Sheriff

D. S.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,**

BALDWIN COUNTY

Justice Court of FRANK P. PROPST, Notary  
Public, Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace. Precinct 4,  
Bay Minette, Alabama

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:  
You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon

*Joe Dickman*

personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at my office on the

13 day of Aug 2:30 PM, 1948, and from  
day to day of said term, and from term to term thereafter, until discharged, to give evidence and the truth to  
speak in behalf of THE STATE, in a prosecution now pending in said Court, wherein the State of Alabama

is Plaintiff and Feda A. Abercrombie

Defendant, and have you then and  
there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon

Witness my hand this 3 day of Aug, A.D. 1948

*Frank P Propst*

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4

Executed in full, this the

12 day of

Aug, 1948

Taylor Wilkins  
Sheriff.

H F Hall  
Deputy Sheriff.



**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Justice Court of FRANK P. PROPST, Notary  
Public, Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace. Precinct 4,  
Bay Minette, Alabama

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:  
You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon

*Boots Willis*

personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at my office on the  
13 day of Aug 2 30 p.M., 1948 and from  
day to day of said term, and from term to term thereafter, until discharged, to give evidence and the truth to  
speak in behalf of THE STATE, in a prosecution now pending in said Court, wherein the State of Alabama  
is Plaintiff and Freda C. Abercrombie

Defendant, and have you then and  
there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this 3 day of Aug, A. D. 1948

*Frank P Propst*  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4

---

Executed in full, this the

12 day of

Aug, 1948

Taylor Wilkins  
Sheriff.

W. F. Hall  
Deputy Sheriff.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Justice Court of FRANK P. PROPST, Notary  
Public, Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace. Precinct 4,  
Bay Minette, Alabama

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:  
You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon

*Nelson Grubbs*

personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at my office on the

13 day of Aug 23, 1948, and from  
day to day of said term, and from term to term thereafter, until discharged, to give evidence and the truth to  
speak in behalf of THE STATE, in a prosecution now pending in said Court, wherein the State of Alabama  
is Plaintiff and Heda A. Abercrombie

Defendant, and have you then and  
there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon

Witness my hand this 3 day of Aug, A.D. 1948

*Frank P Propst*  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4

Executed in full, this the

12

day of

Aug

, 1948

Jay W. Wick

Sheriff.

H. H. Hale

Deputy Sheriff.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Justice Court of FRANK P. PROPST, Notary  
Public, Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace. Precinct 4,  
Bay Minette, Alabama

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:  
You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon

*B. D. Cobb*

personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at my office on the  
13 day of Aug 2.30 PM, 1948, and from  
day to day of said term, and from term to term thereafter, until discharged, to give evidence and the truth to  
speak in behalf of THE STATE, in a prosecution now pending in said Court wherein the State of Alabama  
is Plaintiff and Freda A. Abercrombie

Defendant, and have you then and  
there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this 3 day of

Aug A. D. 1948  
*Frank P. Propst*

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4

---

---

Executed in full, this the

12 day of

Aug., 1944

Taylor Wilkins  
Sheriff.

W F Hall  
Deputy Sheriff.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

JUSTICE COURT.

To Any Sheriff Of The State Of Alabama:  
You are hereby commanded to summon

*Mr + Mrs. Martin*

personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof in Bay Minette, on the 13 day of Aug (2:30) 1928 and from day to day of said term, and from term to term thereafter until discharged, to give evidence and the truth to speak in behalf of The Defendant in a prosecution now pending in said Court, wherein the State of Alabama is Plaintiff and *Freda Abercrombie*

Defendant, and have you then and there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this 10 day of Aug A. D., 1928.

*FRANK P. PROPST*  
Notary Public and Ex-officio J. P.  
NOTARY PUBLIC Ex-Officio

**Subpoena--Original**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**The State  
vs.**

**SUBPOENA FOR**

Received in Office

*8-10*, 192*4*

*Taylor Walker* Sheriff

I have executed this writ by leaving a copy of the within Subpoena with the within named witness, this

*8-12*, 192*4*

*Taylor Walker* Sheriff

*H. F. Hall* D. S.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

JUSTICE COURT.

To Any Sheriff Of The State Of Alabama:  
You are hereby commanded to summon

*Cecil J. Windbigler*

personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the  
Court House thereof in Bay Minette, on the 13 day of Aug (2:30) 1948  
and from day to day of said term, and from term to term thereafter until discharged, to give  
evidence and the truth to speak in behalf of The Defendant in a prosecution now pending in said  
Court, wherein the State of Alabama is Plaintiff and Freda Abercrombie

Defendant, and have you then and there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this 10 day of Aug A. D., 1948.

**FRANK P. PROPST**  
Notary Public and Ex-officio J. P.  
NOTARY PUBLIC Ex-Officio

**Subpoena--Original**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**The State**  
**vs.**

SUBPOENA FOR

Received in Office

*8-12*, 19*24*

*Taylor Wilkins*, Sheriff

I have executed this writ by leaving a copy of the within Subpoena with the within named witness, this

*Cecil W. Wright*, 19*24*

*Taylor Wilkins*, Sheriff.

*W. J. Hall* D. S.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

JUSTICE COURT.

To Any Sheriff Of The State Of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*Aida Wendbigler*

personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof in Bay Minette, on the 13 day of Aug (2:30) 1948 and from day to day of said term, and from term to term thereafter until discharged, to give evidence and the truth to speak in behalf of The Defendant in a prosecution now pending in said Court, wherein the State of Alabama is Plaintiff and Freda Abercrombie

Defendant, and have you then and there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this 10 day of Aug

*FRANK P. PROPST*

Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

**Subpoena--Original**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**The State**

**vs.**

SUBPOENA FOR

Received in Office

8-10-1924

*Taylor Wilkins* Sheriff

I have executed this writ by leaving a copy of the within Subpoena with the within named witness, this

8-12-1924

*Taylor Wilkins* Sheriff

*H. F. Hall* D. S.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. 16

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Taylor Wilkins, Dr. Nelson  
Grubbs, Joe Dickman, Boots Willis,  
B. W. Cobb.

to be and appear on the 1st day of November, 1938, before the Grand  
Jury of said County, at the Court House thereof, then and there to testify and give evidence on behalf of the State of  
Alabama. Herein fail not, and make due return of this writ with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this the 8 day of Oct., 1938.

Alice J. Duck Solicitor.  
[Signature]

B.M.  
Foley  
Mobile

ORIGINAL

No. 16

GRAND JURY SUBPOENA

I have executed this Subpoena by serving a copy thereof on the following persons, to-wit:

*Ray serving in field*

this 29 day of Oct 1948

*Taylor W. Wilkins*, Sheriff  
*T. W. Wilkins*

SHERIFF'S APPEARANCE BOND.

Moore Printing Co.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin County

We, Ireda Abercrombie \_\_\_\_\_, as

principal, and undersigned as sureties, agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of \$2500.00

Twenty Five Hundred \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

unless the said Ireda Abercrombie \_\_\_\_\_ appear at the

Ninth Term, 1949 of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
and from term to term thereafter until discharged by law, to answer a criminal prosecution for the offense of

Murder

We hereby waive as to all amounts that may become due hereunder the benefit of all laws exempting personal property from levy and sale under execution or other process for the collection of debt, by constitution or laws of the State of Alabama, and we hereby severally certify that we have property over and above all debts, liabilities; exemptions and this bond to the amount of: real property of the value of \$2,000.00 and personal property of the value of \$1,000.00.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Baldwin County, Ala.

X Ireda Abercrombie (Seal)

L O T H Lawway (Seal)

E T Sexton (Seal)

O T Kinnear (Seal)

Taken and approved this the 10 day of Nov 1948

Jayson Wickin, Sheriff

By Zacari B. Griffin, Deputy Sheriff

No. ....

The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

..... COURT

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The State

vs.

Sheriff's Appearance Bond

Amount of Bond, \$ .....

Filed ....., 19.....

....., Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin, Ala.  
I hereby certify that I have examined  
the returns of the return named  
[Signature] and find them to be sufficient  
for the amount of this bond, and would  
affirm the same in my county.  
This the 16 day of  
Nov 1948  
[Signature]  
Sheriff of Baldwin County.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:  
An indictment having been found against

FREDA A. ABERCROMIE

at the NOV. Term, 1948 of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense of

MURDER, FIRST DEGREE

you are, therefore, commanded forthwith to arrest the said Defendant and commit HER

to jail, unless SHE give bail to answer said indictment, and that you return this Writ according to law.

Dated this 4th day of Nov., 1948.

*Alice J. Deeks*

Clerk Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County

We, \_\_\_\_\_, as principal and

the other undersigned as sureties, agree to pay the State of Alabama \_\_\_\_\_

Dollars, unless the said \_\_\_\_\_ appears

at the \_\_\_\_\_ Term of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, and from Term to

Term thereafter until discharged by law, to answer a criminal prosecution for the offense of \_\_\_\_\_

In signing the above bond we and each of us hereby waive all legal rights of exemptions allowed us by the Constitution and Laws of Alabama.

Witness our hands and seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(L. S.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(L. S.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(L. S.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(L. S.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(L. S.)

Taken and approved \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff of Baldwin County.

**CAPIAS**

No. 16

**THE STATE**

vs.

**FREDA A. ABERCROMIE**

Bail Fixed in This Case in Open Court at

\$ 2500.00

By F. W. Hare  
Judge Presiding.

Attest: Beis J. Neuch  
Clerk.

Executed this 10 day of Nov, 1948

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him on Bond

Taylor Wilkins, Sheriff

Zelee B. Griffin, Deputy Sheriff

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County. }

Circuit Court. Fall Session ~~xxxx~~ 1938

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before the finding of this indictment

Freda A. Abercrombie, whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, unlawfully, and with Malice aforethought, killed Willard Abercrombie, by shooting him with a rifle,

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

  
Solicitor of the Twenty-first Judicial Circuit

RECORDED

No. \_\_\_\_\_

The State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

Fall Session ~~XXXX~~ 1948

THE STATE

vs.

Freda A. Abercromie

INDICTMENT

Murder, First Degree

No \_\_\_\_\_ Prosecutor

WITNESSES:

Taylor Wilkins

B.D. Carr

Dr. Nelson Grubbs

Joe Dickman

Boots Willis

GRAND JURY NO. 16

A TRUE BILL.

*Wm. Mullan*

Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of the

Grand Jury on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of

Nov, 1948

*Beice J. Hensch* Clerk

Presented in open Court to the presiding Judge by the Foreman of the Grand Jury, in the presence of 17 other Grand Jurors.

*Beice J. Hensch* Clerk

*Bail fixed at 2500<sup>00</sup>  
By Consent -*

*J. W. Hare*  
Judge

*We the jury find  
the Defendant,  
Freda Abercromie  
guilty of manslaughter  
in the first degree  
and fix her punishment  
at 6 years imprisonment  
in the State Penitentiary  
Charles M. Coghlan  
Foreman*

## Transcript of Criminal Cases from Justice Court of Baldwin County, Ala.

ATTORNEYS	CASE	CHARGE
<i>H. M. Hall</i>	THE STATE OF ALABAMA	
No.	Vs.	<i>Murder</i>
<i>Clarence Thompson</i>	<i>Freda A Abercrombie</i>	

DISPOSITION OF CASE	FEES	AMOUNT
Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to <i>Taylor Wilkins</i>	<b>JUDGE'S FEES</b>	
Returnable <i>Justice Court</i>	Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c	25
Witness—For State <i>Taylor Wilkins, Nelson</i>	Bond at 50c, Sci. Fa. at 50c	50
<i>Grubbs, Joe, Dickman, Boot Willis</i>	Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c	
<i>R. D. Cobb.</i>	Subpoena or Notice at 25c	2.75
<i>From the evidence I found the</i>	Continuance at 25c	
<i>defendant on to the action of the Grand</i>	Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00	1.00
<i>jury of the Fall Term Circuit Court</i>	Mittimus at 25c	25
<i>under \$2,500 bond.</i>	Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c	
<i>Frank P. Probst J. P. Precinct 7</i>	Taking Bond, etc., on Appeal at \$1.00	
<i>Baldwin Co.</i>	Execution of costs at 25c	
	<b>CONSTABLE'S FEES</b>	
	Subpoena or Notice at 25c	
	Carrying Defendant before Justice,	
	each mile for himself and guard at 10c	
	Arrest, 50c	
	<b>SHERIFF'S FEES</b>	
	Arrest, \$2.00; Bond \$1.00; Sci. Fa., 50c	4.00
	Committing, \$1.00; Releasing, \$1.00	1.00
	Subpoenas at 25c Day's Board at 30c	2.00
	<b>WITNESS FEES</b>	4.50
	<i>Squad 2</i> Days at 50c	
	<i>Mileage</i> " 50c	
	" " 50c	
	" " 50c	
	" " 50c	
	" " 50c	
	" " 50c	
	" " 50c	
	<b>DEFENDANT'S COSTS</b>	
	Witnesses' Recognizance at 25c	
	Subpoenas at 25c	
	Executing Subpoenas	