

1971

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

} Circuit Court, SPRING Session, 19 55

1. The Grand Jury of said County charge that before finding this indictment ABRAHAM FRENCH, JR., WHOSE NAME IS TO THE GRAND JURY OTHERWISE UNKNOWN, UNLAWFULLY, AND WITH MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, KILLED THOMAS JAMES CRENSHAW, ALIAS TOMMY LEE CRENSHAW, ALIAS TOMMY JAMES, AND WHOSE NAME IS TO THE GRAND JURY OTHERWISE UNKNOWN, BY CUTTING HIM WITH A KNIFE, AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

2. THE GRAND JURY OF SAID COUNTY FURTHER CHARGE THAT BEFORE THE FINDING OF THIS INDICTMENT ABRAHAM FRENCH, JR., WHOSE NAME IS TO THE GRAND JURY OTHERWISE UNKNOWN, UNLAWFULLY, AND WITH MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, KILLED THOMAS JAMES CRENSHAW, ALIAS TOMMY LEE CRENSHAW, ALIAS TOMMY JAMES, AND WHOSE NAME IS TO THE GRAND JURY OTHERWISE UNKNOWN, BY STABBING HIM WITH A KNIFE,

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

*Kenneth Cooper*  
Solicitor of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Circuit.

No. ....

The State of Alabama  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court

SPRING SESSION ~~XXXX~~ 1955

The State  
vs.

ABRAHAM FRENCH

INDICTMENT

MURDER, 1st DEGREE.

NO. Prosecutor

WITNESSES:

LOUISE McDONALD

JAB CRENSHAW

JUNIOR WEAVER

CHARLES FINLEY

TAYLOR WILKINS

NELSON GRUBBS

GRAND JURY NO.

37

A TRUE BILL

*Conrad S. Plopper*  
Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of  
the Grand Jury on the 16th day of

March, 1955

*David A. Smith*  
Clerk.

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

*Alvin D. Smith*  
Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ 5000

*J. M. ...*  
Judge.

We the jury find the Defendant  
guilty of manslaughter in the first  
degree as charged in the indictment  
and fix his punishment at ten  
years in the penitentiary  
*Del. ...*  
foreman

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STATE OF ALABAMA

vs.

ABRAHAM FRENCH, JR.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

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BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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We, the undersigned citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama, are personally acquainted with Abraham French, Jr., and have been acquainted with him for many years. We know his general reputation in the community where he lives or is known and that reputation is good. We are familiar with the above case in which Abraham French, Jr., has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Baldwin County, Alabama, and charged with murder in the first degree.

The undersigned hereby represent to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Honorable Hubert M. Hall, Judge thereof, that it is our opinion that the ends of justice would be best served by the Court allowing the said Abraham French, Jr., to plead guilty to manslaughter in the first degree and his punishment be fixed at whatever terms of years that the Court may see fit for not less than one year nor more than ten years and that such sentence be suspended and he be placed on probation and we hereby request the Court to allow his plea of guilty to manslaughter in the first degree and to place him on probation during his good behavior.

Dated this 21st day of March, 1955.

U. E. Dudley

Frank Barte

Thomas Earle

Henry P. Kirk

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

An indictment having been found against

Abraham French,

at the Spring Term, 1955, of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense of

murder, 1st degree

you are, therefore, commanded 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 16th day of March, 1955

Theresa J. Allen  
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 the State of Alabama.

Witness our hands and seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_.

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(L. S.)

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(L. S.)

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(L. S.)

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(L. S.)

Taken and approved \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_.

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

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No. 37

The State

vs.

Abraham French, Abraham French

Executed this 21 day of Mar, 1953

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him in jail

Bail fixed in this Case in Open Court at

\$ 5000.00

By H. M. Hall  
Judge Presiding

Taylor Walker, Sheriff

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk.

Geo. G. Gentry, Deputy Sheriff

no miles