

1980

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

}

Circuit Court, SPRING Session, 1955

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before finding this indictment  
DEAN KEITH, WHOSE NAME IS TO THE GRAND JURY OTHERWISE UNKNOWN,  
AGAINST THE ORDER OF NATURE, CARNALLY KNEW DIANA KESSLER,

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 ~~TERM~~, 19-55

The State  
vs.

DEAN KEITH

INDICTMENT

CRIME AGAINST NATURE

No. Prosecutor

WITNESSES:

DIANA KESSLER  
MRS HENRY KESSLER 2.75  
HENRY KESSLER  
EDLEIGH STEADHAM 3.25  
MURIEL E. GRIFFITH

GRAND JURY NO. 31

A TRUE BILL

Gene S. Blaphan  
Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of  
the Grand Jury on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of

March, 1955  
Arice J. Hemen  
Clerk.

Presented in open Court to the presiding  
Judge by the Foreman of the Grand Jury, in the

presence of 17 other Grand Jurors.

Arice J. Hemen  
Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ 750<sup>00</sup>  
H. H. Hume  
Judge.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }

Baldwin County

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

An indictment having been found against

Dean Keith

at the Spring Term, 1953 of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense of

Crime Against Nature

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1953

Asinghouse  
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\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(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. 31-

The State

vs.

Dean Keith

Bail fixed in this Case in Open Court at

\$ 7500

By H. M. Hall  
Judge Presiding

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

Executed this 24 day of Mar., 1980

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him on Bond

Taylor Wilkins, Sheriff

J. Brown, Deputy Sheriff

O. M. C.

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State Witnesses:

Mrs Henry Kessler

Diana Kessler

Edleigh Steadham

MAR 15

8:00 AM

4259

APPEARANCE BOND 1980

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The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

We, Dean Keith, as principal, and undersigned as sureties agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred \$ 2,500.00 DOLLARS

unless the said Dean Keith appears at the Next Term, 1955 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 Sodomy, and bestiality, or Crime against nature.

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.

Taken and approved this the 18th day of Feb, 1955

Dean Keith L. S.  
David Lee Keith L. S.  
Bill Brown L. S.  
Phelps Sutton L. S.  
Step L. S.  
Taylor Walker, Sheriff  
By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Sheriff

I certify that the foregoing is a good and sufficient bond, and that the bondsmen are well worth the amount of the bond above their exemptions, and that if this bond were presented to me I would approve the same.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1955

Oliver B. Cannon  
Sheriff of Escambia County, Alabama.

6970

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

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County

Court

Sheriff's Office

THE STATE

VS.

Sheriff's Appearance Bond

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

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 195

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

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APPEARANCE BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin ESCAMBIA COUNTY } Circuit COURT

We, Dean Keith, A. F. (Bill) Brown, and Adolph Sutton

agree to pay the State of Alabama Seven hundred and fifty DOLLARS

unless Dean Keith appears at the Next Term of Circuit Court of Baldwin Escambia County,

and from day to day and from term to term thereafter until discharged by law, to answer a criminal prosecution

for the offense of sodomy

now pending against Him in said Court.

And we, and each of us, hereby waive all rights of claim of exemption as to personal property we or either of us have now, or may hereafter have, under the Constitution and Laws of Alabama, and we hereby severally certify that we have property free from all encumbrance, to the full amount of the above bond.

Witness our hands and seals this March day of 19 55.

Taken and approved:

24 March, 1955  
Jaylene Wilkins  
Sheriff.

Dean Keith L. S.  
David R. Kittle L. S.  
Adolph Sutton L. S.  
Bill Brown L. S.

*[Handwritten signature]*



THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

I, Otis R. Emmons, Sheriff of Escambia County, Alabama do hereby certify that the attached bond for \$750.00 is a good and sufficient bond and that the sureties thereon are well worth the amount of said bond above all their exemptions, and that, if presented to me I would approve the same.

Dated this 24 day of March, 1955.

*Otis R. Emmons*

Sheriff of Escambia County, Alabama.

No. _____	
THE STATE OF ALABAMA	
ESCAMBIA COUNTY	
COURT	
THE STATE	
VS.	
APPEARANCE BOND	
SURETIES: <i>[Signature]</i>	
Amount of Bond \$	<i>[Signature]</i>
Filed _____	1955
Sheriff.	

AFFIDAVIT

1980

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State Of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County. }

In the Justice Court of T. C. HAND

Before me, T. C. HAND, Justice of the Peace

in and for said County, personally appeared Geo. H. Crawford 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 20 January 1955 that one Dean Keith,  
against the order of nature, carnally knew Diana Kessler

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8

day of February, A. D., 19 55

*T. C. Hand*

, J. P.

*Geo H Crawford*

WARRANT

State Of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County. }

To Any Lawful Officer of Said County, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to arrest Dean Keith

and bring him

before me to answer the State of Alabama on a charge

Sodomy and bestiality, or Crime against nature.

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

Witness my hand this 8 day of February, 19 55.

*T. C. Hand*

, J. P.

**The State of Alabama**  
Baldwin County

JUSTICE COURT OF

T. C. HAND

**AFFIDAVIT**

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
VS.

Dean Keith

Witnesses for the State:

- Henry Kessley .
- Mrs Henry Kessler.
- Diana Kessler.
- Edleigh Steadham.
- George Crawford.
- Dr.

Justice Court of  
Baldwin County

**Warrant of Arrest**

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
vs.

Dean Keith

Executed this 20 day of Jan 1955.

By arresting the within

named Defendant

Dean Keith

and placing him

*in jail*

*Taylor Wilkins*, Sheriff

*Geo Crawford*, Deputy Sheriff

*Loxley*

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

Attorneys	Case	Charge
No. 6963	THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Vs. Sean Keith	Solomy, and bestiality, or Crime against nature.

Disposition of Case	Fees	Amount
Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to <i>Geo. Crawford</i>	Judge's Fees	
Returnable <i>Grand jury</i>	Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c	75
Witness—for State <i>Lenny Kessler.</i>	Bond at 50c, Sci Fa. at 50c	
<i>Sianka Kessler.</i>	Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c	
<i>Mrs Lenny Kessler.</i>	Subpoenas or notice at 25c	
<i>Edleigh Stuckam</i>	Continuance at 25c	
<i>Geo. Crawford.</i>	Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00	
<i>or.</i>	Mittimus at 25c	25
<i>29 Jan 55</i> Bound over to Grand jury	Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c	
<i>Bond set \$5,000.00</i>	Taking Bond etc. on Appeal at \$1.00	
<i>sy. being unable to make bond</i>	Execution of costs at 25c	25
<i>was ordered re-committed to jail.</i>	Constable's Fees	
<i>8 Feb 55</i> Charges were changed from	Subpoena or Notice at 25c	
<i>Canal Knowledge to Crime against</i>	Carrying Defendant before Justice	
<i>Nature.</i>	each mile for himself and guard at 10c	
	Arrest 50c	
	Sheriff's Fees	
	Arrest \$2.00, Bond \$1.00, Sci Fa. 50c	5.00
	Guard \$2.00, Finger Printing 10c	2.10
	Subpoenas at 25c, Mileage	4.00
	Commitment to jail	2.00
	Days at 50c	
	Days at 50c	
	Days at 50c	
	Days at 50c	
	Days at 50c	
	Days at 50c	
	Defendant's Costs	
	Witnesses' Recognizance at 25c	
	Subpoenas at 50c	
	Executing Subpoenas	

*T. J. Ladd*  
Justice Court

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