

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court, FALL Term, 19 57

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against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

RALPH L. JONES,

Solicitor of the Twenty-first Judicial Circuit.

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

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

September Term, 193<sup>7</sup>

**The State  
VS.**

ROBERT O'NEAL

**INDICTMENT**

Murder First Degree

NO PROSECUTOR.

**WITNESSES:**

Rob. Easter

Dr. W.C. Holmes

M. H. Wilkins,

J. R. Davis

Taylor Wilkins

C. N. Anderson

GRAND JURY NO. 35

A TRUE BILL.

THOMAS J. HADLEY,

FOREMAN GRAND JURY.

Filed in open court and in the presence of the

Grand Jury on the 15 day of

September, 193<sup>7</sup>

R. S. DUCK,

Clerk.

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

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Clerk.

**THE STATE**  
vs.

In the Circuit Court of Baldwin County,

ROBERT O'NEAL

FALL

Term, 1937

Venire of the jurors in the above stated cause, names herein stated from No. 1 to No. 5, both inclusive, being the special jurors drawn in open Court by the presiding Judge, in said cause, and the other names, from No. 6 to No. 55, both inclusive, being the regular jurors drawn and summoned for the SECOND week of the FALL Term of said Court, the said cause having been set for trial on the 28th day of September 1937, which is a day of said Second week of the Fall Term of said Court, to-wit:

NO.	NAME	OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS
1	Ashton B. Slaughter	Mechanic	Tensaw	
2	Johnie Clark	Farmer	Stapleton	
3	Lilbert Wilson	Farmer	Stapleton	
4	McNeil Bush	Mechanic	Stapleton	
5	Charles Bill	Farmer	Loxley	
6	Young A. Cox	Merchant	Stockton	
7	Howell W. Slaughter, Jr.	Farmer	Tensaw	
8	Thomas J. Earle	Farmer	Blacksher	
9	Cleaveland C. Gantt	Merchant	Little River	
10	John A. Moseley	Farmer	Stockton	
11	Wallace Kilcrease	Bookkeeper	Stockton	
12	William H. McMillan	Farmer	Stockton	
13	Robert M. Rabon	Naval Stores	Rabon	
14	Thomas Coleman	Turpentine	Perdido	
15	William H. Havard	Turpentine	Perdido	
16	John W. Pittman	Farmer	Gateswood	
17	James A. Morris	Farmer	Gateswood	
18	Harold Stuart	Contractor	Bay Minette	
19	J. Carlisle McDavid	Furniture	Bay Minette	
20	J. Hilary Brown	Cobbler	Bay Minette	
21	Fred Thompson	Farmer	Bay Minette	
22	William D. Stapleton, Jr.	Insurance	Bay Minette	
23	Ernest D. Hand	Bookkeeper	Bay Minette	
24	Hence Fair	Merchant	Bay Minette	
25	Holt A. Stuart	Farmer	Bay Minette	
26	Herbert Sawyer	Farmer	Stapleton	
27	C. Ernest Boan	Farmer	Stapleton	
28	T. Veloo Thomas	Farmer	Loxley	
29	Harry Bill, Jr.	Farmer	Loxley	
30	Norman Racine	Clerk	Robertsdale	
31	George Sharretts	Farmer	Summerville	
32	Rudolph Willis	Woodsmen	Miflin	
33	William W. Manning	Barber	Foley	
34	Rufus A. Kee	Carpenter	Foley	
35	Charles Hecht	Taxi-Driver	Foley	
36	Toney Leiternann	Farmer	Elberta	
37	Fred Tabert	Farmer	Elberta	
38	Jim Hermetz	Farmer	Elberta	
39	Emmet C. Heuer	Farmer	Elberta	
40	John Schenk	Carpenter	Elberta	
41	Jacob Frank	Farmer	Elberta	
42	Paul Kaiser	Farmer	Elberta	
43	Peter Pluscht	Butcher	Elberta	
44	Andrew Krueger	Farmer	Lillian	
45	Ignatz Lurwig	Farmer	Lillian	
46	Walter Fulford	Oysterman	Bon Secour	
47	Ray Parks	Fisherman	Bon Secour	
48	Werneth Allen	Oysterman	Bon Secour	
49	Homer Flowers	Farmer	Bon Secour	
50	Clyde Robinson	Farmer	Belforest	
51	Jim Beck	Clerk	Belforest	
52	John H. Hill	Farmer	Belforest	

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53	Charles Cheriseo	Pressing Club	Daphne	
54	Joseph J. Aynsley	Lithographer	Daphne	
55	Ed. B. Grace	Pottery man	Daphne	
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct list of the venire in the case of the State vs ROBERT O'NEAL charged with Murder First Degree; that the names of jurors from No. 1 to No. 5, both inclusive, are the special jurors drawn by the presiding Judge, in open Court, and that the names of jurors from No. 6 to No. 55, both inclusive, is a correct list of the regular jurors drawn and summoned for the 1937 week of the FALL Term, 1937, of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama. I further certify that the foregoing copy of the indictment is a true and correct copy of the indictment in this case.

Witness my hand, this 15th day of September, 1937.

Sheriff Baldwin County, Ala.

Executed by serving a copy of the indictment and a correct list of the jurors in this case, on this the 20 day of September, 1937, upon Robert O'Neal the Defendant

W. H. Wilkins Sheriff.

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

List of Jurors and Copy of Indictment

STATE

vs.

ROBERT O'NEAL

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19.	<del>George Sharretts</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Summerdale</del>
20.	<del>William H. Manning</del>	<del>Barber</del>	<del>Foley</del>
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BALDWIN COUNTY }

In the Justice Court of  
J.M. Franklin

Before me, J.M. Franklin, N.P. Ex-O. J.P.

in and for said county personally appeared John R Davis

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 August 1st 1937 that one

Robert Oneal unlawfully, and with malice aforethought, killed Hezekiah Laster by chopping him in the head with an Axe,

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

14th day of August

A. D. 1937

J. M. Franklin N.P. Ex-O. J. P.

John R Davis

The State of Alabama, {  
Baldwin County }

TO ANY LAWFUL OFFICER OF SAID COUNTY, Greeting :

You are hereby commanded to arrest Robert Oneal

and bring Him before Me to answer

the State of Alabama on a charge of murder

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

Witness my hand this 14th day of August 1937

J. M. Franklin  
N.P. EX-O. J. P.

Presented this 13 day of Aug 1917

By arresting the within

named Defendant

Robert Oneal

and placing him in jail

M. H. Wilkins  
Sheriff

John R Davis  
D. S.

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BALDWIN COUNTY

JUSTICE COURT OF

J. M. Franklin

**THE STATE**  
vs.

Robert Oneal

**WARRANT AND AFFIDAVIT**

WITNESSES FOR THE STATE

John R Davis, M. H. Wilkins,

Taylor Wilkins, Dr W. C. Holmes

& Ruby Laster





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Case No. 259

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

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THE STATE  
Vs.  
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Defendant's Attorney.

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8/15, 1938  
R. D. Dues Clerk.

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August 16, 1938  
M. H. Phillips, Sheriff.

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

By virtue of the within Execution, I have levied

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*W. S. DeLoach* Clerk.

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*Was the jury found the defendant guilty of  
murder in the second degree no charge was the  
indictment was put the foreman and other juror  
in the presence of the jury for twenty five years.*

*foreman  
E. C. Lester*