

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, {  
Baldwin County }

Circuit Court, April Session Term, 1945

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

William Davis, unlawfully and with malice aforethought, did  
assault Louis Byrd, with the intent to murder him;

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**

April Session ~~XXXX~~ Term, 1945

THE STATE  
vs.

William Davis

**INDICTMENT**

Assault to murder

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

WITNESSES:

Louis Byrd

Alvin Irwin

Grady Thames

Dorsey White

Elmer Lovell

W. R. Duckworth

Dr. R. A. Haile

GRAND JURY NO. 8

A TRUE BILL.

Louis W. Brannon  
Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of the

Grand Jury on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of

April, 1945

R. Duval Clerk

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

R. Duval  
Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ 500.00

J. W. Haile  
Judge.

AFFIDAVIT

Moore Printing Co., Bay Minette, Ala.

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF  
CHAS. C. HAND

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

in and for said County, personally appeared W D Taylor 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 March 3-1945 that one William Davis

Unlawfully and with malice aforethought, did assault,  
Violence against him with the intent to murder him

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5

day of March A. D. 1945  
Chas. Hand, J.P.

W D Taylor

WARRANT

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY LAWFUL OFFICER OF SAID COUNTY, GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to arrest William Davis

and bring him  
before me to answer the State of Alabama on a charge

Assault to murder

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

Witness my hand this 5 day of March 1945

Chas. Hand, J. P.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Justice Court of

*Pro Se*

**AFFIDAVIT**

The State of Alabama

vs.

*William Davis*

WITNESSES FOR THE STATE:

*Alvin Irwin*  
*Grovy Thomas*  
*Elmer Lovell*  
*Dorsey White*  
*Al Hankins*

JUSTICE COURT OF  
**BALDWIN COUNTY**

**Warrant of Arrest**

The State of Alabama

vs.

*William Davis*

Executed this 5 day of March 1945

By arresting the within

named Defendant

*William Davis*

and placing him

*in jail*

*C. E. Garrett*, Sheriff.

*M. D. Taylor*, Deputy Sheriff

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

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

Case No. 767

Term Dec. 1946

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama :

You are hereby commanded to Summon Dr. R. A. Hails

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Defendant, and have you then and

Witness my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. A. D. 1946 Mrs. R. S. DUCK, Clerk

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

Sub. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Case No. 767 Term Dec. 1946

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon W. B. Truckworth

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

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

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 Mrs. R. S. DUCK, Clerk

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 967

Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon Elmer Louell

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

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

Witness my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. A. D. 1946 Mo. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 767

Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama;

You are hereby commanded to Summon

Harvey White

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

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

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 Mrs. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 767

Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon Grady Shamer

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

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

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 M. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 767

Term Dec.

, 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon Alvin Irevin

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

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

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 Mrs. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 167

Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon

Louis Byrd

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

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

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 M. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 767

Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon

Louis Byrd, Alvin Irwin,  
Grady Shames, Wacey White, Elmer Lovell,  
W. B. Duckworth, Mrs. P. A. Haile

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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

William Davis

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

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 M. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

Received in office -----, 194

Executed this -----, 194

By -----

12-6-46  
Ret. not served  
Order of Solicitor

*E. E. Garrett*  
Sheriff

ORIGINAL

For -----

No. *767* Page -----

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

THE STATE  
Vs.

*William Davis*

STATE SUBPOENA

Issued this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of

*Nov.*, 194 *6*

*Alice J. Duck*  
Clerk.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, {  
Baldwin County

We, William Davis, as

principal, and undersigned as sureties, agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of  
Five Hundred DOLLARS

unless the said William Davis appear at the

March 17 Term, 1945 of the Justice Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
and from term to term thereafter until discharged by law, to answer a criminal prosecution for the offense of

Assault to 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_\_

William Davis <sup>his</sup> (SEAL)

J. H. Adams (SEAL)

E. E. ... (SEAL)

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

\_\_\_\_\_, (SEAL)

Taken and approved this the 5 day of March, 1945

C. E. Garrett, Sheriff

By W. D. Taylor, Deputy Sheriff

No.

3203

The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

COURT

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

THE STATE

VS.

*William Davis*

Sheriff's Appearance Bond

Amount of Bond, \$

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 194

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

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County

No. 8.

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA—GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to summon Alvin Irwin Gateswood.

Grady Thomas, Robertsdale Elmer Lovell Silverhill

Dorothy White, Rsdale A B Hankins, Radale,

to be and appear on the 9th day of April., 1945, 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 30th day of March. A. D., 1945

R S Duck.

Clerk.



ORIGINAL

No. 8.

**GRAND JURY SUBPOENA**

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

*Alvin G. Givins Gatewood*

*Gandy Thomas*

*Dorothy White*

*A. B. Hanks*

*Chas. Powell*

this 2 day of April, 1945

*C. C. Barrett*, Sheriff

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, } To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:  
Baldwin County } An indictment having been found against

8 William Davis

at the Spring Term, 1945, of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense of  
Assault to Murder

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 accord-  
ing to law.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1945

*[Signature]*  
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. 8

THE STATE  
vs.

William Davis

Bail Fixed in This Case in Open Court at

\$ 500.00

By F W Hare  
Judge Presiding.

Attest : R S Duck  
Clerk.

Executed this 10 day of April 1945

By arresting the within

named Defendant

under Bond.

and placing him

C. E. Garrett Sheriff.

Deputy Sheriff.

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

Attorneys	Case	Charge
	THE STATE OF ALABAMA,	
No. <i>3703</i>	Vs.	
	<i>William Davis</i>	<i>Assault &amp; Murder</i>

Disposition of Case	Fees	Amount
Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to <i>W.D. Taylor</i>	Judge's Fees	
Returnable <i>3/5-45</i>	Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c	<i>75</i>
Witness--for State	Bond at 50c, Sci Fa at 50c	
<i>Alvin Irwin</i>	Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c	
<i>Good Thomas</i>	Subpoena or notice at 25c	
<i>Elmer Lovell</i>	Continuance at 25c	
<i>Bobby White</i>	Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00	
<i>W.D. Hankins</i>	Mittimus at 25c	<i>25</i>
<i>Under bond of 500<sup>00</sup></i>	Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c	<i>7.00</i>
	Taking Bond, etc, on Appeal at \$1.00	
	Execution of costs at 25c	
	Constable's Fees	
	Subpoena or Notice at 25c	
	Carrying Defendant before Justice	
	each mile for himself and guard at 10c	
	Arrest 50c	
	Sheriff's Fees	
	Arrest \$2.00 Bond, \$1.00, Sci-Fa 50c	<i>3.00</i>
	Committing \$1.00, Releasing \$1.00	<i>2.00</i>
	Subpoenas at <del>25c</del> <i>30c</i> Day's Board at 30c	<i>1.20</i>
	Witness Fees	
	Days at 50c	<i>4.80</i>
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	DEFENDANT'S COSTS	
	Witnesses' Recognizance at 25c	
	Subpoenas at 25c	
	Executing Subpoenas	

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, {  
Baldwin County

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

An indictment having been found against

William Davis

at the him. Term, 1945, of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense of

Assault to murder

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 10th day of April, 1945

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. 9

THE STATE

vs.

William Davis.

Bail Fixed in This Case in Open Court at

\$ 500.00

By F W Ware.  
Judge Presiding.

Attest : R S Duck.  
Clerk.

Executed this 10 day of April 1945

By arresting the within

named Defendant

Under Bond

and placing him

C. E. Garrett  
Sheriff.

Deputy Sheriff.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 768

Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon Vessie Waters, Alvin Durin,

Grady Thomas, Darsey White, Elmer Lovell,

W. B. Duckworth, Lewis Byrd

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

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

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 Mo. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

Received in office ..... 194

Executed this ..... 194

By .....

12-10-46

Not served order

of Solicitor

E. Barrett  
Sheriff

ORIGINAL

For .....

No. 768 Page .....

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

THE STATE  
Vs.

William Davis

STATE SUBPOENA

Issued this 26th day of

Nov. 1946

Alex J. Duck  
Clerk.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 768 Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon Louis Byrd

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Hayes

Defendant, and have you then and

there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 Mo. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 968

Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon W. R. Duckworth

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

Defendant, and have you then and

there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 W. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 768

Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama;

You are hereby commanded to Summon

Edmund Lowell

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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

William Waver

Defendant, and have you then and

there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of

Nov.

A. D. 1946 M. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

**BALDWIN COUNTY**

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

Case No. 768 Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon Parsey White

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

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

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 M. S. DUCK, Clerk.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 468

Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama;

You are hereby commanded to Summon Shady Thomas

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Defendant, and have you then and

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov.

A. D. 1946 Mrs. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CIRCUIT COURT

BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Case No. 768

Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon Alvin Irwin

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

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

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 Mrs. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

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

Case No. 768

Term Dec., 1946

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby commanded to Summon Vessie Waters

personally to be and appear before the Circuit Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at the Court House thereof, in Bay Minette, on the 9th day of Dec., 1946, at 8:30 a. m., 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 William Davis

Defendant, and have you then and

there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov. A. D. 1946 Mo. R. S. DUCK, Clerk.

AFFIDAVIT

Moore Printing Co., Bay Minette, Ala.

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CHAS. C. HAND

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

in and for said County, personally appeared M. D. Taylor 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 March 2-1945 that one William Davis

Unlawfully and with malice aforethought, did assault  
Vessie Waters - Tynd, with the intent to murder him  
against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5  
day of March A. D. 1945  
Chas. C. Hand, J.P.

M. D. Taylor

WARRANT

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY LAWFUL OFFICER OF SAID COUNTY, GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to arrest William Davis  
and bring him  
before me to answer the State of Alabama on a charge  
Assault to murder

and have you then and there this writ with your return thereon  
Witness my hand this 5 day of March 1945  
Chas. C. Hand, J. P.



AFFIDAVIT

Moore Printing Co., Bay Minette, Ala.

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF

CHAS. C. HAND

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

in and for said County, personally appeared M. D. Taylor 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 March 2 - 1945 that one William Davis

Unlawfully, and with malice aforethought, did assault  
Vicarious - Byrd, with the intent to murder him

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5

day of March A. D. 1945  
Chas. C. Hand, J.P.

M. D. Taylor

WARRANT

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY LAWFUL OFFICER OF SAID COUNTY, GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to arrest William Davis

and bring him  
before me to answer the State of Alabama on a charge

Assault to murder

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

Witness my hand this 5 day of March 1945

Chas. C. Hand, J. P.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County

We, William Davis, as principal, and undersigned as sureties, agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of

Five Hundred DOLLARS

unless the said William Davis appear at the

March 17 Term, 1945 of the Justice Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and from term to term thereafter until discharged by law, to answer a criminal prosecution for the offense of

Assault to 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_\_

William Davis his \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

J. H. Haskins \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

C. E. Haskins \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Taken and approved this the 5 day of March, 1945

C. E. Gussitt, Sheriff

By W. D. Taylor, Deputy Sheriff

No.

3204

The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

COURT

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

THE STATE

VS.

*William Davis*

Sheriff's Appearance Bond

Amount of Bond, \$

Filed

, 194

, Clerk.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, {  
Baldwin County }

Circuit Court, April Session ~~Term~~ 1945

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

William Davis, unlawfully and with malice aforethought, did assault  
Vessie Waters, with the intent to murder him;

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.



Solicitor of the Twenty-first Judicial Circuit.

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

**The State of Alabama,**

BALDWIN COUNTY

**CIRCUIT COURT**

April Session ~~1944~~, 1945

THE STATE  
vs.

William Davis

**INDICTMENT**

Assault to murder

No Prosecutor.

WITNESSES:

Vessie Waters

Alvin Irwin

Grady Thames

Dorsey White

Elmer Lovell

W. R. Duckworth

Louis Byrd

GRAND JURY NO. 9

A TRUE BILL,

*Lennie W. Branna*

Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of the

Grand Jury on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of

April, 1945

*R. 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.

*R. Duck*  
Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ 500<sup>00</sup>

*J. W. Hase*  
Judge.

*Rosa Land*

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

Attorneys	Case	Charge
	THE STATE OF ALABAMA,	
No. <i>3204</i>	Vs. <i>William Davis</i>	<i>Assault to Murder</i>

Disposition of Case	Fees	Amount
Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to <i>W.D. Taylor</i>	Judge's Fees	
Returnable <i>3/3-4 ✓</i>	Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c	
Witness—for State	Bond at 50c, Sci Fa at 50c	
<i>Alvin Irwin</i>	Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c	
<i>Prody Thomas</i>	Subpoena or notice at 25c	
<i>Edmond Lovell</i>	Continuance at 25c	
<i>Dorsey White</i>	Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00	
<i>A. Hankins</i>	Mittimus at 25c	
<i>Under bond of 500<sup>00</sup></i>	Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c	
	Taking Bond, etc, on Appeal at \$1.00	
	Execution of costs at 25c	
	Constable's Fees	
	Subpoena or Notice at 25c	
	Carrying Defendant before Justice	
	each mile for himself and guard at 10c	
	Arrest 50c	
	Sheriff's Fees	
	Arrest \$2.00 Bond, \$1.00, Sci Fa 50c	
	Committing \$1.00, Releasing \$1.00	
	Subpoenas at 25c Day's Board at 30c	
	Witness Fees	
	Days at 50c	
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	DEFENDANT'S COSTS	
	Witnesses' Recognizance at 25c	
	Subpoenas at 25c	
	Executing Subpoenas	