

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

We, Bernie Taylor, as principal, and undersigned as sureties, agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of 5.00

Five hundred DOLLARS

unless the said Bernie Taylor appear at the

Spring Term, 1949 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

Burglary

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\_\_\_\_

Bernie Taylor (Seal)

W. H. E. Ellison (Seal)

H. J. Arjo (Seal)

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

\_\_\_\_\_, (Seal)

Taken and approved this the 19 day of Feb. 1949

Taylor Wilkins, Sheriff

By G. F. Hall, Deputy Sheriff

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Baldwin County

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this the \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Bernie Taylor (Seal)

W H Ellinger (Seal)

Betha Taylor (Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

Taken and approved this the 14 day of Feb 19 49

Taylor W. Ellinger, Sheriff

By W H Ellinger, Deputy Sheriff

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 Zollie B. Griffin 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 28 January 1949 that one Bernie Taylor

did break ~~and~~ and enter in the night time  
and into the Grammar School at Semmesdale  
Ala. and carried away money

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12

day of February, A. D. 1949  
T. Hand, J. P.

Zollie B. Griffin

WARRANT

STATE OF ALABAMA, {  
BALDWIN COUNTY. }

To any lawful officer of said County, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to arrest Bernie Taylor and bring him

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

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

Witness my hand this 12 day of February, 1949

T. Hand, J. P.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

JUSTICE COURT OF  
T. C. HAND

**AFFIDAVIT**

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
vs.

Bernie Taylor

WITNESSES FOR THE STATE:

Taylor Wellman  
H. F. Hall  
Zollie B. Griffin  
Roy Holmes

Justice Court of  
Baldwin County

**WARRANT OF ARREST**

The State of Alabama  
vs.

Bernie Taylor

Executed this 12 day of Feb 1924

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him

in jail

Taylor Dickson, Sheriff

Zollie B. Griffin, Deputy Sheriff

Summedle 60 miles

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

An indictment having been found against

Bernice Taylor

at the Spring Term, 1949, of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense of

Burglary 2nd 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 accord-  
ing to law.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1949

Alvin J. Wreck  
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 al-  
lowed 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.

*Alas*

**CAPIAS**

No. *1100*

**THE STATE**

vs.

*Bernice Taylor*

Bail Fixed in This Case in Open Court at

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Presiding.

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

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 194

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him

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

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

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The State of Alabama, BAIDWIN County

CIRCUIT COURT

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to notify BERNICE TAYLOR, W. H. ELLISON, and H. TAYLOR

That on the SPRING Term, 19 49, of the Circuit Court of said County, a judgment was rendered against them, of which the following is a copy:

THE STATE  
vs.

BERNICE TAYLOR

Indictment for

BURGLARY, SECOND DEGREE

"It appearing to the Court that the said BERNICE TAYLOR  
together with W. H. ELLISON, and H. TAYLOR

agree to pay the State of Alabama

FIVE HUNDRED

Dollars,

unless the said BERNICE TAYLOR appearing at this term of the

Court to answer in this case; and the said BERNICE TAYLOR

having failed to appear, it is therefore ordered that the State of Alabama, for the use of

BAIDWIN

County, recover of the said BERNICE TAYLOR,

W. H. ELLISON, and H. TAYLOR

on said undertaking, the sum of

FIVE HUNDRED

Dollars,

unless they appear at the next term of this Court and show cause why this judgment should not be made absolute."

H. TAYLOR

You will, therefore, by serving a copy thereof, notify BERNICE TAYLOR, W. H. ELLISON and that the said

judgment will be made absolute against them at the next term of said

Court, unless they then appear and show cause against the same.

Witness this 19th day of April, 19 49.

Alice L. Welch, Clerk.

No. 1100

The State of Alabama

BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

THE STATE vs.

BERNICE TAYLOR

Sci. Fa. to Defaulting Defendant and Bail

RECEIVED IN OFFICE

4-21, 1944

Taylor Wisker Sheriff

Executed by serving copy on

Sheriff



The State of Alabama, BALDWIN County

CIRCUIT COURT

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THE STATE vs.	}	Indictment for
<u>BERNICE TAYLOR</u>		<u>BURGLARY, SECOND DEGREE</u>

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.....agree to pay the State of Alabama FIVE HUNDRED Dollars,

unless the said BERNICE TAYLOR appearing at this term of the Court to answer in this case; and the said BERNICE TAYLOR

.....having failed to appear, it is therefore ordered that the State of Alabama, for the use of BALDWIN County, recover of the said BERNICE TAYLOR, W. H. ELLISON, and H. TAYLOR

.....on said undertaking, the sum of FIVE HUNDRED Dollars,

unless they appear at the next term of this Court and show cause why this judgment should not be made absolute."

You will, therefore, by serving a copy thereof, notify BERNICE TAYLOR, W. H. ELLISON and H. TAYLOR that the said judgment will be made absolute against them at the next term of said Court, unless they then appear and show cause against the same.

Witness this 19th day of April, 1949.

Alice J. Luck, Clerk.

No. 1100

The State of Alabama

BAWDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

THE STATE

vs.

BERNICE TAYLOR

Sci. Fa. to Defaulting Defendant and Bail

RECEIVED IN OFFICE

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Sheriff.

Executed by serving copy on

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Sheriff.

The State of Alabama, BALDWIN County

CIRCUIT COURT

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to notify BERNICE TAYLOR, W. H. ELLISON, and H. TAYLOR

That on the SPRING Term, 1919, of the Circuit Court of said County, a judgment was rendered against them, of which the following is a copy:

THE STATE vs.	}	Indictment for
<u>BERNICE TAYLOR</u>		<u>BURGLARY, SECOND DEGREE</u>

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unless the said BERNICE TAYLOR appearing at this term of the Court to answer in this case; and the said BERNICE TAYLOR

.....having failed to appear, it is therefore ordered that the State of Alabama, for the use of BALDWIN County, recover of the said BERNICE TAYLOR, W. H. ELLISON, and H. TAYLOR

.....on said undertaking, the sum of FIVE HUNDRED Dollars,

unless they appear at the next term of this Court and show cause why this judgment should not be made absolute."

You will, therefore, by serving a copy thereof, notify BERNICE TAYLOR, W. H. ELLISON and H. TAYLOR that the said judgment will be made absolute against them at the next term of said Court, unless they then appear and show cause against the same.

Witness this 19th day of April, 1919

Alice J. Luck, Clerk.

No. 1100

The State of Alabama

DADEWIL COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT

THE STATE vs.

BERNICE TAYLOR

Sci. Fa. to Defaulting Defendant and Bail

RECEIVED IN OFFICE

, 19

Sheriff.

Executed by serving copy on

, 19

Sheriff.

The State of Alabama, BALDWIN County

CIRCUIT COURT

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unless the said BERNICE TAYLOR appearing at this term of the Court to answer in this case; and the said BERNICE TAYLOR

.....having failed to appear, it is therefore ordered that the State of Alabama, for the use of BALDWIN County, recover of the said BERNICE TAYLOR, W. H. ELLISON, and H. TAYLOR

.....on said undertaking, the sum of FIVE HUNDRED Dollars,

unless they appear at the next term of this Court and show cause why this judgment should not be made absolute in TAYLOR

You will, therefore, by serving a copy thereof, notify BERNICE TAYLOR, W. H. ELLISON and that the said judgment will be made absolute against them at the next term of said Court, unless they then appear and show cause against the same.

Witness this 19th day of April, 1919

Lucy J. [Signature], Clerk.

STATE OF ALABAMA }  
BALDWIN COUNTY }

No 1043

Case No. 245

IN THE General COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

The State of Alabama

vs.

Bennie Taylor

Before me, J. C. Hawk, Clerk of the Circuit Court of

Baldwin County, Alabama, personally appeared Taylor Wilkins,  
who being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama. In the case of the State of Alabama vs. \_\_\_\_\_

Bennie Taylor in the above mentioned court, in executing the warrant  
of arrest or in arresting the said defendant, I or one of my duly authorized deputies, traveled 60  
miles by the most direct route to the point of arrest and return, and I am entitled to mileage at ten cents  
per mile to be taxed as costs in the case.

Point of Arrest

Summedale

Taylor Wilkins  
Sheriff

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Feb, 1949.

Disposition of Case

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk Circuit Court

Bound over to Grand Jury

After considering the above affidavit made by the sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, I, as the trial  
Judge of said court, do hereby approve the claim for mileage in the sum of \$ 6.00 incurred in the  
making of the arrest or executing the warrant of arrest in the above styled cause and I hereby order the  
clerk of the court to tax the said sum as part of the costs in said case.

This the 26 day of February, 1949.

J. C. Hawk  
Judge of the above named court

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

JUSTICE COURT OF T. C. HAND  
Precinct 4, Bay Minette, Ala.

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama :

You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon

Zellie B Griffin

Jaylen Wilkins, H-F-1 tall

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

26 day of February, 1949, 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

Bernie Taylor

Defendant, and have you then and

there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this

17

day of

February

A. D. 1949.

P. H. Hester

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4

Executed in full, this the

14 day of

Feb, 1949

Jayla Wilkins  
Sheriff.

Zoe B. Griffin  
Deputy Sheriff



THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin County. }

CIRCUIT COURT

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

Case No. 1100

Term. Spring, 1949

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are Hereby Comanded to Summon TAYLOR WILKINS, H. F. HALL, ROY HOLMES,  
EMMET GULLEDGE

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1949, 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 BERNICE TAYLOR

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

Witness my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D., 1949.

ALICE J.

ES. DUCK, Clerk.

Received in office 3128, 1939

Executed this 3-30, 1939

By returning in full

*Adapt*

ORIGINAL

For \_\_\_\_\_

No. 1100 Page \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court

THE STATE  
Vs.

BERNICE TAYLOR

STATE SUBPOENA

Issued this 29th day of

March, 1939

ALICE J. DUCK

Clerk.

*Taylor Wilkins*  
Sheriff.

*Pellegrin Stender*

We, the undersigned citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing in or near Summerdale hereby certify that we are personally acquainted with Bernie Taylor and have known him for several years. He is eighteen (18) years of age but his mind has never developed and he has the mind of about a twelve (12) year old boy. He was unable to learn anything in school and was allowed to quit school after going two or three years. He is not dangerous in any way to the general public and we have never known of him being in any trouble other than the usual pranks that boys engage in until he was charged under the present indictment. We believe that Bernie Taylor should be given another chance on account of his mental condition and we respectfully request the Court to do so.

H. K. Trumble  
James Kinade  
Dwight Stanford

L. H. Davidson

Benjamin F. Duckworth

Jack Allen

W. E. White

Mr. Jack Allen

Archie Dean

J. H. Hendry

Orus Dean

Ray Rogers

Robert Freeman

R. J. Holladay

Pete Wilson

J. P. Johnson

M. W. White

Alfred Walker

Steph Gibson

Earl Roberts

John Siz

To Whom It May Concern:-

After discussion with the Town Council of the Town of Summerdale, and at their direction, after a poll of public opinion throughout the Town of Summerdale, I respectfully petition that consideration be given to the mental development of Bernie Taylor at his hearing.

I would like to point out that, although he is not fully developed mentally and therefore easily led by older boys, he is in no way dangerous and not a criminal.

It is our opinion that he can be better cared for at home and will make a useful citizen, but that if confined in a penal institution he would probably become a criminal and will then be a menace to the community.

We request your consideration.

Yours very truly,

Mayor, Summerdale Alabama

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After discussion with the Town Council of the Town of Summerdale, and at their direction, after a poll of public opinion throughout the Town of Summerdale, I respectfully petition that consideration be given to the mental development of Bernie Taylor at his hearing.

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We request your consideration.

Yours very truly,

L. R. Lehmann  
Eugene W. Lehmann

W. M. Trubler  
Mayor, Summerdale Alabama

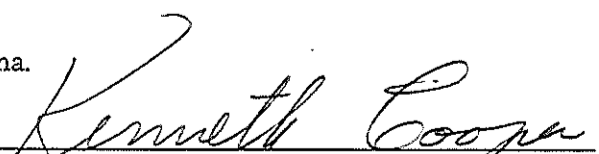
J. J. Jenkins  
Paul Klaunder  
A. Kennedy  
Pearl & Riley Wainwright  
Willie Van Gray

Town Council  
A. G. Edwards  
O. Lee  
Orus Dean  
George C. Clifton  
W. H. Lohr

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County } Circuit Court, Spring Session, 1949

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before the finding of this indictment  
Bernice Taylor, with intent to steal, broke into and entered the Summerdale  
School Building, in which goods, merchandise, or clothing, things of value  
were kept for use, sale, or deposit,

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

  
Solicitor of the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

Spring Session, 194 9

THE STATE

Vs.

BERNICE TAYLOR

INDICTMENT

BURGLARY, 2nd degree

no

Prosecutor.

WITNESSES:

ROY HOLMES

ZOLLIE GRIFFIN

TAYLOR WILKINS

H. F. HALL

GRAND JURY NO. 45

A TRUE BILL

*Frank J. Peterson*  
Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of

the Grand Jury on the 23rd day of

March, 194 9

*Alice J. Leach* Clerk.

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

*Alice J. Leach*  
Clerk.

Bail fixed \$  $\frac{500.00}{28}$

*J. Fair J. Masloway Jr.*  
Judge.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

Baldwin County

An indictment having been found against

Bernice Taylor

at the Spring Term, 1949, of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense of

Burglary, 2nd 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 24 day of March, 1949

Abner J. Smith  
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. 45

**THE STATE**  
vs.

Bernice Taylor

Bail Fixed in This Case in Open Court at

\$500<sup>00</sup>/<sub>XX</sub>

By L. Fair J. Mashburn  
Judge Presiding.

Attest: Alice J. Duck  
Clerk.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_\_

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Attorneys	Case	Charge
	THE STATE OF ALABAMA.	
No. <u>240</u>	Vs.	
	<u>Bernie Joyles</u>	<u>Burglary.</u>

Disposition of Case	Fees	Amount
Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to <u>Zollie B. Griffin</u>	Judge's Fees	
Returnable <u>Grand Jury</u>	Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c	.25
Witness—for State <u>Joyles Wilkins</u>	Bond at 50c, Sci Fa at 50c	
<u>H. F. Hall.</u>	Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c	1.00
<u>Zollie B. Griffin</u>	Subpoena or notice at 25c	
<u>Roy Holmes.</u>	Continuance at 25c	
	Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00	<del>1.00</del>
	Mittimus at 25c	<del>.25</del>
	Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c	
	Taking Bond, etc, on Appeal at \$1.00	<del>1.00</del>
	Execution of costs at 25c	<del>.25</del>
	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	5.00
	Committing \$1.00, Releasing \$1.00	2.00
	Subpoenas at 50c Day's Board at 30c	2.00
	Witness Fees	
	Days at 50c	.50
	" " 50c	.50
	" " 50c	.50
	" " 50c	.50
	" " 50c	.50
	" " 50c	.50
	" " 50c	.50
	" " 50c	.50
	mileage 60 miles	6.00
	DEFENDANT'S COSTS	
	Witnesses' Recognizance at 25c	
	Subpoenas at 25c	
	Executing Subpoenas	

*Affidavit taken and warrant issued with mittimus. Hearing set for 26 February at which time def. was present. After hearing statements def. was bound over to Grand Jury & placed under a \$500.00 bond, which was made and approved.*

*G. H. Ford  
Justice of Peace*

1100