

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

Core L. Blapham
Foreman Grand Jury.

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

March, 1955
Arice J. Hender
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. Hender
Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ 750⁰⁰
Hunter
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 16th day of March, 1953

Beinghouse
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.)

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

\$ 750.00

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

Johnson, Deputy Sheriff

O. M. C.

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State Witnesses

Mrs Henry Kessler

Diana Kessler

Edleigh Steadham

MAR 15

8:00 AM

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

By _____, Deputy Sheriff

Dean Keith L. S.
David Lee Keith L. S.
Bill Brown L. S.
Philipp Sutton L. S.
Eugene Wilkins 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 18th day of February, 1955

Geo. R. Emmon
Sheriff of Escambia County, Alabama.

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No. -----

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County

Court

Sheriff's Office

THE STATE

VS.

Sheriff's Appearance Bond

Amount of Bond, \$ -----

Filed -----, 195-

Clerk

1980
APPEARANCE BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }
Baldwin ESCAMBA 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
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 day of March, 1955.

Taken and approved:

24 March 1955
Taylor Wilkins
Sheriff.

Dean Keith L.S.
David P. Keith L.S.
Adolph Sutton L.S.
Bill Brown L.S.

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:

Amount of Bond \$

Filed _____, 195

Sheriff.

AFFIDAVIT

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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
P. J. Land, 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

P. J. Land, J. P.

No. _____ Page _____

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 195 5

By arresting the within

named Defendant

Dean Keith

and placing him

in jail

Taylor Wilkins, Sheriff
Geo. Crawford, Deputy Sheriff
Loxley

1980

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

Attorneys	Case	Charge
	THE STATE OF ALABAMA,	
No. 6963	Vs. Sean Keith	Solomy, and Hostility, 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>Sianfu Kessler.</i>	Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c	
	<i>Mrs Lenny Kessler.</i>	Subpoenas or notice at 25c	
	<i>Edleigh Statham</i>	Continuance at 25c	
	<i>Geo. Crawford.</i>	Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00	
	<i>or.</i>	Mittimus at 25c	25
		Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c	
		Taking Bond, etc., on Appeal at \$1.00	
		Execution of costs at 25c	25
		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
		Guard \$2.00, Finger Printing 10c	2.10
		Subpoenas at 50c, 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	

29 Jan 55

Bound over to Grand jury
Bond set \$5,000.00sy. being unable to make bond
was ordered re-committed to jail.

8 Feb 55

Charges were changed from
Carnal Knowledge to Crime against
Nature.

T. J. Ladd
Justice Court.

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