

The State vs. J.B. Ryals.

County Court
Complaint

The State of Alabama }
Baldwin County }

Before me James M. Holtz, Clerk of the Circuit
Court and Ex-officio Clerk of the County Court of
said County and State personally appeared
William M. Nelson, who after being by me first
duly sworn doth depose and say that he
has probable cause for believing and does
believe that J.B. Ryals, whose true Christian
name is ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~affiant~~ unknown, did write of
and concerning Texas Nelson, a woman,
falsely and maliciously imputing to her a
want of chastity, in manner and form
as follows, to-wit;

Doley, Ala.
Sept. 4th 1907

Miss Texas Nelson,
Dear Miss

Will you allow me to write
you a few lines if I could get a ^{good} chance
I had much rather talk to you than to
write - but it seems that I cannot get the
chance say how would you like to take
a trip up the road somewhere and let
me meet you at some place. I am sure
we could have a good nice time I
would not ask you to do such a
thing if I did not think it would be
all O.K. with you. you have been rec-
ommended to me by 2 of my best friends
and they assured me everything would
be all O.K. with you I want say who
they are but will tell you later, if it is
agreeable with you let me know at once
and if it is not please say nothing about
it.

If you will you may be assured nobody
will ever know anything that passes
between us but you and I.
hoping everything will be lovely and

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all right with you

I am your friend

J.B. Ryals

let nobody know this lawsuit,
and that said offense was committed in said
County and State within the last past twelve
months by J.B. Ryals, whose true Christian name
is to affront unknown, against the peace
and dignity of the State of Alabama.

William H. Helton.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Sept 6th 1907

James M. Voltry

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-officio Clerk of
the County Court, Baldwin County, Alabama.

Filed this 6th day of Sept. 1907

J.M. Voltry, Clerk.

Subscribers, Mrs. W.H. Monteith, W.B. Vaughn, J.V. Eschen, Mrs. Texas
Helton, Russell Willis, J.L. Branch.

Sheriff
Appearance
Bond

The State of Alabama

Baldwin County } Circuit Court.

We, J.B. Ryals Defendant and R.W. Ryals
and Henry Cook, agree to pay to the State of
Alabama, ~~Two~~ Hundred Dollars, unless J.B.
Ryals appears at the next Term of the Circuit Court,
at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama
and from day to day and from term to term
thereof, until discharged by law, to answer a
complaint against him in said Court for the
offense of "Defamation"

and we, and each of us, hereby waive all
rights to claim of exemption over or either of us
now now or may hereafter have under the Consti-
tution 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 6th day of Sept. 1907

J.B. Ryals

R.W. Ryals

Henry Cook.

(Seal)

(Seal)

(Seal)

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Taken and approved Sept. 24th 1907.
J.A. Booth, Sheriff

Organization No 13.
of Court and
Grand Jury.

The State of Alabama } Circuit Court, Fall Term, 1907
Baldwin County }

Be it remembered that a Court was begun and held for the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama, on the Twelfth Monday in October, 1907, the same being the 28th day of the month. His Honor, Samuel B. Browne, Judge presiding.

Also were present the Clerk of said Court and the Sheriff of said County when the following proceedings were had. And now comes Thomas A. Booth, Sheriff of said County and returns into Court his return facias served upon the following good and lawful men who had been duly and regularly drawn in accordance with law to serve as Grand Jurors at the present term of the Circuit Court, to-wit: John W. Lea, W. W. Cooper, J. C. Lamphier, W. D. Kee, E. H. Nelson, W. C. Foster, B. D. Rust, Dr. Murphy, A. M. Bradkeek, A. C. Grimes, Geo. M. Gowan, J. D. Kelly, W. S. Harding, Jas. A. Casney, Chas. E. Eubanks, B. D. Patterson, A. B. Wyles, M. N. Roach and Martin Lowell.

All of whom answered to their names except Jas. A. Casney, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Jas. A. Casney has good and sufficient excuse excuse his non attendance, it is ordered by the Court that he be and is excused. M. N. Roach in open Court submitted reasons why he should not serve as a Grand Juror at the present term of this Court and asked the Court to excuse him, which upon consideration by the Court it is ordered that he be and is excused. And the following of said persons so summoned to serve as Grand Jurors were then

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do

By examined as to qualifications and were
then duly and legally impanelled sworn and
charged by the Court. B. D. Geist, having been
appointed and sworn by the Court as foreman
of said Grand Jury, John W. Lee, W. D. Cooper,
C. Sampson, W. T. Ke, E. H. Nelson, W. C. Doster,
D. M. Murphy, A. W. Bradbeck, A. L. Grimes, Geo.
McBauan, J. D. Kelly, W. H. Harding, Chas. E. Eubank,
B. D. Patterson, A. B. Myles and Martin Lowell,
and the said Grand Jury they retired under
the charge of D. A. Ryals, who had been duly
appointed and sworn as Bailiff to said
Grand Jury.

And the said Grand Jury among other in-
dictments returned the following

Indictment The State of Alabama,

Feldman County } Circuit Court, Fall Term, 1907.
The Grand Jury of said County charge that, before
the finding of this Indictment, Joe P. Ryals
did falsely and maliciously write of and con-
cerning Texas Nettow, imputing to her a want
of Chastity, which writing is in substance
as follows, to wit:

Doley, Ala. Sept 5th /07

Miss Texas Nettow,

Dear Miss

will you allow me to write you a few
lines if I could get a good chance I had much
rather talk to you than to write but it seems
that I cannot get the chance. Now how
would you like to take a trip up the road
somewhere and let me meet you at some place,
I am sure we could have a good nice time
I would not ask you to do such a thing if
I did not know it would be all OK with you,
you have been recommended to me by 2 of my
best friends and they assured me everything
would be all OK with you. I want say who they
are but will tell ^{you} later. if is agreeable with you
let me know at once and if it not please say

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nothing about it, if you will you may be assured nobody
will ever know anything that passes between us but you
and I. Hoping every thing will be lovely and all right
go with you. I am your friend

J. B. Ryals

Let nobody know this letter it.
And said Grand Jury further charge that, before
the finding of this indictment,
Joe B. Ryals, did falsely and maliciously speak of
and concerning Texas Nettow, in the presence of
Russell Willis, charging her with a want of chastity
in substance as follows, to wit; that it was known
or that Willis knew that she was not straight, or
that she had been running up and down the
Railroad with various men; or that she run
about with men; or that she was in the habit
of going about with men,
against the peace and dignity of the State of
Alabama,

James M. Granade
Solicitor of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

Endorsed No Prosecutor. A True Bill.
R. J. Seix, Foreman of the Grand Jury

No 17. The State of Alabama for the use of Baldwin County
vs Thornton Taylor, Aaron Crandle & Holman Johns
The State of Alabama, Circuit Court, Fall Term, 1908
Baldwin County }

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to notify
Thornton Taylor, Aaron Crandle and Holman
Johns that at the Spring Term, 1908, of the
Circuit Court of Baldwin County, a judge-
ment was rendered against them of which
the following is a copy.

No 20 The State

Thornton Taylor

April 1st 1908

Indictment for

Abusive Language