

No. 2. The State vs Sherman Johnson & Melinda Bonner.

Warrant and Affidavit The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County. Before me A. du Mont, A.P. Ex officio Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally appeared A. Sharp who being first duly sworn, deposes and says, on oath, that in said County within the past 12 months he has probable cause for believing and does believe that Sherman Johnson a man did live with Melinda Bonner a woman in the State of fornication or adultery against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of April, 1907
A. du Mont J.P.
A.P. Ex officio J.P.

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County

To any lawful officer of said County, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to arrest Sherman Johnson and bring him before the County Court of Baldwin County to answer the State of Alabama of a charge of Fornication or Adultery and have you then and there this Writ with your return thereon
Witness my hand this 6th day of April, 1907
A du Mont J.P.
A.P. Ex officio J.P.

Received April 9th. Executed May 20, by arresting Sherman Johnson & releasing him by bail.

J. A. Booth, Sheriff, Civil & Criminal Dept.

Bond. The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County. We, Sherman Johnson, Albert Johnson and Mike Houston, M. V. Mathews agree to pay to the State of Alabama the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars unless the said Sherman Johnson appear at the next term of the County Court of Baldwin County, State of Ala and from term to term thereafter until discharged by law to answer a Criminal prosecution for the offense of fornication or adultery and we and each of us hereby waive all right of exemption which we have under the laws of Alabama.

Dated this 20th day of May, 1907, Sherman Johnson
Approved: M. V. Mathews
J. A. Booth, Sheriff Mike Houston
Albert Johnson

Pherman Johnson & Matilda Bonner (Exhibits)

Affidavit The State of Alabama.

Baldwin County

County Court

Before me, Jas M. Volz, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex officio Clerk of the County Court of said County, in said State, personally appeared Alfred Sharp, who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say that he has probable cause for believing, and does believe, that Pherman Johnson, a man and Matilda Bonner, a woman, did live together in a state of Adultery or fornication and that said offense has been committed in said County and State by the said Pherman Johnson & Matilda Bonner within the last past 12 months and before the making of this affidavit, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

Alfred ^{his} Sharp

The above subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of June, 1907

Jas M. Volz

Clerk of the Circuit Court & Ex officio Clerk of the County Court.

Filed this 18th day of June, 1907

J. M. Volz, Clerk County Court.

Warrant of Arrest.

The State of Alabama.

Baldwin County

County Court.

To any lawful officer of the State of Alabama:-

You are hereby commanded to arrest Matilda Bonner and bring her before the Judge of the County Court on the 18th day of June, 1907 to answer the State of Alabama on a charge of Adultery or Fornication preferred by Alfred Sharp

Witness my hand this 18th day of June, 1907

J. M. Volz

Clerk of the Circuit Court & Ex officio Clerk of the County Court.

Received June 18th 1907. Executed June 18th 07 by arresting and placing in jail J. A. Boothby Sheriff.

Organization of Court and Grand Jury.

The State of Alabama.

Baldwin County

Circuit Court

Special Term, Commencing July 22nd 1907

Be it remembered that pursuant to an order made by the Hon. Samuel B. Browne, Judge of the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit of Alabama, calling a Special Term of the Circuit Court for said County, which order was published in the Baldwin Times & News paper published at Bay Minette in Baldwin County, Alabama, giving notice of a Special Term of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County

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Alabama to be held for two weeks beginning July 22nd 1907 and ending August 8th 1907 which order was published giving thirty days notice and of which the following is a copy, viz: (notice copied in organization of Court & Grand Jury in Minute Book No 5 pages 182).

And thereupon pursuant to said order a Special Term of the Circuit Court was begun and held for the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama on Monday July 22nd 1907. His Honor Daniel B. Browne Judge of the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit present and presiding; also were present James H. Canade Esq Solicitor, and 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 Special Term of the Circuit Court to wit: J. F. Bryers, Chas. Hammock, G. W. Burns, J. F. Wilson, W. A. Drustall, E. M. Waters Sr., G. B. Childress, R. O. Brownley, P. W. Drusback, J. W. Richerson, A. D. Duck, G. W. Holmes, J. M. Robinson, N. L. Thompson, A. B. Crosby, Herman P. Kruger, J. G. Timney, W. M. Gilmore, all of whom answered to their names, and now in open Court J. M. Robinson and J. G. Timney submitted reasons why they should not serve as Grand Jurors at the present Special Term of this Court, and asked the Court to excuse them, which upon consideration by the Court it is ordered that they be and are excused. And the following of said persons so summoned to serve as Grand Jurors were then duly examined as to qualification by the Court, and were then duly and legally empanelled, sworn and charged by the Court G. W. Burns having been appointed and sworn by the Court as foreman of said Grand Jury; J. F. Bryers, Chas. Hammock, J. F. Wilson, W. A. Drustall, E. M. Waters, Sr., G. B. Childress, R. O. Brownley, P. W. Drusback, J. W. Richerson, A. D. Duck, G. W. Holmes, N. L. Thompson, A. B. Crosby, Herman P. Kruger, W. M. Gilmore. And the said Grand Jury then retired under the charge of P. W. Chestang, who has been duly appointed and sworn by the Court as Bailiff to said Grand Jury.

Sherman Johnson & Matilda Bonner

Indictment: The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County }
The Grand Jury of said County charge that, before the finding of this Indictment Sherman Johnson, a man and Matilda Bonner, a woman, did live together in a state of Adultery or Fornication against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.
James N. Granade,
Solicitor of the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit.

Endorsed.

No prosecutor. A true Bill.
Geo. H. Burns, Foreman of the Grand Jury
Witnesses: - A. Sharpe, Jimmy Sharpe, Jane Barrett, Dr. Mack Schwalter
Henry Cox.
Filed in open Court 1st day of August, 1907
J. M. Kelly, Clerk.

Bond.

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County }
We, Sherman Johnson defendant and Geo. H. Burns and J. H. Blackburn agree to pay to the State of Alabama One Hundred Dollars unless Sherman Johnson 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 Adultery or Fornication. And we, and each of us, hereby waive all rights to Claim of Exemption over 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 incumbrances to the full amount of the above Bond.

Witness our hand and seals this 18th day of June, 1907

Sherman Johnson Seal
Geo. H. Burns Seal
J. H. Blackburn Seal

Dated and approved June 18, 1907
J. H. Barth, Sheriff.

Bond

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County }

Circuit Court

We, Matilda Bonner defendant and Geo. H. Burns & J. H. Blackburn agree to pay to the State of Alabama, One Hundred

Dollars unless Matilda Bonner 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 her in said Court for the offense of Adultery or fornication. And we and each of us, hereby waive all rights to claim of exemption 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 incumbrance to the full amount of the above Bonds.

Witness our hand and seals this 18th day of June, 1907
 Witness to signature: J. Jenkins Matilda ^{her} ^{maison} Bonner } Seal
 Geo. T. Burns } Seal
 J. B. Blackburn } Seal
 Taken and approved June 18, 1907,
 T. A. Booth, Sheriff.

No. 4. The State vs J. T. Bowman

Organization
 of Court
 Grand Jury

The State of Alabama } Circuit Court
 Baldwin County } Spring Term 1908

Be it remembered that a Court was begun and held for the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama on the Fourth Monday in March, 1908 the same being the 23rd day of the Month, His Honor Saml. 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 venue facies 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: R. L. Yumley Jr., H. W. Slaughter, Orie Stapleton, J. L. Ferguson, N. C. Winnie, Chas. F. Swan, H. J. Clwerdon, J. M. McPherson, Hector Smith, H. M. Gilley, H. B. Staples, E. M. Strong, Geo. A. Johnson, J. B. Vaughn, Geo. H. Hoyle, E. M. Hayes, J. A. Underwood, E. M. Watts, and Joseph Menzel, all of whom answered to their names except H. W. Slaughter, Hector Smith, and Theo. A.