

Before me Joseph Currie Judge of the Court
of Probate in and for the County of
Randolph and State of Alabama in
person came Mr Owens jailor of said
County who being duly sworn says that
the foregoing account on the opposite
page is true and correct to the best
of his knowledge and belief and that
he has not received any payment of
the same on any part thereof either by
discount or otherwise.

Sworn to and subscribed }
before me this day of } Wm Owens
Jan'y 22nd 1861 }
Joseph Currie Judge of }
Probate }



The State of Alabama Before me Joseph Currie
Randolph County Judge of the Court of
Probate in person came W. H. Smith who
says on oath that he visited the jail with
Mr Owens the jailer the morning after
the escape of the prisoners Messrs Trent
Weaver & Gregory and found that one
of the cross bars had been sawed out
of the window and used as a tool
for breaking through the wooden door
after sawing the bar into two which
fastened the iron door. He further believes
that Mr Owens has given a correct
Statement of the ~~fact~~ situation and condition
of the jail at and before the time of
the escape of the prisoners Messrs Trent
Weaver & Gregory. Sworn to and
subscribed before me this 22nd day 1861
Joseph Currie Judge } W. H. Smith
of Probate }

I saw the jail at the time spoken of in the above
affidavit, & fully concur in the statements in the same.
Sworn to & subscribed before me } W. H. Smith
This day 22nd 1861. } Joseph Currie
Judge of Probate }

The State of Alabama } Before me Joseph Leavie
Randolph County } Judge of the Court of
Probate in and for said County personally
came before me this day Mr. James J. Allen
of said County who being duly sworn says
that the jail of said County is situated on
the outer edge of the town of Woodstock
and that there is no enclosure around
said jail, preventing the access of the public
thereto, that the prisoners mentioned in the
 foregoing account, viz; B. C. Mearns, Cicero
Gregory and R. B. Trent were confined in
said jail in August 1858 and that they
made their escape therefrom, by sawing a
cross-bar out of the window so as to leave
a sharp edge on one of the ends of the bar
and also sawed into the iron bar which
fastened the iron door of the jail and
then burst the lock off of the wooden and
outer door of the jail, with the iron bar
sawed out of the window and made
their escape in the night and it is the
belief of affiant, that the instrument
by which the said bars were sawed into,
was handed to the said prisoners, throu-
-gh the iron grates of the window, by some
one from without, and further that it has
never been customary in this County, for
the jailor or any one else to live in the
jail. And the said jail was securely locked
as usual on the night of the said escape
and the said prisoners made their escape
without the knowledge or ^{or negligence} connivance
of affiant and after said prisoners
made their escape, affiant not being

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Account
from
Randolph
County
Jan. 28 1861.
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