Platte County Circuit Court
Circuit Court
November Term 1867

Box 74 File 40

Jenkins, Daniel W.

Coroner's Inquest

- Jenkins shot to death
- One piece of testimony said Albert Hughes had a pistol and said, "He'd show white people whether they would run over him or not— he was as free as anybody"
- Includes testimony of African-Americans

Coroners Inquest

on body of

Daniel W. Jenkins

Filed Nov 12th 1864.

F. M. Tufts

Clerk

The State of Missouri to the Constable of
Carroll Township in the County of Platte
Greeting You are hereby commanded forthwith
to summon a jury of six good and lawful
men, householders of your township, to appear
before me Edward D Ford, Coroner of said
county at the Planters House in Platte
City in the county aforesaid on this day at
two of the clock in the afternoon, then and there
to inquire of and do all such things as shall
be lawfully given them in charge touching
the death of Daniel Jenkins
and be you then and there with this
writ to certify what you shall have done
in the premises, and further to ~~do~~ do what
then and there
shall be enjoined upon you according
to law. Given under my hand this 12
day of November 1867 E D Ford
Coroner of Platt County

I served this writ by summoning
Six House holders of Coral
Township this the 12th day of
November 1867

H L Park
Constable

Charley Eireman
Jake Atkinson
W J Wileby
Johnson Kinsey
Elmore Brackenridge
A M Johnson
S D Park
Constable

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Corporation Liquor
on Body of
Daniel Kinsey

Summons for Jury

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Jersey Jorge Coro
Daniel Smith Cole
Jack Waller Cole

State of Missouri
County of Platte

Dr G W Smith
Austin Louis Cole
J. Barnett Maginess
Green Smith Cole
D. E. McDonnel

The State of Missouri To Patrick Bennet Daniel Grant Cole

You are hereby commanded to appear forthwith before me E D Cord Coroner of Platte County and an Inquest now sitting at the Planter house in Platte City in said County to be examined, and to declare your knowledge concerning the manner in which Daniel Jenkins then lying dead came to his death and all other matters on which you shall be examined and hereof fail not at your Peril

Given under my hand this 12th day of November 1867

E D, Cord
Coroner of Platte County

James McMurky please let bearer have the Black Boy Harrison to take before the Coroners Inquest and he will return him to Jail

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Sh'ff

Served this subpoena on the within named
Daniel Smith Jose ~~Gorga~~ Patrick Bennett
Jack Wallen Dave Frost Barney McGinnis
Dr G W Smith Dr E M Donald Austin Lewis
& Green Smith

By reading the same to them in
Platte City Platte County Mo. on the
12th day of November 1867

S D Park
Constable
of Carel

Fees Penn subpoenas
#35 each $3,50

Coroners Inquest
on body of
Daniel W. Hawkins

Subpoena
for Witnesses

Filed Nov 12. th 1867

Platte City Mo Nov 12 1867. The undersigned was called to examine the body of David W. Jenkins, and found a gun-shot wound, entering between the Scapulae, about the fifth ~~Dorsal~~ vertebrae, passing forward and upward, wounding the substance of the Lung, and probably dividing the subclavian artery, and passing out just above the Clavicle of the right side. The wound spoken of in the opinion that this wound was sufficient to produce death in a very short time.

Edwd. W. Lond M.D.
W. W. Smith M.D.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 12th day of November 1867

Edward D Cord Coroner

Coroners Inquest
on body of
Daniel W. Jenkins

Testimony

Filed Nov 12th 1867.
F. M. Tufts
Clerk

We Austin Lewis (Colored) Patrick B Bennett
Green Smith (Colored do acknowledge ourselves
severally to stand indebted to the State of Missouri
in the sum of fifty dollars upon the condition that
if each of the above named persons shall make his
personal appearance before the Judges of the Circuit
Court on the 13th day of November 1867 to be
holden at Platte City in the County of Platte and
State of Missouri and then and there testify
to their knowledge touching the death of
Daniel Jenkins and do not depart thence
without leave of the Court then this bond
shall be void otherwise it shall remain in
full force

Witness our hands signatures and seals
this 12th day of November 1867

Austin his X Lewis (Seal)
mark

P B Bennett

Green Smith

Coroners Inquest
on body of
Daniel W. Jenkins

Recognizance
of Witnesses

Filed Nov 12th 1864
F. M. Tufts
Clerk

Conversation at the time was
in regard to the
relation to a fe

Platte Co Nebr
Nov 10th 1867

My name is Losie George
Last Sunday night I ~~saw~~ said
Albert Hughes at Mrs Emerson's
Kitchen & told him that he had
better go home as he had got
knocked down, he said he would
not go home until he had
done more damage than he
had ever done & then he would
go home

my mark
Losie X George

Sworn to and subscribed to
before me this 12th day Nov 1867
E D Cord Coroner of Platte
County

my name is Austin Lewis, I am employed as Cook by Howell Denkins, about 5 Oclock this Morning the deseased Knocked at my door, (the Kitchen Door) and heard him go down the Steps after calling me and go to the Basment Door, heard someone open the Basment Door, and a shot fired Emetiatly after the Door opened after the Shot was fired heard the Deseased Cough. Oh Oh. Oh. three times after which I went out of the Kitchen and found Deseased Standing before the Kitchen Door and as I came to him he fell in my Arms, I called my wife and told her Mr Den Kins was shot, and told her to run after Mrs Den Kins Deseased's Wife who came out and held him up, and tried to get Deseased to speak to her, after which I went over to Mr Howell Den Kins House to call him he was not in the basement last night, But sometimes go down after night to get any

Wood for morning, I am acquainted with Albert Hughes, I have not seen him since last Saturday night about 8 or 9 o'clock. I have had no talk with the Boys named Zack & Dan this morning, & never told any one that Albert Hughes would Kill D. M. Lenkins if he ever saw him again, I never told Mr. A. Jenkins that Mr. D. M. Lenkins had shot himself

his mark
Austin X Lewis

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 12th day Nov 1867

E D Cord Coroner of Platte County

Nov 1

Platte Co't Neb
Nov 12th 1867

My name is Bennett McGinnis,
I went down the stairs this
morning about 10 minutes to
5 where I heard the screams
of the deceased,

his mark
Bennett X McGinnis

Sworn to and subscribed to before
me this 12th Nov 1867

E D Cook Coroner of Platte
County

Nov (2)

Platte Co't Neb
Nov 12th 1867

My name is Greene Smith,
I Know Albert Hughes, I also
know Jack Stuart & Dan'l
Frost. I saw Albert Hughes
yesterday morning at Jim Swaneys
place, I never have heard him
say anything in regard to Jim
Jenkins in an angry manner
Albert Hughes told me that
he & Dan'l Jenkins had had
a quarrel, Jim He told me that
Dan'l Jenkins asked him at the
time of ~~fight~~ quarrel if he felt like
going to the table with him &
said his answer was that he would

(2,)

go the Stable with him or any other man, Just before getting to the Stable said Dan'l Jenkins struck him with a pistol, He Thrill afterward he & I went out to the Swamp's. Albert Hughes was not at his boarding place last night. he carries a large pistol,

his mark
Greene X Smith

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 12th Day Nov 1867

E D Cord Coroner of Platte County

Platte, City, Mo.
Nov 12th 1867

(No, 3,)

My name is Dan Frost I slept in the basement room under the Kitchen, last night at Planters House Jack Stuart slept with me, I heard a shot this morning which woke me up. It must have been in the room as there was a smoke in the Door, I do not own a pistol, But had one under the head of my Bed Last night, It is in the posession of Mr Tommie Jenkins at this time who taken it this morning I heard Mr D. Jenkins scream out after the shot was fired, I never had any ill feeling towards Dr Jenkins

No 1

Platte Cot Neb
Nov 12th 1867

My name is Barnett McGinnis.
I went down the stairs this
morning about 10 minutes to
5 where I heard the screams
of the deceased,

his mark
Barnett X McGinnis

Sworn to and subscribed to before
me this 12th Nov 1867

E D Cook Coroner of Platte
County

No (2).

Platte City Neb
Nov 12th 1867

My name is Greene Smith.
I Know Albert Hughes, I also
Know Jack Stuart & Danl
Frost. I saw Albert Hughes
yesterday morning at Jim Downeys
place, I never have heard him
say anything in regard to Jim
Perkins in an angry manner
Albert Hughes told me that
he & Danl Perkins had had
a quarrel, Jim He told me that
Danl Perkins asked him at the
time of ~~fight~~ quarrel if he fell & he
going to the State with him &
said his answer was that he would

No 3.

Persons might if they should wish enter the Room where I sleep as there is no way of fastening the Door, It has been the custom of Mr D. W. Jenkins to arouse me every morning. I know Albert Hughes, I have not seen him since last Sunday, he used to work for Mr Jenkins & at that time slept in the Room where I sleep. I saw Albert Hughes last Sunday morning at Gran Norton's (colored) he was looking for bullet moles, & had lead out of which he wished to run bullets, I ~~asked him what~~ I stepped up to him & asked him what he was going to do with the lead, He reached to his side & pulled out his pistol & ~~said~~ says do you see that (reposing to pistol) I told him that I did, ~~He~~ He then said By-God I am going to use it, & show White People whether they would run over him or not he was free as anybody, He said that he would fix Mr. Dan. Jenkins if it took him 10 or 20 yrs.

(Continued on separate sheet)

Platte City Mo
Nov 12 1867

My name is Patrick B. Bennett,
Some time this morning
Bennett McGinis came to my
bed & told me that D. W. Jenkins
was shot. About 9 o'clock last
night I saw Albert Hughes
near the Scales in front of
Fields & Park. Stable, He had on a
dark Coat and light Pants,
also a dark Hat. I was at this
time near Mayo's Saloon & on
coming down the pavement to
the Planters House I saw again
Albert Hughes turn the North West
corner of the Planters House,
& on searching for him I could
not again see him, I am confident
that it was Albert Hughes I saw,
I was in about 2 ft of
Albert Hughes when he was near
the scales. P B Bennett

Sworn to and subscribed to
before me this 12th Nov 1867
E D Cox Coroner of Platte County.

(No. 3.) Dan Frost's Evidence Continued

Our conversation at the time was in regard to a former quarrel with Mr. Dan Jenkins, ~~He had on~~ The pistol Albert Hughes had was a hardy. When I first woke up this morning I run up stairs where Mr. Jenkins was Dying. & he was at the Academy Sunday night, I never remarked at that time any thing about the different with Albert Hughes & Mr, Dan'l. Jenkins, I went to bed last night about 9 o'clock, Albert Hughes is well acquainted with Basement Room of Kitchen & Knows that we never fasten Doors also Knows that Dan'l Jenkins always wakes the Boys who are sleeping in the room, I slept in front part of Bed last night, I told Austin Lewis last Sunday that I had seen Albert at Grants with some lead, Austin having asked me if I had seen him.

Dan x Frost

Sworn to & subscribed to before me
This 12th Nov 1867

E. D. Cox. Coroner of Platte County

Platte City Mo;
Nov 12th 1867

My name is Jack Waller.
I slept in the Basement Room
of Kitchen at Planters House
last night. I slept on Back side
of bed. A fire from a pistol
woke me this morning. I heard
Mr. Jenkins ~~Jack~~ scream this morning
after he was shot, At Mr. Jenkins
Rock House, on Last Saturday
night in the Kitchen I heard
Albert Hughes say that he would
fix Mr, Daniel Jenkins, He also,
had lead in his possession of which
he wanted to run bullets. Dan'l Jenkins
has been in the custom of waking up
the Boys in the Kitchen Every morning.
I lay with ~~the~~ my head near the window
last night, When I awoke there was a
smoke at the Door Albert Hughes
is well acquainted with the Room
where we sleep

his mark
Jack. x Waller

Sworn to and subscribed to before
me this 12th Day Nov 1867
E. D. Cord Coroner of Platte County

Platte City Mo
Nov 12th 1867

Howell Jenkins deposes & says that he does not think his son Dan'l, lived more than 2 or 3 minutes after having been shot,

Howell Jenkins

Sworn and acknowledged before me this 12th day of November 1867

E D Cook Coroner of Platte County

State of Missouri } ss
County of Platte }

An enquisition taken at the Planters House in Platte City & County of Platte on the 12th day of November 1867 before me Edward D Cook Coroner of the County aforesaid, upon the view of the body of Daniel W Jenkins then and there lying and W J Willoughby Elmore Breckenridge A M Johnson, J Kimsey G Henson & Charles Eisemen Good and lawful men householders of the Township ~~aforesaid~~ of Carroll in the County aforesaid who being Sworn and charged diligently to inquire and true presentment make how and in what manner and by whom, the said Daniel W Jenkins came to his death, upon their oaths do say

that the said Daniel W Jenkins came to his death by a Gunshot wound fired by some ~~person~~ person or persons unknown to the Jury

Chas Eisemen E D Cook Coroner of Platte County
W J Willoughby
Johnson Kimsey
G. C. Henson
Elmore Breckinridge
A M. Johnston

Coroners Inquest
on body of
Daniel H. Jenkins

Verdict of
Coroners Jury

Filed Nov 12th. 1867.
F. M. Tufts
Clerk