

Jefferson County Circuit Court
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STATE of Missouri

^{vs}

McFarland, John

Assault with intent to kill

Initially brought before Justice of the
Peace Samuel Graham December 25th, 1834
by Caleb Long & James Taylor, victims.
McFarland allegedly threw rocks or
clubs, and then drew a pistol.

The State of Missouri } This day personally appeared Caleb
County of Jefferson } Lang before me Samuel Graham
a Justice of the peace within and for said County
and after being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth
on his oath that one John McFarland did on Thursday
the twentyfifth day of December 1834 at said Langs
own house commit an assault on him by presenting and
snapping a pistol at his breast and then drew a dagger
and swore he would kill him - Sworn to before
me this 25th day of December 1834
and subscribed on the same day

Caleb Lang

Samuel Graham
a Justice of the peace

State of Missouri } To the Sheriff or any
County of Jefferson } Constable of said County
greeting Whereas complaint hath been made
before me one of the Justices of the peace within
and for said County of Jefferson afore said upon
the oath of Caleb Lang of said County that one
John McFarland of said County did commit an
assault on him with intent to kill him the said
Caleb Lang in the County of Jefferson afore said
there are therefore to command you forthwith to appre-
hend the said John McFarland and bring him before me
or some other Justice of the peace to answer the premises
and further to be dealt with according to Law
given under my hand at my office in the County afore said
this 25th day of December in the year of our Lord 1834
Samuel Graham a Justice of the peace

The ~~2nd~~
38 { insured
John McFarlane

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With intent to kill

The within named
persons by bringing
the body of John
McFarlane before
James Chapman
justice of the peace
on the 26th day
of December 1834

Attest Christian the clerk

the state of Missouri County of Jefferson
this Day personally appeared James Taylor before me
Samuel Graham a Justice of the peace within and for the County
aforesaid and being duly sworn ~~upon his~~ Deposeeth and saith
upon his oath that on the twentyfifth Day of December 1884
that John McFarlin Did assault with intent to kill
him the said James Taylor Sworn to and subscribed
the Day and year aforesaid

James ^{his} Taylor
_{mark}

Samuel Graham
a Justice of the peace

the state of Missouri
County of Jefferson

to the Sheriff or any Constable of said County greeting
Whereas Complaint hath this Day been made on oath by James
Taylor to me a Justice of the peace within and for the County of
Jefferson aforesaid that John McFarlin Did unlawfully
assault with intent to kill him the said James Taylor at the
County aforesaid these are therefore to Command you

forth with to apprehend the said John McFarlin and
bring him before me or some other Justice of the peace for
the said County to answer the premises and be further
Dealt with according to Law given under my hand and
Seal at the County of Jefferson aforesaid this 25th Day
December in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred
and Twenty four Samuel Graham a Justice of the peace Seal

The State
as warrant
John W. Garland

about to file

the within records
by bringing the body
of John W. Garland
before a justice
of the peace in the
County of Decatur 1834
J. M. Garrison Attorney

The State of Missouri }
of the Township of Lewis
Jefferson County } Township meeting

Now are summoned to appear before Benjamin
Kesterman Jefferson County and ^{and William} ~~James~~ ^{James} Davis
with to appear before me to testify and the Court
to stay in a certain matter now pending
between ~~John~~ ^{John} Cook and is prosecuted in
behalf of the State and the fact of the
State Dec 25th 1834 Samuel Graham a Justice of the Peace

Subpoena

John Shaw
Ben Coleman
Jefferson Young

The within summoned beech
attending to law and returning this 26 Decem

Dec 17 34

Sunday May 1834

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the state of Missouri) to the Constable of Meramec
County of Jefferson) (at) (the) (place) (of) (the) (state) (of) (the)

You are commanded to summon James Taylor
Benjamin Coleman Jefferson Young and Margaret
Long Smithwick to appear before me a Justice of
the Peace within and for said County to testify
the truth of these demands in a certain matter
now pending before me wherein said Long
is prosecuter in behalf of the state and John
McFarland is defendant on the part of the
defendants this 25th Dec 1834 James L. Graham
Justice of the Peace

Offered in Summons executed
according to law on this 26 Day
December 1891. Sunday May 1891

The State
vs ^{subpoena}
John A. Farland

James Taylor
Ben Coleman
Jefferson Young
Margaret Long
for the State

State of Missouri } This day personally appeared Caleb Lang before me a
Jefferson County } Justice of the peace for said County and after being
duly sworn deposeth and sayeth on his oath that John McFarland
did on Thursday the 25th day of December 1834 commit an assault on
his house and family by throwing rocks or clubs at the door to the
great annoyance and alarming of the family. Subscribed this 25th December 1834 Samuel Graham a Justice of the peace
Caleb Lang

State of Missouri } To the Sheriff or constable of said County
Jefferson County } greeting whereas complaint hath been made
to me a Justice of the peace within and for said County by Caleb
Lang upon his oath that one John McFarland of said County
did commit an assault on his house and family by throwing
rocks or clubs to the great annoyance and alarming of
his family

There are therefore to command you forthwith
to apprehend the said John McFarland and bring
him before me or some other Justice of the peace to
answer the premises and further to be dealt with
according to Law

given under my hand at my office in the County
afore said this 25th Decer 1834 Samuel Graham
a Justice of the peace Seal

The State

as

John McFarland

The within secured
by bringing the body
of John McFarland before
James Graham on the
16th day of December
1834

J. McFarland, Sheriff

State of Missouri } At the courthouse of Merriam Township
Lefferson County } greeting you as commanded to summon
Lefferson young Benjamin Coleman and Edward Long
to appear before the undersigned Justice of the Peace
to submit to testing the truth of their kinship in
a certain matter now pending before me wherein
James Ogden is prosecutor in behalf of the State
on the part of the prosecutor
Decr 25. 1834 Samuel Graham a Justice of the Peace

The within sum more execution
according to law and returned
this 20 Day December 1837
Sandy Hays const.

the State
vs 3 sub
John McFarland

Benjamin Coleman
Jefferson Young
Margaret Lang

The State of Missouri
County of Jefferson

Be it remembered that on the 26 Day of December 1834
personally came before me Samuel Graham Justice
of the peace within and for the County aforesaid
Isabel Long prosecutor and James Taylor prosecutor
and Benjamin Coleman witnesses and Margaret Long
witness and Jefferson Young witnesses and William
Young witnesses and John Store witnesses each came
before me and acknowledged themselves to owe
to the State of Missouri Sixty Dollars ^{each} they paid
to appear on the 16 Day of March 1835 before
said Circuit Court and there continued till
leave of said Court this 26 Day of December 1834
I Do hereby certify the above to be a true state
went Samuel Graham a Justice of the Peace

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Recognizance of
Witnesses

The State of Missouri County of Jefferson
To the Sheriff and Takers of said Gaol of said County
Saying these are therefore to command you the said
Sheriff forthwith to convey and deliver to the
Jury of the Gaol of said County of Jefferson the
body of John McFarlin taken and brought before
me Samuel Graham a Justice of the Peace within and for
the said County and charged before me upon the oath
of Talib Long for committing an assault upon the
House and Family of said Talib Long with intent to
break in and upon the Keeper of said Gaol are hereby
required to receive the said John McFarlin into your
Custody in the said Gaol and keep these safely keep
until he shall be discharged by due Course of
Law given under my hand and Seal at the County
aforesaid this 26 Day of December in the year of our Lord
Eighteen Hundred and thirty four Samuel Graham
a Justice of the Peace

Commitment of
John McFarland

State of Missouri }
County of Jefferson }

Set
The State of Missouri

To the Sheriff and Keeper of the goal of
Said County greeting

There are to command you the Said Sheriff
faithfully to convey and deliver to the goaler
of Said County of Jefferson the body of John
McFarland taken as and brought before me a
Justice of the peace within and for Said County
and charged before me upon the oath of Caleb
Lang with committing an assault with intent
to kill and you the Keeper of Said goal are here
by commanded to receive the Said John McFarland
into your custody in the Said goal and there safely
keep untill he shall be discharged by due
course of Law given under my hand and
Seal at the County aforesaid This 26th day
of December 1834 Samuel Graham Justice of the peace

Commitment of
John A. Farland

State of Missouri }
County of Jefferson

Be it remembered That on the 26th day of Decem-
ber 1834 John McFarland as principle and Thomas
Farrell John Johnston Isaac Heppers Isaac Burgran
Alexander Young ^{and John McQuire} Thomas Young personally
appeared before me Samuel Graham a Justice
of the peace within and for said County and
acknowledged them selves to owe to the State
of Missouri that is to say John McFarland
the Sum of Twenty five dollars on the said
Thomas Farrell John Johnston Isaac Heppers
Isaac Burgran Alexander Young ^{John McQuire} Thomas Young
each the Sum of Twenty five dollars to be
levied of there goods lands and tenements if the
said John McFarland in the condition under
written - The condition of this recognizance is
such that if the above named John McFarland
shall personally appear at the circuit court on the
first day of the term there of to be holden for the
County of Jefferson on the 16th day of March next
then and there to answer an indictment to be preferred
against him by the grand Jury against the said
John McFarland for an assault committed on the body
of James Taylor Caleb Lang with intent to kill
whereof he the said John McFarland stands charged
and shall not depart the same without leave of
the said court then this recognizance to be void
else to remain in full force Taken and certified
this 26th day of December 1834 John McFarland
by Samuel Graham
Justice of the Peace

Thomas Farrell Seal
Isaac Heppers Seal
John Johnston Seal
Isaac Burgran Seal
John McQuire Seal
Alexander Young Seal
Thomas Young Seal

Receiptance of
Mr. Robert
Stark
at
John W. Standard

In the Honorable Circuit Court
Jefferson County July the seventh
1835

~~John Stae a witness~~
James Taylor
John W. Gearing }

John Stae a witness in said
Case claims two attendances 100
and twenty miles Ride

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Is Taylor
answ for his
attendance as a
witness &
John W. Garland