

Jefferson County Circuit Court
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State

vs

Bovis, Prudence

Assult and robbery

Stole bed feathers, tea cups and
sauces, knives, plates, and a saddle
from Katherine Smith

The State of Missouri
County of Jefferson

This day personally appeared before me Austin Shelton a Justice of the Peace within and for said County, Katharine Smith, of said County, who upon oath states, that some time in the month of March last, that she this affiant resided at the house of one Prudence Benez ~~living~~ in said County, that she said Prudence, ^{& Hany Cole & Rebecca King} did ^{maliciously & forcibly} take & force out of the possession of this affiant the following property (to wit) the feathers - out of a bed (the property of this affiant) one fine Tea Cup & Saucer - one set of Knives, one set of plates - & one Mans Saddle - all the property of this affiant & of the value twenty two Dollars, also about (to the best of her belief) sixty five lbs of Bacon, and this affiant further states, that the said Prudence, ^{& Hany Cole & Rebecca King} did there & there, Beat Bruise & wound this affiant, ~~then & so~~ her
known to before me Katharine X Smith
this 26th day of July 1837. Mark

Austin Shelton Justice

Appraisal of
Athalia Smith

State of Missouri } The State of Missouri -
County of Jefferson }

To the Sheriff or any constable of said
County greeting - Whereas complaint has
been made before me one of the Justices of
the peace in and for the County aforesaid -
upon the oath of Katharine Smith, that
Prudence Lewis, Nancy Cobb & Rebecca Lewis
late of the County aforesaid, on or in the month of
March last past at the County of Jefferson
aforesaid, did wilfully & maliciously & forcibly take
& force out of the possession of the said Katharine
the feathers of one bed, five Tea Cups & Saucers, one
set of knives, one set of plates, one man,
saddle & about 60 lbs of Bacon, the property
of the said Katharine, and also that the said
Prudence Lewis the said Nancy Cobb & the
said Rebecca Lewis did then & there beat Annie
& murder this affiant, ~~this~~ contrary to the Statute
in such cases made & provided and
transgressed against the peace & dignity of the State,

These are therefore to command you fairly
with to apprehend the said Prudence Lewis -
Nancy Cobb & Rebecca Lewis and bring them
before me to answer the premises and further
to be dealt with as the law directs, and herein
I do not and fail not at your peril,
Given under my hand this 26th
day of July 1837. - Austin, Shelton Justice of the

For want of a proper officer reasonably to be
had, at the Risque and Request of the Plaintiff
I authorize, Elisha Vernon, to serve & return this
Writ, given under my hand this 26th day of July
1837. Sec 50 Austin Shotton Justice

State of Mississippi
County of ~~Jefferson~~
in 3rd District
Prudence Henry
Henry Cook & others
Plaintiffs
vs
Elisha Vernon & Constable
not found + the 24th day of July 1837
to it Shotton Justice - Prudence Henry
& Henry Cook & others
I attest the truth of Prudence Henry
On Oath to the Court. Elisha Vernon

State of Virginia
County of Jefferson
do the Constable of

Dear Sonnets in Dear Society -

*The Commandy are to learn more
of David D. Davis*

Adams, David

Fortworth before me, Catherine Smith to appear
 to testify & the Court to say in a certain
 matter before me pending between the above
 & defendant is plaintiff and defendant
 Henry Cole & Decece Lewis is Defendants
 on the part of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~of~~ ^{and} Henry are
 then there the said Lewis are my hands this
 26th day of July 1839—

of us too," Shelton justices

In obedience to the Within command I
have summoned Within named, James D. Anderson
& Katharine Smith July 29th 1834
See 50 Elsie Vernon & Constable

State of Mississippi

Frederick Bengtson

James Collier & others

Bengtson

James D. Anderson

& Katharine Smith

on part of State

State of the Paris
County of Jefferson

This day before me at

Paris before the undersigned Justice, I have
heard and saw both who were asked in
behalf of the State, upon the complaint of
Rathorne Smith and others up to me this
day, who shew, that Jacob Jones, they

John Leggett Esq. they are throughly

Jacob Thayer, & Melian Jones are ~~that~~

justices and that they cannot safely go to these

without their

attestments & shew to

this 29th day of Aug 1835.

Henry & John
Smith

Affidavit of
P. B. Bury
Haley Cobb

Know all Men by these presents -

That I Prudence Beris as principal
and I John M. Kean Ammon Knighton & Jacob Haversick
as Securitys are here and firmly bound
unto the State of Mississippi In the Just and
Full Sum of ~~three~~^{four} hundred dollars, that is
to say - the said Prudence one hundred dollars
and the said Securitys one hundred dollars
each - to be levied of our respective Goods &
Chattels, lands and Tenements, upon this Con-
dition, Nevertheless, Whereas, the said Prudence
Beris has this day been required to appear, at
the next Term of the Circuit Court, of
Jefferson County, to be held within and for said
County in the Town of Herculaneum on Monday
the Seventh day of the present month, August
Next if in Case the said Prudence Beris shall
well and truly appear aforesaid at the Time &
place aforesaid then and there to answer to an
Indictment which may be preferred against
her, for an assault & Robbery committed upon
Katharine Smith, and not depart the Court
without leave then this Recognizance to be void
else, to remain in full force and effect,
acknowledged this
5th day of Aug 1837.

Prudence Beris
J. Knighton
J. Haversick
John M. Kean

State of Mississippi
To J. H. Bond
Justice of Peace

File Sheswell
J. H. Bond
At 10 O'clock

State of Mississippi
County of Jefferson }

I Austin Shelton an acting Justice of the
Peace within & for said County do Certify that
the said Bond or recognizance was taken ~~as~~
on the day and year aforesaid

Austin Shelton Justice
of the peace