

Jefferson County Circuit Court
Case File - criminal
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Edmonds, James

Murder

Shot James Bridgeman with a
shot gun; depositions; guilty and
hanged 3 March 1863

State of Mo
county of Jefferson } On the 23rd day of August
1862 before me the undersigned justice of the peace
of the county of Jefferson personally appeared
Mary Massey who being duly sworn to give eviden-
ce and the truth to say concerning his knowledge
of the manner and by whom John Bridgman
the person whose body lies here dead came to his
Death thereupon the said Mary Massey Disposed
and says as follows that James Edmonds and John
Bridgman and Edmonds came along a howling
for Jeff Davis and said Sam any man that wo-
uld not say the same then he said is there any
Jeff Davis & Ladies in here and I answered no
then he said you need not hollow for Lincoln
he would kill me any way and he pointed
his gun at me then John Bridgman said to
Edmonds come let us go there is no man in
here only women and one of them is sick in
bed after that the said Edmonds inquired for
John Longworth and said that John Longworth
was a dead man if he went up that way then
the said James Edmonds came in the house and
requested Bridgman to search the house for the
melita and as Bridgman started to leave the
house Edmonds told him to stop or he would
shoot him and did shoot at him and Bridgman
knocked the gun off to one side and said dont
shoot me Edmonds and after that Edmonds made
Bridgman come back and set down on the door
step and hit him with his fist and told him
to set there then Edmonds said he was a going to have
all the of his ladies for prison and told Bridgman

Deportation of Miners
in an English held over
the person of our
John Bridgman

No fees

\$ 1.30

\$ 1.50

to go and call the militia and order Bridgman
to go and search the house for they was
there, and as the said Bridgman left
to go and search for the militia that
the said James Edmonds shot him,
and that Mrs Mary Massey saw the same with her
own eyes, when the same John Bridgman fell and exclaim-
ed Lord of Murey, Edmonds you have killed me.
Then Bridgman said: Edmond come and help me up,
which Edmonds did not do, but ordered the ladies to go
and bring him in, and call'd for light. Then Edmond
went to Bridgman where he was lying, and said to him
to get up, that he was not hurt as bad, as he thought he was,
and then Edmonds kicked him.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me } ^{her} Mary Massey
Thomas Edmonds } mark
Justice of the peace.

State of Missouri }
County of Jefferson }

thereupon the said Sarah Longworth deposes and says:
That Edmonds and Bridgman came here about 7 or 8 o'clock
P. M. and the said Edmonds began abusing the house, and
ordered Bridgman to set down, and cuffed him and said
that he would shoot him if he did not set still, and
did shoot at him, and the said J. Bridgman tried to
get Edmonds to go off, and Edmond told him to go off
and mind his own business, and that he would stay
as long as he liked, then Edmond turned around and
asked Mrs Griffen where John Longworth was, and
she told him, she did not know, where he was, and
Edmond cocked his gun on her, and said he would shoot
her. After that, Bridgman came to the door and took

his gun away from him and told him, he would shoot him, and said Edmonds ordered Bridgman, to go and bring James Longworth Thomas Godfrey and James Woly, out of the other house, and Bridgman call'd for a light and started to go to the house, and then the said Edmonds shot John Bridgman. And Mrs Sarah Longworth further states that she heard John Bridgman exclaim Lord of Mercy, Edmond you have killed me, and asked him further to come and help him up, which said Edmond did not do, but ordered the ladies to go and bring a light. The light was brought out, and Edmond went to J. Bridgman, where he was lying, and said to him to get up, that he was not hurt as bad as he thought he was.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
Thomas Edwards
Justice of the peace.

} Sarah ^{her} Longworth
mark

State of Mo: }
City of Jefferson }

Thereupon the said Martha Griffen deposes and says: James Edmonds and John Bridgman came along between the hours of 7 or 8 o'clock past the house and Edmonds hallowed: Hurrah for Jeff. Davis, then the both turned around and came back to the house and stepped up to the door, and asked, if there was any southern ladies in the house, that he was a Southern man, and that he was a friend of the southern ladies, and Mrs Massey said no, that we were all Lincoln ladies, and ~~further said~~ Martha Griffen replied, that there were no Lincoln ladies, they were all southern ladies, then Edmonds said if there were any Lincoln ladies, he would blow them to hell, and cocked his gun at them, then Mrs Griffen said, for God's sake Mrs Edmonds don't shoot, we are all southern ladies. then Bridgman came up and said, Edmonds come let us go away, don't harm the ladies, and Edmonds told him to go away and let him alone, that he would shoot him, and shot at him, and Bridgman knocked the gun up to one side and said, for God's sake Edmond don't

shoot me, and started to run around the house, and Edmond replied, go and sit down and let him alone. Then Bridgman said; Mstr Edmonds you have shot at me, and I dont want you to do that again. Edmond then came in to the house and carried out all the chairs from the house, but one for him to sit upon. Then said Edmonds asked us ladies if there were any man about the house, and we told him: no. he then disputed our word, and cocked his gun, then Bridgman came back and said: Mstr Edmonds, come let us go, I believe the have told you the thruth, and I dont think, that there is a man about the house, then Edmonds ordered Bridgman to take his seat, and cocked his gun on him again, then Edmonds came in to the house, and asked me where John Longworth was, and I told him that John Longworth, was living at James Longworths, which he disputed. Then Mrs Massey said to him, that John Longworth, had gone to mill, and he replied that he (John Longworth) would never reach home alive, that he would be a dead man. Then the said Edmonds accused us of harboring man about the house and wanted to press me, and my sister to go home with him, then I replied, That I could not go with him, at that time of night, and got it out of his notion to go. Then said Edmonds said that he had orders from his captain to burn Mrs Massey's and Mstr Longworth's house. Then the said Edmond ~~said~~ cocked his gun in the house, and said, that he was going to take Mrs Massey prisoner. After this S. Bridgman came up and said: Edmond for Gods sake come and let the woman alone, then Edmond told him to go back to his chair and cocked his gun on him. then said Edmond came in and said again that we had sauthern men hid here which we disputed, and he cocked his gun on us again, John Bridgman came up to the door, and begged him to let us ladies alone, that there was a sick woman in the house. Edmond then followed Bridgman out and bring Thomas Godfrey and James Longworth in, and to search the other house, and if he would not go, he would send him (Bridgman) to hell.

Then Bridgman replied, for God's sake Edmond, dont kill me I am going as fast as I can, and started to go, then Edmond's shot at him, and Bridgman cried out, Oh Edmond you have killed me, Lord of Mercy come and help me up. Then Edmond's ordered Mrs Massey and her daughter to bring a light out, and carry Bridgman in. Then Edmond came out to Bridgman where he was lying and said to him to get up, that he was not hurt as bad as he thought he was and cursed him and gave him a kick, then Edmond said that some of the dammed Rebels had shot Bridgman and that he was going to have one of their lives, and started up the road a piece and shot again, then he came back and forbid us ladies to leave the place, that he would kill us Sworn to and Subscribed before me

Thomas Edwards
Justice of the peace

Martha ^{her} Griffen
mark

State of Mo. }
County of Jefferson }

Be it remembered, that on the 23^d day of August 1862, Mary Massey, Sarah Longwith, and Martha Griffin personally came before me, one of the Justices of the Peace for said County, and acknowledged themselves to owe the state of Missouri the sum of Fifty Dollars, to be levied on their goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of the state, if default be made in the condition following: which condition is, that if the said Mary Massey, Sarah Longwith and Martha Griffin shall personally appear at the next circuit court, to be holden in and for said county, on the first day of the term, to give testimony on behalf of the state, and the truth to say touching such matters as may be then and there required of him, and not depart the court without leave, then this recognizance shall be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Taken and acknowledged before me this 23^d day of Aug. 1862

Mary Massey
Sarah Longwith
Martha Griffin

Receipts of
Ortheese
State of Missouri
as
James Edwards
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State of Mississippi
County of Jefferson }

The State of Mississippi to the Sheriff or any
comptable of said county greeting.

Whereas complaint has been made before
me a Justice of the peace in and for ~~the~~
the county aforesaid upon the oath of
Harry Hapley that James Edmonds late
of the county aforesaid did on the 22
day of August 1862 at the residence of
H. S. Hapley in the county and State
aforesaid did shoot with a shot gun
and kill one John ~~the son of~~ ^{James}

Bridgman there are therefore to command
you to take the said James Edmonds if
he be found in your county and take
and safely keep the said James Edmonds so that
you have him today forthwith before me ~~that~~
or some other Justice of the peace to answer
the said complaint and thereafter dealt
with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal Richard H. Hays
the 23 day of August 62
Richard H. Hays
Justice of the Peace

Shamout

State of Wisconsin

To James Edmonds

Pro Duo 25
Circuit 1862

of authority & return the writ

Nicholas Nichols

Justice of the Peace

Executed this writ by arresting the person of said James Edmonds
who is now before the court this the 23rd day of August 1862

Adolf Weber
Constable
duty.

The State of Missouri, to the jailor of the county
of Jefferson Greeting:

Whereas complaint has been made before me a Justice
of the peace for said county, upon the oath of Mary
Marrey that James Edmonds late of the county
of Jefferson, did on the 22^d day of August 1862
on the charge of Murder.

And whereas the said James Edmonds was brought
before me upon a warrant duly issued upon the oath
of Mary Marrey and has been examined by me
on such charge, ~~and required to~~

You are therefore commanded to receive the said
James Edmonds into your custody, in the jail of
the county, aforesaid, there to remain until he be
discharged by due course of law.

Given under my hands this 23^d day of August 1862

Alfred Stewart
Justice of the peace

State of Mo }
County of Jefferson }

Be it remembered that on the 23^d day
of August 1862 personally appeared before me one
of the Justices of the Peace for said County, and
acknowledged.

Warrant of
Commitment
State of Missouri
vs
James Edmonds

James Edmonds
I requested the
Writting taken and
Delivered the Within
warrant James Edmonds
into the Jail car
of St. Louis County
for safe keeping
this 25th day of August
1862
Jas. C. Fowler
Sheriff of
Jeff Co Mo
J. C. Fowler Sheriff

at the Risk of Plf, I authorize Adolf
Weber to take charge of det. Jas. Edmonds
to any legal authority that will receive
him,
Alfred Stevens J.P.

State of Missouri
County of Jefferson

on this day comes ^{Mary} Massely of said
County and being sworn says,
that on the 22nd day of Aug 1862. one
James Edmans came to her residence
about eight O'clock in the evening to the
door and asked her if there was any Jeff.
Davis ladies in the house she said there
was not & he drew his ^{gun} to shoot her. Also
used a very unbecoming language to her
& daughter. and one John Bridgman came
with her ^{maid} to the said Edmonds let us leave
the Room as there is no person here but
ladies. he replied to Bridgman to come
in and sit down on the door step. if
you dont I will blow your head off.
said Bridgman started off & told him
that he was going to leave. & said Edmonds
to him to halt and shot at him, and order
ed him the said Bridgman to go and sea
rch in the Kitchen & see if there was any
of the Militia Boys in there. and said Bri
dgman replied to him & said there was
no Militia boys here and said Bridgman
started off. and he ordered him to halt and
shot him. and said Bridgman fell. & said
lord have Mercy on me. you have killed
me. come & help me up. I am dying. said
Edmans ordered a light and went to said
Bridgman & told him that he was a dead
man, and ordered him to get up God damn

you are not as bad as you pretend to be,
& kicked him, and ordered her to hold a light
while he would load his gun. then he took
told her daughter to lay down the shovel &
took hold off her Margaret Massey & dra-
ged her off, and Mrs Massey took hold of her
daughter & told him please to let her go, and
he ordered her to let her go & go off, or he
would blow her dam brains out, and
further ordered the ladies to remain at
the house or he would kill the last one of them
and he remained out about three hours with
her daughter said Bridgman lived about
half an hour after he was shot. Mrs Massey
further said she run down to Thos Gregory
whom lived about a quarter of a mile and
informed him of the circumstances.

sworn to and subscribed

Before Me this 23rd day of Aug. 1862,

A. Stewart J.P.

Mary ^{her} Massey
mark

Sarah Longwith being of lawful age
being sworn on her oath say, that on the
evening of the 22nd 1862, between the hours of
seven & eight o'clock, came James Edmonds
and one John Bridgman to the house of W.D.
Massey in his absence, and hollowed him
for Jeff Davis for he was a southern man
and he came to the door and asked if there was
any southern ladies in the house. Mrs
Massey replied and said there was not, that

they was all sinful ladies, and then said
Edmonds cocked his Gun on us, & said he
would shoot us, and said Bridgman prevailed
and told said Edmonds to leave her, and said
Edmonds shot at said Bridgman & defuncted off
his Gun & he missed him, and Bridgman
still prevailed & tried to get said Edmonds off
that there was a sick woman here & that there
was no person here but ladies, and said Edm-
onds shot said Bridgman and he fell, and told
him that he had killed him & to come and help
him up, and said Edmonds ordered Mrs. Massey
to bring out a light which was down, and said
Edmonds went to said Bridgman & told to get up
that he was not hurt as bad as he pretended to be.
said Bridgman was so far gone that he made
no answer, and said Edmonds pretended

that he was not the person that shot him, that
it was some dam Puppy, and loaded his Gun
& went off a short distance & shot it off, and
reloaded his Gun & ordered the woman if they
left the house he would shoot every damned one
of them, and cocked his Gun on Mrs. Massey
daughter Margaret, & marched her some dis-
tance from the house by force, Mrs. Massey she
went to follow after, he told her to go back to the
house or he would shoot her, and she ran down
to our Thos. Godfrey to inform him that Edmonds
had killed said Bridgman, whom lived about
half an hour, and further this deponent said it
not, } sworn to & subscribed Before me this 23rd

day of Aug, 1862,

Alfred Stewart
Justice of the Peace

Sarah ^{the} Vergwith
man.

Martha C. Griffin being of lawful age,
being duly sworn upon her oath says that on
the evening of the 22nd 1862, Between the hours of
seven & eight o'clock, on James Edmonds & on
John Bridgman came to the house of R. D.
Massey, in his absence and hollowed her for
Jeff. Davis, said Edmonds came in side into
the yard, said Bridgman begged of him to not
come to the house to disturb a lone woman, but
said Edmonds did not hear, but came to the door
and asked if there was any southern ladies in
the house. Mrs Massey replied & said there
was not. that they was Lincoln ladies, and
he cocked his gun & swore if there was any Lin-
coln ladies in the house he would Blow their
damned Brains out, by this time said Brid-
gman came up & begged of him to not shoot-
among the ladies that he might shoot some of
them, and he said to Bridgman to go long off
or he would shoot him, and said Bridgman
prevailed that they should leave the house and
not disturb the ladies, and from that he shot
at said Bridgman but he knocked off the gun
& he did not hit him, & made said Bridgman
go off & set down & let him a lone. Bridgman
still begged of him leave them and not disturb
the woman, and he repeated the second time if
he did not leave & go off he would Blow him to hell
in less than one minute, and ordered him
to go and bring Thos Godfrey and James Long-
with in search that house, and said Brid-
gman replied and said that there was no pers

in then. and said Edmunds still ordered
him to go & search the house or he would shoot him
and said Bridgman said Mrs Edmunds dont
shoot me I will go as fast as I can, and started
as if though he was going in the house and as
got near the door said Edmunds shot him
and fell. & said James Edmunds you have killed
me & come & help me up. said Edmunds curs-
ed him & told him that he had done the thing
that wanted to do, and he came in the house and
loaded his gun and ordered Mrs Massey to make
a light which was done and they went out to
where said Bridgman was lying and ordered
him to get up. & kicked him & Bridgman made
no answer. from the fact he was too far gone to
speak, said Edmunds swore that some dam.
Rebels had killed him and loaded his gun and
went a short distance from the house & shot it,
off, and returned and said that he had killed
one of the dam Rebels that had killed one of
his Brethren, and also made Mrs Massey &
Daughter throw down the shawl that she had in
her hands and told her he would shoot her if
she did not go with him out with him away from
the house. and forced her to go, Mrs Massey. she attempt-
ed to follow, he told her if she did not go back to the
house & remain there he would kill her, she did so,
and the said Mrs Griffin & Mrs Massey went to show
Godfrey and told him what Edmunds had done
and got him to come down to the house.

sworn to & subscribed before me this 23rd 1862,

Alfred Stewart Justice
of the Peace

{ Martha Griffin
maid

Examination of the Prisoner
 James Edmonds Being informed By the
 the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and
 for the County of Jefferson Mo. of the charge
 made against him and that he is at liberty
 to Refuse to answer any question put to him
 and that he is not under oath, says that he
 is not guilty of the charge alleged against
 him. further he saith not.
 August 23rd 1862, his
James Edmonds
Mark
 Alfred Stewart
 Justice of the Peace

On a charge of Murder

Jus Nichols	Jus —	50.
" Stewart	"	2.25-
Witness	"	
Mary Massey —		50
Sarah Longwith		50
Martha C Griffin		50
Const. Weber	Jus	50
		<u>\$4.75-</u>

State of Missouri }
 County of Jefferson } I Alfred Stewart
 a Justice of the peace within and for the
 County aforesaid, do certify the foregoing
 to be a true statement of the witnesses in
 the case of the State of Missouri vs James
 Edmonds. and all the papers relating to
 the case.
 Witness my hand this 23rd day of Aug 1862
 A. Stewart J. P.

State of Missouri }
County of Jefferson }
Before me Richard Nichols a Justice of
the Peace for said County personally
came Mary Massey who being duly
sworn according to law deposed and
saith that on the twenty second day
of August ~~at eighteen~~ 1862 in the
County of Jefferson State aforesaid
that James Edmonds did shoot and
kill John ^{my} Bridgeman ^{of said county} at the premises
of Collin D Massey in the County and
State aforesaid and this deponent
says that said Edmonds is guilty of
the fact charged and further this
deponent saith ^{not} ^{and subscribed}
sworn to before me } Mary ^{her} Massey
in the County aforesaid } mark
this 23 day of August 1862 }

Richard Nichols Justice of the Peace

State of Mo,

vs
Geo Edmunds

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Geo, Geo - 23-

Filed Aug 27th 1851

Geo G. Boonsey
Clerk

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

Northwest Township was also bounded

To

Charles G. Gorton. Henry Langwith.

Chase County.

GREETING :

Chase County. Henry. Chase County.
Wagonville Chas. Co.

You are hereby Commanded, That setting aside all

manner of excuse and delay, you appear before our Circuit Court for the County aforesaid, on the

particular on the 16th day of January 1863 at Hillsboro, then and there

to testify, and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy, now pending in our said

Court, wherein *the State of Missouri*

Plaintiff and

John Smith

Defendant on the

part of *the State*

and herein you are in no wise to fail.

WITNESS, ELIAS F. HONEY, Clerk of our said Court,

with the Seal thereof hereto affixed, at office, this

15th day of *January* A.D. 1863

Elias F. Honey
Clerk.

TO JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT.

January Term, 1863

States
vs

J. Edmonds.

Mathias Schumaker

Enos McDaniel

Martha Giffie

Sarah Longworth

Margaret, Ma Gray

Harry Maybey

Antene latelli

Wm. S. Battle

Sheriff Fees \$2.00

Miss Schumacher.
Dear ~~Mr~~ Doenges with
you. Warrill stands
and the same in there
the day of January 1863
D D Spuck
Conrad
of Little Rock down

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To

*David Rody Daniel Rody
Shanks Noecker*

GREETING :

You are **Hereby Commanded**, That setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, you appear before our Circuit Court for the County aforesaid, on the *20th* ~~the day of February 1863~~ at Hillsboro, then and there to testify, and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy, now pending in our said Court, wherein *the State of Missouri is* Plaintiff and *James Coleman is* Defendant on the part of *defendant* and herein you are in no wise to fail.

WITNESS, ELIAS F. HONEY, Clerk of our said Court,
with the Seal thereof hereto affixed, at office, this

20th day of *January* A.D. 186 *3*

Oliver J. Hooten
Clerk.

TO JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT.

January Term, 1863

State
vs

James Edmans

for debt

David Polz
deant Polz
Chas Hookum

Sheniff Fees \$00 75

The within named David Polz & David Polz
and Charles Hookum not found in my County
this 22nd Day of February 1863

J. H. Johnson
Clerk

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To Sarah E. Longworth the say the say
deartha the say the say the say
GREETING :

You are hereby Commanded, That setting aside all
manner of excuse and delay, you appear before our Circuit Court for the County aforesaid, on the
21st day of January 1863 at Hillsboro, then and there
to testify, and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy, now pending in our said
Court, wherein ~~the said~~ of the
Plaintiff and James Edmuns is Defendant on the
part of ~~Plaintiff~~ and herein you are in no wise to fail.

WITNESS, ELIAS F. HONEY, Clerk of our said Court,
with the Seal thereof hereto affixed, at office, this

20th day of Aug A.D. 1863

Elias Honey

Clerk.

TO JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT.

January Term, 1863

State

James Edmunds

for Pff

Sarah E Longworth

Mary Mapey

Martha Griffin

Mathias Shoemakers

Sheriff Fee \$2.00

Sum of these
I certify to within as set on Martha Griffin
by sending the same in her presence and hearing
this 21st day of January 1863
J. G. Johnson
Clerk

Mary E Longworth Martha Griffin are debt and

J. G. Shoemakers

I certify the within said on Mary Mapey &
Mathias Shoemakers by sending the same in their
presence and hearing this 21st day of January, 1863

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, ss.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To the Sheriff of the County of Jefferson, ss. retting;

WE command you to attach *David Longworth* by his body, and him safely keep, so that you have his body forthwith before our Honorable Circuit Court, now in session, at *Necktown* *for the month* said Court as a *Miner* there this writ.

And after having been duly summoned to do so: herein fail not, and have you then then and there to answer a contempt by him committed, in not attending

Alva J. H. Carey

WITNESS, ~~JOHN S. MATTHEWS~~, Clerk of our said Circuit Court,

with the Seal thereof hereunto affixed, this

20th

day of *January* hundred and *eighty three*

in the year of our Lord eighteen

Alva J. H. Carey

Clerk.

State
vs.

Sarah Longwith

Sheriff Fees \$1.00

The within named Sarah Longwith
is to be to come to court
this 22nd Day of January 1862

J. F. Johnston
con)

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, Mo.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To the Sheriff of the County of Jefferson, Greeting:

WE command you to attach

Wheat & Griffin

by his body, and him safely

keep, so that you have his body forthwith before our Honorable Circuit Court, now in session, at

Houlthams

Anderton St

then and there to answer a contempt by him committed, in not attending

said Court as a

Juror, after having been duly summoned to do so: herein fail not, and have you then

there this writ.

WITNESS, *Alfred H. Jones* ~~JOHN S. MATTHEWS~~, Clerk of our said Circuit Court,

with the Seal thereof hereunto affixed, this

20th

day of *January* 1886 in the year of our Lord eighteen

hundred and *eighty three*

Alfred H. Jones

Clerk.

I, Executed the within writ
and Martha Griffin by bringing
her before the court this 22nd
Day of January 1863

J. G. Johnston
Constable

State

Martha Griffin

Sheriff Fees \$1.00

State of Missouri }
County of Jefferson }

In the Circuit Court
January Term 1863.

The Grand Jurors of the State of Missouri
now here in Court duly impaneled sworn
and charged to inquire within and for the
body of the County of Jefferson aforesaid
upon their oaths present that James Edmans
late of the County aforesaid on the twenty
second day of August eighteen hundred
and sixty two, with force and arms at
and in the County aforesaid made an
assault in and upon one James Bridgeman
in the peace then and there being feloniously
^{and of his malice aforethought}
~~deliberately~~ ^{wilfully} ~~and premeditatedly~~ And that
the said James Edmans a certain shot gun,
which gun, he the said James Edmans in
both his hand then and there had and held,
~~aimed~~ which gun was charged or loaded
with gun powder and leaden bullets, he
the said James Edmans did feloniously wilfully
^{and of his malice aforethought}
deliberately and premeditatedly shoot off and
discharged at against and upon the said
John Bridgeman, and by the ~~lead~~ bullets
aforesaid so shot as aforesaid at and against
the back of the said John Bridgeman, giving
to him ^{in and upon the back aforesaid} one mortal wound of the length of
~~two~~ inches, depth six inches and width
three inches, of which mortal wound the
said John Bridgeman did instantly die
And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oaths

aforsaid do say that the said James Edmunds
him the said John Bridgeman in manner
and form as aforesaid feloniously, wilfully,
deliberately and premeditatedly did kill
and murder

Against the peace and dignity
of the State of Missouri

Philip Perkins
Circuit Atty pro tem

2120

State of Wisconsin

in

Jamies Corners

Indictment for Misdemeanor

"A True Bill"

Alfred Stewart

Arrested

Wm. John Boyle

Sarah E. Longworth

Henry Maybury

Martha Griffin

William Brown

John Maybury

James Maybury

Filed January 20th 1863

Allen & Moorey Attys

State
vs
James Edmonds } Affidavit for
Continuance
Defendant States that
he can not safely proceed
to Trial at this Term of the
Court for want of Material
Witnesses That he has used
due Diligence to have such
Witnesses present to Testify
in his favor but has failed
to obtain them and That if
said Cause is continued
till the next Term of the
Court he can obtain said
Witnesses

Signed James Edmonds
Sworn to & Subscribed
before me this 21st of January
1863 Elias O'Keefe Clerk

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Edmund

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for work

July 21 1883
Cleo Sperry M

Jury Parnell
State against Edmunds

Israel S. Waters
George Wiley
Robt N Hunt
Saml Prentiss
- ~~Mr W A Miller +~~
~~Thos Edwards~~
Jno A Henry
Wm H Markburn
Gas Johnston
Thos Larnham
Joseph Kinable +
Morton Hurkey
Peter J Shoutts
Jesse Medley
- ~~Luther H Byrd +~~
William Miller
~~Albert Rice~~
Jno Tullison
~~Chas W Herbert +~~
Thos E Mothershead
J J Mrs Murrell
~~Alfred Wengard +~~
Jemas Williams
~~Saml Chassard +~~
Jeremiah Stewart
Thos A Williams
1) Rupert Sanders
Jm Cook
John Kearney
Alfred Williams
J. Lee

Henry Markburn
James Jackson
L W Anderson
~~Sot. Sanders +~~
~~J M Nelson +~~
Saml Wright
/ Pat Byrns
Bern. Early
Isaac Cadmuller
/ Le Meets
Wm Barnill
Rut Pounds
Rison Jarvis
Wm Hurkey

1	Israel D Waters	g	1
2	George Wiley	g	2
3	Robt A Hunt	g	3
4	Saml Prentiss	g	4
5	Mrs A Heurly		
6	W H Washburn	g	5
7	Gas Johnston		
8	Thos Lanharn	g	6
9	Martin Hensley		
10	P J Shoults		
11	Lepe Medley		
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12	Anthon Noce		
13	Mrs Tilleron		
14	Thos C Motherhead		
15	Emas Williams		
16	Jerry Stewart		
17	Thos A Williams	g	7
18	Russell Landers	g	8
19	Mrs Creary		
20	Henry Washburn	g	9
21	James Jackson	g	10
22	G W Anderson		
23	Saml Wright	g	11
24	Isaac Cadmullader		
25	Leon Metts	g	12
26	Henry Hamill		
27	Reory Jarvis		
28	Wm Hensley		
29			

State
Edmund

Given -

The Court doth wish the Jury
that unless they are convinced
they are a reasonable doubt that
the Defendant is guilty they
must acquit. If guilty they

that every man is presumed to
be innocent until his
guilt is fully established and that
the burden of proof rests on the State
to make out the ~~charge~~ ^{offense} charged in
the indictment.

From

If the police from the evidence
that the defendant known and his
behavior, as shown in the indictment
then he is guilty of murder in the
1st degree and the jury will so find

Of the jury find the defendant
guilty of murder in the first
degree, in manner and form
as charged in the indictment

Of the jury find the defendant not
guilty they will return a verdict
in the following form:

The jury find the defendant not
guilty in manner and form as
charged in said indictment, and
in return grant one of the jurors
will sign the verdict as follows:

State }
vs } motion for a
James Edmonds } new Trial

Now at this Day Comes
the said Defendant and
asks the Court to set aside
the verdict of the jury and
grant a new Trial for the
following Reasons, To wit,

1st Because said Defendant
was entitled to a contin-
uance by reason of the
affidavit filed by him in
said Cause for such contin-
uance

Joseph J. Williams
Attorney for Defendant

Walt
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Comrade

~~Officer~~

Motion for

a new trial

Dated Jan'y 22^d 1863

Wm J. Henry
Clerk

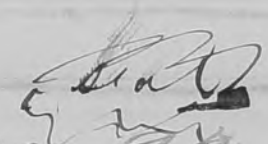
overruled

*State of Missouri } In the Jefferson
 vs } Circuit Court
James Edwards*

Be it remembered that at the adjourned Term of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County Missouri began and held on the 12th day of January 1863 the Defendant Indicted for murder in the first degree filed his affidavit for a continuance of said cause which affidavit was in words and figures as follows To wit, (here copy) which being seen by the Court is overruled and Defendant put upon his Trial - ~~to which overruling the Defendant excepted and objected at the time and here tendered his Bill of exceptions~~ That said Trial was set for the 21st day of January 1863 and that said Defendant was tried on the 22nd That ^{without objection on the part of the Defendant} the ~~subpoenas~~ were issued for the witnesses of said Defendant on the day on which he was first arraigned for Trial on said indictment To wit, on the 21st of January and that said witnesses lived not more than twenty miles distant but were not found to be subpoenaed - That upon the Trial of said cause the jury returned a verdict for murder in the first which verdict is in

words and figures as follows, To wit,
(here copy verdict) That said Defendant
and filed his motion on the 28th
day of January to set aside said
verdict and grant a new Trial
which motion is in words and figures
as follows, To wit, (here copy) which
motion being seen by the Court is
overruled to which overruling of said
motion Defendant at the time except
ed and objected and here renders his
Bill of Exceptions.

Which bill of Exceptions is signed, sealed
and made a part of the Record
done in open Court this January
28th 1863

W B Perry 
acting Clerk of
Ind Court

State

in

James E. Mowatt

Bill of Merchants

Filed Jan'y 23rd 1863

Chas. J. Hooley

Clerk

State
vs
James Edmons } affidavit for appeal

This affiant states
that this application for an
appeal by James Edmonds
the defendant is not made
for vexation or delay but
because he is injured by the
judgement of the court

James Edmonds

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 23rd day of
January 1863

John F. Kaufman
Associate Justice of County Court

Walt

my

James Edmunds

Applicant for
an apprentice

Filed Jan 23 1863

C. J. Hoarey
Clerk

Not
to
Ecc^s

} Just. Munsro.

Now comes the witness
Ally presenting the plea of the state
in this behalf, as well as said deftⁿ
in prison, and thereupon comes a
jury to try the issue joined to wit

of said County in all times
good & lawful men, who being tried elected
and sworn well and truly to try the issue
joined, after hearing the evidence add-
uced, instructions of the Court and
argument of Counsel, having duly
considered of their finding return
the following verdict to wit -
" In the jury etc.

" " " former
It is therefore considered by the Court
that said defendant be again
remanded to the prison from whence
he came, there to remain in close

Confinement until the fifth day
of March next, in the jail of
the City and County of St Louis,
and on that day that he be taken
from there and transported to the
County of Jefferson in close
Custody, and that on the sixth
day of March aforesaid between
the hours of ten O.C. in the forenoon
and three O.C. in the afternoon
of the day last mentioned, he be hung
by the neck until he is dead, dead,
dead, and that the Sheriff of the
said County of Jefferson be charged
with the execution of this judgment,

State of Missouri }
County of Jefferson } Jct.

In the Circuit Court
January 22nd 1863.

Be it remembered, that on this day
among other proceedings had in said
Court, the following appears and remains
of record therein. To Wit:

State
vs
James Edmonds } Indictment for Mur-
der.

Now comes the Circuit attor-
ney, prosecuting the Pleas of the State in
this behalf, as well as said Defendant
in person, and thereupon comes a Jury
to wit. Israel D. Waters, George Wiley, Robert
N. Hunt, Samuel Prentiss, William H
Washburn, Thomas Lankham, Thomas
A. Williams, Russell Sanders, Henry
Washburn, James Jackson, Samuel
Wright, and Leonard Metts of said
County of Jefferson, in all twelve good
and lawful men, who being tried
elected and sworn, well and truly to
try the issue joined, after hearing the
evidence advanced, instructions of
the Court, and argument of counsel
having duly considered of their find-
ing, return the following verdict
To wit: "We the Jury find the De-

-fendant Guilty of Murder in the
first degree, in manner and form
as charged in said Indictment,
Samuel Prentiss Foreman;

It is therefore considered by the Court that
said Defendant be again remanded
to the Prison, from whence he came,
there to remain in close confinement
until the fifth day of March next in
the Jail of the City and County of St.
Louis, and that on that day, that he
be taken from thence, and transported
to the County of Jefferson in close
custody, and that on the Sixth day
of March, One thousand eight hun-
dred, and Sixty three, between the hours
of ten o'clock in the forenoon and three
O'clock in the afternoon of that day
last mentioned, he be hanged by
the neck until he is Dead, Dead, Dead;
and that the Sheriff of the said County
of Jefferson, be charged with the
Execution of this - Judgment

State of Missouri }
County of Jefferson } pet.

J. Elias S. Hoarey
Clerk of the Circuit Court, within and for
the State and County aforesaid do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a full and
true copy of the judgment of said Court
in the above entitled cause of the State
against James Edwards, on an Indict

ment for Murder, as fully as the same
appears of record in my office

In Testimony whereof, I
have herewith signed my
name, and affixed the
Seal of said Court, at office
this Third — day
of March A D Eight
teen hundred and Sixty
three

Elias T. Honey
Clerk Circuit Court

State

vs { Copy of Judgment

James Edmonds.

Sheriff, Dec 1863

This Execution came to hand March 3rd 1863, and
I Executed The Same on The Sixth Day
of March 1863 by taking The Body of
the within named James Edmonds and
hanging him with A Rope by The
Neck untill he was Dead, Dead,
Dead, and buried him near The
Millboro Grave yard on The Day
above written and This Execution
is Returned Satisfied in full

Jerome B. Dancer Sheriff

Friday March 6, 1863, between the
hours of 10 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Family of Afternoon
to Am. Steam Dr
July 20 13 meals 3.25-

with Am. Steam