

John Rogers, 4421

Charged with assisting
Federal soldiers to escape through
the lines.

Andrew Clark

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Statement

Head Quarters Army of the
Cumberland Nashville Feb 63

John Rogers

Lives in Nashville - am a boatman by
 occupation, John Kirk, Sam Wright, Zach Tate,
 Alfred Wright ~~Wm~~ & Joshua Johnson, Andrew
 Melvin and Ira O Hart living in the forks of
 Stones River and Cumberland River in the 4th
 District compelled me within the last three weeks
 by threats and forcible means to, inform them
 how they could be conveyed secretly from Nashville
 at different times about thirty Federals soldiers
 to Martin's riffle on the Cumberland sixteen
 miles from Nashville by river. These soldiers were taken
 to the premises of Sam Wright at Martin's Riffle
 according to orders given by the above named parties for the
 purpose of their being paroled. Sam Wright professed
 to be one of John Morgan's men. He paroled each soldier
 when they got them furnishing them with citizens
 clothing and money. They were also aided by
 Alfred and wife John Crowley & wife - Arch Crow-
 ton and wife, Charles Wright & wife. Sam Wright
 said that Bill & Joseph Jackson also helped
 I was also encouraged in Nashville in getting
 these soldiers from the city by Bill Parrish, living
 on Market street - the wagoner -

I have been informed that there is frequent meetings
 in the second story of Parish's store House of southern sympathizers
 They probably meet here ^{every night} to concert treason. I have frequently heard

that Rebel sympathizers ~~were~~ were
told treason and lay treasonable plans in
the store house of the said Parish during the day.
I have been informed that Federal soldiers have also
been taken from Nashville for the purpose of being paroled
as above stated by Sagee Reber, Thos Scribner John
Williams and Bob Seull, I ~~have~~^{was} not been informed
how many ~~times~~ have been so conveyed from Nashville
but I was informed that they they taken some. I
have been informed that all of the aforesaid delinquents
have encouraged and aided desertion in the Federal
Army at this place. The Federal soldiers who were taken
in this way from Nashville were ~~not~~ released after being
paroled and went north by different ways and
at different times. I could not help doing what
I stated as the parties above mentioned threatened
to kill me, if I refused and as they were desper-
ate men I knew they would do it.

John ^{his} Rodgers
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Officer Chief Police
Washington March 9th 1863

Statement of Adam Northam.

I am acquainted with John Rodgers, I have heard him say that he has carried Federal soldiers across the river a good many times. He said that he would have carried them all over if they had not have cut up his canoe. He told me the house, he carried them to but I don't know for get the name, he took soldiers off the night of the 25th Febry or about that time I saw him leave the house I was staying at, W^m R Smith on Market Street South of Broad with the soldiers.

I asked him the next morning what he did with them, he told me that he set them across the river. He said they would fight us no more. He speaks to me as though I am a secessionist. He is continually cursing the Union Army. Says how many he killed at Sumner's. Says he will kill some more if he gets a chance. He said last night that the damned Yankees had not got enough against him yet.

I am informed that the secessionist meet in a room above Parrish's Store I have seen them there, they go up by a ladder, and pull the ladder up after them. They keep a light burning all night every night, have for the last four weeks. The name J. E. Rust is in the building Rust is a Union man. I have heard the secession say that J. E. Rust name was there to keep the Unionist from disturbing Parrish. I have heard Parrish say that he had over one thousand barrels of flour stored there, also a lot of hams and that they were for "our boys" when they come. Have heard them talk about making the streets run with blood, when the rebels come.

Signed 3 Adam Northam

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 9th March 1863

W^m President Const Chief Police

Department of the Cumberland
Office Chief Clerk

Shushunk March 26, 1863

I certify that the within is a true copy
of the evidence in the case of John Rodgers charged with assisting Federal
soldiers to escape through the lines.

True

Wm. M. Clark

Adm. Rogers 4421
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As witness at the 26th March 1863