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Statements of Lewis  
James and Thomas  
Hopper concerning  
attack upon Mr  
James and family  
on Sunday night  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 1863

Citizens

Office of Dist- Pro- Mar-  
Jackson, Tenn.  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1863

Capt E. D. Mason  
Asst Adjt Genl

Sir—

I enclose the sworn statement of Lewis James,  
and also that of Thomas Hopper.

There is good reason to believe that both are  
Union men. Mr Lewis James is vouched for  
by Mr Hopper - and he - Mr Hopper - by Mr Roe  
of Tenn. Cavalry - orderly at Post H<sup>d</sup> In.  
and also by another orderly at same place.  
The evidence seems conclusive that a wrong  
has been committed.

I submit the documents for your examination.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt.  
L. Knox Sher  
& Dist- Pro- Mar—

Office of Dist. Provost Marshal

Jackson, Tenn. April 15<sup>th</sup> 1863

Sam James, A resident of Henderson County, Tenn. having been duly sworn deposes and says—

I live in Henderson County, Tenn. and am by occupation a farmer. I am, and always have been, a loyal man to the U.S. Govt.

On last Sunday night (April 12<sup>th</sup>) a party of men numbering 15 or 20 came to my house, amongst whom were—

Calvin Copelin

John Golden

Thomas Pillow

Isaac Woodward

William Haley

George Stanford

John Hazen

James Winbury

Henry Scott

Nicholas Spain

Amos Williams

W Barne

and said they come to "play hell"; They then went around the house and came in. They then told me to leave.

They said they were Forrests Men, and "God damn the Union men". Copelin took me by the arm and said that he was Forrests himself. They then took me as a prisoner out into the field, some saying, "put my eyes out God damn him". William Barne struck me in the breast, saying "do you see that, God damn you".

and said, if you say one word I will cut your head off  
even with your shoulders. —

Copelin says, "give me \$50<sup>00</sup> Uncle Lewis, and I will  
try to get you loose". I told him I had no \$50<sup>00</sup> to give  
him. Copelin broke the lamp they had taken from my house,  
and told me to get away. I then, in the dark, went back  
toward my house, and the party, after staying in the field  
awhile, went away, and did not molest me again.

These men had guns and pistols, as well as, large knives  
with them, and fired one pistol before they came to  
the house. Copelin, as they first came to <sup>ward</sup> the house, ordered  
the men to form into line of battle and fire upon my  
house. I heard that distinctly.

These men have all taken the oath of Allegiance to the  
United States save James Winbury - a boy - They said, and  
did many things against me, and my boys, that I do  
not now remember. I am not aware that I have <sup>ever done</sup> anything  
to injure these men. I think they have nothing against me  
except that I am a Union man.

These men all live near me about 18 miles from here.

Signed  
Lewis James

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me at my office in Jackson,  
Tenn. This 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1863

L. B. Stewart  
& Dist. Pro-Mar-

Thomas Hopper, a resident of Carroll County  
Tenn. makes the following statement—

I am an unconditional Union man and have  
always been known as such.

I have known Lewis James for many years, and  
know him to be a true and loyal man, and I con-  
sider the statement he has made, true according to  
the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed to and sworn before me } signed  
at my office in Jackson Tenn. } of Thomas Hopper  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1863 }

Thos. Stewart  
+ Dist. Pros-Man - }