
I am 24 years of age, a citizen of the State of Tennessee, and a resident of Smith Co. of the same state.

I have known Mr. John R. Moore and Mr. W. Hardwell for many years and have always known them to be good, law-abiding, loyal citizens. I was aware of the partnership existing between the above named parties for the purpose of purchasing and selling Beef Cattle and Bacon for the federal forces at Nashville, and I was well aware of their intention as to the disposition to be made of the cattle. I knew that they might purchase for I had frequent conversations with both parties before they entered into the partnership and they advised with me as to the probable profit of such a business, and it was always understood that the cattle were to be sold in the Nashville market. I knew of Mr. Hardwell going to Kentucky on or about the 16th of July when he returned after
After going about 40 miles for fear of the Quanillas who had lately come into that neighborhood. We started again for the purpose of purchasing cattle thence on or about the 1st of August accompanied by a man of the name of Pillingar, it was upon this trip that Mr. Findwell was captured and carried by the federal forces—his own friends.

I was well acquainted with all of the circumstances relating to the partnership and their intentions in regard to disposing of the cattle for I was on intimate terms with both of the parties, and I also loaned them eighteen hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing the cattle with, and had they not been for unconditional Union men and had I not known that their intention was to sell them to the federal army in Nashville I would never have loaned them the money. In my certain knowledge they engaged pasture in Smith County for the purpose of fattening the poor cattle they might.
purchase until they were in good enough order to drive to Nashville.

The pastures were in secluded spots so as to be safe from the visits of marauding bands of rebels.

I also know that Mr. Moore went to Red Springs, Tennessee, then to remain in order to give timely warning to Mr. Midwell should the Guerrillas make their appearance in the neighborhood in order that their cattle might not be captured by them. I have no hesitation in saying that under no circumstances would they have driven cattle to the Southern army for they have no sympathy whatever with the rebels but have always been determined opponents of the present Rebellion. They are known throughout Smith County of this State to be staunch Union Men and their most bitter enemies are the rebels, so much so that it is not now safe for them to return to their homes. I am a refugee from my home and dare not return on account of my Union sentiments.
are no more staunch uncompromising Union men in Tennessee than
Mephi Moore & Lindwell
Of H. Gordon, M. D.

State of Tennessee


O. George McSouthgate an acting Justice of
the Peace in and for said County, do
herby certify that the foregoing depo-
osition of H. Gordon, M. D. was taken
before me at my office in Nashville,
Davidson County, Tennessee, on the 22nd
de September 1882, the witnesses being
ably sworn to testify the truth, the
whole truth, and nothing but the truth,
and the deposition was written by Charles
McGreer, read to the witnesses and
subscribed by the witnesses in my
presence.

George McSouthgate
Justice of the Peace

[Signature]
I am 51 years of age a citizen of South Car. Tennessee and am loyal to the United States Government. I am the Post Master of the Gordonsville Post office Tennessee and have been acquainted with John R. Moore and George V. Guidwell for many years, I have always known them to be honest law abiding men and that they have always been and are now good loyal men of that class commonly known as "unconditional Union men." I was well aware of the partnership existing between John R. Moore and Guidwell for the purpose of dealing in horses, cattle & bacon for the Nashville Market and knew of Mr. Guidwell going to Kentucky to purchase cattle and horses on or about the 1st of August and also knew of their intentions respecting the sale of the cattle & knowing he might purchase perfectly well, for they had made an arrangement with me to pasture their cattle for them until they were fat enough to take to market. They frequently talked to me in regard to their going to Kentucky to purchase
Cattle and it was always understood that the cattle and horses were to be bought for the Nashville market and I had their intentions been otherwise I should certainly have known of it for I have been for years on the most intimate terms with both of the parties here mentioned, and I have no hesitation in saying that in no case would either of them have even thought of aiding or assisting the rebellion in any way or manner whatsoever, and I was very much surprised when I heard that Mr. Hindwell was arrested and his cattle taken by the government. I pray I have ever known him to be one of the most uncompromising union men, not sympathizing with the rebellion in any way. I have had frequent almost daily communications with them both in regard to the present trouble and I know their opinions well. I am now a refugee from my home and dare not return on account of Union Sentiments.

John W. Bower
State of Tennessee,
Davidson County,

I, George De Southercy, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, do hereby certify, that the foregoing deposition of John W. Bowen was taken before me at my office in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, on the 19th day of September 1862, the witness being duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and the deposition was written by Charlot Green, read to the witness by me, and subscribed by the witness in my presence.

Sworn under my hand at office in Nashville Tennessee this 19th day of September 1862.

George De Southercy
Justice of the Peace.
Nashville, August 31st, 1862,

We, the undersigned citizens of Tennessee,
refugees from our homes in Smith and Wilson Counties, Tennessee, on
account of our Union sentiments,
take pleasure in stating that we
have known Mr. John R. Moore
and Mr. George W. Findwell for a
number of years, and that they
have always borne good character
and are both known to be good
Union men. We can each
and all of us vouch for the
loyalty of both to the government
of the United States, and that
they have always been so.

John A. Moore
W. Paris
J. A. Merry
Elias Barber

This is to certify that the foregoing names are members of the Standing Order to the 1st Regiment of Tennessee Cavalry.
To be filed in the
Case of Morris Indent
sent up by Col Bruce.
Secretary's Office,
Nashville, Tenn. 1862.

To whom it may concern,

And any present or future

Sailors.

I recommend

that J. P. Morris, a twidewill be permitted
to travel from Kentucky to Barbile

Jenraper, in Calla House Bacon.

Yours &

Edward East

A N. Adams
I certify that the within is a full, true, and correct copy of the original oath now on file in my office.

Edward惠特
September 21, 1862
Secretary of State
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF TENNESSEE—DAVIDSON COUNTY.

I, John B. Moore,

of the County of Smith, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign; that I will bear true faith, allegiance and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution or laws of any State, Convention or Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding; and further, that I will well and faithfully perform all the duties which may be required of me by the laws of the United States; and I take this oath freely and voluntarily, without any mental reservation or evasion whatsoever.

Subscribed and sworn to in duplicate before me this 18th day of June, A. D., 1862. By authority of Brigadier-General ANDREW JOHNSON Military Governor of Tennessee.

Edward H. East
Secretary of State.
Committee
Aug 5th 1862

Gen. [illegible], Geo. B.
[illegible]
Nashville, Tenn. Aug 31st 1862

We the undersigned take pleasure in stating that we have known Mr. John R. Moses and George W. Fairwell for a long time and that we have always known them to be good union men, who would do nothing to injure the cause of the Federal Government, or to assist the rebellion in any way, and that whatever statement either of them may make are entitled to credit.

J. W. Stokes

M. W. Scott

[Signature]