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Statements in relation to
acculculating operations
of J. H. Whetstone.
Office of the Chief of Police
Army of the Cumberland

In the case of J. N. Whitman who is charged with smuggling, the following evidence was taken before Mr. Trumbull, Chief of Army Police.
Office of Chief of Police  
Nashville, Mar. 14, 1863.

Statement of Mintus Whitteman (Colored).

I am thirty-nine years of age, am a slave of Mr. Whitteman. I was sent out from Lexington Ky. ten years since by James Whitteman to this man I, Henry Whitteman & with whom I have stayed during that time. Have been employed on the plantation - which is situated eight miles from the City lately in hauling wood to a paper mill, about one month ago I was called by my master Whitteman to carry a lot of packages from the paper mill to a house distant therefrom about a mile. This house is on the plantation, & I was told with the assistance of another black man. There were quite a number of packages, I took them over in a wagon. Whitteman & his black man (the same one that assisted me) put them in the loft of this building. I handed the goods to him out of the wagon. There were some boxes in the lot one of them got broken in being handed out of the wagon, and I discovered it contained cotton cards. I never saw any other packages put in this house, nor any four in Whitteman house. These goods were taken over by me about
godets at night. I have seen Sam Casey who is in the Rebel Army at Whiteman house. Have heard Whiteman say he was a seces-
sionist, a member of the Tea Party. I have seen parties stop at Whiteman house in numer-
ous as high as four and five. These parties were armed with guns and pistols. Have
ever seen the negroes on the plantation
day that Guerrillas were at Whiteman house and took meals. When the Federals took
possession of the City, I went with Whit-
eman and took ahead of paper from a store in
Nashville to Manchester. Whiteman sent all
the way with me. It was placed on the care
and went towards Georgia. Whiteman was in
the Rebel Army and came away, being discharged
about a year ago. Whiteman has a brother who
is a Guerrilla. My fellow servant Bill
Adams can tell something about these
packages. Whiteman had a lot of Confederate
money, said he sent it to Nashville. Said he
had two thousand dollars.

"Whitman"

Saw two revolutions in three years
his 11th day of March. 1863

Capt. Whitman, Present duty
Office of Chief of Police  
Nashville, Jan. 1st, 1863

Statement of Henry Whitman.

I am 28 years of age, I reside about eight miles from the City of Nashville on the White Creek Pike - I have been living there eight years - in the year 1861 I joined the Arch City Guards, a company of men who joined themselves to a Rebel Regiment and served in the Confederate Army. I remained in that service about four months when I was discharged on account of infirmity. I have a brother in the rebel Army. I understand he is in the command of Forrest the governor. I was arrested this day by an officer of the U.S. Government - I live on my father's plantation. There is a paper mill on the plantation as also quite a number of houses. In one of these houses live a man by name George Cloys - who is a slave - and works for me. In the month of December 1862 I received a letter from my brother mentioned in the above statement informing me that there were certain boxes and packages stored in the Stockhouse attached to the Paper mill, which he desired me to remove out of it and to a more convenient place, saying that he did not want them.
on the plantation. I answered this letter, saying I did not want anything to do with them. He wrote me again to send them away, which I did, by taking them to the house on the plantation occupied by George Floyd. I placed them in the loft of the house. I took them over about nine o'clock at night. I was assisted by my black man, Mention & Bill Odametta. I do not know how these packages came in the stock house. They never belonged to a guerrilla party. Sam Casey, who is a guerrilla, stopped at my house at sundry times, I gave what is termed a Rebel, within the last four months, I have been willing to take the oath of allegiance, but not before.

S.R. Wrencher

Sworn to, subscribed before me

the 17th day of March, 1863.

Geo. W. Williams, Recorder, Judge

Office of the Chief of Police
Nashville, Mar. 17, 1863.

Statement of Dr. P. Young.

Precise on White Creek, seven
miles from Nashville, Felix Young is surgeon.
I have advised and pleaded with my son
in relation to this course. Have urged him.
most earnestly to conduct himself differently.

I told my son if he would pursue such a course he must keep away from my premises. I knew nothing of the depredations of my son and J. Scruggs or any other guerrilla excepting what I have heard. I knew nothing about any one bringing any goods to the vicinity in which I live or to any other place and storing them. I know of no one being connected with any smuggling.

Andrew Ray who was arrested some time ago and with whose goods were found is the only neighbor I know of who has had anything to do with such business. I knew nothing about his operations, until his arrest. I don't know where Ray now is. I have never had anything to do with any smuggling operations. I don't know of any one who has, except as I have herein stated. What I know about Ray is only what I have heard.

I have never encouraged or had anything to do with any guerrilla proceeding. I have always tried to discourage anything of the kind. I heard Capt. Cantrell say that he was going into a guerrilla Company. Also, heard Whittemore say the same thing.

Sworn to before me this 16th March, 1863. W. L. Young,

Courier Judge.
Statement of Cork Carroll.

I live at Mr. Whitman's Friendship Mill about eight miles from Nashville. I have heard nothing the negroes about Mr. Whitman's Mill pay something about him having a lot of goods. I supposed from what they told me that the goods were in the house. I supposed the goods were found at one of Whitman's negro camps. I never heard Whitman say anything about having goods on hand. I know nothing about Whitman's smuggling operations. Know nothing about any one else having goods on hand for the purpose of smuggling. Know nothing about any one being connected with any smuggling operations.

Have seen Felix Young and Mr. Seraph about Whitman. Have seen them about three times often. Have seen other guerrillas around them. Don't know that any of them have stayed all night with him. Think they have met. Have had nothing to do with any guerrillas. Don't know anything about cases having any guns, pistols or any such thing. Might have said when I was a little tight that I was going to join a guerrilla Company. Have heard a good deal about guerrilla operations, but know
nothing about them. I would rather fight
on the side of the Union and Constitution as
it always was, than for the rebels - I
have never had anything to do with Sang-
ling

Coakly Cantrell

Subscribed and sworn to before me
the 13th day of March 1863.

Wm. Dummer
Acting Provost Marshal

Nashville Mar. 13, 1863

Statement of Robert Hill:

I have a Mortgage on Mr. S. Whitman
for Paper Stiles, on White Creek Turnpike,
about eight miles from Nashville. I am
running the mills - driven the mills for
the accommodation of the Union Newspaper
office. I don't know anything about the
goods found on or near the premises of
the said Whitman by the officers of Col.
Brumfield, I don't know anything about
said Whitman taking any goods out of the
City. Never nothing about any of Whitman's
brothers taking out any goods. I think
the goods belong to his brother, A. G.
Whitman - his brother has been gone away
for long. I heard it reported about
any year ago that Mr. S. Whitman was smuggling our goods. It was reported once that the goods were captured; that was the first I heard of it. I think Charles Shortt brought in the report of the capture of the goods. I remembered several months ago that A. J. Whitman was attempting to smuggle goods. In relation to the four boxes of goods found in my store, belonging to A. J. Whitman, to the best of my knowledge said A. J. Whitman bought the goods—Mr. Charles J. Sturrup bought them to my store four or five months ago and asked me to let him put the boxes in my store. A. J. Whitman paid at the time that he was going to move to town and open a store. I know nothing at all in relation to smuggling by any one. I have heard nothing about Mr. S. Whitman's smuggling until after the capture of the goods above said by the officers. I think the goods that were in my store and the goods found near Whitman premises belong to A. J. Whitman. I know nothing at all about any smuggling by Mr. S. Whitman.

Robert Hill

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March A.D. 1863—Wm. Drummer, Clerk, Common Pleas
Office of Chief of Police
Army of the Cumberland
Nashville Nov. 14 1863

Statement of Charlie Purtoughly.

The goods obtained from Mr. Whitecame were at Brown's about one mile from Mr. Whitecame's dwelling, Mr. Alg. Whiteman told me at the time he brought the goods that he was going to open a store. I know that he came to town for that purpose. He brought these goods here in the city some six or seven months ago. They were carried out there because he could not get a house. At the time he brought them he was disappointed in getting his house. He bought the goods with Georgia and South Carolina money. The pistol taken at the mill belongs to Mr. Whiteman.

I know nothing of any one smuggling goods through the line from this place.

I know nothing about what the other parties have been doing, except that Mr. Young has often told me that he was sorry the way his son Felix was doing, said that he could not help it, that he had ordered him away from his house, and would not permit him to come if he could possibly help it.
C. J. Buttrouge.

Subscribed wanderly for me
This 24th March 1863.

J. W. Price

Provent Judge