John Rogers

Charged with assisting Federal soldiers to escape through the lines.

Re: H. No. 25, Apr 1863
Says in Nashville—am a farmer by occupation, John Kirk, Sam Knight, Zach Brown, Albert Wright, Eli J. Johnson, Judson, Melvin and Don D. Host living in the forks of Fawn River and Cumberland Rivers in the 6th District compelled me within the last three weeks by threat and force to move my neighbors when they could be conveyed from the place held by different arms about thirty Federal soldiers to Martinsville on the Cumberland north miles from Nashville by river. These soldiers were taken of the pains of Sam Knight and Martinsville to the West, according to order given by the above named party for the purpose of their being pardoned. Sam Knight professed to be a man of John Morgan's men. He parted each soldier when they got them furnishing them with citizen clothing and money. They were also aided by Heflin and wife, John Crowley and wife, Arch Custer and wife, Charles Knight and wife. Sam Knight said that Bill D. Joseph Dawson also helped I was also encouraged in Nashville in getting these soldiers from the city by Bill Parrott, having on Market Street the magnifying glass. I have been informed that there is frequent meeting in the second story of Parrott's store house of southern sympathizers. They probably must have another treason. I have frequently heard
That Rebel sympathizers and incendiaries are
wired to the treason and my reasonable plans in
the storehouse 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 abovedescribed by James Baker, The Senator John
Williams and Pvt. Sevill. I have not been informed
how many have been so conveyed from Nashville,
but I was informed that they they taking some. I
have been informed that all of the aforesaid delinquents
have encouraged and aided chattain in the Federal
Arms at the place. Confederate soldiers who were taken
in this way from Nashville went into release after being
paroled and went north by different roads and
at different times. I could not help doing what
I stated as the parties above mentioned threatened
to pull me, if I refused, And as they were nearer
at hand knew they would do it.

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[Signature]
Statement of Adam Mortan.

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 one of they had not been cut up by the Canoe. He told me the house, he carried them to but I never forget the name, the house.

Soldiers off the night of the 25th Febry or about that time. I saw him leave the house. I was staying at Wm. Smith's Market Street, South of Broad with the Soldiers.

I asked him the next morning what had most strange, he told me that he did as he was told. He said they would fight no more. He spoke to me though I was a Rebeccaite. He is continually Carrying the Union Army. Though how many he killed. A great many. Says he will kill some men if he gets a chance. He said last night that the Unionists and ladies had not got enough against him yet.

I am informed that he has went on a room Where Parroth's Stove stood then they go up by a ladder, and pull the ladder up after them. They keep a light burning all night every night, how for the last four weeks. The name of the house is the building.

That is a Union man. I have heard the Rebecca say that that.

Rodgers came over to help the Unionist from destroying Parroth. I have heard Parroth say that he had over one hundred loads of flour stored there, also a lot of beams and that they were for our boys when they come. I have heard them talk about making the towns burn with blood, when the Rebels come.

R. Mortan & Adam Mortan.

[Signature]

Deponent and sworn to before one
This 9th March 1863. Wm. McDonald, Notary Public in

Office of Chief Justice.

April 2d, 1863.
Department of the Cumberland

Office of the Agent for Tennessee

Nashville, March 21, 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.

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