Statement of Lewis, James and Thomas Hoppin concerning attack upon Mr. James and family on Sunday night April 12 1843

Clerk's
Office of Disb- Sup- Mar.-
Jackson, Tenn.
April 10th 1863

Capt. E. D. Mason
Asst Adjt. Clt.

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 accused for by Mr. Hopper and he Mr. Hopper by Mr. Roe of Texas Cavalry. Ordered to Post No. 14 and also by another order to same place. The evidence seems conclusive that a wrong has been committed.

I submit the document for your examination.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

R. Dick Ch- Sup- Mar.
Office of Dick Crouch Marshal
Jackson, Tenn. April 15 1918

Semi's Jones, 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 12th) a party of men numbering 10 or 20 came to my house, amongst whom were—
Calvin Copelin
Thomas Pillow
William Haley
John Bagby
Henry Scott
Amos Williams
John Golden
Leece Woodard
George Stanford
James Binbry
Nicholas Spain
Mr Barne

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

They said they were Torres' men, and "God damn the Union men." Copelin took me by the arm and said that he was Torres himself. They then took me as a prisoner out into the field, some saying "put my eyes out. God damn you." 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.

Cofelin says, give me $50.00, Uncle Lewis, and I will
try to get you loose. I told him I had no $50.00 to give
him. Cofelin 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 fields
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. Cofelin as they first came to 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 Wimbly, 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 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before
one at my office in Jackson, 
Tenn. This 15th day of April 1868

Lewis James

[Signature]
Thomas Stopper, a resident of Cockrell 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 consider the statements he has made, true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed, to sworn before me, and signed at my office in Jackson, Tenn.

this 10th day of April, 1863

[Signature]

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