

VILL FACE TWELVE JURORS IN SUPERIOR COURT SOON

CORONER'S JURY
INDICTS DAWSON
AND WILLIAMS

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Given Guns and Told to Shoot—Dawson Says Wil-
liams Told Him He Did Shooting

Marshal Williams was just after John G. Shaw occupied much of o'clock today bound over to the court's time in making several trial term of Cumberland, Su- arguments against making Dawson for Court where he will face five jurors on the charge of the testifying. He was told he need not tell anything that would incriminate himself. And he proved an unwilling witness for a time, but suddenly he said: "Well, here comes the whole thing. The truth is certain Jesus died." And he then opened up and told of seeing Marshal Williams along the road that afternoon with his rifle on his shoulder, they separated and he went home. Later on that night Williams came to his house and talked with him about the breaking up of his still and the shooting of Pate. He said Williams told him "I did some shooting, but don't believe I hurt anyone. Yes, I did the shooting and meant to kill." He saw Williams again Saturday morning and he still had his rifle with him.

Dawson hooked up with Attorney Shaw who cross-examined him and the two matched wits for some time, the negro leaving the stand having about held his own under the fire of the lawyers. Unlike Bob Godwin, his two sons, Nell and Aubry, Frank Smith and Randal Dawson, all colored, told court they had been employed by Marshal Williams to help him rate that afternoon and he gave them all guns, saying: "If the officials come kill them with these." Deputy Sheriff C. H. Driver's testimony kills the effort of the defense to lay the actual shooting to Dawson. Mr. Driver swore he was walking behind the car when the shots began and as one bullet passed so close to his car as to hit it he saw Al Pate drop over his face and he then turned to where the shots were coming from. He saw standing in the edge of the bushes a white man with rifle to his shoulder. While he did not know Marshal Williams was asked by Attorney Carl Swaine to point out the man who shot the shooting, and the deputy pointed to Williams, saying "To best of my belief that is the man who shot the rifle."

Sheriff McGeachy was recalled to the stand and produced a shoe box containing steel jacketed bullets for rifles, empty cartridges, pictures, and a book containing the names of persons Williams had sold liquor to on credit. The lawyers wrangled some over the introduction of this box, but they were put into evidence. The sheriff said in Williams' house is a pack where he keeps his rifles and arsenal is written on the wall. Also on the wall is a skeleton of a pistol and some skull and bones.

Randal Dawson, recalled, said he was at the still but fled just before the officers came in the woods. He went around to the side of the car and found Deputy Pate had been killed instantly. The ball entered his body just above the right shoulder, passed through the body, hitting near the left breast. Randal Dawson, one of the negroes at the still, was the first of them to be called to the witness stand and immediately the lawyers and the defense set up a howl about testifying because he is also being indicted for helping to

Pate, also for making liquor.

"Presumed" he announced and without argument Judge McRae bound Williams over without bond to Superior Court.

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Nell and Aubry, Frank Smith and

Randal Dawson, all negroes, testified that they were

employed by Williams to help operate the still and were given rifles

with instructions to shoot any officer who came in. But on the appearance of the sheriff's party they all fled. They all said Williams had his high-powered rifle with him and carried it off when he left the still. They all told of hearing rifle shots after leaving the still, they coming from the direction in which Williams fled.

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was handed a gun by Williams and

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carried it home with him. Atto-

ny Shaw fought hard to locate Dawson at the spot where the shoot-

ing took place, but made very lit-

tle headway, finally admitting him-

self in an argument with Dawson

that he was not getting far. Three

guns were identified in court as be-

longing to Williams.

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closed, the defense made the same

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Inquest Held Into Death
of Deputy Pate Recom-
mends That Marshal
Williams and Randal
Dawson Both Be Held

County Coroner Dr. R. A. Allard held an inquest Monday night on the killing July 22 of Deputy Sheriff A. J. Pate while pursuing white Deputy Pate, was in charge of duty enforcing the Prohibition law near Godwin, last month. The jury rendered the following verdict:

"We, the undersigned pray, and of being duly sworn and having the evidence, do find that the deceased, A. J. Pate, came to his death as a result of bullet wound and in hands of some person unknown to this jury. We recommend that one Marshal Williams and R. A. Dawson be held without bail for further investigation of the crime."

(Signed) M. F. WILLIAMS,
R. L. MOLLARD, JR.
W. L. REAGAN,
C. M. A. BURGESS,
W. M. McGEACHY,
R. L. THOMAS, JR.

This, the day of August, 1928.

Testimony given before the coro-

ner's jury is as follows:

Sheriff N. H. McGeachy: On

day, July 22, about 6:30 p.m., we

were onto this still about one-half mile

east of Godwin station. We found

still in operation. I saw them run away from still. Mr. Pate and

I ran right in on them. George

West and Charles Reader were

behind me. We broke up still.

Found three guns at still. Tank

still and about 30 gallons whiskey

cap and worm, and carried them

about 40 steps to edge of field.

I sent out to road after car, which

was about 150 yards from road.

Loaded still and equipment on car

and started back to road. Mr.

Pate got in car with George West

who was driving. I was walking in

front of car with Bill West and

Charles Driver. When we were

about 100 yards from woods, going

out towards road leading to

Falcon, heard report of rifle. I im-

mediately looked back. It was

about 20 feet in front of car, and

in about one minute's time heard

another report, and George West

jumped out of car and Mr. Pate

sat still in car. He was killed with

the first shot. There were some

six or six shots fired. I ran back

to the car. I could tell direction

from which shots came. He was

about 40 or 50 yards away where

we loaded the still. I picked up

rifle. He stopped shooting about

that time. Afterwards I searched

Marshall Williams' house and

found box with four or five rifle

cartridges in it similar to the

ones found in the army ride which

was found at still. I searched his

house once before and found an

army rifle but longer range. I did

not find any guns at time I searched

his house after shooting. His

wife said that he had been gone

about one-half hour. I could not

recognize anyone in the woods,

nor could not recognize the man

who was doing the shooting. I told

his wife to tell him to come and

give himself up, that we were look-

ing for him. Said that she would

use her influence for me. Shooting

happened about sundown.

(Signed) N. H. McGEECHY.

R. A. Dawson: I saw Marshall Williams the morning after Mr. Pate was killed. He was on the road coming from his daddy's and was near my house. This was about 6 a.m. He had one rifle and one breech-loader that shoots five times. He left breech-loading gun with me. Think there were two or three shells in it. I had bothed him to buy gun some time before six or eight weeks ago. I broke mine. I borrowed gun the morning that he left it with me. I did not say anything to him about what had happened the day before. He said that he had heard that they had captured (or got) everything. I told him that one of the officers was killed. He said, "I done some shooting," but that he was not anywhere about. He left me and went toward home. His long rifle had leather strap on it. It was his long rifle that he had with him that morning. Did not see Mr. Williams evening before. Marshall Williams told me that there was a still in woods and invited me in. I went in twice. First time I went in he was there. There were a pump and some barrels there. He said that he was going to make some whiskey there. Second time that I went in the still was hot. Saw lot of barrels and two men stooping down. I asked where the boss-man was. Marshall Williams was supposed to be boss. They said that he was not there. I went through Friday evening about 5 o'clock. I went by still to get drink of whiskey. I did not know who men were at the still. Marshall came by my house about 6 a.m. and left gun with me. Said keep it until he called for it and that they had captured everything he had, and I told him that I had heard some bad news. He hung his head down and said that he did some shooting, but did not think he did any harm.

(Signed) R. A. DAWSON.