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Accomack County**

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Evidence taken over the dead body of Mrs. Sus Drummond
before Walter Raleigh J. P. Acting coroner, and the Jury.

Evidence of Mary Francis Rodges,

Question 1st Were you present when Mrs Drummond
was struck by some negro,

Ans I saw the negro which was arrested and confined
at Pungoteague on the 12th Inst strike Aunt Drummond
with an axe, she fell and the negro took her up and
threw her in the Horse Stable,

Question 2nd What did the negro then do

Ans. He came in the house and asked me where
the money was, I told him I did not know, He then broke
open the drawers and trunk down stairs and then went
up stairs and broke open two trunks, the negro came
down stairs and went in the garden and met Ann
Mary ^{Wallace} and told her the de: and a negro woman
commenced fighting and had killed each other
and one was dead in the kitchen and the other
in the stable, the distance between the kitchen and
stable is ~~forty eight~~ ^{forty eight} yards;

Evidence of Miss Mary Wallace, ^{Walter Raleigh J.P. Coroner} Mary Francis Rodges
mark

Question 1st Where were you when you heard Mrs Drum
mond was killed,

Ans. 1st I was in the garden when John Holden
came and put me ~~and said~~ when Mary Francis
Rodges told me that Mrs Drummond and Aunt
Lucy a colored woman was killed, I replied to her
it was not so but the negro John Holden said it
was so several times and said they had commenced
fighting and had killed each other, ^{the negro came}
to the kitchen on that morning and Aunt Lucy said
to him is that you John Holden he replied yes, I
did not know the negro before but it was the one
I saw at Pungoteague on the same night ~~which~~
he was arrested and confined there, He followed me about
the yard with his axe on his shoulder, I commenced
screaming, and asked him to go after some person
to ^{help} with Mrs Drummond, who lay wounded in the horse
stable,

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Evidence taken over the dead body of Mrs. Jno [John] Drummond before Walter Raleigh J. P. acting coroner, and the jury.

Evidence of Mary Frances Rodgers,

Question 1st Were you present when Mrs Drummond was struck by some negro,

And I saw the negro which was arrested and confined at Pungoteague on the 12th. Inst struk [struck] aunt Drummond with an axe, she fell and the negro took her up and threw her in the horse stable,

Question 2nd What did the negro then do

Ans. He came in the house and asked me where the money was, I told him I did not know, He then broke open the drawers and trunk down stairs and then went, up stairs and broke open two trunks, the negro came down stairs and went in the garden and met cousin Mary Wallace and told her the deacd [deceased] and a negro woman commenced fighting and had killed each other and one was dead in the kitchen and the other in the stable. [struck: The distance between the kitchen and stable is forty eight yards]; Mary her x mark Francis Rodgers Walter Raleigh JP acting as coroner

Evidence of Miss Mary Wallace

Question 1st Where were you when you heard Mrs Drummond was killed,

Ans. 1st I was in the gardens when John Holden came and met me [struck: and said] when Mary Francis Rodgers told me that Mrs Drummond and Aunt Lucy a colored woman was killed, I replied to her it was not so but the negro John Holden said it was so several times, and said they had commenced fighting and had killed each other. The negro came to the kitchen on that morning and Aunt Lucy said to him is that you John Holden he replied yes, I did not know the negro before but it was the one I saw at Pungoteague on the same night [struck: which was] who was arrested and confined there, He followed me about the yard with his axe on his shoulder, I commenced screaming, and asked him to go after some person to help with Mrs Drummond who lay wounded in the horse stable,

I walked out to the Potatoe bed and was absent about fifteen minutes, I left the Negro John Holden here and found him on my return in the garden as above described, I also heard the child screaming and the dog barking and thought some person was coming, that was the cause of my returning so early from the potatoe bed, when I returned I found the woman wounded and the drawers and trunks broken open, I supposed they both were dead but while I was looking at Mrs Drummond I saw her move one foot. Mary A Wallace
Walter Raleigh, acting as coroner

Evidence of Dianna Doughty colored,
Question Tell what you know respecting this case.

I saw John Holden come across the field where I was I asked him what was the matter at Capt Drummond's, He told me that Mrs Dr Drummond and Lucy Bivens had got to fighting and had killed each other, He told me to go and get Mrs Doughty, He said he would go on and get his help, and come back and do more, I have known him for three or four years, and know it to be John Holden, I saw him come out of the home of Capt Drummond's with his arm on his shoulder, I was at work in the field about 70 to 100 yards from Capt Drummond's house, at the time this affair occurred which was about 1/2 past one o'clock P.M.

Walter Raleigh, acting as coroner. Dianna ^{her} Doughty
mark

Evidence of W. S. Haman

I was called last Thursday the 12th Inst, to see Mrs Dr Drummond, I found her in an unconscious condition her head and neck being covered with blood, upon removing her hair and examining the wounds I found them to be of a most dangerous character, and requested additional medical aid the other physicians arriving we gave the wounds a run through examination, and found the skull bone fractured and a portion of it driven into the brain, upon consultation

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 He said he would go on and get his help, and
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 P. M,
 Walter Raleigh JP acting as coroner Dianna her x mark Doughty
 Evidence of Dr. Jno [John] L Harmanson
 I was called last Thursday the
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 unconscious condition her head and neck being covered
 with blood, upon recovering her hair and it assuming the
 wounds I found them to be of a most dangerous
 character, and requested additonal medical aid
 the other physicians arriving we gave the wounds a nice
 thorough examination, and found the skull bone fractured
 and a portion of it driven into the brain, upon consultation

We regarded the case as hopeless, I have continued
in attendance upon Mrs. Drummond every day since
the accident, and never at any time could discover
any thing to induce me to entertain the shadow
of a hope of her recovery, she died on Tuesday
the 17th Inst, and I have no doubt whatever of her
death being caused, by the wounds being inflicted
on Thursday the 12th Inst.

John S. Hamanson

Walter Raleigh J.P. acting as coroner

The Jury agree the distance between the stable and the
kitchen to be forty seven yards,

Accomack County to wit

An inquisition taken at the House
of Capt John Drummond in the County of Accomack
on the 18th day of April for the year 1866 before Walter
Raleigh J.P. acting as coroner of the said County upon the
view of the body of Mrs. Jane Drummond then lying dead,
The jurors sworn to inquire when, how and by what means
the said Mrs. Jane Drummond came to her death, upon
their oaths do say: that she came to her death by wounds
inflicted by John Golden with an axe in the Throats of said
Golden on the 12th Inst.

Testimony whereof, the said coroner and jurors
hereto set their hands.

Mitchell W. West

Walter Raleigh J.P. acting as coroner,

Geo. Bull

L. H. Jones

F. J. Boggs

J. R. Miller

Geo. W. Longfety

Henry C. Watson

Thuragood Mears

John H. Duncan

John. P. Read

Levin Holmes

R. J. Ames,

Jury men

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we regarded the case as hopeless, I have continued in attendance upon Mrs. Drummond every day since the accident, and never at any time could discover any thing to induce me to entertain the shadow of a hope of her recovery, she died on yesterday the 17th Inst, and I have no doubt whatever of her death being caused, by the wounds being inflicted on Thursday the 12th Inst.

John L. Hamanson

Walter Raleigh JP acting as coroner

The Jury agree the distance between the stable and the kitchen to be forty seven yards,

Accomack County to wit

An inquisition taken at the House

of Capt. John Drummond in the County of Accomack on the 15th day of April in the year 1866 before Walter Raleigh J. P. acting as coroner of the said county upon the view of the body of Mrs Jno [John] Drummond there lying dead, The jurors sworn to enquire when, how and by what means the said Mrs Jno Drummond came to her death, upon their oaths do say: that she came to her death by wounds inflicted by John Holden with an axe in the hands of said Holden on the 12th Inst.

In testimony whereof, the said coroner and jurors hereto set their hands.

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Walter Raleigh J.P. acting as coroner

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