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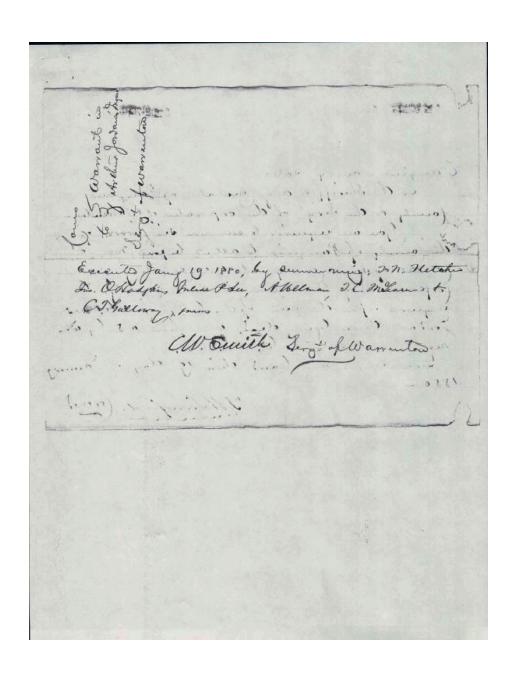
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Fauquier County
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Fauquier
County or the Sergt of the Corporation of Warrenton
You are required to summon six jurors of
the county of Fauquier to attend before me, as
Coroner of said County, at the Cemetery of said
Corporation of Warrenton in said County, to
inquire upon the view of the body of Arthur
Jordan there lying dead, when, how and why by what
means he came to his death.
Given under my hand this 19" day of January
1880-

T R Lunsford Coroner



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Como [Commonwealth] to
Sergt of Warrenton
Warrant in Arthur Jordan's Inquest
Executed Jany 19th 1880, by summoning F. N. Fletcher
Jas. O Hodgkins, [Julian?] P Lee, A. [Ullman?], T.C. [McLearan?] & C.T. Galloway, jurors
C.W. Smith Sergt of Warrenton

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Fauguier County, to wit: An Inquisition taken at Warrenton in the County of Fauquier, on the 19" day of January 1880, before me, Thomas R. Lunsford, a Coroner of the said county, upon view of the body of Arthur Jordan decd [deceased] lying dead. The jurors sworn to inquire when, how, and by what means the said Arthur Jordan comes to his death. Upon their oaths do say: that Arthur Jordan came to his death at or about the hour of two O'clock in the morning of this 19th day of January 1880, by unlawful violence by strangulation with a rope around his neck at the end of which said rope he was dragged, and by which said rope he was suspended by his neck to the limb of a tree. We further find that the unlawful violence aforesaid, by which the said Arthur Jordan came to his death, was committed by a party of men variously estimated as numbering from forty to fifty, whose names are unknown to us, unless the name of [one?] Johnny Ball, whom Anthony Smith (one of the witnesses) says he recognized among the men who took Arthur Jordan from Jail. But the jurors deem the evidence of said Anthony Smith as not entitled to much weight, as his statements are contradicted by other witnesses.

In testimony whereof, the said Coroner and jurors have hereto set their hands-

T R Lunsford Coroner

T. N. Fletcher

Jas. O. Hodgkins

[Julian?] P. Lee

A. [Ullman?]

T. C. Mclearen

C. F. Gallaway Jurors

Horace Pattie being duly sworn de south and says: I sur jailor of Fanguier county. I have looked at the dead body, and believe it to be that of Arthur Jordan the more delivered to one a few days ago charged with taking a white woman from her home - Last night (Lhis morning /4 to 2 A.M. (Jany 19th 1680) I was awallenes by a Know at the door of the juil. Egot up out of hed, went to front win sow up Their. heisted it, asked who was there. Inawer was, a prisoner from Restortown. I told party to wait till I drossed & came down. I went Down, rulocked the post door & pened it. They pushed in a man, supposed by me to be black. He was heldly a man on each side. They bronefet him into the passes, I then went to milvek back down leading into jail. When I got there I judge there were too many persons bringing one pris oner, the passage being tilled with men. I then went rep stairs to my abouter; they folloved me up stairs (how many I know notaperhaps (or 6;) Deveral came into m chumber, and asked me if I was no Coming rown to put the prisoner in pail. When I went sowy I had a lighted lauten & Keya of jail; and to when I went up stains I went because I then duspisioned Something wrong, and greade the exense of going up stairs for hays. Whete in

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Chawler our of part, asked if I was gon down to take charge of the presence. asked for the papers. They told me go down take charge of prisoners and they would give me the papers. I heritated and they told m if I would not look him up they would, and they reached over and took Keys from mantle where I had slipped them thinking they did not see me do it. After I saw their determination I went with thew, a man holding me on each side. After they got me in gard between house and fail, one Remarked "For me have got limin our power ne will tell him what we want!" They Said they wanted Arthur fort and nouse not hurt me; but that they much to quiet. One of them had drawn a pestol and said I must keep quiet. Hey put me in charge of four men. It tall man said you take chury of the old me while me go in and get fortan. I think all men I saw but Two were masked the pretended Prisoner was blacked and his hands around in front as if tied. I don't think I would be able to recognize any of those man. The light did not shine on them but in the wow! I did not see in the room! I appreased fear that they would get the wrong man or let some others wet

chamber one of party asked if I was going down to take charge of the prisoner. I asked for the papers. They told me go down take charge of prisoner and they would give me the papers. I hestitated and they told me if I would not lock him up they would, and they reached over and took keys from mantle where I had slipped them thinking they did not see me do it. After I saw their determination I went with them, a man holding me on each side. After they got me in vard between house and jail, one remarked "Now we have got him in our power we will tell him what we want." They said they wanted Arthur Jordan, would not hurt me; but that [struck: I must keep] quiet. One of them had drawn a pistol and said I must keep quiet. They put me in charge of four men. A tall man said you take charge of the old man while we go in and get Jordan. I think all men I saw but two were masked- the pretended prisioner was blacked and his hands crossed in front as if tied. I don't think I would be able to recognize any of those men. The light did not shine on them but in the room. I did not see in the room. I expressed fear that they would get the wrong man or let some others out.

The reply was there were bew present who dit not know fordan, that there would be no mistake and no one else let out. I heard no name called except that of prisoner. I heard some one call for taltur fordan a could not tell what went or in cell six or 8 mere in his cell - I with me and the passage ways to fail was filled with persons & from what I judged more outside - parta bly 40 or 50 in all. When those in cell cameout, I saw a man with in his mouth with the party. The mean who inducked fail door, worked it again, gave me the Keys and told the four in charge of me to let the old man go. all came out, and when I got to front gerget all had gone, any I found there The Smith and Wholt and my son Colly who has slipped out some way and given the alarm to the first there The noise of retreat of the party was in direction of the Warren Green Statley landing to Cemetery where body was found and identified by me today. All that party left was a piece of leather at pout door If I can recover it again & will produce it if required. And further this deponent South not. 14. Patrie

The reply was there were few present who did not know Jordan, that there would be no mistake and no one else let out. I heard no name called except that of prisoner. I heard some one call for Arthur Jordan- could not tell what went on in cell- six or 8 were in his cell- 4 with me- and the passage ways to jail was filled with persons & from what I judged more outside- probably 40 or 50 in all- When those in cell came out, I saw a man with stick or gag in his mouth with the party. The man who unlocked jail door, locked it again, gave me the keys and told the four in charge of me to let the old man go. All came out, and when I got to front door all had gone, and I found there Sergeant Smith and R. Holt & Geo [Manyet?] and my son Colly who had slipped out some way and given the alarm to the first three The noise of retreat of the party was in direction of the Warren Green Stable leading to Cemetery where body was found and identified by me today. All that party left was a piece of leather at front door. If I can recover it again I will produce it if required. And further this deponent sayth not. H. Pattie

Anthony Smith, colored, being oul, sword deposith and Days: My name is Author Smith. I am confined in jail cleaned with fighting. When they first came in (some 801) one called for Arthur Jordan Jordan spoke I Said: Here I am. He Raid get up. Arthur got up, He homed thatther around & tied his hands behind him + took a stick - a gag and put in arthur's mouth, tied it back behind his head; tied a long rope to his arm and led him out - am sure they tied pape to his arm He Shot the don Ciclind. I occupaied Dame room & bed as did Arthur. He went leaving cout, hat and shows inside. He cisked for coat and the cepty was they did not care whether he had coat on not They frightened me and when they told me lie sown I bid so. I knowed out one man, Mr. Johnny Ball who lives at M. Jagneline Marshall's. Johny Ball is a white man. Fristher this defrom Paryeth met. Me " Volumy Ball did nothing but lookest ou. I heard but one man of the party speak. I do not know whether the party mero measked or not. Ball had not any much - did not the light in room was

Anthony Smith, colored, being duly sworn deposeth and says: My name is Anthony Smith. I am confined in jail charged with fighting. When they first came in (some 8 or 10) one called for Arthur Jordan. Jordan spoke & said: Here I am. He said get up. Arthur got up. He turned Arthur around & tied his hands behind him & took a stick -a gagand put in Arthur's mouth, tied it back behind his head; tied a long rope to his arm and led him out- am sure he tied rope to his arm. He shut the door behind. I occupied same room & bed as did Arthur. He went leaving coat, hat and boots inside. He asked for coat and the reply was they did not care whether he had coat or not They frightened me and when they told me lie down I did so. I know only one man, Mr. Johnny Ball who lived at Mr. Jacqueline Marshall's. Johnny Ball is a white man. Mr. Johnny Ball did nothing but look on. I heard but one man of the party speak. I do not know whether the party were masked or not. Ball had not any mask- the light in the room was [last line of page cut off?]

Authory & Smith Witness, to Dequature Alexander Grandison being Duly awow, deposite and Lays: My name is Alexander Granding, live in Marrents, back of Mrs. Booth's hotel. I heard a loud signall last night between I and 3 nimeter to I delvek A. M. I jumped up as did also my wife and ran to my door, and remarked to wife that they were running some men that had broke into M. Flatota's . She Daid come back into house; some one may short into the house. It that instant we heard a little pextol pop in direction of the juil. I said to her, there they go, they are one horses, galloping. I said there are fine or six of thom. One white horse, one dark one. I said, by the way, I believe them fellows from up the country have come I got that fellow and being him or are going to hang fine. She Said dress your. self, go unt and see what's the matter. replied I am not going; they are now down about Mr. Charl, Payne's lot. I the Raid I don't expect they have got the fellow they ain't talking so loud. I Raw five mon two on horses Three

Anthony his x mark Smith Witness to signature L. W. Caldwell J. K. Maddix Alexander Grandison being duly sworn, deposeth and says: My name is Alexander Grandison, live in Warrenton, back of Mrs. Booth's hotel. I heard a loud squall last night between 2 and 3 minutes to 2 o'clock A.M. I jumped up as did also my wife and ran to my door, and remarked to wife that they were running some man that had broke into Mr. Fletcher's. She said come back into house; some one may shoot into the house. At that instant we heard a little pistol pop in direction of the jail. I said to her, there they go, they are on horses, galloping. I said there are five or six of them. One white horse, one dark one. I said, by the way, I believe them fellows from up the country have come & got that fellow and hung him or are going to hang him. She said dress yourself, go out and see what's the matter. I replied I am not going; they are now down about Mr. Charly Payne's lot. I then said I don't expect they have got the fellow; they ain't talking so loud. I saw five men- two on horses three

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Alexander his x mark Grandison Witness

L. N. Caldwell

J. K. Maddix

C. H. Martyn

Chas. H. Martyn being duly sworn deposeth and says: My name is Charles H. Martyn I live on Waterloo turnpike at old toll-gate Dog woke me last night about 2 A.M. I got up, went to window, and saw a crowd on horse back coming into town. I don't know the number- some had passed before I got up- think there were between 40 and 50. After they passed I went back to bed. I could not identify any of them, they said nothing. I heard them going back I reckon, but at the time thought they were a drove of cattle. Further this deponent sayeth not.

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Dr. John Ward being duly sworn deposeth and says: My name is John Ward, by profession a Doctor. I viewed the body of Arthur Jordan today swinging from the limb of a tree at the graveyard, a rope being around his neck. He came to his death by strangulation. From the evidences in the road and abrasions on his person and clothes of his being dragged I am of opinion he came to his death before he reached the tree where his body was found. The strangulation was caused by the rope around his neck. The evidence of track of dragging extended a distance of about 500 yards. When the body was found a stick an inch and a half in diameter with two pieces of leather attached were tied around his neck. John Ward M.D. Frank Matthews, being duly sworn deposeth and says- My name is Frank Matthews I was in jail last night in same room with Arthur Jordan. Heap of white people came in room. They had dim light- light kept near door. One came forward and said Arthur Jordan get up. Arthur said I'm here. Told Arthur to come out. He went to [stand?]; where arms were put behind him and he was tied made him hold his head up and put a stick [remainder of line cut off]

rope around his arm and lead Arthus out. I know no one of the Sow but two faces - The man that make his face. but one tied Arthur & apoke. another had a pretol out. The one who tied Anthun was a bearded man all over the face and right smart chunk of it nottet. I aminjail because Roll. Brent asked me to flower a pair of boots that he with he bought of mon hoselfie. I could not distinguish any of the people near the door. The mean who spoke ordered us to Keep still; that they were not going to hurt w. Further this deponant Rayeth not. Frank & Matthews Witness Intaldwell & Whaddry

stick in his mouth. They then put a rope around his arm and lead Arthur out. I knew no one of the partysaw but two faces- The man that made Arthur get up &c. had not any thing on his face. but one man tied Arthur & spoke. another had a pistol out. The one who tied Arthur was a bearded man all over the face his beard being short, and right smart chunk of a man but not tall. I am in jail because Robt. Brent asked me to pawn a pair of boots that he said he bought of Mr McGriffin. I could not distinguish any of the people near the door. The man who spoke ordered us to keep still; that they were not going to hurt us. Further this deponent sayeth not. Frank his x mark Matthews Witness L. W. Caldwell J. K. Maddix

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a low signal-a whoop-All them of the party took out in the direction of Waterloo without another word. Then Frank Brook, Geo. Manyett & Colly Pattie took a lantern & said they would go and try find the man taken from the jail. They asked me to go but I did not because I believed the party had strapped Jordan on a horse and taken him with them. I stayed up and listened till the horses got out of hearing and then went back to bed. Further this deponent sayeth not. C. W. Smith The foregoing depositions of Horace Pattie, Anthony Smith, Alexander Grandison, Chas. H. Martyn, Frank Matthews, Dr. John Ward and Charles W. Smith, were taken, sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of January 1880, and reduced to writing under my direction T. R. Lunsford Coroner of Fauquier County

Charles V. Smith, being recalled deposeth and now says: I went into the jail last night between 2 and 3 o'clock, after the farty who had taken Souther Jondon from jail had left Warrentwand asked the men who were in the cell with fordan how many men came in the cell. Anthony Smith replied saying there were about 8 or 10, and every one ha Knines or pistols. I then asked Anthon Smith if he knew any of the 8 or 10, and his answer was No, Liv; not one." Further this deponent Doig the not. Clubinith William Dade, edwert being duly swown de-, poseth and Rays: my name is William Dade, am now confined in fail for fighting she La Besth I was in jail last night after Arthur Jordan had been taken out and Surgeant Smith came in there. A quitteman came in with him now recognize as Mr Hank Brooke; Inde Days that before Sergenut Smith Came in Anthony Smith in answer to Ar Cash some said that he (Anthony) recognized

Charles W. Smith, being recalled deposeth and now says: I went into the jail last night between 2 and 3 o'clock, after the party who had taken Arthur Jordan from jail had left Warrenton and asked the men who were in the cell with Jordan how many men came in the cell. Anthony Smith replied saying there were about 8 or 10, and every one had knives or pistols. I then asked Anthony Smith if he knew any of the 8 or 10, and his answer was- "No, sir; not one." Further this deponent sayeth not. C. W. Smith William Dade, colored being duly sworn deposeth and says: My name is William Dade, am now confined in jail for fighting [illegible] then I was in jail last night after Arthur Jordan had been taken out and Sergeant Smith came in there. A gentleman came in with him now recognized as Mr. Frank Brooke; [scratched out] that before Sergeant Smith came in Anthony Smith in answer to Mrs Cash [scratched out] said that he (Anthony) recognized Johnny Ball one of the party who took out

Smith came in Authory Smith in answer to Ar Cash sogs said that he (Authory) recognized Johnny Ball as one of the party who took out Author Jordan. This was 400 5 openutes before Lergeant Smith come in and pointed out to him in Markham, would know him if he Raw him anywhere now, and did not recognize the man planting by the Stone last dright Raid to be Polumy Ball by Anthony Denth as Johnny Ball! Ball is a not so stout as Sergant Smith, a little taller with black hair and no beard as he tremombers. Has seen Ball Twice; once at Orleans and between Markham and Box bees x Roads at Windahill . Further this diponent Routh not. William X Dade Theis Deldwell Frank @ Brooke being July around depo, But and says: Inank C. Brooke, le, oe. cupation merchant. I went to jail last night about 2/2 o'clock it . Mr. Heard Att Lengant Smith and Pattie talking. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Pattie if the party had got the right ma In P. said he would go in & see. All three of us went in together. I heard Mr. Smith ask the prisoners in the cell how many men came in the cell. Some one of pris: overs answered 8 or 10. I then heard on. Smith ask them if they Knew and

Smith came in Anthony Smith in answer to Mrs Cash [struck: says] said that he (Anthony) recognized Johnny Ball as one of the party who took out Arthur Jordan. This was 4 or 5 minutes before Sergeant Smith came in. [struck: and about four o'clock]. He has had Johnny Ball pointed out to him in Markham, would know him if he saw him anywhere now, and did not recognize the man standing by the stove last night said to be Johnny Ball by Anthony Smith as Johnny Ball. Ball is a not so stout as Sergeant Smith, a little taller with black hair and no beard as he remembers. Has seen Ball twice; once at Orleans and between Markham and Barbees x Roads at Wind-hill. Further this deponent saith not. William x his mark Dade Witness L N Caldwell

Frank C Brooke being duly sworn deposeth and says:
My name is Frank C. Brooke, by occupation merchant. I went to jail last night about 2 1/2 o'clock A. M. Heard [struck: Mr.] Sergeant Smith and ^jailor Pattie talking. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Pattie if the party had got the right man Mr. P. said he would go in & see. All three of us went in together. I heard Mr. Smith ask the prisoners in the cell how many men came in the cell. Some one of prisoners answered 8 or 10. I then heard Mr. Smith ask them if they knew any of [remainder of page cut off]

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pistols and knives and he was so badly scared he didn't look I recognize the man responding to Sergeant Smith last night in jail as Anthony Smith now shown to me. Further this deponent sayeth not. Frank C. Brooke

The foregoing depositions of Chas N. Smith (recalled) of William Dade and Frank C. Brooke were also taken and subscribed before me this 19th day of January 1880, and reduced to writing under my direction. T R Lunsford Coroner of Fauquier County Va

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