Rollins, Martin: Coroner's Inquisition, Russell County

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Virginia Russell to wit An inquisition taken at the ford of Little Cedar Creek in Lebanon district in said County on the 3rd day of April 1889 before J.B. Fickle Justice of the Peace of said County upon a view of the body of Martin Rollins col'd [colored], there hanging dead.) The jurors, sworn to enquire, when, how & by what means the said Martin Collins col'd, came to his death, upon their oaths do say: That deceased

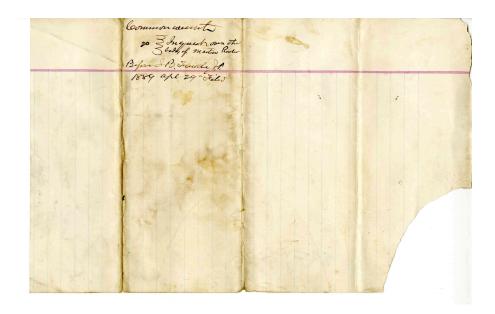
col'd, came to his death, upon their oaths do say: That deceased Martin Rollins came to his death at the hands of a mob of men who took him from jail of Russell Co. by force, carryed him to Little Cedar Creek one mile east of Lebanon & there hung him & shot him until he was dead & then left him hanging to a tree, & that none of the men who engaged in the mob are known to us or can be identified. In testimony whereof the said J.P. & jurors have here to set our hands this April 3rd 1889

B. Fickle JP

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[struck: E.S. Quincey] G.H Clay E.W. Fields J.H. Meade } JURORS C.J. [Goss?] J.P. [Purcell?] J.J. [Henritze?]

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Commonwealth Inquest over the body of Martin Rollins Before J B [Finkle?] J.P. 1889 Apl 29th Filed

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Commonwealth Inquest over Martin Rollins col'd Testimony Seth Hill being duly sworn stated I know nothing about how the said Martin Rollins came to his death except that a crowd of men took him away from the jail of Russell Co. on last night, I do not know who the men were or who any of them were that took him from said jail. The said Martin Rollins was hanging by the neck with a rope to a willow tree at the road side on little Cedar Creek about 1 mile from Lebanon & was shot some 5 or six times Three times in the head, twice in the body & one in the thigh, & was dead. This is all I know about it. Mr. S. [Hurt?], next witness I live near where I found Martin Rollins hanging just a little [after?]

Rollins hanging just a little [after?] daylight on the morning of April the 3rd. He was hanging by the neck to a tree by a rope, his pants down around his feet. There was no [person?] here when I found him. He was shot once in the thigh, once in the right groin

once in The right side once in left ride of barcels, once in left sede of The crater of breach bane, once in the side of The name & There in the for head + two celt in right knopen Churce bone, & was dead & The la dications wen that he had been ded Dame time, He was Diving in The air . I did not Know The man be was a stranger to me. In the night of The 2" April about 10 aclock I keard pistal shat, in amotion of Lileanon, want up through fired in that direction to see what it meath, heard hollowing about Schanon & many that " much naise, head an . I head about 40 men Coming Towards me I keard an order to some an with an aathe not to call an the Low The Crued halts near bridge, I was 300 for foran them, & I woul to within , 125 good of Them - I have nothing & ray origed as one, but keard down man day I turn the prisoner con to - a card not hear the balance, much mafanity, the Cracod of about 40 came on in this denetor 1 I fallowed & kind some man say hald on realed mout Clark' name, nabady ausward & I regage nigod no many vaice. I Then been had on Sine no Ou answord & I resoquind no and vale with wear it This were bad that can unlack a door This makes that have unlacked, I did not themas any of this voices - I want to card a The crowd come on to mean where the hanging Track place & remained there about one

once in the right side, once in left side of bowels, once in left side of the centre of breast bone, once in the side of the nose & twice in the forehead & two cuts in right temple cheek bone, & was dead & the [indications?] were that he had been dead some time. He was swinging in the air. I did not know the man, he was a stranger to me. In the night of the 2" April about 10 oclock I heard pistol shots in direction of Lebanon, went up through field in that direction to see what it meant, heard hollering about Lebanon, & many shots & much noise, went on- & head about 40 men coming towards me & heard an order to some one with an oath not to call on the Lord, the crowd halted near bridge, I was 300 yds from them, & I went to within 125 yds. of them. I saw nothing & recognized no one, but heard some man say to turn the prisoner over to _ & could not hear the balance, much profanity, the crowd of about 40 came on in this direction & I followed & heard some man say hold on & called Mont Clark's name, nobody answered & I recognized no man's voice. I then heard hold on [Sim?], no one answered & I recognized no ones voice- next was it [tan't?] every body that can unlock a door This makes two I have unlocked, I did not know any of these voices. The crowd came on to near where the hanging took place & remained there about one hour, then I heard parties [ride across?]

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the Creek hade back again to The Crowd heard Way corner & aid not strow say "down This way corner leady" + The crawd passed to Chis like of The Crack where I found the bady hanging - next Thick I becard was climits up them John & did not know varies wood haufing - next think I head was dealy the lime form & aid not know varie, know the limber concerning saw no one & know novaries next & heard & prietee shat, in arbinging encention from one pretal as & hearph next thing tone one say "quick than before vere hear gets learn die where I famed the bady hatequiz - after this & numenter I mon that com find as same places the da craws superated is here place the da in road cide - I think the bacance of the craws helting on the growth of the heart - I did not releage any of the Jones have been finds the form of the heart - I did have before I the heart here here the of the heart of the back of the form of the heart of the back of the form of the heart of the back of the form of the heart of the back of the course of the heart of the back of the course of the heart of the back of the course of the the heart of the first here of the heart of the back of the course the form of the heart of the back of the course the here the heart of the back of the course the home heart of the back of the course from the home the hearing of the the course the home the hearing took place while the form of the appoint wide of the course from home heart of the the the the form the date the hearing of the the course the home the size of the course the home the hearing of the the course the home the the size of the course the after the hearing of the the course the after the the size of the course the after the hearing of the the course the after the hearing of the course the after the hearing of the course the after the hearing of the course the after the the size of the course the after the the size of the heart the after the the the the the the the after the the the the the the the after the the the the the the the after the the the the the the after the the the the the the the after the the the the the the the after the the the the the the the the th That size re & ded not know the aller. Jan die Traf au the gripher of spice & had Change of the pick au the gripher of spice 2° - some men Came to the pair & almost his - a negro was missing The day is jail & his mane is martine Rellie . I do net know which were they took time of do net know any of the men . I do not know the muchen best Thuik alcount 10° went mot the pil Came travor where negro was hung - the could when the door - that the key from me it was do not know who book the key from me it was done the men who took the keys from me it was done the men who took the keys from me it was done the men who took the keys from me it was done the men who took the keys from me it was done the men who took the keys from me it was done the men who took the keys from me it was done the men who took the keys from me it was done the men who took the keys from me it was done the men who took the keys from me it was done the men who took the keys from me it was he was died - I was about 11 aclaech at might taat the took wine on - I have men - he NA OJ. Burnes Hunt was mothing shout the Care - mm Robt Martin I Huard nathing about the come I leard the crowd pass - did not tregge mines any and - I was at Phy Richardsonis thanks I recagnized one voice I take it to be manual wavis - I did not bee the crowd - heard the of prister & heard this as the transfer one that you could come to This country of Rece one of an men & lion a hallowed gad dame gun Robb Martin L. A. mothemas wear an the struct + heard a grund rumon than The diseased was to be hyneled fact

the creek, rode back again to the crowd, heard a voice I did not know say "down this way every body" & the crowd passed to this side of the creek where I found the body hanging - next think I heard was climb up there John I did not know voice, heard the limbs creaking saw no one, & knew no voices next I heard 5 pistol shots in ordinary succession from one pistol as I thought next thing some one says "quit [that?] before some-body gets [hurt?] did not know voice" this firing took place where I found the body hanging -after this 5 minutes 2 more shots were fired at same place - then the crowd separated - 13 men passed me where I was by the road-side & I think the balance of the crowd went toward Lebanon - Heard some persons talking on the ground when I went back - I did not recognize any of the 13 men who passed me I did not know any of the voices -Two men passed me first before I thought the hanging took place while crowd was on the opposite side of the creek from where he was hung & I took one to be Dr Burnes from horse [make?] size &c & Did not know the other. [Lan Ristraf?]

I live in jail & had change of the jail on the night of April 2", some men came to the jail & went in & a negro was missing that was in jail & his name is Martin Rollins. I do not know which way they took him & do not know any of the men. I do not know the number but think about 15 went into the jail came toward where negro was hung - The crowd [unlocked?] the door - took the keys from me & I do not know who took the keys from me it was dark -The man hung is same man we had in jail The men who took the keys from me were not disguised - It was about 11 o'clock at night that they took him out - I saw man & he was dead -Dr O. S. Burnes

I know nothing about the case - Mr Hurt was mistaken in seeing me -Robt Martin I know nothing about the case I heard the crowd pass - did not recognized any body - I was at Peg Richardson's [draught?] I recognized one voice I took it to be [illegible] Davis - I did not see the crowd - heard shots of pistol & heard him as I thought say that you can't come to this country & kill one of our men & live & hallowed [i.e., hollered] God-damn [gun?] L. A. [Mothena?] was on the street & heard a general rumor than the deceased was to be lynched last night - & about 10 oclock I went up back ally & saw six men & went into hotel office [& told?]

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Esq Campbell & he & I went into the Court House & heard these men come there demand the keys & heard a [lick?] & heard shooting in jail & heard deceased hollow & saw crowd of men come out through the yard heard deceased hollow at the gate "O Lord" - dark in court house & when I got out the crowd was opposite News office & I heard John [called?] once or twice. - did not know voice - I went home - the crowd stoped in front of my house, & I thought there was 35 to 40 men, cursing & saying what they were going to do - about half past 2 oclock & found the deceased hanging & was dead- I do not know any of the men - recognized no one -[struck: J. N. Meade] B. J. [Wysor?] - Mr C Clark left Lebanon yesterday the second of April 1889 at 12 o'clock for Knoxville Tenn - I am satisfied he was not in the county of Russell last night -J. N. Meade I do not know who took deceased from jail & hung him it was dark - I could not postively recognize any one.

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