

## Latimer Found Guilty In Williamston Court

### After Short Charge By Judge Bond, Jury Takes Case And Returns Verdict In 15 Minutes

Williamston, June 17.—State vs Latimer for assault upon Mrs. J. F. Jackson, James Mizelle, 13 year old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson, and Lois Jackson three and one half years old child of J. S. Jackson and the one who was kidnaped, was the next case called in the Superior court here today and it created much interest in the court room as Latimer is also charged with kidnaping the little Jackson grandchild which case is now being tried.

The first witness called in the case was Mr. J. S. Jackson, the son of Mr. J. F. Jackson, and his testimony upon inquiry was that his daughter, Lois, went to live with her grandparents in September 1923, that he had worked in Norfolk for ten years in a shoe store and that he was in Washington, N. C. on May 31, 1924 and that he was the father of Lois Jackson.

The next witness was Mrs. Jackson, the plaintiff, and her testimony was explicit and convincing. She said that she knew Earl Latimer and that he came to her home May 30th when her husband was in the field about a quarter of a mile away from the house at about eight o'clock in the morning and that she and the two children were the only ones at home.

She continued, saying that Latimer stopped his car and worked on it for some minutes and then came in and asked for water, saw the little girl and picked her up and ran to the gate where he was met by a woman who got out of the car and gave the child to her while it was screaming and trying to get away. He then turned and fired at her (Mrs. Jackson) and told her if she came any further he would kill her. She further stated that she had not seen the woman in the car until she took the child at the gate. This completed the testimony of the chief witness of the plaintiff.

James Mizelle, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson, was called and he testified that he was at the home of his grandfather on the 30th of May and witnessed what his grandmother had told.

Then, Mr. Jackson, husband of one of the plaintiffs, was put on the stand. He said, "I was working on my farm, one fourth of a mile away from the house at eight o'clock in the morning when James Mizelle called me, and said that somebody had come and stolen Lois and shot at his Grandma."

"I went to the house and talked a few minutes to my wife and left, following the car tracks for about one half a mile and found it run in a ditch bank and the front wheel broken, all of this taking about twenty or twenty-five minutes from the time that they had assaulted my wife and grandchildren."

The State then rested its case after the testimony of Mr. Jackson.

The defense took the case and the first witness put on the stand by them was the defendant, Earl Latimer. His testimony was, "I live in Port Lock, Virginia, and I came from my home on Tuesday A. M. in six and one half hours and reached the Jackson home about four o'clock in the afternoon."

"Cora Jackson had been my wife and then she married Mr. Jackson, and she is the mother of the child, Lois Jackson, whom we took after reaching the Jackson home about eight o'clock in the morning on May 30th, and she was in the car when I went in the yard. I did not see the children until I was in the yard, but before stopping the car we had seen a child in the yard but it had turned and went back. When James went to the well for water for me, I took up the child, Lois, and carried her and handed her to

her mother."

This completed his testimony, upon inquiry of the defense, excepting that he added he was on the opposite side of the car from Mrs. J. F. Jackson when he fired the pistol.

He was then cross examined by the lawyers for the State and to them he testified that he had lived at Port Lock three or four years, had married Mrs. Jackson twelve years ago and they had one child and she had it now. He stated that he did not know how long since she had gotten a divorce but he thought it was about seven years and he had traveled and lived in Kansas at the time. And he said that when he had been gone about seven years he had traveled and lived in fine states that he finally decided to come home and reached Virginia three or four years ago.

He further said that Mrs. Jackson came to his home recently and told him what she wanted done and that his wife knew what she had asked him to do, to come to North Carolina and get her child from the Jacksons.

According to his statement, they came to North Carolina in a Dodge car and when they reached Plymouth they put up the car curtains so Mr. Jackson would not recognize them and when they drove past the Jackson home several times on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and when they saw Mr. Jackson in the field they went in. He said that he went on one side and the woman on the other.

In answer to counsel for the state as to where he spent the night before taking the child he said that Mrs. Jackson spent the night at Mrs. Kear's and that he stayed on the road after going to a negro Biggs' to stay but did not. He denied that Mrs. Jackson went with him.

He then admitted that he left his first wife who is now Mrs. Cora Jackson and their child and that he deserted them.

The next witness called was Aaron Biggs, colored, who stated that he lived one mile from Dardens and one half mile from Jamesville and that he knew Latimer Thursday P. M. Sheriff Reid of Washington county, who arrested Latimer, was called to the stand. He testified that he arrested the defendant at the hotel at Mackeys after going to his room in the hotel where he found Latimer with his coat and hat off. He said that Latimer told him he was from Elon College and that he denied being the man that he was looking for until he was about one half mile from Mackeys when he confessed that he was the man wanted.

Don Gilliam and A. R. Dunning spoke for the state and H. W. Stubbs and W. L. Whitley for the defense.

Judge Bond made a very short charge, giving the case to the jury at 12:15. The jury, after deliberating for only fifteen minutes returned a verdict of guilty.

The kidnaping case in which Earl Latimer was charged with the kidnaping of the grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson of Dardens and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jackson a few weeks ago from the home of the grandparents, was called this afternoon and it was heard by people from all sections of the county and a great many from the lower end of the county especially.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jackson are separated, he now lives in Washington where he is employed in the A. and P. store and Mrs. Jackson lives in Norfolk and since September 1923 their only child, Lois, a little girl of three and one half years of age has resided at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson.

Earl Latimer is a former husband of Mrs. Jackson's and she said that

## RECORDER'S COURT HAD BUSY DAY.

The Recorder's Court convened here on Monday with Judge Carl L. Bailey of Roper, presiding. Cattle, automobiles, whiskey and weapons kept the court busy for very near all the day.

The following were the cases tried: Will Norman, convicted of driving a car while under the influence of liquor, was required to pay the cost in addition to a fifty dollar fine. A suspended sentence of six months on the roads was received, provided Norman does not drive a car again within 12 months. In case he is caught operating an automobile within that period he must serve the six months road sentence.

Sansberry Davenport, charged with removing cattle without a permit, was cost of the action.

Lazarus Walker, who failed to dip his cattle as is required, plead guilty and was taxed with the cost of the trial.

Willie Blount, convicted of non-support and paid the cost of the case.

Edenton-Mackeys Ferry Co., Capt. G. W. Spivey, was arraigned for transporting cattle without permit, found guilty and required to pay the port, was given six months on the roads of Washington County.

John Small, upon being convicted of carrying concealed weapons and also for assault with deadly weapon, was dished out four months on the roads of Washington county.

## 'THE ADLERS VISIT S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Adler and son, Buster, have just returned from South Carolina, where they attended a meeting of the Southeastern Retail Merchants Shoe Association in the city of Charleston. The road distance from here to Charleston is 438 miles and Mr. Adler informs us that he made the trip in exactly thirteen hours.

After the convention the Adlers made a trip through a great part of the farming section of South Carolina observing crop conditions and state that they found cotton only just a little in advance of that of his section. In conversation with a number of farmers on the subject of the boll weevil Mr. Adler states that the more progressive farmers of that state are displeased with the old-time spraying machine and that it is not successful. They informed him, however, that the new dusting machine has and is proving an enormous success. Mr. Adler states that his advice to the farmers of this section is to provide themselves with dusting machines, and predicts that the boll weevil is not here for a few years, but is here permanently.

He speaks in high terms of praise of the roads leading into South Carolina and reports a very pleasant and comfortable trip.

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he promised to befriend her should she ever need him. He claims that she wanted her little girl and asked him to help her get the child back from its grandparents and that was why he came to North Carolina with his former wife and took the child as he did.

On this particular charge, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

## WESTOVER NEWS

Mr. Fred Sitterson of Wilson, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sitterson.

Mrs. C. E. and Haywood Swain went to Norfolk Sunday to visit relatives.

Miss Bessie Blount of Plymouth is spending some time with her cousin, Miss Johnnie Spruill.

Miss Isabelle Marrow of Southern Pines has been visiting relatives here. Mrs. T. Gray Courn of Norfolk, has been spending a few days at her country home near this place.

Misses Helen and Marjorie Bray of Roper, spent the past week-end with Mrs. T. R. Chesson.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Lamb of Roper were guests of Mrs. R. M. Bateman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Robbins of Plymouth spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gurganus of Williamston, were guests of Mrs. Sarah Sitterson Sunday.

## BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

Mr. C. W. Blount of Mackeys has purchased the McNair Pure Food store from Mr. J. T. McNair who has been its proprietor for something like a year.

Mr. Blount is a young man of progressive ideas and is very energetic. Several years ago he was in the mercantile business here with his brother, Mr. J. W. Blount who now conducts a similar business at Mackeys.

Mr. Blount was a sergeant during the World War with the Eighty-First Division and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre for heroic service rendered during the latter days of the war.

Plymouth people welcome Mr. Blount among them.

## LARGE NUMBER FAILS TO LIST TAXES

In interview with the county auditor we have learned that there are a great number of people of the county who have failed to list their property for the year 1924. The law specifically requires that all property be listed for taxes on or before May 31, 1924, and the penalty for failure to comply with this law is double taxation. This is something to be considered when large estates are involved.

As an especial courtesy to the auditor and to others affected, we are making these facts known.

Property should now be listed at the court house.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale embraced in a certain mortgage executed by Mary P. Butler on the 21st day of January 1920 to Mrs. L. M. Hampton, said mortgage being recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Washington County in Book No. 77 Page 171, the undersigned will expose for public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House Door in Plymouth, N. C. Monday, July 21, 1924, at 12 o'clock, noon, the following described tract of land:

Lying and being on Third Street in the town of Plymouth, N. C. and bounded by Third Street, the lands of P. H. Bell, C. M. Owens, and E. A. Carter. It being a lot fifty feet by two hundred feet.

This 17th day June 1924.  
MRS. L. M. HAMPTON, M. et al.  
L. C. Timebrake, Assignee of debt.

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## Cotton Assn. Directors Elected

Raleigh, June 16.—Reports from the poll holders committees of the ten districts in North Carolina reaching the headquarters of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association announce the election of the following directors of the Association for the ensuing year.

First district composed of Warren, Halifax, Northampton, Bertie, Martin, Chowan and Hertford counties, W. A. Pierce, Weldon, N. C.

Second district composed of Nash and Edgecombe counties, O. K. Taylor, Whitakers, N. C.

Third district composed of Onslow, Jones, Pitt, Craven, Beaufort, Pamlico, Washington, and Carteret counties, John T. Thorne, Farmville, N. C.

Fourth district composed of Duplin, Wayne, Lenoir and Green counties, E. A. Stevens, Goldsboro, N. C.

Fifth district composed of Johnston, and Wilson counties, J. P. Parker, Smithfield, N. C.

Sixth district composed of Lee, Harnett, Wake, Franklin, Chatham and Durham counties, R. W. Christian, Manchester, N. C.

Eighth district composed of Robeson county, Dr. G. M. Pate, Rowland N. C.

Ninth district composed of Richmond, Moore, Scotland, Hoke and Montgomery counties, A. McEachern, Raeford, N. C.

Tenth district composed of Cleveland, Cabarrus, Rutherford, Gaston, Union, Iredell, Rowan, Stanly, Mecklenburg and Anson counties, L. D. Robinson.

W. A. Pierce, E. A. Stevens, R. W. Christian, Dr. G. M. Pate, A. McEachern and L. D. Robinson served as directors last year and were re-elected.

The new board of directors is composed of strong men, all cotton growers as well as successful business men and bankers, and the membership of the Association is assured of successful management. The new board will meet this month for organization and such other business as may come before them.

In the second district W. W. Eagles who has served the association as director for the past year asked that on account of his health his name be taken from the ticket after he had been nominated. In the election, however, quite a number of complimentary votes were given Mr. Eagles by the membership showing their confidence in him.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Washington County in the above entitled action, I will on Monday, the 4th day of August, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House door of said County, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said Joseph Gurganus, defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit:

Being an undivided one-eighth (1-8) interest in and to all that tract or parcel of land which descended to said Joseph Gurganus as one of the heirs of Jno. Thos. Gurganus. Said land being bounded on the East by the county road leading from Washington to Plymouth, on the south by Wm. Harrison, on the West by Wm. Bowen and on the North by the Hollis road, containing 60 acres, more or less.

This the 18th day of June, 1924.  
J. K. REID, Sheriff,  
Washington County.

Zeb Vance Norman, Attorney.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by P. H. Darden et als. on the 12th day of March, 1922, and recorded in Book 83, Page 170, Washington County, default having been made in the payment of the notes thereby secured, and application having been made for a sale of said land, the undersigned trustee will expose at public sale on the 18th day of July, 1924, at the court house door of Washington County, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock, noon, to the highest bidder for cash the following land:

## LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Lyon of Ayden, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watts and children of Williamston and Mrs. A. L. Booth and children of Rocky Mount, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Henthall on Main street.

Messrs. W. C. Burgess and George Reddick of Belhaven were Plymouth visitors Sunday.

Mr. Jim Hackney of Washington was in town Monday.

Mr. Rudolph Selby of Belhaven has been in town several days on business.

Mr. W. H. Mizelle of Edenton, representing the Oakland automobile, has been in the county for quite a few days.

Mr. B. F. Bailey of Roper, was in town Monday.

A. L. Holmes of Creswell, was a business visitor here Monday.

On another page will be found an advertisement of Raiff's Manufacturers' Outlet sale, which began yesterday morning.

The children from the Odd Fellows Home at Goldsboro will give a concert in the school auditorium tonight. Make arrangements to attend—you will spend an evening of enjoyment and will also help the children.

Messrs. W. R. Hardison, F. O. Watkins, L. T. Paul and Herman Owens motored to Durham and Hillsboro Sunday.

Mr. W. T. Nurney made a business trip to Roper Monday afternoon.

Heavy rains in this section are seriously handicapping our farmers in the making of their crops.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Midgett and little daughter, Kathleen, and Mrs. Irene Burgess returned Tuesday from a visit in Norfolk.

Mr. W. F. Ausbon, Mrs. E. G. Ayers, Misses Hazel and Hermine and Master Hampton Ausbon motored to Rocky Mount Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lyon and son, Master Harry, motored to Ayden Sunday.

Mr. H. A. Horton of Hertford, spent the week-end here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Campbell motored to Rocky Mount Sunday.

Home grown peaches have made their appearance on local markets.

Out-of-town automobile dealers have been quite numerous during the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gaylord spent Sunday in Darden with relatives and friends.

Misses Madeline and Mary Stuart Reddick of Spring Hill and Miss Bessie Anthony of Florence, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John W. Darden on Washington street.

It is impossible for us to get all the news, but we would be able to publish a great deal more if the people would let us know what is going on of interest to them. It is our desire to publish everything possible of news value and we would appreciate having the people assist us in gathering it.

Lying and being in the Town of Plymouth, N. C. and being lots No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in Block B shown on a map of the subdivision of the Marcia Latham property sold map made by A. J. Newberry, C. E. and registered in Book 72, Page 223 in the office of Register of Deeds of Washington County.

This the 17th day of June, 1924.  
CLAYTON MOORE, Trustee.