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**1870 October 26: Bond for witness, James Duncan, in U.S. v. Lewis Wilkinson, for introducing spirituous liquors into the Indian country; James Churchill, commissioner**

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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Western District of Arkansas.

## Know all Men by these Presents:

That we, James Duncan  
~~as principal, and~~  
as sureties, acknowledge ourselves jointly and severally to owe and be indebted unto the United States of America, in the sum of Five Hundred dollars, to be levied of our goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of the said United States, if default shall be made in the condition following, to-wit:

Whereas, the said Lewis Wilkinson  
has been brought before JAMES O. CHURCHILL, a United States Commissioner for the Western District of Arkansas, to answer to the charge of Introducing Spurious Liquor into the Indian Country

and upon an examination had, it appearing to said Commissioner that the offence with which the said Lewis Wilkinson was charged had been committed, and that there was probable cause to believe the said Lewis Wilkinson to be guilty thereof, the Commissioner thereupon ordered said James Duncan to find sufficient bail in the sum of Five Hundred dollars for his appearance at a District Court of the United States for the Western District of Arkansas, to be holden on the 14th day of October, A. D. 1870, at the U. S. Court Room in the city of Van Buren, in said District, to ~~answer what may then and there be objected against him; and that in default of finding such bail stand committed for trial.~~ <sup>answer what may then and there be objected against him; and that in default of finding such bail stand committed for trial.</sup>

Now, Therefore, the Condition of this Recognizance is such, That if the said James Duncan shall personally appear at the said Court on the first day of the next November Term thereof, at the U. S. Court Room in the City of Van Buren, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and then and there ~~answer~~ <sup>relate and give evidence in said case</sup> all such matters and things as shall be objected against him and abide the orders of the Court, and not depart the said Court without leave, then this Recognizance to be void, otherwise to be in full force and virtue.

James Duncan

Acknowledged and subscribed before me this  
26 day of October, A. D. 1870

W. Churchill

U. S. Commissioner.

