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1876 May 20: Voucher, to John B. Peere, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, for assisting John N. Slosson, U.S. deputy marshal, in U.S. v. Richard Nelson; James F. Fagan, U.S. marshal; Stephen Wheeler, clerk

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CLERK

J. F. Frazier

The United States of America,

To *John B. Peers* Dr.

1876
For *4* days' services as posse comitatus, from *May 16th* to *May 18* 1876
both days inclusive, at \$3.00 per day. \$ *12.00*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Western District of Arkansas.

I, *John B. Peers* of *Fort Smith* in the county of *Sebastian* and district aforesaid, being duly sworn, depose and say, that on the *16th* Day of *May* 1876, I was employed under and by virtue of the third section of Act of Congress, of June 14, 1853, by *John A. Slossom*, U. S Deputy Marshal for said district, at my usual place of residence, as one of his posse comitatus, to assist in executing the following capias writs, to wit:

Richard Wilson

issued by *Stephen Wheeler* U. S. Commissioner for the Western District of Arkansas, within the jurisdiction of the said district, returnable to the office of said Commissioner, at *Fort Smith* in *Sebastian* County, Ark., *forthwith* 1876; and that as such posse comitatus, I immediately proceeded in company with said Marshal to

Webbers falls where expected to find the said defendant Richard Wilson and on the night of the 17th of May we effected his arrest the morning following the 18 of May we started

for Fort Smith where we arrived the Evening
of the 19 of May ad 1876

to _____ before the U. S. Commissioner; that no posse comitatus could have been employed at a
nearer point to the place where the said Deputy informed me he expected to find the said

Richard Nelson

to wit: *Webbs falls Cherokee nation*

_____ than my place of residence aforesaid; that I actually traveled from my said
residence to said places of arrest for the purpose aforesaid _____ *50* miles, and in the transportation of said defendants,
and was actually and necessarily employed _____ days, as set out in the foregoing account as posse comitatus, solely in the
execution of said processes and transportation of the said defendants as aforesaid; that I furnished the means of, or actually paid
for my own travel or transportation, and that I have received from said Marshal and signed duplicate receipts therefor, the sum of
Twelve Dollars dollars, in lawful currency of the United States, in full satisfaction and
payment of my said expenses and services; that I have never received or been paid, or agreed to receive, or expect to be paid any
other compensation, remuneration, or consideration whatever for said expenses and *4* days' services, from any other person or
persons, or sources whatever: So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *20th* day of *May* *J. B. Peere* 1876, by the above
named *J. B. Peere* who personally appeared _____ and, was by me
known to be the identical person he represents himself.

Stephen Whited
Clerk U. S. Dist. Court West. Dist. of Ark.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
Western District of Arkansas, } ss.

I, *John W. Slosson* do solemnly swear that I am duly and regularly commissioned as a Deputy
U. S. Marshal for said district, that the employment of a posse comitatus at *Fort Smith* under the act of
Congress of June 14, 1858, was actually and indispensably necessary to enable me to serve the warrants in my possession, and that I
could not without great peril have attempted to serve the warrants entrusted to me, without the assistance of a posse comitatus; that
I have examined the within account and certify that the services were performed and actually rendered as therein stated, and that the
amount charged therefor is reasonable and just, and that I have no interest in the same.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *20th* day of *May* *J. W. Slosson* Deputy U. S. Marshal.
above named *J. W. Slosson* who personally appeared and was by me known to be the identical person he represents himself. A. D. 1876, by the

Stephen Whited
Clerk U. S. Dist. Court, West. Dist. of Ark.

I, JAMES F. FAGAN, U. S. Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, do certify that I have carefully inquired into the
matters set forth in the foregoing affidavits, and that the matters and things therein set forth are true and the services of the posse
comitatus employed by my Deputy were absolutely necessary to the due and proper service and execution of said warrants; and that
a posse comitatus could not have been obtained any nearer than the place said posse comitatus was employed.

J. F. Fagan
U. S. Marshal West. Dist. of Ark.

Received payment of James F. Fagan, U. S. Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, in the sum of _____
dollars in full of the within account.