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Statement, from Samuel Sixkiller, regarding the attempted arrest and death of One Cooper, convict; James Lasley, convict; Stephen Wheeler, U.S. clerk of court

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In explanation of this account I do solemnly swear that the witnesses were not subpoenaed on the day of arrest of said Lasley because they were not in Eufaula on that day. Having no guard, it was necessary that I should take my prisoner to Muskogee I. I. for safe keeping while endeavoring to arrest Oun Cooper; that I was engaged from the 8th to the 12th of September endeavoring to arrest Cooper who was "on the scout"; on the 12th of September I came up with Cooper about 5 miles north of Eufaula I. I. He resisted arrest and in the attempt to arrest him he was shot and killed. I then returned to Eufaula, subpoenaed the witnesses on the 13th & 14th and returned thence to Muskogee and took Lasley to Fort Smith.

David Siskiller

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 24th day
of September A. D. 1885.
H. M. Whit

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