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**Verdict, U.S. v. Simon Secondyne, murder; John Thornton, victim;  
shot with pistol in right side of breast**

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United States of America,  
Western District of Arkansas.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

May  
UNITED STATES,

TERM, A. D. 1887.

MURDER.

vs.

Simon Secordyne

The grand jurors of the United States of America, duly selected, impaneled, sworn and charged to inquire in and for the body of the Western District of Arkansas aforesaid, upon their oath present.

THAT

Simon Secordyne

on the Sixth day of April, A. D. 1887, at the ~~Indian~~ Indian Country, within the Western District of Arkansas aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the body of one John Thornton, a white man and not an Indian, then and there being, feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, did make an assault; and that the said Simon Secordyne

with a certain pistol, then and there charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which said pistol he, the said

Simon Secordyne

in his hand then and there had and held, then and there feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, did discharge and shoot off, to, against and upon the said John Thornton and that the said

Simon Secordyne

with the leaden bullet aforesaid, out of the pistol aforesaid, then and there, by force of the gunpowder aforesaid, by the said

Simon Secordyne

discharged and shot off as aforesaid, then and there feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, did strike, penetrate and wound him the said John Thornton, in and upon the

right side of the breast of him the said John Thornton, giving to him the said John Thornton then and there, with the leaden bullet aforesaid, so as aforesaid discharged and shot out of the pistol aforesaid, by the said

Simon Beaudyne

breast in and upon the right side of the  
of him the said John Thornton  
one mortal wound of the depth of four inches and of the breadth of half an  
inch; of which said mortal wound, he the said John Thornton  
then and there instantly died. And so the jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do  
say that the said

Simon Beaudyne

in the said John Thornton  
in the manner and by the means aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, did kill and murder, con-  
trary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States of  
America.

M. H. SANDELS  
U. S. District Attorney, Western District of Arkansas.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
UNITED STATES }  
VS } MURDER.

A TRUE BILL.

Foreman.

WITNESSES:

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Clerk.

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