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**1891 February 23: Letter, U.S. v. John Harris, murder; calls for additional witness, Ed Martindale, to be subpoenaed; John Griffin, victim; J.C. Clark, notary public**

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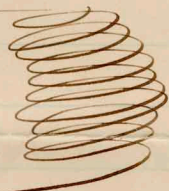
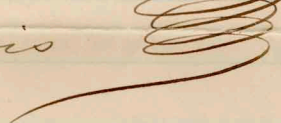
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In the United States Circuit Court  
For the Western District of  
Arkansas.

The United States  Plaintiff  
vs.  
Jas H Harris  Defendant

In addition to the witnesses  
heretofore applied for, defendant states  
that Ed. Martindale, who lives near  
Milkerson's Gin, four miles from  
Poteau Switch, in the Choctaw Nation  
is a material witness for his defense  
and he cannot safely go to trial  
without the evidence of said  
Martindale.

By this witness defendant can  
show that deceased John Griffin  
told witness shortly after the shooting  
that, he {deceased Griffin} was  
trying to kill defendant when  
defendant shot him, and that  
defendant ought to have shot  
deceased, as he {deceased} was  
trying to kill defendant.

Defendant says the above is  
true as he is informed and believes  
and he is not possessed of  
sufficient means and is actually

unable to procure the atten-  
dance of said witness,

Wherefore he prays that said  
witness be subpoenaed at  
the expense of the United  
States.

Attest J. C. Clark

John H. Norris  
Notary

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February  
A.D. 1891.

J. C. Clark  
Notary Public.

No. —

The United States  
vs. <sup>3</sup> Murdet.  
Jno W Harris

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Application for  
an additional  
witness

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S. Wheeler  
CLERK.

(Additional)  
John Harris  
for Murder  
John Supton