

Transcript of 1868 December 3: D.P. Upham, Batesville, to Governor Powell Clayton, Report of Ku Klux Klan activities in Fulton County, L.C. Gulley collection, Arkansas State Archives, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Head-Quarters District of North-East Arkansas,
Batesville, Dec. 3^d, 1868.

His Excellency
Hon Powell Clayton
Governor
Little Rock.

Dear Governor,

I cannot at this time make a detailed report of my operations, but just drop you a line to give you a little information. I returned last night from Fulton County. We secured up there, the Ku Klux Hd. quarters, a coffin they need in their meeting room, and they all had the skull and bones of a union man, who was murdered in the neighborhood, which we will no doubt be able to obtain, but had not secured when I left. The information was obtained from one of the leading members who we have prisoner. He develops the whole plan. We also have prisoner, one of the murderers of Mason, and will shortly be able to give you the full particulars of that horrible tragidy. I left here with only 38 men, being the last man I could mount, and 4 gave out before we arrived at Salem, and were joined there by Col Dale with 25 more. There has been nothing yet received from Major Tisdale, except his report of which I wrote you, bearing date of 19th inst.

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in which he said he had been compelled to draft. I immediately ordered him to report with the men at these Hd. qrs, but have since heard nothing. I have left sufficient force to operate in Fulton County, and shall move again tomorrow morning. Major Monks tells me he can get one or two hundred more stand of arms and ammuniton from Rolla if you will only inform Gov. Fletcher that they are needed. He has already sent his brother Capt Monks for 104 stand last Monday morning. There is not a rebel now in Fulton County. They are all union men.

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Very Truly and Respectfully yours
D.P. Upham

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Head Quarters
Dist of North East
Batesville Dec 3rd
Upham, D.P.
Has just returned
from Union County,
they secured a Coffin
used in the room of Ku
Klux. H.Q. – Skull and
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