

# CRIMINAL RECORD

## Pulaski County Circuit Court

### June Term 1857

Among the old records recently turned over to the Arkansas History Commission by Pulaski County, is a ledger labeled "State Record C, Criminal Record 1857-63." The first term of the Pulaski County Circuit Court in the ledger is the June term of 1857, which was held at the courthouse at Little Rock, beginning on the fourth Monday of June, being June 22, 1857. The Hon. John J. Clendenin, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Arkansas, presided, and Thomas Johnson, attorney general, argued the cases for the state.

A panel of Grand Jurors was called, and of them these came: Thomas Fletcher, Loui George, James A. Henry, Henry L. Fletcher, and E. V. Crone. As the other jurors called did not appear, others from among the by-standers were added to the panel by the sheriff: John Wassell, James B. Keatts, Frederic S. Garrett, John W. Allen, Andrew J. Smith, Josiah M. Giles, Alden M. Woodruff, John C. Peay, Jared C. Martin, Barney A. Brower and George B. King.

John Wassell was appointed by the court as Foreman of the Grand Jury, and the jury was impaneled. By order of the court, Samuel Brookin was appointed bailiff to the Grand Jury.

The cases that came before the court, in chronological order, were:

June 22 - State of Arkansas vs. Thomas Riggan. (Cause not given.) The defendant was committed to custody to await trial.

June 23 - United States vs. John P. House, on indictment for murder. Case continued until next term.

June 23 - United States vs. John Smith, on indictment for murder. Case continued until next term.

June 23 - State of Arkansas vs. Franklin Crary, on indictment for murder. Case continued until next term.

June 23 - State of Arkansas vs. Charles Redmon, on indictment for assault with a deadly weapon. Case continued until next term.

June 23 - State of Arkansas vs. Joseph Johnson, on indictment for assault with a deadly weapon. Case continued until next term.

June 23 - State of Arkansas vs. Thomas G. Ellis, on indictment for murder. Case continued until next term.

June 23 - On motion of the attorney general, indictments numbered 4, 5, 7, 11, 13 and 27 continued until next term, defendants not being in custody.