

# Sworn Statement: Celia, a slave

Celia a slave the defendant being examined says that on the night of the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1855 she killed Mr. Robert Newson her master by striking him on the head twice with a stick about two hours after dark after she found she had killed him she put his body on the fire in her Cabin to burn it up, the bones were not entirely consumed by morning and after day light in the morning she took the ashes and pieces of bones up out of the fire place and emptied them on the right hand side of the path leading from her Cabin to the stable she stated she did not intend to kill him when she struck him but only wanted to hurt him

We do hereby certify that the above is the testimony of Celia a <sup>slave</sup> taken before

said Celia is defendant on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1855, - D. M. Whyte J.P.  
Isaac P. Howe J.P.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing is the evidence taken in the case of the state of Missouri against Celia a slave on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1855 - D. M. Whyte J.P.  
Isaac P. Howe