

Inquest Verdict of Jury

In the Leavenworth Circuit Court
August Term 1855

State of Missouri

County of Leavenworth

The Grand Jurors for the State of Missouri for the body of the County of Leavenworth upon their oath present that they otherwise believe otherwise believe Newsom a slave late of the County of Leavenworth aforesaid on the twenty third day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five at the County of Leavenworth aforesaid in and upon one Robert Newsom in the peace of the State then and there being, feloniously wilfully deliberately and premeditatedly and of his malice aforesaid did make an assault, and that the said Leely otherwise believe otherwise believe Newsom then and there with force and arms and with a large piece of wood which she the said Leely otherwise believe otherwise believe Newsom in her right hand ^{then and there} held, him the said Robert Newsom in and upon the head of him the said Robert Newsom feloniously wilfully deliberately premeditatedly and of her malice aforesaid did strike and beat giving him the said Robert Newsom by such striking and beating divers

mortal bruises and contusions in
and upon the head of him the said
Robert Newson; of which said
mortal bruises and contusions, he
The said Robert Newson did then
and there instantly die, and so
the Jurors aforesaid upon their oaths
aforesaid do say that the said ^{lady}
otherwise Lelia otherwise Lelia
Newson, him the said Robert New
son on the day and year aforesaid
at the County of Kallaway
in manner ^{and form aforesaid}
aforesaid, feloniously wilfully
deliberately premeditatedly and
of her malice ~~aforesaid~~ ^{aforesaid} in man
did kill and murder, against
the peace and dignity of the State

And the Jurors aforesaid
upon their oaths aforesaid do say
that the said ^{lady}
otherwise Lelia otherwise Lelia Newson,
^{a slave}
on the twenty third day of June in the
year one thousand eight hundred
and fifty five with force and arms
at the County of Kallaway aforesaid
in and upon one Robert Newson
in the peace of the State then and
there being feloniously wilfully
deliberately premeditatedly and
of her malice aforesaid did
make an assault, and that ~~then~~
she the said ^{lady}
otherwise Lelia otherwise Lelia Newson, him the said
Robert Newson did then and there

feloniously, wilfully, deliberately
premeditatedly, and of her malice
aforethought did cast throw
and push into a certain large
fire then and there situate
and did then and there hold him
the said Robert Newsom ^{by the said fire} ~~by the~~ ~~means~~ ~~of~~ ~~which~~ ~~casting~~ ~~throwing~~ ~~pushing~~ ~~and~~ ~~holding~~ ~~of~~ ~~him~~ ~~the~~ ~~said~~ ~~Robert~~ ~~Newsom~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~fire~~ ~~aforesaid~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~said~~ ~~leely~~ ~~otherwise~~ ~~leely~~ ~~otherwise~~ ~~leely~~ ~~Newsom~~ ~~in~~ ~~form~~ ~~aforesaid~~, he the said
Robert Newsom, in ^{and with} ~~and by~~ ~~the~~ ~~means~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~fire~~ ~~aforesaid~~ was then
and there choked suffocated
and burned, of which said choak-
ing suffocating and burning he
the said Robert Newsom did then
and there ^{instantly} ~~permanently~~ die; and as
the Jurors aforesaid upon their
oaths aforesaid do say that she
the said leely otherwise leely
otherwise leely Newsom, him
the said Robert Newsom on the
day and year aforesaid at the
County of ^{aforesaid} ~~California~~ in man-
ner and form ^{last} aforesaid felon-
iously, wilfully, deliberately, pre-
meditatedly and of her malice
aforethought did kill and mur-
der, against the peace and
dignity of the State

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