

George W. Russell: Said Mr. Trotter was in his seventies at time of his death; had been weak and feeble for many years, carried a "staff" around plantation. Saw him after fight with Pate and did not think his jaw was broken; Mrs. Trotter told him she did not blame Pate because Mr. Trotter had "revelled" her and others that passed the road.

Charles Pate, brother of Saml. Pate: Said he had heard Mr. Trotter threaten "Kane and Kill" Saml. Pate; that Trotter told him that Saml. Pate came and "Set in the Kitchen with his wife and not come to See him and that She was a damd Bitch." Trotter was sober at this time and said he believed Pate had had relations with his wife. Later Trotter said he did not believe this, but only said it aggravate the "Damb Bitch & rascal." Said Pate charged with a "colloured child" by Susanna Thompson, but latter said she was forced to do this by "Randalls Hills negro Boy." Also Pate charged with being intimate with Ruth Ward, but latter said she was innocent and sd. Ruth not considered woman of good sense. Pate's wife was a midwife and away from home a lot; he lived on "Moon Place." Said Ruth lived with Pate it was charged and Pate was accused by Church. Pate also charged with having relations with Randall Hill's negro girl and also being father of sd. "Dice's" child. Said he would not believe Mr. Trotter on oath.

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Sarah Russell: Said would not believe Wm. N. Thomas on oath; was a man who told lies and made "songs" on people; had never heard Pate charged with being father of Negro child. Never knew of sd. Thomas being witness in case before and her "Daddy" was only man she ever heard say would not believe Thomas on oath. Made "songs" on herself and others and told lies but lies were of such nature she could not answer. She was asked about Pate visiting "Knobs" where "loose women reside." Said Pate drinks a "dram," but knew nothing about his visiting "Knobs" woamen. Russells lived on Pate's land and friendly with him. She was asked if families friendly when Pate "had your sister who was sick and helpless prosecuted, guarded and imprisoned for infanticide." She was asked what condition her sister was in when "draged to sevierville a prisoner for the alleged murder of her child." And if Pate was charged with being father of this child. She denied ever hearing latter charge, but sister was nearly deddd at time. Was asked if Pate told her and father what to swear in case, whcih she denied.

Sarah Atchley: Did net know character of Ham Thomas, but said Thomas raised in her neighborhood..

Isabella Robertson: Said of Mr. Trotter's death: "I new that he lay vary low and I seen the wound on his jaw and also on his hip and they looked vary blue and Bad. his clothing was full of maggots of the largest ... which was taken off of him after his death fer I washed them afterwards I heard Samuel Newman make his brags that he had got on his all fours before the death of the Said Trotter fer the purpose of scaring him and run under the bed to make him believe the debil was coming after him." Said Newman made these remarks in "Squiers own house,"; she did not see bed clothes taken off but saw same ones on his bed day or two before his death.

James D. Surratt: Said he was at school house about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Trotter's house and Trotter's son came running and he and school master went to house and Trotter died soon afterwards; saw maggots come out of Trotter's

"pantaloons, on sheets, in vary bad condition, maggots large as he had ever seen. Said he would believe Ham Thomas on oath. Maggots about inch long and thick as goose quill.

Benjamin Atchley: Saw Trotter after affray with Pate: "I asked him how he was and he said to me Ben as he always called me I am poorly fer said he Sam Pate has Killed me he knockked me down and kicked me he Trotter told me his jaw was broken or unjointed." Had known Ham Thomas since he was a school boy and would believe him on oath.

Patsy Atchley: Said she saw Trotter two or three days after he was wounded and seen "a brused place on his jaw and his ear & there was a brused place on his chin in front. I also afterwared heard the said Trotter as I understood him said to my husband when he asked him how he was he said he was vary bad fer Pate... had knocked him down and killed him." Said she would believe Ham Thomas on oath, "either for me or against me."

Tobith Wood: Know nothing about affray between Pate and Trotter; would believe Thomas on oath. Had lived four miles of ~~Thomas~~ Pate for 15 to 20 years; had heard that Pate f visited houses of ill fame but knew nothing about this. Thought Mrs. Trotter in her right mind now but few years back did not think so.

Isaphena Pate: Knew Ham Thomas and would believe him on oath. Said she did not know of Pate visiting houses of ill fame; "Some Speak well and Some Speak ill of him as to my own Knowledge I now nothing."

Affidavit Nancy Trotter, filed 13th Oct. 1845: Asked that she be allowed retake testimong of Ephraim Brabson, physician who wxamined Wm Trotter after his injury; also that she be allowed take testimony of Henry Smith who her attorneys had not been able to find.

Decree, April term, 1846: Thos. L. Williams, Chancellor, "tract of land conveyed by William Trotter deceased to Respondent Newman and by him to Respondent Pate was intended by said Wm Trotter to afford a decent and comfortable support for himself and complainant during their natural lives, and that that fact was well known to said Pate at the time he purchased s said land of Newman- It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the court that the clerk & master enquire what support, if any, complainant has had out of said land since the death said Wm Trotter, and of what kind- What would be a reasonable support and maintainance for said compainant for each year taking into consideration her age and condition in life- also what would be the reasonable rents and proffits of said land for each year, and make report ot the next er term of this court."