

TIDWELL, B. F., testimony of—Continued.

intelligence, and industry; in summer of 1871 Mr. Allison was killed by a party of armed men; he was accused of stealing, but there had been no prosecution against him; the negroes in the county have generally behaved well. . . a white man killed in fall of 1870; parties who killed Allison went to his place on horseback, killed him, and galloped off; could not tell whether they were disguised or not. . . a white man killed a negro, in 1869, in the streets of Madison, and acquitted on ground of self-defense. . . a mulatto, Richard Smith, killed in 1869; a colored man shot dead. . . the colored man had previously been whipped and run off from his house; colored man killed in 1870; witness committed two parties charged with the murder, and Judge Vann, then county judge, discharged them. . . arms for State militia were obtained by Governor Reed; the arms were taken from the cars and destroyed; many negroes have shot-guns and pistols; county commissioners fixed the place of voting at the county-seat. . . population of Madison County a little over 11,000, of which about two-thirds are colored; at last election perhaps 500 white voters and 1,200 or 1,300 colored voters; 25 or 30 white republicans in the county; colored people not inclined to tell all they know about outrages; the republicans generally believe there is a secret organization committing outrages. . . the arms for militia were taken from railroad train by unknown parties at or near station 5, Sandy Ford; witness has received no personal injury; has heard insulting remarks. . .

TUTSON, HANNAH, (colored,) testimony of.

about forty-two or forty-three years old; born in Gadsden County, Florida; resident of Clay County, near Waldo, on Number Eleven Pond; is the wife of Samuel Tutson. . .

was at home last spring, when her husband was whipped by a party of disguised men, who came to the house and broke open the door; George McCrae and Cabell Winn caught hold of her and dragged her out of doors; McCrae took her infant child from her arms and threw it down; seized her by the throat and choked her; saw some of the party carrying off her husband, and the rest carried her away about a quarter of a mile from the house. . . made her put her arms around a pine tree, and then tied her hands; stripped her naked and whipped her with saddle-girths with the buckles on; after whipping her George McCrae would send away the rest of the party, and in their absence would endeavor to have sexual intercourse with her, injuring her very much; whipped her till she was raw from head to feet. . . after she got away from them went several miles to the house of Mr. Montgomery, and also to the house of Mr. Ashley; returned to her house, which had been torn down, and found her husband and children about 12 o'clock the next day; the youngest, a babe, was hurt in one of its hips so that it was unable to walk for some time; was whipped because she and husband would not give up their land. . .

had been urged before to give it up, but would not do it; had been living there nearly three years; went to Whitesville, with her husband, to see Mr. Kennedy, a magistrate, and endeavor to obtain redress. . .

went to Green Cove Spring, before the circuit court; there never was any suit about the land she lived on; gave testimony before the United States court in Jacksonville. . .

she and her husband were put in jail, because she testified that one man choked her, and her husband testified that the man whipped her; the man both choked and whipped her. . .

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between fifty-three and fifty-four years old; born in Virginia; resident of Clay County, Florida, at Number Eleven Pond, until visited and whipped by Ku-Klux, in May, 1871. . .

nine disguised men came between midnight and day, broke in the door of his house, dragged him away from the house, blindfolded him, tied him to a pine tree, whipped him, struck him with a pistol, choked him, and stamped on him. . .

stripped him naked, tore up his shirt, put a piece over his eyes and a piece in his mouth; tore down his house, and whipped his wife; gave as a reason for whipping them that he and his wife would not give up the land they were living on to Mr. Winn, one of the party engaged in whipping them. . .

had been living in Clay County three years; bought his land of Free Thompson, giving for it cotton of the value of \$150; when he was whipped he was also falsely charged with leaving his fences down, and allowing stock to come in and then shooting it. . .

in and then shooting it. . . 56

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nearly a month after the whipping went to a magistrate of the name of Kennedy, and gave him the name of those who whipped him, but nothing was done to them. . . 57

went to Green Cove Spring, saw the United States lawyer there, and gave him the papers in his case; also testified before the United States court in Jacksonville concerning the outrage on himself and wife. . . 58

never was at an election in Clay County; thinks there are more whites than blacks in that county. . . 59

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about forty years old; born in Georgia; resident of Jackson County, Florida. . . 308

blacksmith by trade. . . 309

have seen a great many signs of Ku-Klux, such as people murdered, shot at, or run off; 100 or 150 killed in Jackson County; two colored men stabbed on election day; no democrat hurt in any way; Captain Dickinson was last man killed in Jackson County. . . 309

not safe for colored men to vote republican ticket in Jackson County; people look to Government of the United States for protection; the State government not able to protect colored people; Miss McClellan killed, and Mr. McClellan wounded; believe it was done by a white man, who had had a fight with Mr. McClellan a night or two before. . . 310

WILDER, C. B., testimony of. . . 241-258

came from Boston six years ago to assist the colored people; have acted with the republican party. . . 241

sixty-nine years of age; formerly belonged to the abolition party, then to the free-soil party, and then to the republican party. . . 253

voted for Governor Reed, because he was nominee of republican party. . . 254

has held no office in the State, but refused a great many; was superintendent of freedmen prior to organization of the Bureau, and located at Fortress Monroe; tried by court-martial for swindling the Government and acquitted. . . 255

all the State officials but the comptroller are in a ring to plunder the State. . . 241

has heard of persons stuffing ballot-boxes; taxation in the State has increased; the governor received \$10,000 from one man for an office. . . 242

Collector Little a defaulter to the State for \$30,000 or \$40,000. . . 243

colored ministers use their churches for political purposes; Senator Osborn is a leader of the ring; Senator Gilbert said he had contributed more than \$10,000 for campaign purposes before he secured his election; it is said the men who pay the most get the offices. . . 244

tax-payers' convention in Florida. . . 244, 245

not so unpopular a man in the State as Governor Reed; the masses of the people have lost confidence in their rulers; northern people are welcomed and supported; the object of the home people is to obtain an honest government; the United States officials in the State are generally connected with the ring; Major Purman is one of the ring. . . 247