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H. E. COFFEY DEFENDS CHARACTER OF MRS. LANGLEY.

Lancaster Man Reviews the Case Presented in Behalf of the Kershaw Negro Under Sentence for a Nameless Crime and Declares that Injustice has been Done the Reputation of the Woman—He Questions the Accuracy of Affidavits and the Wisdom of the Governor's Granting the Respite.

Lancaster, Nov. 9.—Special to The News and Courier: The people of this county are watching with much interest every movement being made in the Aaron Williams case, of Kershaw. Williams's victim, Mrs. Langley, resides in this county, where she was born and raised, and is a woman of good family. She is a sister of Mr. R. J. Flynn and his four brothers—all highly respected citizens and well-to-do farmers.

Only one side of the case, the defendant's, has been presented to the public since the movement was started in Camden to obtain a respite for Williams, and in order that the other side may also be laid before the public Mr. H. E. Coffey, who was a witness for the prosecution at the trial, has prepared the statement below for publication, and requests its insertion in the columns of The News and Courier.

Mr. Coffey, though a resident of this place, was running a saw mill in Kershaw County in the vicinity and at the time the alleged outrage was committed. Mr. Coffey is a citizen of high standing and respectability, and his statements are entitled to all credence. Mr. Coffey for several years has been a member of the county board of education. The past year he was Worshipful Master of the Lancaster Masonic Lodge and two years ago he was county chairman.

MR. COFFEY'S STATEMENT.

Here is what he says: Since the columns of The News and Courier have been freely used in connection with the case of the State of South Carolina against Aaron Williams by those who for some reason are hostile to Mrs. Langley, I would like to have space in them to say a few words in her behalf.

Ever since Aaron Williams was arrested there have been false and misleading statements published in connection with the affair. I know as much about the case as anybody outside of the two most interested and I know that these statements are false.

It was published in The News and Courier, by whom I know not, that a crowd had gathered at Langley's for the purpose of lynching Aaron Williams—that the preparations for the deed were about complete and Langley stepped out and asked Aaron, "Where is that money," which so disgusted the crowd that they threw down the rope, with which they were about to hang him, and turned the negro over to the sheriff of the county, who was present.

I was present and I do know

that this statement is false in every particular. The crowd had not met for the purpose of lynching, for the sheriff of the county was present and a lynching party would hardly commence operations by inviting the sheriff.

The truth of the matter is Langley tried his best to have the negro lynched and got a crowd to promise to do it, but after consultation it was decided to let the law take its course, and the sheriff was "phoned" for and was present when the arrest was made. Langley sent for me as soon as his wife told him. He told me he wanted to get a crowd and lynch him.

WANTED TO KILL HIM.

Then, instead of asking him about money, Langley tried to wrench a pistol from me to shoot Aaron with, after he was arrested and while the crowd was standing around him. I had a considerable struggle with him to keep him from getting the pistol from me but, being a stronger man than he was, I kept possession of it. At the same time I advised him to submit to the law, as I felt confident it would give him justice.

After Langley's death it was published that he had blown out his brains in despair, because of the failure of his iniquitous scheme to get possession of Aaron's money or something to that effect. I only write from memory and have not kept copies of the paper that contained the articles referred to.

Langley did blow out his brains in despair, but it was despair occasioned by such unjust accusations of himself and wife, accusations which he felt were unwarranted and unjust. He was in a very low state of health at the time, was of a very nervous, excitable temperament and his nerves, already wrought to their utmost tension, gave way entirely when he heard of the calumnies that were being circulated about the affair. His blood is as truly on the heads of those who circulated these slanders as if they had shed it themselves.

Now I want to say a few words about the action of Governor Heyward in granting a respite to Aaron Williams for the purpose of bringing the case before the courts and getting a new trial on the basis of "after discovered evidence."

On the 17th day of October a petition was presented to Governor Heyward, signed by a number of the citizens of Camden, but, so far as I can see, by none from the immediate vicinity of the outrage. On this petition Governor Heyward refused to act, but called for affidavits. Four affidavits were presented and upon these the Governor acted.

THE AFFIDAVITS.

Now let me examine these affidavits and see if they throw enough new light on the case to be considered "after discovered evidence."

First as to the affidavit of the Rev. W. B. Gordon. Mr. Gordon says: "He is cognizant of the case." Mr. Gordon certainly was not present at Mr. Langley's when the arrest was made or at any time previous to that.

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 COUNTY OF LANCASTER.**

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Emma O. Hinson, Mary Abbe Crawford, G. Freshholm Hasseltine, and J. A. Hasseltine, Mayo Hasseltine, Lida Hasseltine by their Guardian ad litem J. Foster Moore, Plaintiffs, against
 Fannie W. Lanier, Defendant

Pursuant to a decree in the above stated cause made by Judge R. C. Wall, dated Oct. 28th, 1904, I will sell at public auction at Lancaster court house on the

FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER, NEXT,

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