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**WASH HUNTER CASE**  
**IN SUPREME COURT**

**Brief Has Been Filed by**  
**John G. Capers.**

**ARGUMENT SOON**

**Mr. Capers Makes Point that the Record does not Show that a True Bill Was Returned.**

Newberry, November 24.—A special dispatch to The News and Courier from Washington is to the effect that John G. Capers, Esq., has filed an important brief in the case of G. Wash Hunter, convicted of manslaughter on an indictment charging him with murder in the killing of Elbert F. Copeland in 1906, and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in the State penitentiary.

This is one of the hardest fought cases in the criminal annals of South Carolina. According to the version of the killing given at the trial Copeland and Wash Hunter, the defendant, were engaged in a poker game in the store of R. Lee Hunter, near Goldville, in company with R. Lee Hunter, a twin brother of the defendant, and Ross Leake, a friend of all parties. A dispute arose as to the number of cards held by Copeland, bringing on the difficulty which resulted in the killing. Copeland had a leg which was practically useless and used crutches, but the testimony was to the effect that he was a powerful man in all respects except that of his maimed leg. The testimony of the defense was to the effect that in the difficulty Copeland, bracing himself with an arm on the table, and holding Hunter in the breast, was attempting to cut him with a pocket-knife, when Hunter fired the four shots which resulted in Copeland's death. The deceased was a brother of E. B. and O. G. Copeland, of Newberry.

**History of the Trials.**

The case came on for trial at the fall term of the sessions court for Laurens, in 1906, before the late Judge James Aldrich. A verdict of guilty of manslaughter was returned, but a new trial was granted by Judge Aldrich on the ground of irregularities in the management of the jury after it had been charged with the consideration of the case. The first trial was during the first week of the two weeks' term of court, and Judge Aldrich ordered another trial during the second week of the court. The second trial resulted in a mistrial.

The next term of the court the case was continued by Judge Purdy, who was then presiding, on account of the fact that the Hon. Cole L. Blease, of counsel for the defence, was engaged in his official duties in the legislature as a member of the State Senate from Newberry county.

Judge Watts was presiding at the summer term of the sessions court, and the case was again ordered to trial, and another mistrial resulted.

At the next term of the court Judge Ernest Gary presided and another mistrial was had, which was the fourth trial of the celebrated case, and after keeping the jury out until it was seen that an agreement was impossible another mistrial was ordered.

**Moved to Greenwood.**

The State then moved for a change of venue, and after thorough argument and the presentation of a number of affidavits, Judge Gary transferred the case to Greenwood county for trial. The defence appealed, but Judge Gary was sustained, and the remittitur came down just in time for the next term of the court at Greenwood, and Hunter was placed on trial in the sessions court of Greenwood county before Judge Geo. W. Gage and a jury, and was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to serve eight years in the State penitentiary. Bail was granted and bond given and the case was appealed to the supreme court of South Carolina, which affirmed the judgment of the circuit court. On a writ of error granted by Chief Justice Y. J. Pope the case was then taken to the supreme court of the United States, where it is now pending and will soon be argued.

In all his trials in the circuit court Hunter was represented by the Hon. Cole L. Blease and W. R. Richey, Esq. of Laurens. In the Laurens courts the State was represented by Solicitor R. A. Cooper and Messrs Ferguson and Featherstone. At Greenwood the State had the assistance of Mr. F. Barron Grier, of the Greenwood bar. Since the case has been in the United States supreme court the attorneys for the defence have been assisted by John G. Capers, formerly of South Carolina, but now of Washington.

The press dispatches from Washington states that Mr. Capers in his brief makes the point that the record does not disclose that a true bill was returned against Hunter. Hunter was tried four times in Laurens on a true bill returned by the grand jury of that

county, and the venue was then changed to Greenwood.

**Clerk's Certification.**

The matter of certifying to the indictment for publication in the record was the duty of the clerk of court of Greenwood county, who at that time was Mr. T. C. Turner, and his certification of the indictment appears in the record, of course, but it would seem from the point raised by Mr. Capers in his brief that the clerk of court failed to incorporate in the record to which he certified that "true bill" appeared on the back of the indictment. It is contended that the record as made up is the only record which the supreme court of the United States can regard, and it would seem that this failure of the clerk, if there was such failure as indicated by the dispatch in regard to the brief of Attorney Capers, will present a serious question. There are, however, other questions raised under provisions of the Federal Constitution, as to the right of a circuit Judge to change the venue, and other matters involving the Federal Constitution. Of course, Federal questions must be involved in order for a case to get to the supreme court of the United States.

The case will be argued at some time before Governor-elect Blease, the leading counsel in the case, takes the oath as governor, as Mr. Blease, of course, will not appear in any case after he is sworn in.

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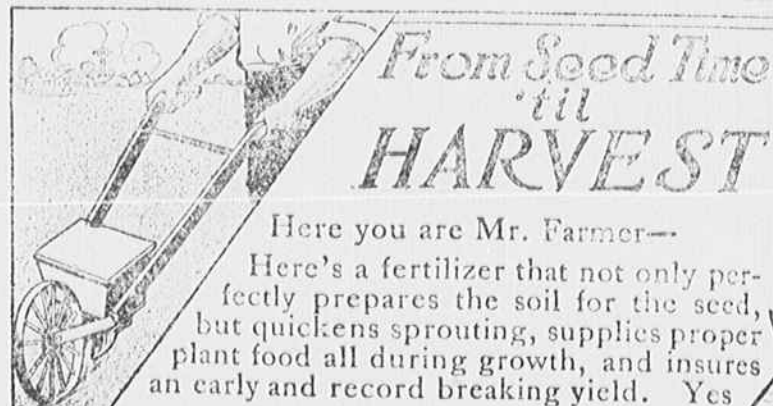
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