

State

vs  
Linn A. Cook

} Running School House.

Saturday Aug 5-

Found to be on fire on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>,

Jesse Pembow - Teller in Trustees - not incorporated -  
Had been in fact school in house  
on Friday Evening - To come  
on Monday Even - O. H. Haver  
teller was engaged to teach.  
Drove at day break with Thos Pembow  
& William Scurry. Found track  
of person coming from stubble field  
- Saw other tracks after passing the  
entrance to institute  
subd - Specific appearance may be  
given

Track Jackson Kirke and James Brown  
Tracks found in kind corresponded with  
those of Kirke & Smith, but not with the  
tracks found in the Institute enclosure

Does not know of any boys 14 years attending  
school while young lady taught  
Scurry's School <sup>in fall of 1862</sup> may have extended un-  
til after Cook's marriage -  
ruled - That question as to lady married living  
with or around may be asked

Woman was seen at Res. of A. C. in  
the fall before marriage frequently

Yves. O. Dornell - Sing at Oak

Sewry & Cook going towards  
the institute went upon the left side of the  
road - Cook married Christmas before  
the burning - She lived at Cook's a month  
or two before marriage - or rather was  
seen by witness several times -

Cook intimate with wit - and told  
wit - that his wife was having in-  
tercourse - wife left Cook - Cook asked  
w - if wife had been in wagon  
just passed house - Cook remarked  
she may have gone to James Massey's -  
met her on the way - Ac. complained  
of the whorish disposition of wife -

Mrs Meredith - wit - said to Ac - after  
marriage - Don't be jealous (of  
wife) Replied I am

Thomas Burrow - one half mile E. to - track to  
School House between 2 & 3 o'clock - it was  
walls then beginning to fall in & Jan. alone  
staid some time & returned home - When  
clock struck 4 - went for Jim Burrow &  
with him & Allen Sewry,

Half-track some five or six feet from the  
edge of the road in the bushes  
found bumpfoot tracks in the road in front  
of School House -

These tracks both ways. Met Kirke + Brown  
and thought their tracks were identical  
with these, went down to O'Donnell's & he  
returned with us, went on the night  
in cornfield — sat near school house  
for a time — went home & saw Cooks  
next on Monday about sun-down

Clark — told me — that Allen Sorry had  
suspected him — Saw him no more till  
Tuesday morning —

Said that Jack — Bolen had been to Keen-  
ersville had reported him as suspected  
Tuesday sunrise — Told him the other person  
was Betty Pent — He said her evidence was of  
no moment — That Allen Sorry had re-  
plained —

Tuesday evening — Said he could not leave the country.  
Would there be chance for compromise —

Some weeks before burning, <sup>as-</sup> said to wit that  
he did not want another ~~before~~ there.

Kealy track 17 yds from gate,

Allen Sorry — 400 yds from substitute —  
discovered track about half the foot  
a fresh track. Heavy dew — trace-  
ture in shoe which ruined the sand,  
Cooks said in stubble-field — some one  
has burned this to lay it upon me —



- Saw indistinct tracks in Scubblefield  
Fitzgerald - Ace - said they ought not  
to show any school there

A. J. Bolen - About nine o'clock  
saw the half track - Sand knocked off  
at the corner - at the big toe - Cook came  
up and said "This is my track I have  
been all about here this morning" - He  
himself noted the peculiarity - He made  
Ace - measured the track with his knife  
and made other tracks which corresponded  
exactly, Track ten or fifteen feet from  
gate

J. J. Cole - Cook put his foot by the  
track, and said that the track looked  
like his track, and was his track that  
he had been there that morning -  
Twelve months before house burnt - Ace  
said school should not do -

Newbury Peoples - Saw track - Cook measured  
said at first it is my track - Then it is not  
it is too wide - Tracks favored very much -

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Josephine Kirke - went to school house with Brown  
an hour before day - made the tracks seen from  
foot -

Thomas Graham - Sunday - 10 or 11 oc -  
Cook -

Asked about school - advised to build  
brick - said did not see the fire - He sup-  
posed Peeples & some others were meas-  
uring his truck - went towards Kerners-  
ville - Cook - that year sometime - and  
asked if I had seen his wife - He said his  
wife had got sick and left him

Cook in conversation ~~was~~ attributed  
improper intimacy with wife's others, to  
his wife

Corroborated Thomas Broun -

Thomas Broun - two or three weeks before  
the burning - Cook came to house and  
said "Heard wife had quarrelled, she  
wanted tobacco - told her to go to O'Dun-  
nell who owed him - She answered  
School would do

Payson - 11 - months before - Case - said  
there should never be another school  
if he could help it -

James Leroy - Jan. or Feb. 1866 - Teaching school -  
acc - said he did not want another <sup>big</sup> ~~large~~  
school