

State of North Carolina }  
Orange County }

Enoch Sykes makes  
Oath before me A. W. Ferguson Judge  
7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of said State  
that in the year 1869 ~~he~~ was a  
member of a Secret Organization  
in said County known by the  
name of the "White Brotherhood"  
that he belonged to a branch of  
that organization known as  
Copeland's Camp - that ~~at~~ short  
time previous to the breaking open  
the jail in Hillsboro and taking  
therefrom two men, prisoners, by name  
Morrow. he was notified by James  
M. Copeland the Chief of said Camp  
to meet in said Camp at a certain  
pond to assist in taking said  
prisoners from said jail. ~~for the~~  
~~purpose of~~ ~~capturing~~ that at the  
time appointed, affiant went to  
place named and there met  
James M. Copeland, Calvin Andrews,  
Bryant Ward, William Snipes (of Priestly)  
and George W. Traugham, were ~~seen~~  
assembled and disguised. that  
said parties left said place ~~at~~  
in the direction of Hillsboro; and  
the said James M. Copeland informed  
me the next day that ~~that~~ he and  
others went to Hillsboro on that night  
and took said prisoners out of said

fail and shot them.

sworn and subscribed  
before me on this  
2<sup>d</sup> day of November  
1871.

Ernest Sykes

a. w. Tourge  
Judge of Court  
9<sup>th</sup> dist

CHAUTAQUA COUNTY NY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2013

Affidavit of  
Ernest Sykes