

The State
vs
James Bradshaw
and others } Confession of George Fawcett—

George Fawcett one of the defendants in this action having been first cautioned as to his rights and informed that he was released from all duress or threat of punishment or ~~any~~ promise of reward, should any such have been made to him by any one heretofore is duly sworn and deposes as follows:

I make the following statement as my free and voluntary confession — I was a member of a secret organization known as the White Brotherhood in Alameda county, ^{I joined} about four years ago — about one mile from the Company Shops. James M. Stockard was a member of the same camp. I do not know its number. John Doolinger was chief the ~~at~~ camp. After wards Thomas Tate was chief or at least acted as such. The members whom I now recollect were — Geo. Mcburne Tom. Tate, John Andrews, Ruffin Andrews, George James, Simon James, John Robinson, Henry Robinson, John W. Long. — two Frogmen (who were present when I joined. I don't know their names) William Redding, Walter Thornton, Dr. John C. Moore, Dr. William Farpley.

Muller Thornton asked me one night to walk out
 with him. He did not say for what purpose, and
 when we had gone a little way we were among
 them and in the camp. I had no previous in-
 timation of his purpose. They were in the woods
 near a bye way. They were all disguised
 with white gowns and caps—some caps had
 horns on them. They were all masked—The first
 I saw of them one stepped out from behind a
 tree and ~~told~~ asked me where I was going
 I don't know what I said. Told me to go with
 him—They told me the object of the order was
 to strengthen the Conservation party. I took
 an oath kneeling—all the camp kneeling
 I was with them on the night when Wyatt
 Cutler was being here in Graham. I started
 from the Shop, ^{that night—} with a crowd of three or four
 who said there was to be a meeting ^{near Dr. Suple's} and asked
 me go along—The following persons were pres-
 ent at this meeting—George Melrose, Thomas
 Tate—Henry Robinson, Van Buren Holt,
 It was said that three or four camps were to
 meet here and march thro town that night
 All those ^{named} came down to the place appoint-
 ed, ^{for the camps} to meet, near the willow Forest's—Main
 Forest—No one there when we got there—James
 M. Stockard came there after a short time.
 After a time a man named Rogers—^{by} Billy's
 son—don't know his Christian name—

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After waiting an hour or more we started on home, and after going about 3 or 400 yds met up with a crowd, there were about fifty or sixty men in this crowd, they were mounted and in disguise. The men that came with me from Company Shops remained with me until this time. Graham is between the widow Forests and Company Shops. The men that came with me from the Shops stood all the time. The crowd all went to Wyatt Outlaw's. I went with them and stood by the fence inside the yard. Some of the crowd went in and brought Outlaw out. He was five or six feet from me when he passed out. The crowd carried him down the street by Squire Haden's store and went to Henry Holt's, a colored man. They went in and did not find him. They said he was not there. Don't remember whether I got into the lot or not. From Henry Holt's we came up by the hotel in Graham and by the Courthouse. When we got close to the Courthouse we all stopped. Don't recollect what was said, they were all looking around, I suppose for some place to hang him. I thought then they were going to hang him. After they got to the Courthouse they were all looking around. I don't remember what was said. I don't remember what was said. I don't remember what was said.

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