

Kansas Territory, U.S. District Court vs. Charles Robinson

Material relating to the Kansas Territory, U.S. District Court 2nd District versus Charles Robinson for treason. This charge was due to Charles Robinson being elected "governor of Kansas" under the Topeka Constitution of 1855, the first attempt to have Kansas admitted to the Union as a free state. In May, 1856, while en route east, he was arrested for treason and conspiracy against the United States. After several months in prison at Leecompton, the Proslavery capital, he was finally acquitted.

Creator: United States. District Court (Kansas)

Date: 1856

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United States of America
Territory of Kansas

To the Marshal of
the United States for
the said Territory

I am hereby com-
mended to hold Charles
Robinson, now in your
custody, to answer an
indictment by the Grand
Jury at the next term
of the first District
Court just judicial
district of said Territory
sitting for Douglas County
in the crime of Re-
fuge, & to have him
before the said Court
at Leavenworth in & for
Douglas County on the
second Monday of Sep-
tember next, unless so-
on discharged by law



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course of law -

"Hind full not

Witness my hand
this 24th day of May
and sworn 1856

Samuel H. Lincoln

Judge of the

Dist Court in

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Writ to take
Chas Robinson

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Mr. Coy appeared before the Gr^d jury and being sworn-deposed and said: that he had heard Charles Robinson, in common conversations, repeatedly urge upon the people the propriety and necessity of resisting the enforcement of the territorial laws, peacefully if they could; but if any force was employed to enforce them, that such enforcement was at all hazards. also that he had seen Lane commanding and drilling the forces arrayed in Lawrence against the legal enforcement of the territorial laws. also that he had heard John A. Wakefield assert, that the people would kill as many sheriffs as could be appointed before they would submit to the laws of Kansas T^{err}. also that he had heard Samuel R. Woods repeatedly assert that he would resist the laws to a bloody issue.

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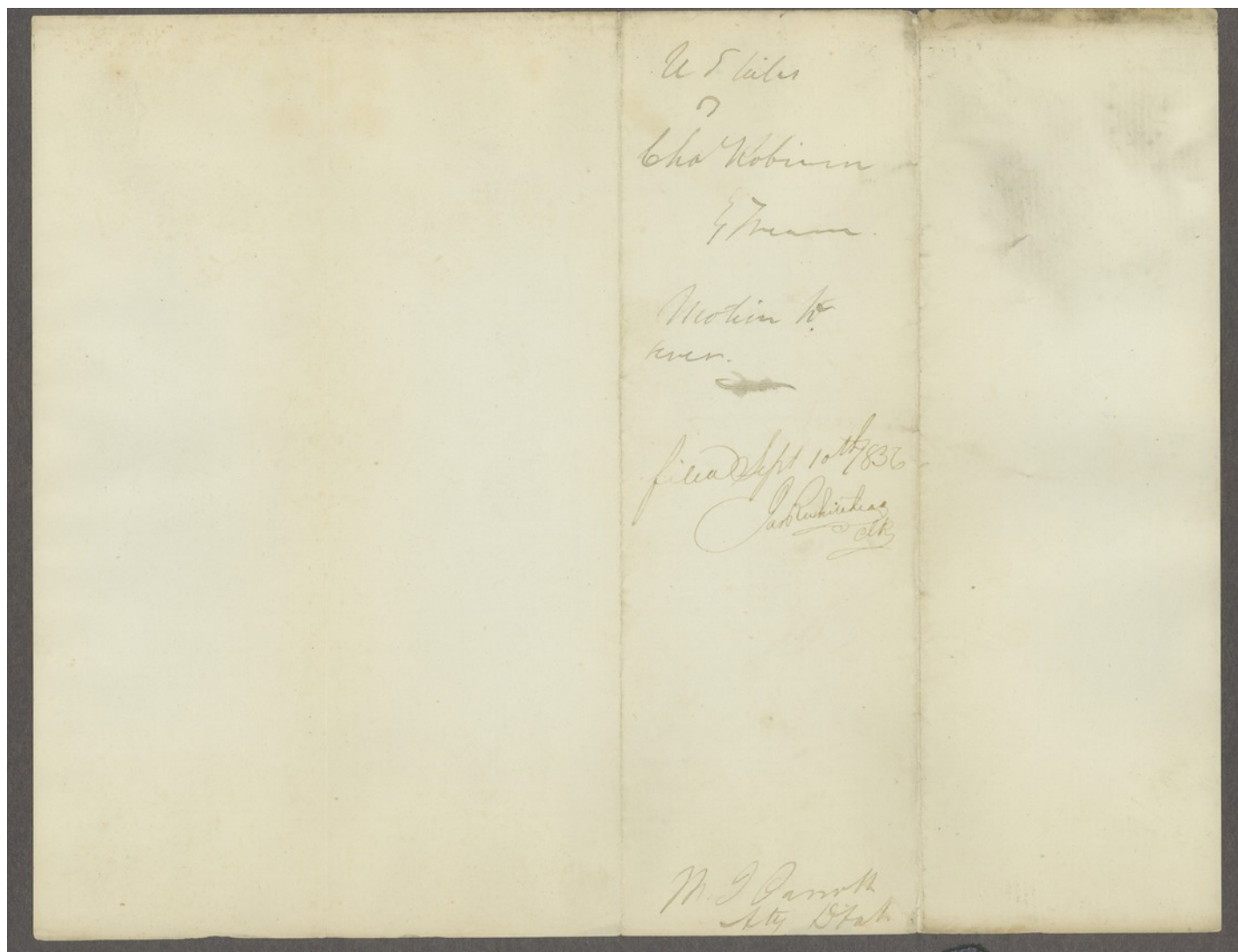
United States of America
Territory of Kansas
Douglas County ss
First Judicial District -

U.S. vs
Charles Robinson } Indictment ss
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The defendant, Charles Robinson, comes & by his counsel moves the Court, to sever his case from that of his co-defendants in the above indictment & and that he may be put upon his trial separately.

Marcus S. Carroll
Att. of Def.

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United States of America, In the first district,
Territory of Kansas. } Court of the U.S. of Kansas
Douglas County } sittings in Douglas.
County and Territory of Kansas.
September term 1886.

U.S. Attorney
vs. J. Moore,
Charles Robinson
and others

Attorney who presences
for the United States in this
case comes and moves the court
here for a continuance of the
said cause for the following rea-
sons, to wit:
first, That insurrection and rebell-
ion pervade this county and terri-
tory to such an extent, that a
large portion of the citizens have
fled from their homes to seek safety
in the adjoining state of Missouri,
and such terror and alarm per-
vades those that remain in the said
county that a jury of men could
not be empaneled, so as to get
under circumstances, likely to secure
a fair and impartial trial.
Second, That the District attorney
of the United States, for the said
District is now absent.
Third, That material witnesses, who
have been subpoenaed in the said
case, are absent and that their at-
tendance can not be procured at this
time of court. Att. General

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