

United States versus Henry Beck for taking Indian property

These legal documents relate to the case of the United States vs. Henry Beck for taking Indian property. Beck was accused of cutting down and taking trees worth five hundred dollars between January 1 and May of 1859 on land belonging to the Miami tribe in Lykins County (now Miami County), Kansas Territory. Beck was indicted by the United States District Court of the Kansas Territory, Third District during the May term of 1859. He was arrested and released on bond on December 15, 1859. During the Kansas territorial period, the increase in settlers led to conflict with tribes that were promised permanent lands in Kansas following the Indian Removal Act of 1830.

Date: crime January 1- May 1859; indictment May 1859

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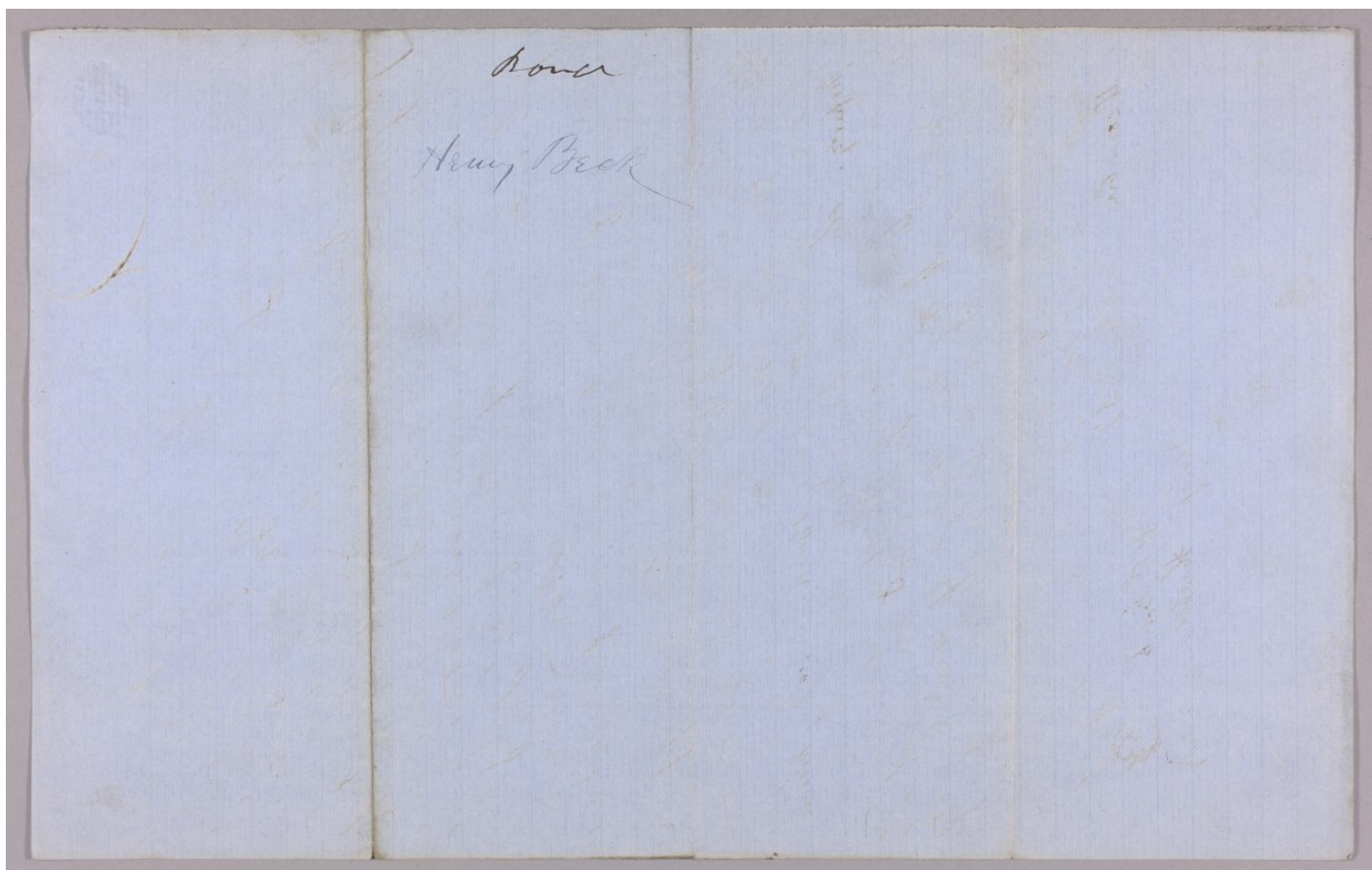
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I now all men by these presents that
we Henry Beck, of LeFlore County, K.S., as
principal and John Beckson of same County
and Territory, as surety, are held and
firmly bound unto the United States in
the sum of one hundred dollars to
be paid to the United States, to which
payment will and truly to be made
and done; we do bind ourselves, our
heirs, executors, administrators and
assignees, each of them firmly by these
presents.

Now the con-
ditions of this bond are as follows, to wit:
If the above bondsman Henry Beck
be and appear
on the 3^d Monday of December A.D. 1857
at Fort Scott, at the United States Dis-
trict Court, there to answer a complaint
held against Henry Beck for taking Indian
property. And he be and remain in
Court from day to day during the
term, and from term to term until
discharged by the Judge of said Court.
Then this bond to be null and void, other-
wise to be of full force and virtue.
Signed with our hands, and sealed with
our seals this 13th day of
November A.D. 1857

Henry Beck
John Beckson

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United States of America Territory of Kansas
Third Judicial District
United States } In the United States
vs } District Court holden in
Henry Beck } for the Third Judicial District
of the Territory of Kansas
Adjournd May Term A.D. 1859

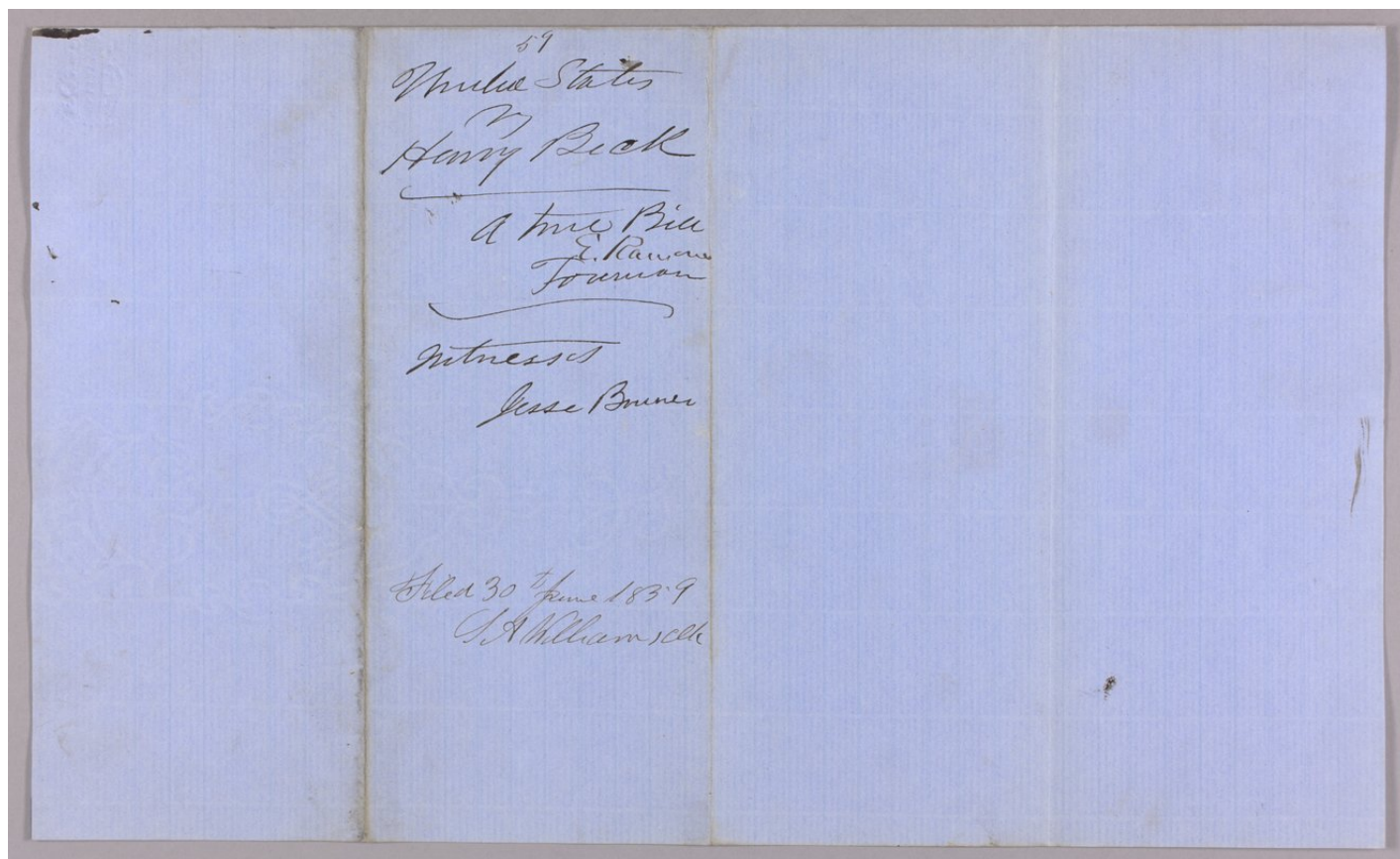
The Grand Jurors of the United States of America with
in for the Third Judicial District in the Terri-
tory of Kansas duly & legally selected summoned
empanelled sworn & charged to enquire in & for
the body of the said District aforesaid: at the ad-
journed May Term of the United States District Court
in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred fifty nine
holden in & for the said District aforesaid upon the
-in Oath do present that Henry Beck
late of the District aforesaid
did on the first day of
January in the year of our Lord One thousand
Eight hundred & fifty nine and on divers
other days & times between the said first
day of January aforesaid and the day on which
this bill of indictment is found & presented by
the Grand Jurors aforesaid at Court; within the
Jurisdiction of this Court & within the Third Judicial
District of the Territory of Kansas aforesaid dis-
cuss in upon the lands surveyed selective & set
apart for the Miami Tribe of Indians by & under
a Treaty by & between said Miami Tribe of Indians
& the United States of America into which said
lands the said Henry Beck had
not the right of Entry since Miami Indians being
friendly Indians & said Lands aforesaid being Indian
Country & then & there did cut and take & carry away
divers trees then there growing & standing upon

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the said lands aforesaid to wit ten
Oak trees ten Walnut trees ten Hackberry
trees ten Elm trees ten Hickory trees
of great value to wit 1 of the
value of Five hundred doll
ars said trees being the property
of the said Miami Indian
Tribe
Contrary to the act of Congress in such
case made & provided & against
the peace & dignity of the Territory of
Kansas of the United States

Alson B Davis
United States District
Attorney for the Territory
of Kansas By Thomas
M. Williams
State Deputy District
Attorney for the
Judge civil District of the
Territory of Kansas

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Territory of Kansas, }
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, To

the Marshal of the Territory of Kansas, GREETING: You are hereby commanded to take _____
Henry Beck so that you have his body before the
Judge of the District Court, within and for the Third Judicial District Court, within the Territory of Kansas,
on the first day of the next term thereof ; which commences at Fort Scott, in the County of Bourbon, on the
3rd Monday in September next, then and there to answer a
certain crime of Taking Indian property with which he
_____ stands indicted, in our said Court, by the Grand Jury, for the body of
said District.

In Testimony Whereof, I, SAMUEL A. WILLIAMS' Clerk of our said
Court have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the Seal of said
Court at office in Fort Scott, in said District, this 30th
day of June 18 57

S. A. Williams Clerk.

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*I Certify that I arrested Henry Beck
Dec 15th at his usual place of residence in Leffers
Co. Mo.*

*Philip T. Colby U.S.M.
by Robert Campbell Esq
Chas. Wilson*

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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT:
Territory of Kansas

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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