

## **Kansas Territory versus Thomas Bickerton et al. for murder**

These legal documents relate to the case against Thomas Bickerton and others for murder in September of 1856 in the Kansas Territory. The charge was issued by proslavery Associate Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court and Second District Judge S. G. Cato. Thomas Bickerton served as a free state commander during the Battle of Hickory Point on September 13 and 14, 1856 at the settlement of Hickory Point in Jefferson County. Bickerton later served as a captain for the Union in the Civil War.

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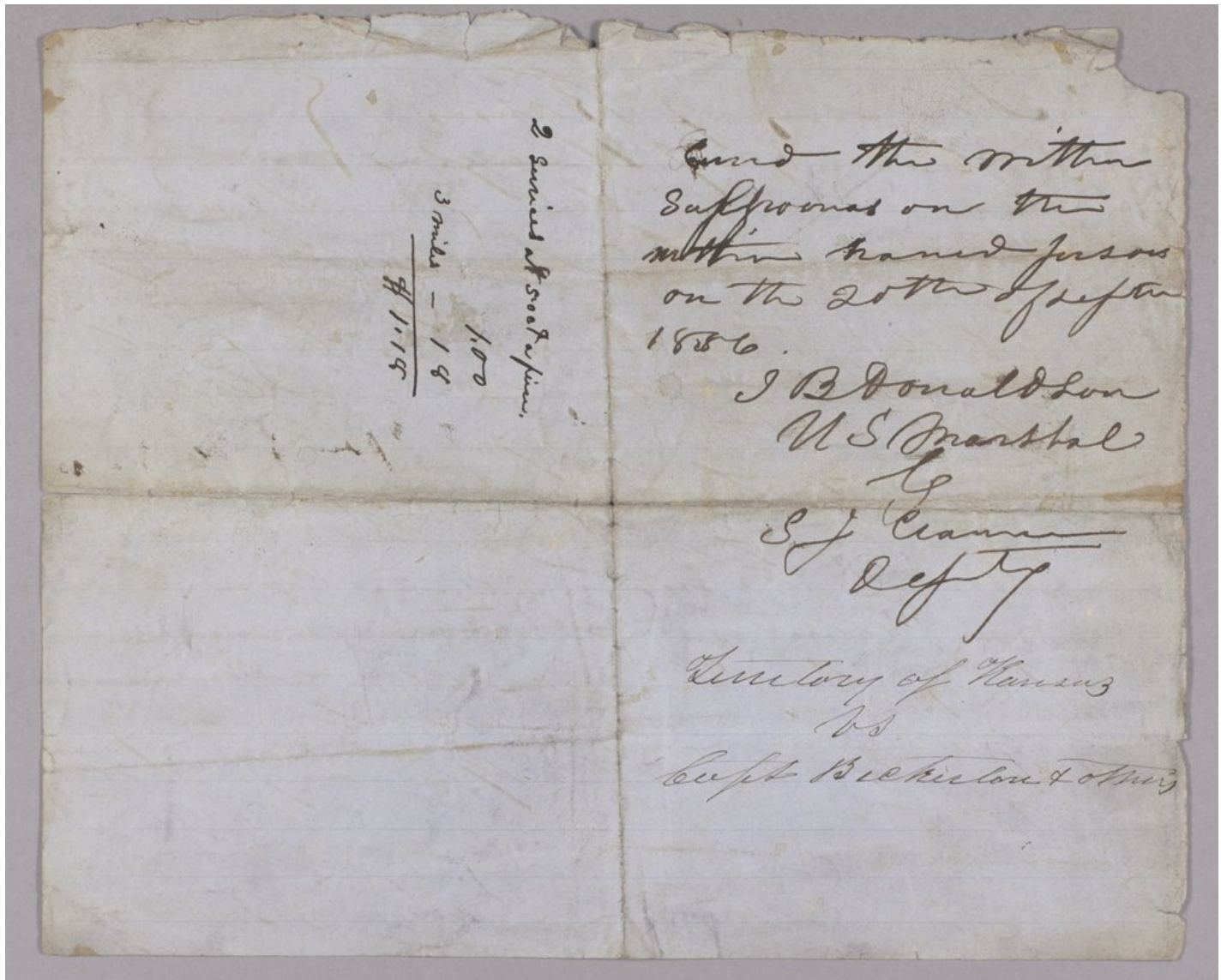


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Territory of Kansas }  
 County of Douglas }  
 vs. The Marshal  
 of said Territory  
 vs. Henry comman-  
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 me at Leavenworth  
 to testify and their know-  
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 ding before me and heretofore  
 had not, Give under my  
 hand on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1858

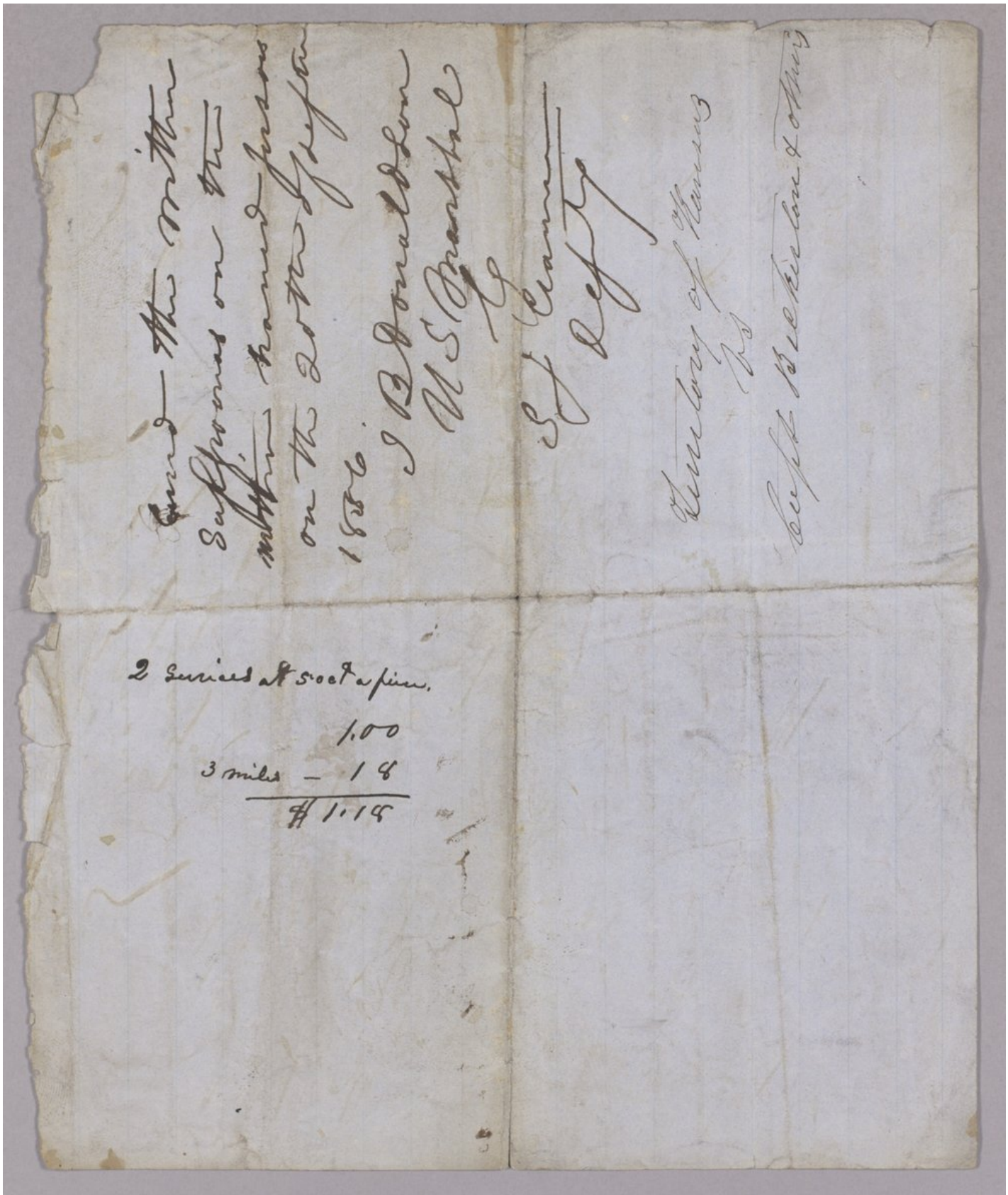
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 Agent for the

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Territory of Kansas  
Douglass County

Go the Marshall of said Ter-  
ritory greeting You are hereby commanded to  
summons Dudley Plummer Dudley Haley Thomas  
Skaggs Foster David Samples and James Skaggs  
to appear before me at LeCompton on Monday  
at the hour of 8 O'clock A.M. to testify and  
the truth to tell concerning certain matters now  
pending before me and hereof fail not.  
Given under my hand on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
September A.D. 1854

S. H. A. to  
Archer Justice



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...Served the within  
Writ on all the  
within named persons  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup>  
1856, by reading to them.

J B Donaldson  
U S Marshal  
by  
S. J. Crane  
Deputy

Territory of Kansas  
vs

Capt Bickerton & others  
Given service at 50<sup>th</sup> & 51<sup>st</sup> St  
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Territory of Kansas  
County of Douglas.

The Territory of Kansas }  
do } Sept 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1866.  
Thomas Bickerton et als. }

The defendants having been brought before me the undersigned Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the said Territory charged with the offence of murder, and being informed of the nature of the charge ~~there~~ moved an adjournment till the 22<sup>nd</sup> Instant to procure the aid of counsel and the attendance of witnesses, which motion was sustained; and in the mean time the said parties were committed to the custody of the Marshal.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1866

The court met pursuant to adjournment and the defendants were brought into Court, and the <sup>defendants</sup> ~~parties~~ being ready moved an adjournment till tomorrow morning nine o'clock, which motion was granted & the defendants are remanded to custody.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1866.

Court met pursuant to adjournment, and the parties ~~present~~ the defendants ~~present~~