

United States versus William T. Collins for trespass on Indian country

This bail bond for William T. Collins was issued on March 19, 1860 by Justice of the Peace Joseph Welsh. Collins was accused of "trespass in the Indian Country" within the Kansas Territory. The bond states Collins was a resident of Franklin County. The increase in settlers to Kansas during the territorial period led to conflict with Native American tribes, most of whom were relocated to the area by the federal government.

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Know all men by these presents that we William T. Collins as principal and Solomon Shoaf as surety all of Franklin County K. T. are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the sum of five hundred dollars - to the faithful payment of which said sum we hereby firmly bind ourselves our heirs and legal representatives.

Witness our hands and seals this 19th day of March A.D. 1860 - the Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas as the above bounden William T. Collins has been duly held to answer at the next term of the District Court of the United States for the Territory within and for the Second Judicial District of the Territory of Kansas to a certain charge of trespass in the Indian Country.

Now if the said bounden William T. Collins shall appear at the said Court of the United States within and for the Second Judicial District of Kansas Territory on the first day of the next term thereof - there to be and appear from day to day and from term to term and obey all orders of said Court until fully discharged by said Court then this obligation to be null and void otherwise of full force and effect.

Witness to the signing William T. Collins
of Collins P. Miller Solomon Shoaf

Signed & acknowledged before me this 19th of March 1860 Joseph Melch J. P.
U. S. Commissioner

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