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my back was towards him and my face to my husband.. This is a true statement

of facts, as near as I can recollect them.. Mary Taylor

The affidavit of Mary Louisa Taylor was then read as follows (To wit)

Dec. 2nd 1847. Joseph Warthon came to Joseph Taylors last Saturday

a week ago.. I knew nothing of any fuss between them till hearing some loud talk

I went out and Warthon was a damming Joseph for following him with

his knife.. Joseph had his shoe and knife both in his hand.. Joseph said he

would take his knife out of his right hand, and put it in his Cane

hand.. Warthon threatened to knock Joseph's teeth down

his his throat,

Swore he would knock his brains out.. Jumped and got the ax..

Drawed it up and swore he would knock his brains out at this time..

Joseph's wife jumped in between them,,Warthon continued to try to

get hold of Joseph, and drew the ax up two or three times,,reached

over his wife so as to get hold of Joseph's collar like and pushed

him against the house.. Warthon gave way a little,, I then

told them if they was going to fight, to give me the ax, he then flung

the ax away.. Mary then pushed Joseph into the door and into the

house.. Warthon then told me to tell Allen that he intended to

have his pay, that Joseph had stolen enough from the boys as they

came home to pay the debt.. Joseph said he would make him prove

it..Joseph said he sent him word that he has cut the hay, and

Warthon said he had to go off and could'nt hual it,
and it got spoiled

I suppose.. The hay I know nothing about.. This is
about all I he collect

that passed,, My little girl and his wife kept Joseph
in the house, and

Warthon went of swearing he would make Joseph
pay him now

any how.. Mary Louisa
Taylor..

The affidanit of Jackson Smith was then read as
follows(wit)

Dec. 10. as I was called for to go with Joseph Tay-
lor to present

the writing to Mr. Warthon, he call M. Taylor a liar
several times

and he said he could prove it.. Jackson Smith..

As Bro. Warthon did not appear on the trial after
being duly

notified,, a question arose whether it was proper to
try the case in his

absence,, The council considered that Bro.
Warthon treated the Priest-hood

with contempt in not appearing.. Bro Taylor also
testified that

when he presented the notice to him, he replied he
should no

more for the council than he did for the wind that
blows &c,,