

# Civil Case: State of Indiana vs Norville Blackburn

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Norville Blackburn	Accused of poisoning and killings animals of Reuben Wise	No date
Reuben Wise	Filed complaint against Norville Blackburn for poisoning animals	
David T. Smith	District Attorney; Seeking damages of \$300.00	
James B. Simcoke	Files complaint made by Reuben Wise	Jan. 8, 1861
State of Indiana	Plaintiff	Jan. 8, 1861
Norville Blackburn	Defendant	
Daniel Battenburg	Summoned to testify on behalf of defendant	
James Issick	Summoned to testify on behalf of defendant	
James Simcoke	Clerk	
Norville Blackburn	Ordered to be arrested	Jan. 8, 1861
James B. Simcoke	Clerk	
State of Indiana	Plaintiff	Jan. 8, 1861
Norville Blackburn	Defendant	
Mrs. Blackburn	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Robert Blackburn	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Jane Blackburn	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
William Blackburn	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Martin Sord	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Franklin Sord	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
James Essex and wife	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Widow Spangler	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Emanuel Long	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Jonathan Robertson	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Jehu Denkerson	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Jesse Williams	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Jacob Martin	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
James B. Simcoke	Clerk	
State of Indiana	Plaintiff	April 1, 1861
Norville Blackburn	Defendant	
William Wendel	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Catherine Wendel	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
James B. Simcoke	Clerk	
State of Indiana	Plaintiff	April 1, 1861
Norville Blackburn	Defendant	
John K. Evans	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
James Essicks	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
Mrs. Essicks, wife of James	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
James B. Simcoke	Clerk	
State of Indiana	Plaintiff	May 7, 1861
Norville Blackburn	Defendant	
Daniel Battenburg	Summoned to testify on behalf of defendant	
James B. Simcoke	Clerk	
State of Indiana	Plaintiff	May 8, 1861
Norville Blackburn	Defendant	
John K. Evans	Summoned to testify on behalf of plaintiff	
James B. Simcoke	Clerk	
Naval Blackburn	Oath that witness is only 9 years old and cannot testify	May 8, 1861
James Blackburn	9 year old minor; called as witness	
James B. Simcoke	Clerk	
State of Indiana	Plaintiff	May 8, 1861
Norville Blackburn	Defendant	
Reuben Wise	Summoned to testify in case of State vs Blackburn	
James B. Simcoke	Clerk	

Roll No 22 (27)

State of Indiana  
vs

Norville Blackburn  
1861

Box 15

The State of Indiana } In the Court of Common  
Adams County MS Pleas, Term 1861

The State of Indiana } Information for  
21 } Malicious Injuries  
Normile Blacklund }

David T. Smith District  
Attorney for the Court of Common Pleas District  
Composed of the Counties of Adams, Allen, Ham-  
lington and Wells and State of Indiana, give  
the Court to understand and be informed,  
that on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1859  
at the said County of Adams and State  
aforesaid, one Normile Blacklund, then and  
there being did unlawfully, wilfully Ma-  
liciously and Mischaneously in full and  
Cause to be injured one Chestnut Saddle  
faced Mare about fourteen years old, one  
Brown Horse about three years old, one  
Chestnut Saddle Mare having a Star in  
her forehead, about 18 months old, and  
one Sucking Colt - in all the value of  
three Hundred and Twenty five Dollars  
of the personal goods and property of one  
Reuben C. Mize. The said Normile Bla-  
cklund, then and there unlawfully wil-  
fully Maliciously and Mischaneously in-  
-jured and caused the said Horses  
to be injured by them and there doi-  
ing them off and feeding them  
some poisonous drug or substance and  
by them and there otherwise injuring them  
so that they sickened, limped, languished  
and died, to the ~~disparaging~~ and damage

of the said Reubens & Misc in the  
Sum of three Hundred and Twenty  
five Dollars - Acting to the true of  
the Statute in such cases made and pro-  
vided, and against the peace and  
dignity of the State of Indiana

David L. Smith  
District Attorney

State of Indiana }  
Adams County }

Robert C. Miller

I was charged at the County of Adams, State of Indiana, on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1859, one Nemille Blackburn, then and there being duly sworn, with injury, Maliciously and Mischancously, and caused to be injured, one Elizabeth Cornell bald faced mare about fourteen years old, one brown horse, about three years old, one chestnut horse, being a stud in her fire shed about 18 months old, and one sucking calf - the property of this affiant and six and the value of these four and twenty five dollars - by then and there maliciously, mischancously and wilfully driving off said horses and piling them some poisoning drug or substance to eat, and by then and there otherwise injuring them so that they sickened, languished, lingered and died to the injury and damage of said affiant in the sum of three hundred and twenty five dollars contrary to the form of the Statute in such cases made and provided, all of which is true as affiant being belied. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1861

John B. Lincoln  
Notary

State of Indiana,  
Adams County }

Personally came  
Nemille Blackburn and on oath  
says that James Blackburn the next of  
kin who it is proposed to attack is  
a child but nine years of age,  
and has not sufficient capacity  
to testify in the opinion of the  
affiant that the said James has  
no means or capacity to attend  
in person to the proof of this  
cause - Nemille Blackburn  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1861

John B. Lincoln  
Notary



The State of Indiana, to the Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County.

You are hereby commanded to summon,

*James  
Dick and Daniel  
Butterburg*

to appear in the Court of Common Pleas on the 8th day of May 1881.

to testify in an action wherein,

*the State of Indiana*  
is, plaintiff and *Norval Blackburn* is

Defendant, on behalf of the

*Department*

and of his summons make due return.



ITNESS

This

8th

day of

May

1881

*James Whitaker*

CLERK



The State of Indiana, to the Sheriff of Noble County.

You are hereby commanded to summon, William Wendel  
& Catharine Wendel

to appear in the Court of Common Pleas on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1861.

to testify in an action wherein, The State of Indiana

is, plaintiff and Norville Blackburn is

Defendant, on behalf of the Plaintiff

and of this summons make due return.

**W**

**ITNESS** This 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1861.

Samy Whincok CLERK, C. C.



The State of Indiana, to the Sheriff of Adams County.

You are hereby commanded to summon, Mrs Blackburn

Robert Blackburn, Jane Blackburn William  
Blackburn, Martin Lord, Franklin Lord  
James Essex and wife (of Allen County) Edwin  
Sample, Emanuel Lord, Jonathan Robertson,  
John Kershner, Jesse Williams & Jacob Martin

to appear in the Court of Common Pleas on the Instant \_\_\_\_\_ 1856.

to testify in an action wherein, The State of Indiana

is plaintiff and Normie Blackburn is

Defendant, on behalf of the State

and of this summons make due return.

**W**

ITNESS This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

1856

Larry Whicok  
CLERK, C. C.



The State of Indiana, to the Sheriff of Allen County.

You are hereby commanded to summon, John A Evans  
Samy Esicks and W<sup>rs</sup> Esicks  
wife of Samy Esicks

to appear in the Court of Common Pleas on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1861.  
to testify in an action wherein, The State of Indiana  
, plaintiff and Norville Blackburn is  
Defendant, on behalf of the Plaintiff.  
and of this summons make due return.

**W**ITNESS This 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1861  
James B. Pinckney, CLERK, C. C.



SUMMONS

Stamper, Printer, Decatur, Ind.

THE STATE OF INDIANA

SS.

Adams County.

To the Sheriff, of Adams County, Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded to Summon  
Reuben Wise to appear in  
the Court of Common Pleas on  
the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1861 to testify in an  
action wherein the State of Indiana is  
Plaintiff.  
~~To appear in the Court of Common Pleas of Adams County, on the Monday in~~  
~~next, there to answer~~

and Norman Blackburn is Defendant

and of this summons make due return

Witness, the Clerk and seal of said Court, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of

May 1861

James B. Blackwell

Clerk. C. C. P.



Simpson, Printer, Decatur, Ala.

Adams County,

To the Sheriff, of Adams County, Gracings:

You are hereby Commanded to Summon  
 Asst. Neville Blackburn  
 and have him forthwith

to file our count of Common Pleas  
for the County at its present term to answer the plaintiff in a plea  
to appear in the Court of Common Pleas of Adams County, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ next, then there to answer \_\_\_\_\_.

and of this summons make due return

Witness, the Clerk and seal of said Court, this 8 day of

James 1861

James B. Lincoln, - Clerk. C. O. P.



The State of Indiana, to the Sheriff of Adams County

You are hereby commanded to summon, George Miller  
Daniel Bottenburg

to appear in the Court of Common Pleas on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1861.

to testify in an action wherein, the State of Indiana

is plaintiff and James J. Dailey, Noriel Blackburn

Defendant, on behalf of the Plaintiff. Defendant

and of this summons make due return.

**W**

**ITNESS** This

day of

May

1861

James B. Winickie

CLERK, C. C.



The State of Indiana, to the Sheriff  
of Adams County

You are hereby Commaneded  
to summon John A. Evans

to appear in the Court of Common  
Pleas on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1861,  
to testify in an action wherein  
the State of Indiana is plaintiff  
and Verrie Blackburn is  
Defendant on behalf of the  
Plaintiff.

And if this summons make due  
return

Witness this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
May 1861  
Jas. B. Sprinkie  
Clerk