

Esma Lewis Esquire Sheriff Thomas H. Kempf Clerk

Among other were the following proceedings, to wit:

The State of Maryland } to wit: Aa Circuit Court begun and held
185 } for Caroline County at Denton in said
Eli Fisher } County on the first Monday of October (being
the fifth day of the same month) in the year of our Lord our Thou-
sand eight hundred and sixty eight; Matthew Patton, W. St.
Hawley, Auditor; Shurtaine, Edward Dabson, Robert H.
Collison, John Nicols, George W. Huggler, S. H. W. Mansfield,
George C. Price, James W. Hawley, Barney Setty, John W.
Hudd, Bennett Hudd, Harry Macriston, A. J. Collins, John
H. Dawson, Alfred B. Carter, William Newlee, Albert W.
Davis, Sylvester Sullivan, S. S. Schaffnuch, Alexander Blake
and Henry C. Smith, good and lawfull men of the County aforesaid, who being impannelled, sworn and charged to inquire for the
State of Maryland, for the body of Caroline County, having with-
drawn from the bar of the Court here, afterwards return and pre-
sent to the Court here, a presentment in the form following to wit:
Caroline County Oct Term 1868

We the Grand Inquest for the State of Maryland for the body
upon our Oaths do present Eli Fisher for having murdered Wil-
liam Holmes alias West on or about the 20th of August 1868
with Malice aforesought at a Camp Meeting held in John
Rudd's Woods

George Seehman } Informers
Mary Emily Croft }
John Chambers }
Solomon Hammond }

Matthew Patton, Foreman

Or George W. Peterson Whereupon the State of Maryland by J.
W. Bryant Esquire Attorney for Caroline County exhibits to the
Grand Inquest Now here impannelled, sworn and charged to
inquire &c an indictment against the said Eli Fisher in form
following to wit: State of Maryland Caroline County to wit: The Ju-
rors of the State of Maryland for the body of Caroline County on their Oath

present that Eli Fisher late of Caroline County, laborer, on the twentieth
August in the Year Eighteen hundred and sixty eight, with force and arm
at the County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one William West alias William
Holmes in the face of the said State then and there being feloniously Wilful
and of his Malice aforesought did make an assault, and that the said Eli
Fisher a certain pistol of the value of two dollars then and there charge
with Gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which said pistol he the said
Eli Fisher in his right hand then and there had and held, then and
there feloniously wilfully and of his Malice aforesought did discharge
and shot off, to against and upon the said William West alias Wil-
liam Holmes, and the said Eli Fisher with the leaden bullet
aforesaid out of the pistol aforesaid then and thereby force of the
gunpowder aforesaid by the said Eli Fisher discharged and
shot off as aforesaid then and there feloniously wilfully and
of his Malice aforesought did strike penetrate and wound him
the said William West alias William Holmes in and upon the
right side of the breast of him the said William West alias
William Holmes, giving to him the said William West alias
William Holmes then and there with the leaden bullet
aforesaid, as aforesaid discharged and shot out of the pistol
aforesaid by the said Eli Fisher in and upon the right side of
the breast of him the said William West alias William Holmes
one mortal wound of the depth of five inches and of the breadth of
one quarter of an inch of which said mortal wound he the said William
West alias William Holmes then and there instantly died. And so the
Jurors aforesaid, do say, that the said Eli Fisher, him the said William
West alias William Holmes in the manner and by the means aforesaid fe-
loniously wilfully and of his Malice aforesought did kill and murder
contrary to the form of the act of assembly in such Case Made and pro-
vided and against the peace Government and Dignity of the State

J. W. Bryant State's Attorney
for Caroline County

Whereupon the said Grand Inquest having retired from the
bar of the Court here to inquire of and concerning the said Indictment,
afterwards return the said Indictment to the Court here whereon endorsed
to wit: "True Bill" Matthew Patton, Foreman; Whereupon