

(Mr. Green): We have gone over that.

(Mr. Brady): This is the Williams' house?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Here is where the vacant lot begins? A. Yes, sir.

Q. It extends down about how far? A. About 75 feet probably.

Q. Action lane is back here? A. Yes (indicating).

Q. Now, if we want to get to Second street, was there not a common passage-way used generally for the occupants and so forth, across through the back of Packerback's property and up along here (indicating) and a little step right at this end of the house? A. I don't know about the steps, but I know I have seen people traveling back and forth through there.

Q. They make a short cut and over this side lot and come right through here (indicating)? A. Yes, sir.

(Examination concluded.)

(Here follows testimony of Rev. Williams.)

DR. W. A. C. HUGHES (colored), a witness of lawful age, called on behalf of the defense, after having been duly sworn testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION.

Q. (By Mr. Grason): State to his Honor and the gentlemen of the jury your full name? A. William A. C. Hughes.

Q. Where do you live? A. Washington.

Q. What is your business or profession if you have any? A. I am one of the secretaries of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Q. You are a Methodist Minister? A. I am a Methodist Minister.

Q. Do you know the Rev. Williams who was just on the stand? A. Yes, I do.

Q. Did you see him on or about August 7th last? A. I did.

Q. Where? A. In Annapolis.

Q. Whereabouts in Annapolis? A. At the Short Line Depot, when first I saw him.

Q. Did you stay all night at Annapolis that night? A. I did.

Q. Where? A. At the residence of Dr. Williams.

Q. The previous witness? A. The previous witness.

Q. How long did you stay there, what time did you leave the next day, if you left the next day? A. What time did I leave his home?

Q. Yes, on the 8th? A. Something after one o'clock.

Q. Now, I wish you would tell the gentlemen of the jury what time you got up on the morning of the 8th and about how you fix the time you got up? A. I was called by the Rev. Williams, who called up the stairway to me, "Hughes, get up, it is after nine o'clock"; we had been up until about two o'clock the night before.

Q. Had you know Williams a long time? A. We joined the Conference together twenty years ago.

Q. Had you seen him for some time before that? A. Had I seen him?

Q. Yes? A. It had been some little while since I had seen him.

Q. Did you get up when he called you? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And how long was it before you came down stairs? A. Why I suppose 15 or 20 minutes.

Q. Now, what did you do after you came downstairs? A. There was an open parlor leading from the hallway, and I went in as I recall now, to the piano and struck up "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," and a plantation melody and Williams is a great singer and I always play for him and he sang a piece.

Q. What time did you have breakfast that morning? A. I judge about ten o'clock.

Q. Was that when you sat down to breakfast, about ten o'clock? A. Around about ten o'clock.

Q. How long were you at breakfast? A. I suppose we kept his wife waiting for some while and we got in there in a half hour or so, at least I was.

Q. So then you think you got that breakfast about half-past ten? A. About something like that.

Q. Then where did you go? A. I went out on the porch, and glanced over the morning papers.

Q. Out on Williams' porch? A. Yes.

Q. Now, who was out there with you, if anybody, on Williams' porch? A. Well, he was out there part of the time, and most of the time nobody else on the porch as I recall it.

Q. You say there was nobody else on the porch? A. Except Williams, he would be there.

Q. Where were you seated on the porch? A. In the swing.

Q. How does that swing face? A. To sit in the swing, one would look directly toward West street, towards the Brandon home, the porch.

Q. Could you see the window of the Brandon home from where you sat, the window on the porch? A. Yes, you would see it, I would be sitting at an angle, I would not see it directly

Q. From where you sat, did you see the window of the Brandon home? A. Well, no, I paid no particular attention to the window, it is not of much size, but you would see but a very small part of that window from the angle at which you would be sitting in the outer part of the swing.

Q. While you were at breakfast, do you recall whether or not someone came to see Rev. Williams? A. Yes, he did not finish with the others, he got up.

Q. He got up and went to see this person? A. Yes.

Q. Did you see that person? A. No, I didn't pay any attention to him.

Q. Now, from where you sat on the porch, could you see door of the Brandon home? A. Yes, I could.

Q. Now, did you have an appointment with anybody or not at the Williams' home that morning, if so, who was it and what time was the appointment made for? A. I had an appointment with Mr. Fletcher, he had passed early in the day and he said he wanted to see me and would be back on his way to the Navy Yard around about eleven o'clock.

Q. Around about eleven o'clock? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How was Fletcher travelling, driving or walking? A. He was driving.

Q. Did he come back to the Williams' home in response to that appointment? A. He did.

Q. Was he driving then? A. Yes.

Q. What time did he get back there? A. About eleven o'clock, I should say.

Q. Now, let me ask you, had you been on the porch from the time that you saw Fletcher go down and you made this appointment with him and the time he came back, during that time were you on the porch? A. No not when I first saw him; I had been in the house and I had eaten breakfast, after having made the appointment with Fletcher.

Q. You made the appointment before breakfast? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You were on the porch then, as I understand you, from along about half past ten, up until the time that Fletcher came back, is that right? A. Yes.

Q. What time did you say Fletcher got back? A. Well, judging without looking at one's watch, I should say it was about eleven o'clock, he was there about 11 o'clock.

Q. Did he get out of his wagon? A. No.

Q. He drove up to the curb—was it a horse and buggy? A. No, a wagon, as I recall it.

Q. Now, you had the conversation with Fletcher, did you? A. I did.

Q. Where were you when you had this conversation with Fletcher? A. Well, I started the conversation from the porch, he having driven up close to the sidewalk.

Q. Was he at all on the porch? A. After a while I walked over towards him and engaged in a conversation of a private nature.

Q. Did you come out on the pavement? A. Yes, that is what I said.

Q. Near to the curb, where his wagon was? A. Yes.

Q. Now, where was his wagon standing with reference to the Brandon home? A. Well, he was standing directly in front of our porch, no part of the horse or the vehicle as I recall was up as far as the Brandon home.

Q. He was in the wagon, was he? A. Yes.

Q. Now, from where you stood, talking to Fletcher, and Fletcher was in his wagon, did you have a clear view of the door to the Brandon home? A. Yes, I didn't have the view I have of you, I was not directly in front of the door, but I had a view sufficient to see any one pass in and out.

(Mr. Green) : If you happened to be looking that way.

A. Yes.

(Mr. Grason) : How long were you talking to Fletcher there?

A. I was talking to Fletcher the better part of an hour.

Q. And this conversation between you and Fletcher started about 11 o'clock? A. Yes.

Q. What? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You were talking about church affairs, were you? A. For the most part we did talk a little bit of Masonry.

Q. So you were talking lodge and church? A. Yes, sir; that is the most we talk about, you know.

Q. How old a man are you? A. Forty.

Q. Have you good hearing? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Your hearing is pretty keen, is it? A. Yes, sir.

Q. It has been testified to here that between eleven and half past eleven, there was a rushing sound from the Brandon home and a rambling noise over there, state whether or not you heard anything of that character while you were standing there talking to Fletcher, in the Brandon house? A. I heard no such thing.

Q. It has been stated that along about that time, there was a chair knocked over in the front room of the Brandon home and a door slammed. State whether or not you heard anything of that kind while you were standing there?

(Objected to.)

(The Court) : I don't think it was said in that way; the testimony was, as I remember, there was a chair swung by the window.

(Mr. Grason): Yes, sir; and it was testified to that the woman's arm was pulled in and the door slammed along about that time. I want to contradict that, too.

Q. Did you hear a chair knocked over in that room while you were standing there? A. No, sir.

(Mr. Green): There is no testimony that it was knocked over.

Q. Did you hear a door slam while you were standing there? A. No, sir.

Q. What if any noise did you hear from the Brandon home whether while you were on Williams' porch that morning or while you were talking at the curb with Fletcher? A. I heard nothing to attract my attention.

Q. Did you hear anything? A. No, sir.

Q. Now, about what time was it when Fletcher left? A. I should say about ten minutes of twelve and I can tell you why I say so.

Q. You say about ten minutes of twelve? A. I say about ten minutes of twelve.

Q. How do you fix that time? A. Because Mr. Fletcher noted that he was late and I would state that my being in Annapolis, I wanted to go see Mr. Clark, who I knew personally and I wanted to go down to the store where he worked to see him, and I said to Mr. Williams come on, I want to go down to the store and he called my attention that it was so near twelve o'clock that Mr. Clark would be out and we had better wait until after his dinner hour; that incident fixed the time with me.

Q. Did you notice the house No. 30 Second street, across the street from the Williams' home, while you were standing there that morning? A. No, I could not locate that house by number.

Q. Now, this is (indicating on plat) Second street, Annapolis; West street is up here; this is the Williams' home at this

point; this is the Brandon home, a three-foot alley between; now over here is No. 30, right across the street, No. 30 Second street, did you notice that house 30 Second street, while you were standing there talking? A. I didn't pay any particular attention to it.

Q. Do you recall hearing any conversation of people in 30 Second street, while you were standing there talking to Fletcher? A. No, sir.

Q. Did you hear any? A. No, I don't remember any.

Q. Did you see anybody sitting at the window of the 30 Second street house? A. No.

Q. Now, while you were standing there, either while you were on the Williams' porch or while you were standing at the curb talking to Fletcher, did you see anyone go in the Brandon house? A. No.

Q. Did you see anybody come out of the Brandon house? A. No.

Q. Did you see the little colored boy that was on the stand the other day? A. I saw the little fellow here.

Q. Did you see him pass down that street, while you were talking to Fletcher, or while you were on Williams' porch? A. No, sir.

Q. Now, after you say Fletcher left, about ten minutes of twelve, what did you do after that, after he left where did you go? A. Well, I had not read—it was late when I went on the porch and I had not finished reading the morning paper, and after Fletcher went, I knew I had an hour before I would start down the street—

Q. In other words, you gave Mr. Clark an hour for lunch? A. Yes, and I read the paper and sat there with Williams and talked.

Q. What time did you leave to go down and talk with Mr. Clark? A. I was planning to give him a chance to get back from his lunch and I left shortly after one o'clock, I should say.