

circuit court

Names:

Routt, Elizabeth E.

Spraggins, Robert S.

Tate, Abner

Whitaker, Nancy

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Madison Co., AL

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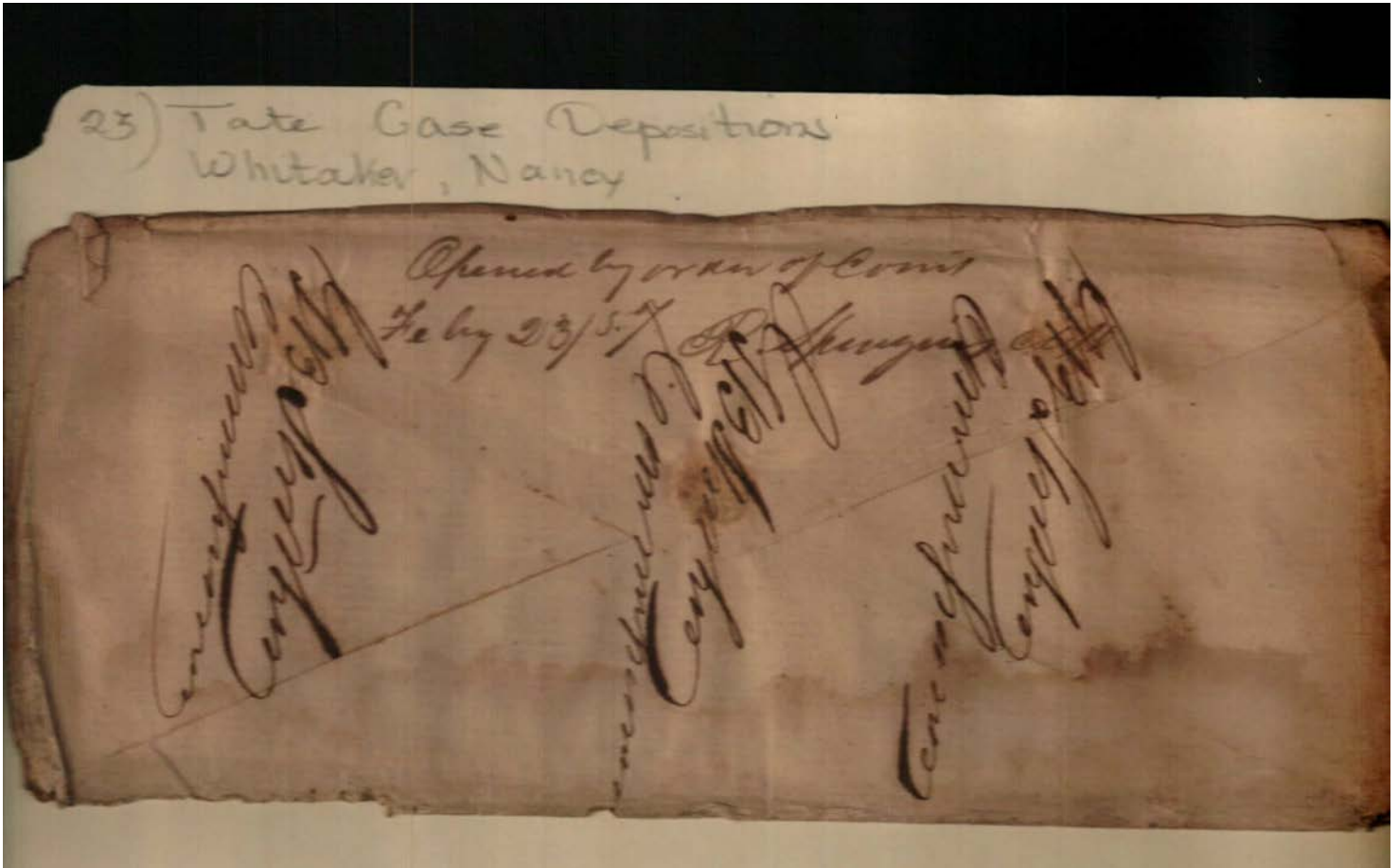
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Strother, G. B.

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23) Tate Case Depositions
Whitaker, Nancy

Deposition of Nancy Whitaker, sworn and examined, under and by virtue of a commission issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Alabama for Madison County in a certain cause therein depending between Elizabeth C. Routt Plaintiff and Abner Tate defendant.

The said Nancy Whitaker a witness in the case of the plaintiff being first duly sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth at the deposition and say as follows

1st Interrogatory by Plaintiff
Did you or not know Alexander Jeffreys who formerly lived in Madison County Alabama
In answer to the 1st Interrogatory she says she did

2^d Interrogatory
Did you know him at the time of his death
In answer to the 2^d Interrogatory she says she did

3^d Interrogatory
What relation did you bear to him
In answer to the 3^d Interrogatory she says she
He was my father

4th Interrogatory, Who was his wife at the time of his death
In answer to the 4th Interrogatory she says she
Elizabeth C. Jeffreys who is now Elizabeth C. Routt.

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5th Interrogatory: Did she or not marry
again
In answer to the 5th Interrogatory she says
~~she did~~ she did

6th Interrogatory: How often did she marry
and who was her last husband
In answer to the 6th Interrogatory she says
After the death of my father she first
married Robert High, her first husband
was Absalom Brown and after his death
she married Willis Routt who was her
last husband

7th Interrogatory: Did you see your father
buried after his death
In answer to the 7th Interrogatory she says
Yes

8th Interrogatory: What was he buried in the day
or night time
In answer to the 8th Interrogatory she says
In the night.

9th Interrogatory: If you say in the night then
say about what hour on that night
In answer to the 9th Interrogatory she says
I suppose he was buried about ten o'clock
in the night

10th Interrogatory: How many white persons
were present, when he was buried, state
also what you can recollect

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In answer to the 10th Interrogatory she says she
knows my father's murderer I do not think
there were more than five or six white persons
present.

11th Interrogatory: What was said or suspected
to be the cause of his death
In answer to the 11th Interrogatory she says she
It seemed to be the opinion of the relations of
my father who were present that he was poisoned

12th Interrogatory: Did he linger or did he die
suddenly
In answer to the 12th Interrogatory she says she
I was not present at his death, but I was sent
for and on my arrival at his house I found him
dead, and was informed that he ate his breakfast
as usual in the morning, walked out in his garden
and returned to the house and went to bed and
died on the night of the same day this was not
any before I arrived at his house

13th Interrogatory: ~~Was it not~~ ^{it was} said or suspected that he was poisoned
In answer to the 13th Interrogatory she says she
It was.

14th Interrogatory: What was suspected of poison-
ing him or having a hand in it
In answer to the 14th Interrogatory she says she
My own impression was that his wife
either done it herself or caused it to be
done, and some others of the family believed
the same as I did, and I believe all the

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relations that I have conceived established
the same way

15th Interrogatory: What was said by the
Neighbors to be the Cause of his death
In answer to this Interrogatory she says
I do not live in the neighborhood at that time
and cannot say what public opinion was in
the Neighborhood at that time

16th Interrogatory: State any thing you may know
In answer to this 16th Interrogatory she says
When I arrived at my father's I perceived he
had been dead twelve or fifteen hours, I found
the lips of my father, cold, greatly swollen
his flesh about his face turned very dark
before he was buried, so as to present a very
uncommon and very unnatural appearance
which caused me to believe that some foul
agency had been used to put an end to his
life. Since the death of my father I have
heard many foul crimes alleged against
her from time to time which of themselves if
true would sufficient to destroy the reputation
of any one, and which have confirmed me
in the opinion I have long held in regard
to her guilt of my father's death

As to her Character: Judging from
the reports I have received, I have considered
it to be bad for several years past
Several Subscribers before
The February 1857
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Commissioner

Ann Whitaker

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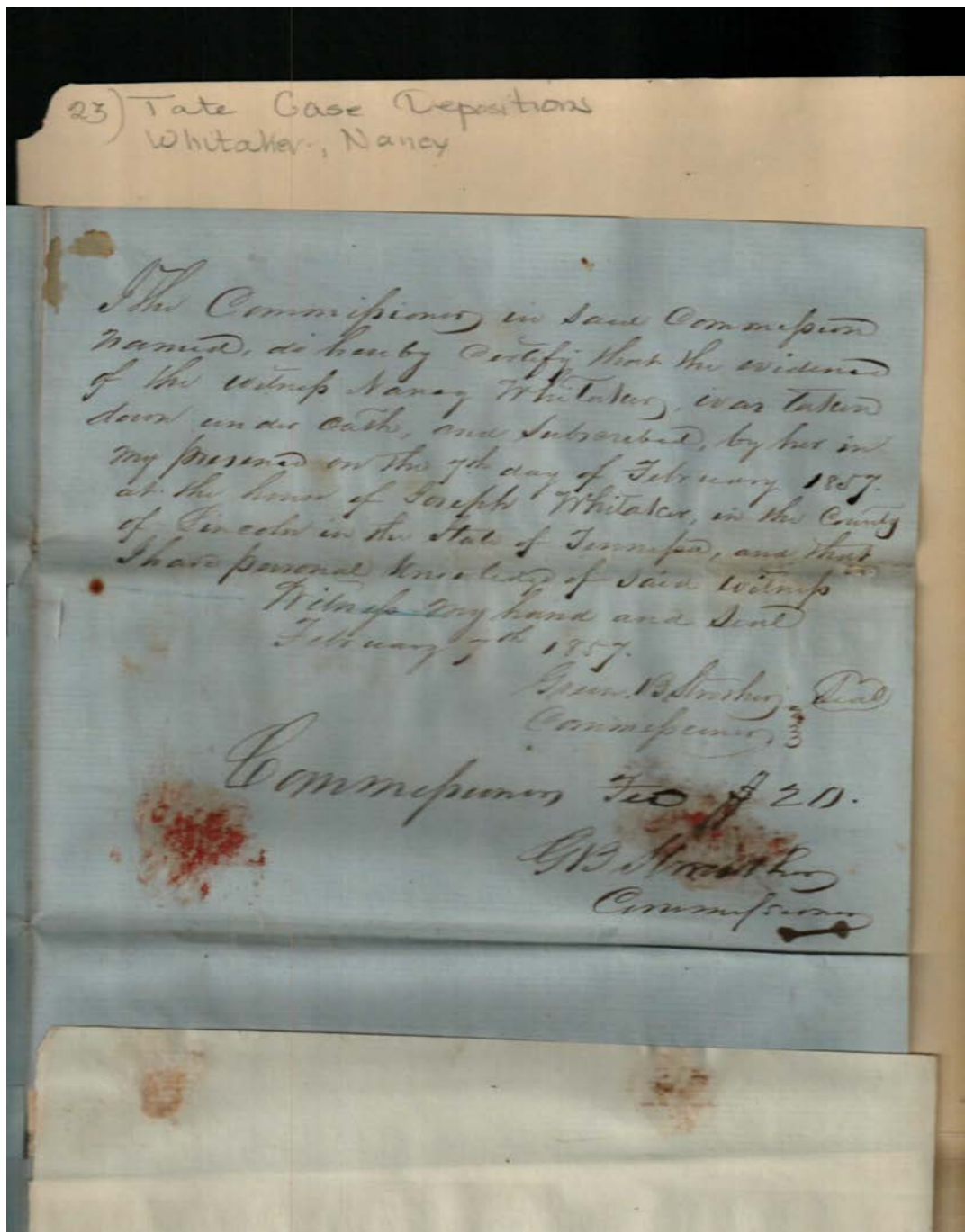
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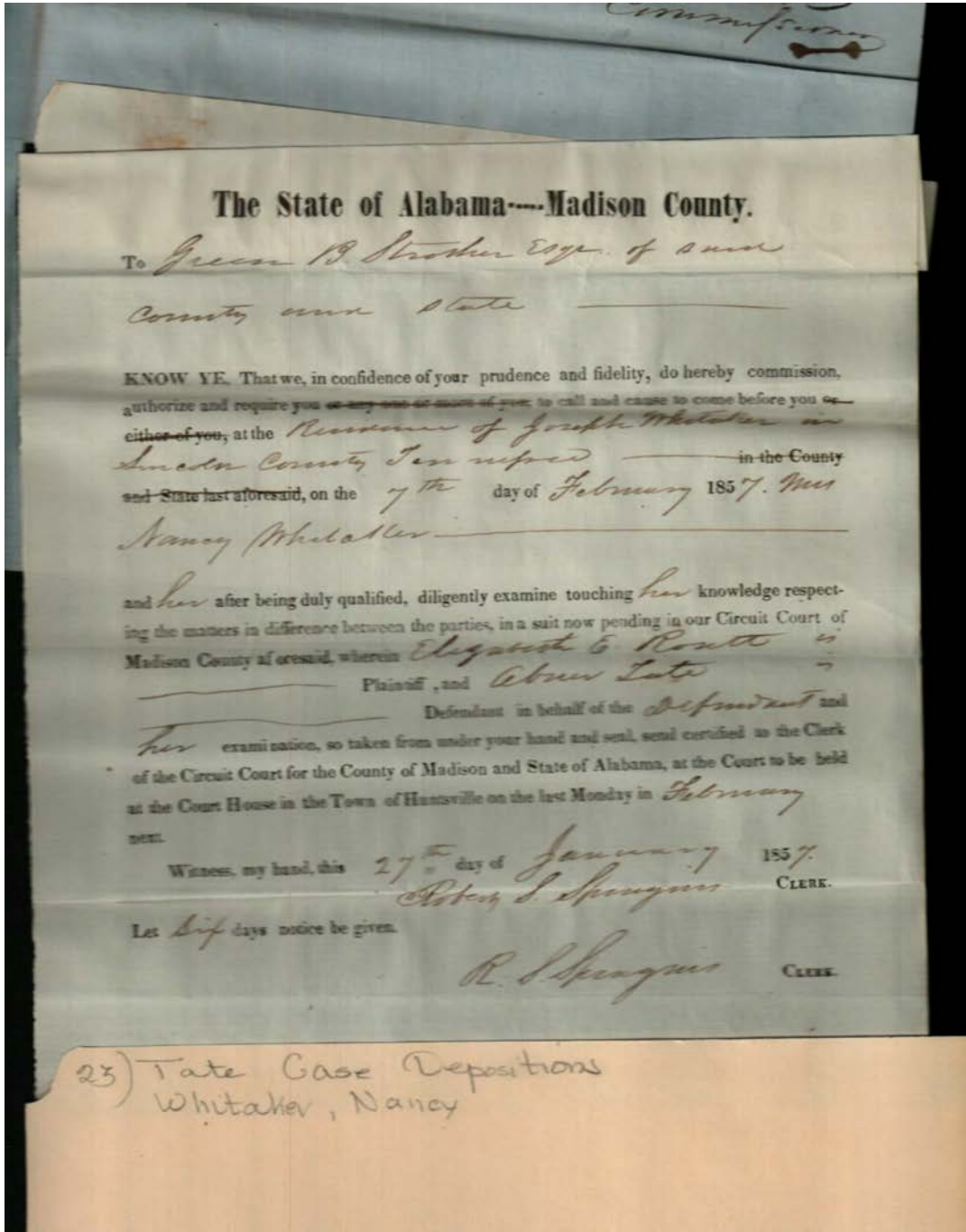
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