

I, John Suter....., being duly sworn, depose and say:
to wit:

I. I am an American citizen, 18 years old, a white volunteer working in voter registration in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

II. On Monday, July 13, 1964 I, in the company of Robert Newbery, another voter registration worker, took Mrs. Leonard, a Negro, down to the courthouse so that she could make application to vote. J.W. Smith, the county registrar, walked up to us and said, "Well, you came back." Then he said, "Well, I will see you later," and then walked away. Bob said, "How much later, sir?" and Smith said "I don't know," and started to walk away. He said, "You had all last week to bring them in and you never brought any in the afternoon." We said that we had. Then Mr. SMith said, "You were going to school and now I have to go to school." A couple of minutes later he came back and started to do some work. He looked up at least twice and saw that we were there. We waited for about a half an hour, then police chief Ben Collins and another officer came in. Smith asked Collins, "What do you want?" Collins replied, "to redish." Then SMith said, "There is a couple out there, they have been waiting for about an hour." Smith said to us, "You are going to wait all afternoon and I would rather you wait out there," meaning, outside the courthouse. Then Collins said, "You heard him, get out." At the same time, he started toward us. Bob walked out and suddenly remembered he had left his clip board and returned to get it. When he returned, Smith asked him, "what does she want?" Bob said, "She is here to register to vote." Smith said, "I have already talked to you about that and go and see the judge." Then Bob asked, "Can she stay?" Smith said, "Certainly not." Bob replied, "Now just to get this straight, do you mean that she does not have the opportunity to register to vote today?" Collins said, "That is what he said. Don't you have ears?" ~~They left.~~ We left.

Signed

John Suter
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Subscribed ~~in~~ and sworn to before me
this 13 day of July, 1964

Signed

Clayton E. Henry
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Notary Public
City of Clarksdale
My license expires.....