

The following anti-rent war indictment was submitted by Steve McNeill, January 9, 2008 to the Delaware County NY Genealogy and History website.

Del: Oyer & Termine
The People
Vs
Darius Travis
& others

Indict for being disguised
& armed (Stodard Sale)

J. A Hughston
Dist. Atty.

A true bill

Oring Griffin foreman

Filed Sept. 29, 1845
Oct. 1, 1845. Deft.

Abel Gould arraigned & plead
not guilty

The Jurors of the People of the state of New York in & for the body of the County of Delaware do present that Darius Travis Baxter Travis Joseph Morse Ethel Travis Smith Sanford Riley Sanford Levi Sanford Augustus Kittle Peter F. Swart Abraham Swart Thomas Laidlow, David Close, Garner Sweet, Abel Gould Together with drivers other persons to the jurors aforesaid unknown on the first day of February 1845 at the town of Delhi in said County of Delaware with force & arms unlawfully wickedly willfully feloniously riotously & tumultuously did assemble & gather together to disturb the peace of the people of the state of New York & did then & there paint discolour cover & conceal their & each of their faces and did so disguise their & each of their faces persons as to prevent themselves from being identified & did then & there arm themselves with swords dirks guns rifles pistols & other offensive weapons & while so having their & each of their faces painted discoloured, covered & concealed & their & each of their persons do disguised as aforesaid & being so then & there unlawfully riotously roughtously & feloniously assembled & gathered together as aforesaid & being so armed with swords dirks guns rifles pistols & other offensive weapons did then & there make great noise riot tumult & disturbance for a long space of time to wit for the space of one hour then next ensuing to the great terror and disturbance not only of the good people then & there inhabiting, residing & being but of all other good people of the state of New York then & there passing and repassing along the public streets & highways in contempt of the said people & their laws and contrary to the provisions of the act

entitled “An act to prevent persons appearing disguised & armed” passed January 28, 1845 against the form of the statute & of said act in such case made & provided & against the peace of the people of the state of New York & their dignity –

And the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present that the said Darius Travis Baxter Travis Joseph Morse Ethel Travis Smith Sanford Riley Sanford Levi Sanford Augustus Kittle Peter F. Swart Abraham Swart, Thomas Laidlow David Close Garner Swart & Abel Gould together with said divers other persons to the jurors aforesaid unknown afterwards on the first day of February 1845 at the said town of Delhi in said County of Delaware unlawfully wickedly willfully & feloniously did assemble & gather together to disturb the peace of the people of the sate of New York & while so unlawfully wickedly willfully & feloniously assembled & gathered together as aforesaid did then & there paint discolour cover & conceal their & each of their faces & did so disguise their & each of their person as to prevent themselves from being identified & did then & there arm themselves with swords dirks guns rifles pistols & other offensive weapons while so unlawfully wickedly willfully & feloniously assembled & gathered together as aforesaid & while so having their & each of their faces painted discolored covered & concealed & while so then & there armed as aforesaid did then & there wickedly willfully & feloniously remain & continued so assembled & gathered together armed & disguised as aforesaid for a long space of time to wit for the space of one hour then next ensuing to the evil example of all others in like cases offending contrary to the provisions of the act entitled “an act to prevent persons appearing disguised & armed” passed January 28, 1845 against the force of the statute in such case made & provided & against the peace of the people of the state of New York & their dignity

J.A.Hughston
Dist. Atty.