

No. 373. HDA-HIN-HDAY.—Convicted of the murder of Mrs. Adams's child, and others. Was one of the party that brought Mrs. Adams in.¹

Trial Record November 3, 1862

Proceedings of a Military Commission convened at Camp Release opposite the Mouth of Chippewa River by virtue of the following order

viz:

A Military Commission composed of Colonel Wm Crooks of the 6th Reg., Lieut. Col. Marshall of the 7th Regiment, Captains Grant & Bailey of the 6th Reg. And Lieut. Olin of the 3rd Reg. Will convene at some convenient point in camp at 10 o'clock this morning to try summarily the Mulatto, and Indians, or mixed bloods, now prisoners, or who may be brought before them, by direction of the Col. Commanding and pass judgment upon them, if found guilty of murder or other outrages upon the Whites, during the present State of hostilities of the Indians, the proceedings of the Commission to be returned to these Head Quarters immediately after their conclusion, for the consideration of the Col. Commanding.

(signed) H.H. Sibley

Head Qtrs. Camp Release Min. Oct. 15 1862

I. The Military Commission of which Col. Wm Crooks 6th Regt Minn Vols is President will reconvene tomorrow at 10 Oclock AM or as soon thereafter as practicable and proceed with the business before it.

By order of Gen.l H.H. Sibley
S.W. Fowler Lieut Col. A.A.A. G1

The Military Commission met pursuant to the above order-

Col. Crooks - 6th Reg. M. V.

Maj. Bradley, 7th Regt. M.V. Members

Capt. Grant, 6th Regt. M.V.

Capt. Bailey, 6th Regt. M. V.
Lt. Olin – 3rd Regt. M. V., Judge Advocate
Adjutant Heard – McPhail's Mounted Rangers – Recorder

The Military Commission was duly sworn and Hda-hin-hday a Sioux Indian was arraigned in the following charge and specifications, viz

Head Quarters Camp Sibley
29th October 1862

Charge and specification against Hda-hin-hday a Sioux Indian
Charge –Participation in the murders, outrages & robberies committed by the Sioux Indians on the Minnesota frontier

Specification –In that Hda-hin-hday a Sioux Indian did join with and participate in the murders robberies and outrages committed by the Sioux Tribe of Indians on the Minnesota frontier between the 18th day of August 1862 and the 28th day of September 1862 and particularly in the Battles of the Fort, Birch Coolie, New Ulm, and Wood Lake

H.H. Sibley
Brig Gen Commanding

Witness
Alex Graham

Prisoner states –
Was not at the Fort, nor at New Ulm, nor at Birch Coolie. Was at home with the belly ache.
Was at Wood Lake. Did not fire there. Was not out to the Big Woods.

Alex Graham, sworn, states –

I have heard that the prisoner was the man that killed Mrs. Adams child. I don't know the fact but have heard so.

Prisoner states –That he knows nothing about himself. Don't remember of doing anything bad.

Jos. Campbell, sworn, says –

Prisoner was out at Cedar Island and with others brought in Mrs. Adams. Mrs. Adams once pointed him out to me as the man that killed her child. The prisoner was of a party who were a little ahead of us when we stopped for breakfast. We heard them fire their guns and when we caught up we found a white man killed with his head and hands cut off.

And there upon the case being closed the Commission was cleared and proceeded with their finding and sentence.

The Military Commission after due deliberation on the foregoing, the evidence being closed and Commission was cleared and proceeded with the finding and sentence.

The Military Commission find the prisoner, the said Hda-hin-hday, a Sioux Indian, as follows –

Guilty of the specification
Guilty of the charge,
And sentence him to be hung by the neck until he is dead.

[signatures of Mil. Com.]²

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36. Had-hin-day (*To Make a Rattling Noise Suddenly*) says that he was up north at the time of the outbreak, and did not come down until after the killing of the whites was past; was at the Battle of Wood Lake. He says he is charged with killing two children but the charge is false.³

¹Whiting-Ruggles Report to Abraham Lincoln December 5, 1862.

²Dakota Trials Records. Microfilm and holograph records in Center for Legislative Archives, U.S. Senate Records, National Archives. Transcription by Walt Bachman. See corresponding digitations of microfilm by John Isch.

³*Mankato Independent* December 26, 1862, "Confessions of the Condemned" p. 2. Editorial introduction reads: "Rev. S. R. Riggs has kindly prepared for us the following synopsis of conversations held with each one of the condemned prisoners, wherein is contained much interesting information."