

Hannah Ann Treadway affirms that on the 25th of August
1847 William H. Pillow, accompanied by Luther Lee, Francis Pitcher
and Rachel Patten, at ten minutes before 12 o'clock, arrived at the Office
- that she went and conducted them into the house - then went imme-
-diately to the North family to inform Ann Pillow of their arrival.
That dinner was soon prepared for them, and before they had finished eating
Ann came into the Office, and went with her into a front room, where
they expected, William to go after dinner - was present when William
and Ann met - Wm left the table before the rest of his Co. did - thinks
there were no one present but herself at the time they met - Wm walked
up to Ann and kissed her apparently contrary to her feelings, for she drew
back and said, "William, I wish to be excused" - Luther Lee & company
soon entered the room, and she withdrew, leaving Ann alone with the Co -
no other female entered the room, where they were sitting while they stayed.
Elisha Blakeman soon came with the boys, Daniel Bowler also came
in the course of a few minutes - They were the only persons present, about
two o'clock Rachel Patten requested to see Ann Pillow in a room alone -
her request was granted, Semantha Fairbanks conducted them into a
room where they could be retired by themselves, - and on turning to leave
the room Rachel Patten requested her to stay with them, and she did so.
Richard Bushnell came into the Office a few minutes previous to this, and
about ten minutes before they started to go, Richard Bushnell went into
front room where William & company were sitting - Rachel Patten requested
to see Sarah Smith and Antoinette Doherty, that Antoinette was in a north east
room in the Office at the time, having by Ann's special request, accompanied her

there — that she went directly to the North family found Sarah Smith and requested her to go to the Office — that she immediately returned — when she got onto the stairs — saw the company in the hall, Luther Lee had hold of one boy, Frances Pilcher another, and Rachel Patten another, Wm Pillow had hold of Ann Pillow's arm making towards the door — Samantha Fourbanks was passing thro' the hall going towards a N. E. room nearly where Wm and Ann were standing Ann reached out her arm and tried apparently to catch hold of the door casing — (Ann afterwards said she never believed till that moment that Wm would ~~would~~ go so far as to lay hands on her to force her out of the house) — failing in the attempt, she caught hold of Samantha's arm and said Sisters do help me — William kept hold of Ann's other arm — and Samantha said Wm there is no violence to be used in this house —

At this, he seemed to give back a little, and Ann, by holding on to Samantha's arm, made out to get into the room with her — did not see Antoinette D. in the hall but after they got into the room, saw Antoinette lay her arm around her did not see Samantha or Antoinette pull or push Ann

Hannah Ann Treawney

Sarah Ann Lewis says she saw Luther Lee have hold of one boy Frances Pilcher another, Rachel Patten the other, saw William H. Pillows have hold of Ann Pillows arm saw Ann try to get hold of the door casing — then take hold of Samantha's arm, heard Ann say sisters do help me — heard Wm say "come my dear just go at once — heard Ann reply say "William I shall not go — heard Richard Bushnell and Daniel Bowler say "as to the woman we have nothing to do with her — that she was perfectly free to go if she choose — as free to go, as she was to come — heard Richard Bushnell tell Luther Lee, he was exposing himself to the law, in abducting a child, that was lawfully bound or indentured to the man of the house, in his absence.

Heard Daniel Bowler forbid Williams using violence in the house - After Ann had got into the room saw Antoinette put her arm around Ann as I thought to support her - did not see Samantha or Antoinette pull or push Ann - heard William ask Luther Lee several times what they better do Luther replied, we will go immediately to Hudson and get a precept and have the whole posse of them out there - After William let go his hold of Ann - saw him put one hand upon each shoulder and said "Well my dear if you wont go with me - let me kiss you, this he did which appeared to be disagreeable to Ann - Saw Frances Pelcher offer to kiss Ann - heard Ann say she did not wish to receive a kiss from her - Saw Frances P, shed many tears - heard Sarah Smith ask Ann if she could not give her a kiss of charity - Sarah had just got to the Office and was entirely ignorant of what had transpired - Frances Pelcher said before leaving the house "What will they think of us! I am disappointed you are not such a people as I expected, by what I ^{had} heard - I hope you will forgive us - Ann Pillow was entirely free, no one touching her, for ten or fifteen minutes before she, and William parted - and at the time, they parted - So testifies

Sarah Ann Lewis

Personal

Ann Pellows

Direct-Interrogatories

Q What is your name place of residence &c
A Sarah Ann Lewis - live in New
Sebanon - in the office - am an assistant there - You are called
Deaconess, are you not? A Sometimes we are called Deaconesses
when - - - spoken of - Are you acquainted with Wm H Pillow &
Ann his wife - A Have frequently seen them - Did you see them
on the 25th of August 1847 - A I did - When and where did you see them
A, at our office - I saw the carriage when they arrived, did not see
Wm and his co - until they went to dinner - I waited upon the table
Where did you next see them? I saw them no more until they had
started to go. In what position did you ^{the} see them? I saw them in the
hall - Wm H Pillow had hold of Ann's arm - Luther Lee had hold of one
boy Frances Pilcher another and Rachel Patten another - - Please to
state what you know and saw after that - A. I saw them walking in
the hall - from the front room towards the east door - Saw David
Boyer standing at the head of the stairs with his hands behind him
Heard him say "As to the woman we have nothing to do with her
but the boys I feel bound to protect - seeing Edward Fowler is absent
from home - Heard Richard Atwell Luther Lee that he was exposing
himself to the law in abducting a child that was lawfully indentured
to Edward Fowler in his absence - Also saw Wm & Ann pass the head
of the stairs - think they turned a little towards the head of the stairs
enough to see that some one stood there - did not hear Wm say
anything about going down stairs - When they got opposite the door
of the North East room, saw Ann Pillow reach out her arm, and
take hold of Samantha Fairbanks - heard her say sisters do help me
heard Samantha say "Wm there is no violence to be used in this
house - Saw them pass into the N.E room Ann still keeping hold
of Samantha's arm - did not see Antoinette in the hall - heard
Wm say to Ann Come my dear just go at once - heard Ann reply
may Wm I shall not go - Heard Wm ask Luther Lee what they
had better do - L. replied we will go to Hudson and get a warrant
and have the whole posse of them out there -

Q Did Wm H visit his wife after he left previous to the 25th of August
A He did, spent several days - saw and conversed with her alone as
much as he pleased - Did you hear Ann Pillow say anything
(relative

to the proceedings at the Office on the 25th. I did - when and
where? At our Office - she said the sisters did not touch her until
she asked their help - she would testify to that let her go when she would.

Upon Cross examination we all testified that we thought they went
into the room sideways but could not tell certain - Did not state
which arm Wm took hold of - but thought it was Anns right arm
could not be positive -

Trial of Ann Pillow

S. A. Lewis