

ing close beneath the skull; his wound presented about the same appearance as Elizabeth's, if anything, the worms in her wounds were a little the largest; that might have been caused by her hair creating more heat; the wound was larger in the front part of the head; I could put my two or three fingers in the wound; it would have caused instant death; the next was John; his wound was through the body; I think it entered near the spine and came out in his right breast, passing through the right cape of the lungs; the wound was sufficient to cause instant death; the next was Mrs. Brown; she was on the bed; above the right eye there was a wound, three or four inches in length, running obliquely across the extreme corner of the eye, the depth of it I could not tell; the bone was fractured the whole length, but the skull was not separated in the center; this was sufficient to cause death; found her throat cut; the wound above the eye seemed to have been done by a dull axe, at one blow; the cut on the throat was evidently done with a sharp instrument, it was a clean cut; all the important blood vessels were cut; her throat must have been cut after she received the blow; the next was David; he presented the appearance of a person having been strangled; his face black, his tongue swollen and hanging out; there was a small mark on him, and the appearance of a ball through his pantaloons, between his legs, it just circumscribed him, as it were, slightly; the next was George; there was a slight fracture on the back part of his skull; I also found his right arm broken; part

of the lower jaw was broken; but cannot say whether it was done by a ball or by some animal that had evidently been feasting upon the body; should think that his throat had been cut; all the flesh about the neck and head was entirely eaten off; the fracture of his skull and jaw would have produced death; I am satisfied that he came to his death by violence committed by some person; from the appearance of the bodies, I think Jacob and Elizabeth were first killed; none of the others showed signs of putrefaction; the general appearance of the others were similar; there could not have been much difference in the time of their death; it would, in warm weather, I think, take two hours after death, before a body would become stiff; saw Robert McConaghy on Sunday, when he was brought forward for examination; his nervous system seemed considerably affected; examined his hands; found something at the corner end of his nails, some dark substance that looked like blood; at the edge of the little finger of the right hand there was blood remaining there distinctly; I said, "Robert, is your finger sore?" he said not; McConaghy said, if it was, he did not know how it came; Monday following, I examined his person; saw nothing like blood then; the blood that was around the little finger was gone; the dark appearance about the other fingers and nails was there; found a dark mark on his left shoulder; I asked him how it came there; he said he did not know; on the first day I examined his hands, they presented the appearance of being some-