

History/PS # 315

Re: Names w/ Ray Case

James Earl Ray

Arthur Hanes

William Bradford Huie

Percy Foreman

Preston Battle

Philip Canale

Judge MacRae

(FNU) Hooker

Charles Quitman Stephens

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Chronology of Ray case in the court system

Appeal to the Tenn. Court of Criminal Appeals--denied

Appeal to the Tenn. Supreme Court--denied

Appeal to the Shelby County Court for post-conviction relief--denied

Appeal to the Tenn. Circuit Court of Criminal Appeals--denied

Appeal to the Federal District Court asking for the trial Ray never received--denied

Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit(Cincinnati) --a breakthrough. Judgement of Court was that "The entire record reeks with ethical, social, and professional irregularities, demanding a full-scale judicial inquiry."

Evidentiary hearing in 1975 w/ Ray's defense granted the right of discovery. Judge Harold MacRae still ruled against a trial for Ray. Judge also forbade Ray's lawyer from exercising a subpoena power for more than 150 mile radius of Memphis. (This excluded Huie, Foreman, and Hanes).

MacRae's denial upheld by the 6th Circuit Court.