

Ray Signs a Pauper's Oath  
But Court Aides Overlook It

MEMPHIS, July 19 (AP)- James Earl Ray's civil suit against two of his former attorneys and a writer has been filed in Federal District Court after court officials found Ray had signed <sup>\*</sup>a pauper's oath.

Ray, who pleaded guilty here March 10 in the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., is serving a 99-year term in the state penitentiary.

The Petition for the suit was received by the court clerk's office <sup>July 17</sup> Thursday without a required \$250 cost bond.

Court officials found <sup>July 18</sup>yesterday that Ray's pauper's oath had accompanied the petition, and the suit was formally filed.

The suit alleges that the lawyers, Percy Foreman of Houston and Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., and the author, William Bradford Huie of Hartselle, Ala., conspired to violate Ray's civil rights by capitalizing on commercial aspects of the Ray case.

\* date signed?