1848: July 15. Broadside, to the voters of Lewis County.
Truth is Omnipotent!  

TO THE VOTERS OF LEWIS COUNTY—ONCE MORE.

FELLOW-CITIZENS:

It again becomes my unpleasing duty to appear before you in a Circular, for the purpose of doing justice to my name and reputation, and disabusing the public mind, in reference to a certain malicious and slanderous report, which has been put in circulation with the design to injure (but impossible, it seem) my election in August next.

It seems that Mr. Reddin has recently flooded this county with certain certificates, designed to sustain him in the miserable and pitiful charge, which has been so industriously circulated against me; but, unfortunately for himself, he parades this testimony in a very questionable shape—not one of his witnesses having made oath to his statement. As I have shown, in my former statement, the entire falsity of the report alluded to, I do not, at present, purpose to recapitulate that evidence, believing, as I do, that most of you have already decided, in your own minds, that the report is altogether false; and that it has been put in circulation only for the purpose of defeating my election.

As a set-off, however, to the certificates of his unavowed witnesses, and for the purpose of putting a final quiets to further falsehoods and misrepresentations upon the subject, I hereby beg leave to present for your consideration, the statements of five witnesses, MADE UNDER OATH—the veracity of none of which, I presume, will be disputed. These statements, undoubtedly settle the question, and prove, most conclusively, that I did not, as charged by Reddin, plead the Statute of Limitation, in the suit with that man. Read the following, and "let justice be done, though the Heavens fall!"

I, William Brightman, personally appeared before N. R. Garland, a Justice of the Peace for Lewis county, and made oath to the following certificate, to wit:

I, W. Brightman, am a son of the said Esq. Brightman, who tried the suit between T. E. Reddin and N. R. Garland, in 1836; and I was living at home—where at home—time of the trial, and heard my father talk of the case before and after the trial, and never heard that the Statute of Limitations was plead, until after N. R. Garland became a candidate; and the said Garland never did plead the Statute of Limitation, or I would have heard of it; for I was present at the trial.

Given under my hand, this 1st day of July, 1848. WM. BRIGHTMAN.

I am requested to state what I know about a suit between N. R. Garland and T. E. Reddin. There was a suit in the year 1836, in which I was a witness, and at the trial on the 8th day of May, 1836. I never heard the Statute of Limitation mentioned, until N. R. Garland became a candidate; and what makes me think that Garland ever pleads the Statute of Limitation, is this: Garland told T. E. Reddin, if he would swear to his account, he, the said Garland, would pay the amount. I said Reddin refused to do so, and I think if N. R. Garland had pleaded the Statute of Limitation I would have heard it, for I was at the trial. Given under my hand, this the 8th day of July, 1848.

J. W. VEACH, J. P.

R. B. GARLAND.

LEWIS COUNTY, S.C.

Before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for said county, personally appeared R. B. Garland, who being duly sworn, deposed and affirmed, the above statements to be the best of his knowledge and memory. Given under my hand, this the 8th day of July, 1848.

J. W. VEACH, J. P.

1. Abraham Jones, personally appeared before N. R. Garland and made oath to the following certificate, to wit:

I, Abraham Jones, was at the trial between N. R. Garland and T. E. Reddin, before A. Brightman, Esq., in the year 1836; and I paid particular attention to the suit, and never heard the Statute of Limitation mentioned, before N. R. Garland became a candidate; and also I think that the case went off upon the proof in the matter between the two men, and also the Justice A. Brightman, Esq., manifested to me that the case was tried fair, and not on the Statute of Limitation; and also I was living at the house of said Brightman, at the time of the trial, and I think if Garland had had pleads the Statute of Limitation, I would have heard it. Given under my hand, this the 8th day of July, 1848.

ABRAHAM JONES.

Also, the above named Abraham Jones, personally appeared before the subscriber, John W. Veach, a Justice of the Peace in and for Lewis county, and Commonwealth of Kentucky, and made oath to the truth of the statement.

Given under my hand, this the 8th day of July, 1848.

J. W. VEACH, J. P.

I am requested to state what I know about a controversy between the parties, N. R. Garland and T. E. Reddin: All that I can say is this: I have acted as Constable, at that time, and executed two summonses, one on R. B. Garland, the other on Harry Griffith, both returned on the 28th day of May, 1836, before A. Brightman, Esq., which was the day of trial; and I never heard the charge against Garland, until since he came out as a candidate for the Legislature. I have been an acting constable here, a Lewis county trustee, and have lived within three miles of him fifteen years, and I never heard or knew anything disrespectful of him, the said Garland.

Given under my hand, this the 8th day of July, 1848.

WILLIAM P. SAVAGE.

LEWIS COUNTY, S.C.

The foregoing certificates of John W. Leitch, sr., and William P. Savage were this day sworn to, and acknowledged before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said county. Given under my hand, this the 8th day of July, 1848.

J. W. VEACH, J. P.

I am requested to state what I know about the trial between N. R. Garland and T. E. Reddin, I was the trial for T. E. Reddin, and I never heard the Statute of Limitation until after the said Garland became a candidate; and I don't think that Garland ever plead the Statute of Limitation, for he had, I think I would have known it; and I further state, that Thompson N. Stratton was not at the trial at any time that I was there. I think I heard the most of the trial, or all of it, and the last trial. Given under my hand, this 3rd day of July, 1848.

WILLIAM FRIZZELL, Sr.

If anything more, than the preceding testimony shall be wanting, to prove my innocence of the charge which has been preferred against me, the People of Lewis must be less willing to do justice to their fellow men than I have ever believed them; and until I am convinced that such silly reports, as that which is here disproved, are believed by them, in the face of this incontrovertible proof, I remain, as ever,

Your friend and fellow-citizen.

N. R. GARLAND.

LEWIS COUNTY, July 12th, 1848.