

BOY MURDERS HIS PARENTS.

Confesses Slaying of Parents and Also His Two Sisters.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 20.—Charged with wiping out the four members of his family, two by two, on dates exactly one year apart, Frank McDowell, 19 years old, tonight was confined in the Pinellas County jail at Clearwater to await trial in one of the most amazing murder cases in Southern criminal records.

The youth signed a confession late today admitting that he shot and killed Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell, his parents, last night and that he caused the fire in which Marion, 18, and Willemagee, 16, his two sisters, perished at Decatur, Ga., February 19, 1923.

In the story which he repeated three times to Chief of Police George M. Coalick and Chief of Detectives John Trotten, Frank said his mind became "hazy" at times and that during these spells he was obsessed with the hallucination that the members of his family were followers of the anti-Christ.

Tracing the origin of these "hazy" spells, Frank said that when he was 12 years old he blasphemed the "Holy Ghost" and that since that time he has been trying to expiate his sin, but he did not explain of what this "blasphemy" consisted. This "blasphemy" occurred on a February 19, he said.

Every year since when the anniversary of this "blasphemy" approached, Frank said, his mind became erratic and he believed his family to be allied with the anti-Christ. These delusions continued annually until one year ago he felt that he must kill his sisters in order to atone for his "blasphemous" sin.

After he had started the fire in which his sisters perished, Frank said his mind returned to rationality and he was appalled at the crime he had committed, but did not reveal it to any one. When February 19 of this year came near, he felt that the death of his parents was a sacrifice demanded as penance for the killing of his sisters, he said.

Explaining the Decatur, Ga., fire, Frank said that he crept into the room occupied by his sisters, saturated the bedclothing with gasoline, fired the inflammable mass with coals carried from the family hearth and fled from the house when the blaze flared up, locking all exits behind him.

Although the house did not burn to the ground, the room in which the two girls slept was destroyed.

Frank said he went to sleep on his couch in a room adjoining that of his parents last night without any definite thought of violence to Mr. and Mrs. McDowell. He dreamed, he said, that he was commanded to accomplish the destruction of his father and mother. He said the dream was so compelling that when he awoke he arose from his bed, went into the next room and fired five shots at Mr. and Mrs. McDowell.

The first shot struck Mr. McDowell. The bullet penetrated the left temple and passed out on the right side of the head. Mrs. McDowell also was shot through the left temple and the bullet emerged in the same manner, imbedding itself in the pillow where it was found later. Apparently neither had been aroused.

Between the bodies of his parents Frank said he laid a note, typewritten on paper which had been cut out in heart form. The note contained the Lord's Prayer and a garbled wording of family Bible phrases, written in lower case letters with spacing between words.

Frank said he wrote the note Monday on a typewriter in his father's office. It was intended, he said, to refer to his three sins. "Sin shall be washed away in the blood of the Lamb as it gusheth from the body of thine slain enemy" and "I offer up this prayer to the Spirit, written upon the likeness of mine heart" were typical phrases.

Woman Burns To Death.
Sumter, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Margaret DesChamps, mother of Messrs. Geo. T. and R. E. DesChamps, of Mayesville, was burned to death at about 2:30 yesterday afternoon at her home in Mayesville, according to information reaching here. Mrs. DesChamps according to the report, was an invalid and had been left in her room alone. When members of the family returned her clothes were all aflame and she was burned to death before the blaze could be extinguished. Mrs. DesChamps was said to be about 75 years of age.

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Very respectfully,
H. G. CARRISON, JR.

For Alderman Ward Three.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election for Alderman for Ward Three in the coming Democratic Municipal Primary.
J. H. Osborne.

For Alderman Ward Four.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Alderman for Ward Four of the City of Camden in the coming Democratic municipal primary.
E. C. ZEMP.

For Alderman Ward 6.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Alderman from Ward Six, subject to the rules governing the primary election.
W. R. HOUGH.

For Alderman Ward One.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Alderman for Ward One of the City of Camden in the coming Democratic Municipal Primary.
W. L. JACKSON.

For Alderman Ward Two.
To the Voters of Ward Two:
At the suggestion of friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from Ward Two, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.
OSCAR J. SMYRL.

For Alderman Ward 5.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Alderman from Ward 5 of the City of Camden, subject to the rules of the coming municipal primary.
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MASTER'S SALE.
State of South Carolina,
County of Kershaw,
Court of Common Pleas.

Loan and Savings Bank, Plaintiff,
vs.
R. L. Peebles, L. H. Peebles, et al.,
Defendants.

Under an order of His Honor, M. L. Bonham, Presiding Judge Fifth Judicial Circuit, dated February 13, 1924, I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash before the Kershaw County Court House door, in Camden, in said State, during the legal hours of sale on the first Monday, being the third day of March, 1924, the following described real estate:

"All that piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the State of South Carolina, and being partly in the Counties of Kershaw, Sumter and Lee, containing Three Hundred nine and One-Fourth (309 1/4) acres more or less, as shown by plat of R. W. Mitcham, Surveyor, bearing date, March 29th, 1912. The said tract of land is bounded on the North by lands of Burrows; on the East by lands of W. C. Rodgers; on the South

by lands of Hawkins, Shiver and Hatfield, and on the West by lands of Burrows. The said tract of land is the same conveyed to S. F. Brasington by deed of W. C. Rodgers bearing date June 1st, 1912, and of record in the office of the Clerk of Court for Kershaw County in Book A. G., at page 119, and in the office of the Clerk of Court for Lee County in Book N, at page 22 and filed for record in the office of the Clerk for Sumter County; and is the same tract of land conveyed to R. L. and L. H. Peebles by deed of S. F. Brasington bearing date the 13th day of April A. D. 1921." Said real estate to be sold subject to a prior mortgage held by the Federal Land Bank of Columbia.

Anyone desiring to bid at the said sale shall first deposit with the Master a certified check or cash in the sum of Two Hundred and No Hundredths (\$200.00) Dollars as an evidence of good faith. To the unsuccessful bidder the Master shall return any checks or cash so deposited at the conclusion of said sale. Terms of sale, cash.

B. B. CLARKE, Master.
February 14, 1924.

MASTER'S SALE.
State of South Carolina,
County of Kershaw,
Court of Common Pleas.

Jamie W. Dinkins, et al., Plaintiff,
vs.
Robt. W. Dinkins, et al., Defendants.

Under an order of His Honor, W. H. Townsend, Judge Fifth Judicial Circuit, dated December 19, 1923, I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash before the Kershaw County Court House door in Camden, in said State, during the legal hours of sale on the first Monday, being the third day of March, 1924, the following described real estate:

All that parcel or lot of land on the



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Western side of the Wateree river, in the County of Kershaw, State of South Carolina, known as the Cullen Place of J. R. Dinkins, containing Two Hundred Sixty-nine (269) acres, more or less, on the Waters of Twenty-Five Mile Creek, and bounded on the North by the Hayes place of J. R. Dinkins, East and South by lands formerly of Bailey; and the Cullen lands of which this was once a part, and West by lands now or formerly of Branham and lands of Nettles.

Any one desiring to bid at said sale shall first deposit with the Master, a certified check or cash for the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, as an evidence of good faith and as a guarantee of compliance with the terms thereof, which deposit shall be returned to the unsuccessful bidder at the conclusion of said sale.

To be sold at the risk of the former bidder.
B. B. CLARKE, Master.
February 14, 1924.



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