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MURDER MOST MYSTERIOUS.

GILES THOMPSON IS FATALLY ASSAULTED.

The Jury of Inquest Fail to Agree on the Verdict and Two Members Refuse to Sign It--The Testimony.

On last Friday night between 9 and 10 o'clock, there was, perhaps, the most blood curdling murder committed about six miles east of this place, in Draytonville Township in Union county, that has ever been committed in our section of the state, and Giles Thompson a colored man was the victim.

Giles Thompson was one of the most industrious men of his race in this section. He had bought a track of land and paid for it by hard work. He had it in a good state of cultivation and on it had, with his own hands, built a comfortable dwelling and all necessary outbuildings that he might in his declining years enjoy the comforts that his hand and constant work had provided. But his destroyer came when he was still at work in the night time and took his life.

Since Thompson finished working his crop he has been hauling wood to Gaffney as he told a neighbor "to get a little money as cotton was going to be short."

On last Friday afternoon, Thompson brought a load of wood to Gaffney, disposed of it and left the city rather late, which put him in the night reaching his home. About a hundred yards or two from his house he had to go through a gate, and while at this gate and after passing his team through it he was ruthlessly assaulted by some unknown person apparently with an ax or hatchet and his head and face was beaten and cut into a bloody mass. His team proceeded down to his house and was cared for by his little son, thinking that his father was near, but while at the barn he heard groans in the direction of the gate. He told his mother, who hurriedly went with him in the direction of the groans.

When they reached the gate they found the father and husband prostrate on the ground wounded as above described, speechless, unconscious.

They soon aroused the neighbors who speedily assembled around the prostrate body of the unfortunate man and moved it to his home where he lingered in an unconscious condition until Sunday night about ten o'clock when he died without even being able to give the slightest clue to his inhuman and fiendish murderer or murderers.

As Thompson was found at night, little could be done towards hunting the murderer. But early Saturday morning everybody was on the alert, and every effort was made to unravel the mystery, and on Sunday Ben Jefferies, a step-son of Thompson, was arrested on suspicion and brought to Gaffney and placed in the city prison. Jefferies was carried back to Thompson's on Monday morning. Magistrate H. A. Tate soon arrived and proceeded to hold the inquest. D. Painter, acting constable, soon summoned the following men and Esq. Tate swore them in as jurymen, and they selected John Alexander foreman: John Alexander, Columbus Spencer, R. S. Spencer, R. Lemaster, S. Blanton, Joe George, Wallace Littlejohn (col.), Bud Wilson, Ferrel Stroup, John Barnhill, M. R. Stewart, L. Darwin and G. W. McCown.

The jury first viewed the body and had the wounds explained to them by Dr. C. A. Jefferies, after which the taking of testimony began.

The first witness sworn was Wheeler Thompson, son of deceased. He said: "On Friday night about 10 o'clock I went out to the gate and found the wagon and team without the driver. I took the mules and put them in the stable and heard him groaning up at the gate. He had been to Gaffney with a load of wood. I had gone to bed. Mother called me and told me that the wagon had come. Mother and me went to hunt father and found him at the upper gate on his back. He was unable to speak. I could not see any wounds. I never knew of him having any fuss with anyone except mother. I don't know if he had any money. I don't know of anyone whom they accused of burning his house. I don't know who did the deed—the hatchet has never been misplaced. I don't know of anyone who could have done the deed. The hatchet was looked for in the shop, but was not found. I don't think the hatchet had a handle in it. Jack Service was here that day after coal."

Ester Thompson, wife of deceased, being sworn said: "On Friday night between 9 and 11 o'clock, the wagon came up to the gate. I woke Wheeler up and told him that the wagon had come. He put the mules up and came back and told me that he heard his father groaning. We went up there and I picked him up, but he was unable to speak. He said on Thursday that he had enemies all around here, but I cannot say who did the deed. He got the gun and set it by the bed Thursday night—something he has never done before. On that particular day I did not know of any fuss that he had had with anyone. The house was burned just one week before. I did not accuse anyone of burning the house."

Giles said things brought here when I moved was his. He told me to tell Ben to keep away from here. He also ordered Nat to keep away from here. Giles has not hit me since I have been here. I do not know how much money he had. I do not know why Giles forbid Nat from coming here. I do not know anything about the hatchet, where it is. I would not say that he burned the house when he was lying in bed with me. I was asleep when he called me and I do not think he could have gone out and set it on fire. Ben never did say that he was going to kill Giles in my presence. Mr. Spencer searched Giles' pockets and found seventy-two cents. Giles said that he believed that I would be glad if crowd would come in and mob him.

Dr. Chas. A. Jefferies being sworn said: I was called to see Giles Thompson on Sunday about 10 o'clock. I found him with a compound fracture on both sides of the head, also several cuts, both on head and face. The wounds on head seemed to have been inflicted with some blunt instrument while those on face was done with a sharp instrument. On being asked whether or not he thought that wounds could have been inflicted with a hatchet, here pled that he thought they could.

Nat Curtis, (col.) being sworn said: I do not know anything of this man's death. I was here on the morning after the deed was committed. The Wednesday before the killing I was coming up the road with Ben. (Giles step-son) he said if things continue like they were going on he would burst his (Giles) head for him. I also heard another man say that he heard him say the same. I do not know the man's name. It was last Wednesday morning when he said this. He did not tell me that Giles burnt the house. I was not at Giles house the day before the deed was committed nor was I down on the creek before day on the morning after. Giles and myself were on good terms. We never had any difficulty. I wanted him to know that I was one who attended to my own business and was not afraid of any man. We never played cards on Sunday but have played many a time; the last time was in his piazza some time ago.

Ester Thomson recalled, said: Nat and Giles had a fuss, or at least that is what Giles told me. I heard Giles order him off; this happened about Christmas.

Mack Hudson, sworn said: One day Easter, Giles' wife, came over to my house and told my wife to come over and get some watermelons. I went over instead of my wife to get the melons, Ben (Giles' step-son) was there. Ben told me to hurry up and get the melons before Giles returned as it would cause trouble if Giles came and caught them giving away the watermelons and that he did not wish to have any trouble with him.

John Montgomery being sworn said: I after being notified with several others went to where Giles was lying at the gate, we found him lying on his face, we picked him up and carried him down to the house. I stayed with him, but was never able to get any thing out of him as to who did the deed. We tracked someone from near where Giles was found across the field and saw some cotton with blood on it, where the one who committed the deed had

wiped his hand or the instrument with which it was done.

Limited space forbids the publishing of the testimony of L. H. Stroup, Cabel Spencer, J. S. Cook, Will Montgomery and John Montgomery. The jury retired and after consultation returned with a verdict that the deceased came to his death in the manner described in the evidence and by the hands of some one to them unknown. We learn that Mr. Richard Lemaster and Mr. Joseph George, two of the jurymen refused to sign the verdict.

Ben Jefferies was released and it is evident that the jury did not believe a word of the evidence against Nat Curtis. The witnesses who made the statements against him, first tried to implicate Ben Jefferies and at last turned on Nat, seemingly without effect.

There are a number of well defined theories relative to the tragedy. One in which many agree is, that there is a woman in it, and that Giles' removal would make the way clear for the enjoyment of his hard earned home by another.

Jno. O. Tate, of Asbury, was among the progressive Ledgerites in Gaffney Tuesday.

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