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THE FULLER TRIAL.

THE DIRECT EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENDANT INTRODUCED.

THE JURY BRINGS IN A VERDICT OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

The first witness introduced by the defense was Henry L. Cook examined by Mr. Rose. Mr. Cook said: "I was on the back porch of my mother's house on South Hay street the day the homicide occurred. I heard a pistol shot and went immediately to the front and saw two on the ground near the edge of the walk. I said: 'What's the matter? Who is that?' Fuller was not standing up at first, but raised up and said: 'It's Ben Parker, and he jumped on me without cause. He was very bloody and his clothes were dirty.' The witness then described how Parker was lying and the location of the vicinity.

Dr. W. C. McDuffie, examined by Mr. Battle, said: "I am a practicing physician. I saw Fuller at the sheriff's office three quarters of an hour after the homicide. He had a wound over each eye, and one in the centre of the forehead, one on right ear, one on the back just below the neck, and his nose was cut on both sides."

The witness described the character of the wounds carefully and gave his opinion as a medical expert that the wounds could not have been made with the knuckles of the human hand but were made with some hard substance, and said: "Fuller was suffering very much. I was afterwards called to see him at the jail. He had malarial fever and discharges from the ear and nose—discharges of blood, I think, caused by the wound on head. He was sick some time after the homicide—was delirious several days, caused, I think, by the wounds affecting his head.

Upon the cross examination nothing new was elicited.

Dr. H. W. Lilly then testified: "I am a physician—graduated at University of Virginia in 1878 and at Bellevue Hospital, New York, in 1879 and practiced until 1885. I saw Fuller in jail the day after the homicide. I made no critical examination of the wounds, but saw them and examined sufficiently to say that they could not be made with a man's fist and were made with a hard substance."

Dr. McDuffie testified that Fuller has suffered for eight or ten years with scrofula, which debilitated him and he was a weak man. Parker was a powerful, strong man, physically well developed. Fuller weighed about 125 pounds; Parker about 175 pounds.

Dr. Lilly also testified as to the scrofula weakness of Fuller.

Mrs. Steele, was called who testified as follows: "The morning of the homicide I told Miss Chandler that Mrs. West said she had heard her say that Fuller had threatened Parker. She said she had not told Mrs. West anything at all. I have never heard Miss Chandler say she heard threats. She did not tell me so."

Mr. Strange, a civil engineer, then testified: "I have made plats of the street and location of the houses (here the plats are introduced). I made the plats yesterday and the day before.

I was assisted by Capt. Morrison, who is also a civil engineer. From Mrs. Cook's to Webb's hotel is 147

feet to the eastern edge. To the western side it is 106½. To Gorham's gate it is 60½ feet. To the western of Gorham's lot it is 60½. To John Steele's house it is 39 feet. To Otterburg's house it is 341 feet. To Mrs. Carrow's it is 230 feet. To Sheetz's (Mrs. McIntyre's) house it is 155 feet. The sidewalk on the north side of the street is 5½ feet. The pavement in front of Mrs. Cook's house is 9.7 to the fence. The niche spoken of is one foot wide. The porch is 28 feet long. The height of the fence is about 4 feet. The tree is 3 feet from an east line of the house.

A person sitting in the wing of the Sheetz house cannot see Webb's house. A person standing in the eastern niche could see a long distance.

There is nothing to obstruct the view. The magnolia in Mrs. Sheetz's yard does not obstruct a view from the door of the wing of the house to where Parker was killed. The roots around the tree jut out of the ground, and surround the tree 1½ to 2 feet, and are an inch to two inches high."

Tom Cain (colored) then testified as follows: "I was at the old Otterburg building cleaning brick (341 feet away.) I saw two men coming down the street. I was talking to Jim Strander and Josh Hadley. I looked around and saw the men going down to the ground. Parker was on top beating Fuller and was doing so when Fuller shot him. I saw Albert Webb run there. Albert Webb has gone to judgment (dead.) I saw one running away from there," (This to contradict Emma Taylor's testimony.)

The cross examination of this witness brought out nothing new.

"L. C. Jones was then examined for the defense and said: "I was subpoenaed as a state witness, and was examined before the coroner. I am in the railroad business. The day of the homicide I was at Mr. Carson's house east of the place where the homicide occurred, on the opposite side of the street. I saw Fuller walking up and down the street with hands folded back of him. At one time he started to go into Mr. John Steele's house, but turned around and came back and went and sat on the edge of the piazza of Mrs. Cook's house, with his left arm resting on the banister. I soon saw Capt. Kingsbury and Parker coming down the street. When they got to where Fuller was, Parker stopped and Capt. Kingsbury went on down the street.

I looked down the street, and when I looked back to where Parker and Fuller were they were scuffling on the ground—Parker on top of Fuller with his left hand in his collar and striking him with right hand. I soon heard a pistol shoot and saw Parker.

On cross examination this witness try to get something out of Fuller's hand, and while attempting to do this he fell over on the sidewalk, and Fuller got up and went on down town.

I went across the street and met Fuller at Webb's. His face was bloody. I saw no one back of Parker and saw no one run away from them."

said: "I was sitting on the porch of Mrs. Carson's house on a bench when I first saw Fuller. He was walking up and down. He was walking between Mr. Steele's gate and Mrs. Cook's. He finally sat right in the niche, but I could see him plainly. I can't tell whether Parker came opposite Fuller before stopping. I suppose I looked away not more than half a minute. When I saw them again I think Fuller's head was near the tree. Fuller's feet were towards the house where he was sitting. The tree did not obstruct my view. Fuller was

lying almost directly across the street Parker was on top of him, and the portion of his body that was not on him was on the left of Fuller, nearest to me. Parker fell, I think, on the right side of the tree, nearest to me. When I got there Mr. Cook and Maj. Gorham was there and had moved his head. They were fighting on the upper side of the tree. You misunderstood me when you thought I said on the lower side of the tree. I measured the distance from the niche where Fuller was first standing to where Parker's head was and it was thirteen feet."

James R. McNeill, colored, was the next witness. He said: "I am an undertaker. I have been all my life. I dressed the body of B. C. Parker. There was no wound on his person but the pistol wound. I made a critical examination and there was no scratch or mark of any kind on his person, except the pistol wound."

Robert Strange, recalled, said:

"Since I was examined this morning I have been back to the house and measured the height of the fence, which is three feet ten inches high, and the banister is four feet five and one-half inches from the ground. A man of Fuller's height could stand there and rest his arm on the banister. I suppose the floor of the piazza is about two feet."

James R. McNeill, recalled, on cross-examination, said: "I have the clothing, hat, etc., worn by Parker at his death." (The State offers them. The defense objects, as the State proved the location of the wound and they didn't deny it. The court admits them and allows them to be exhibited to the jury). "I washed and dressed Parker. He had no ring on his finger."

THE DEFENDANT ON THE STAND.

Edward Jones Fuller, the defendant, then took the stand and testified as follows: "I am the prisoner at the bar. I was born April 5th, 1849.

I have lived the greater portion of my life in Fayetteville. I was acquainted with Ben. C. Parker several years. I had no intimate acquaintance with him. He visited at some houses that I did. I was at the time a bookkeeper in the insurance office of Col. John A. Pemberton. Occasionally Parker and myself spoke if we met. I should say we were neither friends or enemies. There was no feeling on my part. In January 1893 there was a little misunderstanding between Parker and myself at Mr. Sam Steele's house. That night Parker and myself went up there. I met Parker the next morning and said: 'Oh, Parker don't say anything about that difficulty.' He said; 'Do you take me to be a fool?' He then said: 'I will make an agreement with you. If you 'dip' into that thing, you come to me and I will make it all right, and if I 'dip' I will come to you and you make it all right.

I said: That suits me exactly, as I don't want to make these things public.' I told him that was exactly what I wanted. At that time I was rooming up town and taking my meals at Wright's cafe. A short time after that, about two months.

I was at the bank one day, and as I came out I saw Parker on the opposite side of the street near the post-office, and he stopped and waited until I came up. He said you have gone through that agreement. You have been talking about me. I told him I didn't recollect ever saying anything about it and asked him what it was and what he meant. He said: You have told that I said that when Miss Emma Steele went to Red Spring I was going to get a man to watch her.' I said: Parker I haven't

done anything of the kind, and I will go with you and face anybody who says so.' He said that was all right; that he didn't reckon it made any difference, and if it did, he would see me again. Whereupon he went on up the street, and I went by the postoffice towards Col. Pemberton's office. I haven't heard anything more of it. On Monday night, August 7th, I went to Mr. Steele's house as usual. I walked in the gate and up the steps and knocked on the door. The front piazza runs the whole length of the house. Some one spoke to me, and said: 'Here I am.' It was Miss Loula. I visited her. I went to where she was. She is older than Miss Emma. I took a seat on a chair near her and noticed she was crying. I asked her what was the matter. She said Ben Parker had called her a liar. I asked her how he came to do it. She cried and didn't answer. Parker afterwards came in and went on into the house. She got up and went on in and I walked on behind her, through the passage and diningroom to the back piazza. Parker and Miss Emma were sitting on the back piazza. Miss Loula said: Mr. Parker, I understand you have called me a liar. He said: 'No, I didn't.' She turned to Miss Emma and said: 'There is my author.' I didn't encourage her to go to him, and said nothing about it either way. Miss Emma jumped up and said: Yes you did, yes you did. Don't you recollect what I told you? He said: 'Oh, yes. I said that if she said what she did she was a liar.' He either said she was one or a liar—one of the two. Miss Loula and I went back to the front piazza. No further interview occurred between us. I saw Parker several times between that and Friday, the day of the homicide. He generally left about 10 o'clock and I left about 11 o'clock at night, as we did that night. I saw him Tuesday night, as I did every night. He came in and knocked and went on in the house while I was sitting on the piazza. I saw him again Wednesday night. Nothing unusual occurred that night. I saw him also Thursday night. Nothing unusual happened that night. I heard Miss Chandler's testimony. On one occasion Miss Loula and myself were sitting on the piazza, and Miss Chandler came into the piazza and spoke and started in the house, and I asked her to hold on. I asked her where she had been or some such remark. We had a conversation about a piano she had recently bought. I said nothing to her that night or any night during the week about Parker. I generally carried a pistol—have done so twenty years. On Friday I had a pistol, which I got from Walter Watson—rented it from him, thinking of a purchase. That was on Monday before I knew of any unpleasantness. I had Dr. Lilly's pistol and a day or two before he said he wanted it and I gave it to him. That was Friday or Saturday before. I carried the pistol all the week. It was a common pistol. Mr. Watson said he would take \$4 for it. I had a pair of knucks which Mr. C. A. Holland, of Maxton, gave me. I brought them to Fayetteville and one day a friend of mine got them from me. That was Mr. E. J. Lilly. I got them from him Monday morning. My reason for getting them was that on Saturday night I was sitting out in front of the barber shop waiting to get a shave and near there a Mr. Bethal got into a difficulty with a colored boy, and others came up, and finally they were quieted, I went up the street to see Bethal protected. I went up continued on 3d page.