THE SENTINEL

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1876

THE SWEPSON TRIAL. Complete Record of the Case.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Court met at half-past 3 o'clock. John R. Stockard, James Turrentine, J. F. Hunter and W. A. Albright, all swore to the good character of Dr. P.

Mrs. Mary Cook testified: My name is Mary Cook; am sixty-six years old. I live at Haw River, at Swepson's; have been there eleven years last April. My husband's name was Body Cook. He is dead. If dead on the list of September last. I have continued since my husband's death to live at Mr. Swepson's, as house-keeper. I knew A. G. Moore for ten years during my husband's lifetime. Since Swepson moved to Raleigh, Moore, on one occasion, rode up to the front gate cursing and swearing. I thought be was trying to pick a quarrel with my husband, and went where I could hear him. He said he was hunting for Swepson to kill him; that he would never die satisfied till he dld kill him. I was at Haw River on the 25th of January last, the day of the shooting. I saw Moore there. I first saw him after dinner, below the house, some fifty or 100 yards down the road towards the store. He was coming up the road : two boys were with him. He had a gun and one of the boys had a gun. He was cursing and swearing and abusing Mr. Swepson. Sometimes I' could hear what he said. Re said "coward," "thief," "brick walls." He went on up past the house. I don't know just how far; got over the fence into Swepson's field; went round back of the garden. I could her him all the way round. I could not see him all the tine. He was cursing Swepson for being a coward and thief. He got back into the road. I didn't see him get over. I saw him standing in the road and the boys were getting over. He stood there cursing for a little white, then came on up to the house again, cursing all the way. He went just past the house and then came up to the fence and stopped and faced toward the house. Swep on was at the fire-place. He had been sometimes sitting and sometimes standing up. I was in the east window. I could see him from the window when

he stopped. He came up to the fence,

faced toward the house and stopped. He hallooed something that I could not

was right up against the fence, or not far from it. Moore raised his gun and

and ran to the front window and shot

twice. Swepson had been lying down

asleep. I know he was asleep. I could

hear him snoring. I don't know whether

he had a gun or not when he went to the

door. The door opened inward between us, so that I could not see him. After

Swepson went to the door I saw Moore

raise his gun and point it at Swepson like he was going to shoot, and then it

not long between the shots. My son, Monroe's wife, Swepson and myself were in the room when this happened.

Cross-examined.—Mrs. Fonville was there that day. If she was in that room at any time during the day I don't recollect it. She came in the morning and was there spending the day. She is Washington Fonville's wife, She left next day. I didn't see her at the time of the shooting. She generally stayed in my room, the one adjoining Swep were any of the left of March leat year in conson's. There is a door between my room and Swepson's, it was shut all day. The door next to the kitchen was open at the time. I didn't notice my room door just at the time of the shoot-ing. My daughter-in-law stayed with Mrs Fonville. She was in the room at the time of the shooting. I didn't see nor hear Moore pass there in the morning. I saw him in the evening. His ner time, After dinner Swepson went oaths first attracted my attention. The main front door was open part of the time that evening. I saw Moore the first time from Swepson's window. He was down the road towards the store; could hear him say, "hid behind brick and "thief." "coward" He didn't stop the first time. I don't know how far they went till they crossed into the field. I saw them from the porch. There are three porches to the house. I went on all of them; went on one next to the kitchen first. Swepson didn't follow me nor did I follow him. Swepson went out on the Baker people for the state of the stat went out on the Baker porch first while Moore was making his circuit, and af-terwards on the one back of the house; had no gun with him. If he had had it I could have seen it. I saw Swepson in the yard that day. I don't know just what time. I didn't see him going round the house with the gun concealed under his coat. I could have seen the gun if he had had it. I could see Moore part of the time; he was going round and cowards." He went on down the the house, not all the time. I heard road and crossed into the fields. I did him call Swepson once. I can't tell not see him going round the house but where he passed through the woods. I could hear him. The next time I saw believe Swepson and I were on the him he had gotten over the fence and porch together. I was standing at the was standing still cursing and singing. font window when Moore came into the road the second time. I believe Hill was in the front yard, standing by the flower boxes. Hill is a negro man. show your heads." Swepson got up He was in the yard both times when and went to the east door, which was Moore passed. The boxes were on the about half open. I put my hand on the side of the house next to the road; on door shutter. As Swepson stepped out the right hand side of the walk as you he picked up his gun at the foot of the go to the gate. Hill was not doing door. I said, "Oh! Mr. Swepson." anything, and did not say anything to He had the gun in his right hand, down Moore that I heard. He might have at his side. Ma could not see Mr. Swepsaid something and I not have heard it. son for the door shutter. I looked

stopped he came up to the fence.

of the east window was down and the blind open. I didn't see whether Swep-

son had his gun or not. He didn't have

it at the fire place. The gun usually was kept in my room. It

were closed, but the slats were turned

so that any one could see through.

Swepson shot obliquely through the window, from the side next the passage.

was sitting down on the floor. I don't

know which way the gun was pointed.

I was afraid Moore would shoot me. I

didn't know what he would do. It was

not long after I sat down on the floor

before Swepson fired. It was not as

long as two or three minutes between

the shots. Swepson told Moore he

didn't want to have any difficulty with him. I didn't understand what Moore

room the last time Moore passed. I

Mrs. Fouville was in my room. I did

not see her. I don't know how long it

was until I saw her next, nor when I

saw Moore point the gun. I should

think Swepson was safe in the house. Moore could not have shot through the

Mr. Swepson, don't." I don't know that she did. If she had I could have

heard it. I didn't hear Hill Trollinger

say after the second shot, "Now you have plugged bim." Of course it would

make anybody feel bad to see such goings on. I don't recollect how long

Swepson had been up at Haw River.

He came frequently. I can't say how often. He stayed several days some-

times. Swepson had gone to Raleigh

when Moore came on horseback. I did

not see him have any gun that time. Moore came in daylight and called for

some six or eight years. The road runs in front of Swepson's house. The land on

both sides of the road belongs to Swep-

Re-cross examined .- I don't know how

long the gan has been there; six or

eight years I suppose. My husband kept it in his lifetime. Swepson used

it sometimes shooting at birds and hawks.

hibited was bought in 1868. I have the

exhibited and identified.

G. Rosenthal testified: The rifle ex-

Cross-examined .- I don't know

whether the gun has been at Haw River

all the time or not. The receipt or

check is for one carbine and freight. I

saw the gun at the time Swepson bought

Haw River. My husband's name is Monroe Cook, Mary Cook is his mother. We came from Alabama to Haw River on the 10th of March last year in con-

sequence of the sickness of my hus-

band's father. Besides Swepson there

were my morther-in-law, Mrs. Fonville

and myself at Swepson's on the day of the homicide. We ate dinner at one e'clock in the dining, room, in the back

into his room and lay down. I went

into my mother in-law's room. I could

hear Swepson snoring, and remarked

that he was making a good deal of noise over-his nap and must be enjoying it. While Mrs. Fonville and myself were sitting in my mother-in-law's room. Swepson called for Mrs. Cook. I answered his call and he told me to tell

the old lady to come there. I went for

Swepson's room by way of the east

porch. I saw Moore coming toward

Swepson's. He was down the road

some distance. He had two boys with

him. He had a gun and one of the

boys had one. He came on past Swepson's and I went into Mr. Swepson's

room. Mr. Swepson was sitting at the

fire-place. Ma was at the east window.

I could hear Moore say "damned thieves

When Moore passed the house he was around the door and saw Moore standwalking on the side nearest the fence. ing at the fence facing up toward the

hear. Swepson was then at the fire-place. Swepson said he did not want to have any difficulty with him. Moore

pointed it right at Swepson. (It was the depot, close by Holt & Moore's the door next to Baker's where Swepson store. The gun had been at Swepson's

was that Swepson jumped back. It was check for it, cancelled. The check was

Mrs. Monroe Cook was in the

I don't know how he fixed his gun.

don't know whether he turned off his course squarely to approach the fence, or came up to it gradually. I was not greatly excited. Moore was not opposite the east fence, some distance from it, five or six steps. When Swepson it want to have no difficulty with you."

Inderstand as Swepson stepped out. Swepson said, "what do you want?" Moore said, "damn you, I want to fight you." Swepson said "No," and after a pause, and throwing up his left hand, said, "Go away, Moore, it, five or six steps. When Swepson I want to have no difficulty with you." it, five or six steps. When Swepson went to the door, Moore hollered to him. Swepson could both see and hear Moore from the fire-place. The sash Moore then said, "Demn you, are you ready?" Swepson immediately jumped back, ran to the window and fired, and then fired again. I meant by saying to Mr. Swepson, "Oh, Mr. Swepson," that he would be shot down, and I didn't want him to go out. The sash of the east window was down; that of of the east window was down; that of stood between a desk and a bureau. the north window was up. Instantly, It was kept there because there was a after the last shot, Swepson turned round fire there to prevent it from rusting. They had had it out a day or two before shooting a hawk. I didn't see him pick up the gun. I don't know who misch the ash in the north window. There and said, "I am very sorry I had it to do, and I hope he is not seriously hurt." He them told the servants to go out and Col. Fuller holding Moore. I tried to get the Bowie knife out of his hand, but could not. He was surging, cursing and swearing, saying "Let me sitting at the fire putting on his boots.

was not much fire then. There had been a fire there that day. The blinds The bed had been pressed, the pillow at the foot as if some one had been lying across the foot of the bed reading. It was a pleasant, sunshiny day. It is customary to raise the windows in the morning when the rooms are cleaned up. The foot of the bed was toward the east door and nearest the fire-place. The east door will not open back to the mantel piece. Cross-examined-I am certain it was a

fair day; knew it had not rained that

day and do not think it had rained the day before. I don't remember about whether there was much or little fire; don't know who raised the window or who turned the slats, I said the didn't hear Swepson call her in. If he did I do not know it. I could have through the shad. He sent for me board him if he had. He sent for me Swepson ifot to shad; the not say any swepson if to shad; the stepped out on thing to him only as he stepped out on the porch. He fired the second time as quick as he could make the motion to reload the gun. I didn't hear the negro

man in the front yard say "you plugged him that time." Usually when Swepson is about the place the gun sits at the foot of the stairs. While my father-in-law lived he kept the gun in his room. Swepson care to Haw River frequently. brick walls. Moore didn't offer or at-tempt to come into the yard. I didn't hear Mrs. Monroe Cook say "Please, and used the gun to shoot birds sometimes. When Swepson stepped out on the platform I took hold of the shutter. I didn't go out doors, I don't think I let loose from the door. I may have done it, Moore said something first, I didn't understand what. Swepson said "what do you want?" Moore said "what do you want?" Moore said "damn you, I want to fight you." Swepson said, "no," then paused a little and waving his left hand said, "I want to have no difficulty with you" and stepped up on the door sill. Moore then said, "damn you, are you ready?" and Swepson jumped back into the room, ran across to the window and fired. After he shot the accord time by

fired. After he shot the second time he said, "I hope he is not seriously hurt." FRIDAY MORNING.

two or three years I suppose. The gun shoots eighteen times. When Swepson visited Haw River he always got off at Col. W. A. Albright was called as a witness to the character for truth of Mrs. Mary Cook, Victoria Cook and J. M. Elder, and testified that the characters of all the parties were good. James T. Hunter testified to the good character for truth of the same

R. A. Noell testified to the good character for truth of Mrs. Victoria Cook. Wm. Scott testified: I was at Linwood, in company with Col. T. M. Holt, in the autum of last year, and had a conversation with him. It was a general conversation in which the name of Swepson was introduced and it terminated with the words on the part of Col. Holt, "but for me my partner would have killed him long ago." first time I told it was to Brown, of the National hotel, just after the tragedy, and Brown, I understood, wrote to the prisoner what I had said. We were sitting on the porch of Col. Holt's residence, at Linwood, on a bench or chairs, I don't just remember which, in the dark of the evening. Holt's overseer, Fitzpatrick, was there, I think. The remark I have given of Col. Holt's terminated the conversation. I could not say that I talked much. Col. Holt part of the house, just opposite the had been doing nearly all the talking.

Holt expressed some dislike of Swepner time. After discussion occurred at disabout water powers and in that way got to talking about Swepson. The way I happened to tell Brown anything about the talk was this: The day after the tragedy we were talking about it in the hotel, and I remarked that I had expected a different termination of the affair. The written evidence of Sam. Oliver taken at Graham was 'here in-

troduced and read. D. A. Mebane was called and deposed to the good character of Mrs. Mary Cook.

S. A. White testified that Mrs. Mary Cook was a woman of first rate character, an exemplary christian and a truthful lady, a member of the Presbyterian church; said he had known her ever since he had known his mother.

Dr. Eugene Grissom testified to the good character of Dr. P. A. Holt, and said that he was Past Grand Master of

the masonic fraternity of North Caro-J. G. Moore testified : I live in Alamance county; knew A. G. Moore, I went to Haw River in the early part of 1875 to borrow some money from Col. Holt. Holt was not at home, and Moore and I got to talking about the Green suits. Moore said Green was not the guilty party; that Swepson was the man he was after; that he had written Swepson a letter in consequence of some notes to the factory girls, and he thought the letter would bring Swepson to a fight. I told him the world was big enough for him and George W. Swep-son. He said, "no, damned if it was. One or the other of them had to die;" that he had made all his arrangements once, and had his horse caught, and was going to kill the damned scoundrel and leave the state, but Tom. got to messing the verdict, we are glad to know, has round and broke it up. He said Tom. been universally favorable to both.—
was chicken-hearted man anyway. I From the Toledo Blade.

be house. Moore said something I did not understood him to refer to Col. Holt I understand as Swepson stepped when he said Tom.

Cross-examined .- I think Moore commenced the conversation by asking me where was Green. I told him I did not know. Then, as was his habit, he got to talking about Swepson. He said to talking about Swepson. He said nothing of what Green's offence was. I could not go over just what he said.
I don't remember any mention of the postal card. I had an idea of what he meant by "guilty men," but didn't gather it from what Moore said then. I Nervous Complaints, after having thoroughly told my wife of it as soon as I went home. Next told it to Col. Ruffin at Graham, at court. He applied to me and I declined telling him at first. The difficulty Moore and Green had in Greensboro was in 1874, at court. When I went into the room I found Dr. Holt and Col. Fuller holding Moore. I tried and swearing, saying "Let me loose—let me kill the damned rascal." Green was at that time gone out of the room. I met him going out as I came in. Swepson was standing off about six feet with a pistol in his hand. I never heard him say a word. I I don't think he opened his mouth. Moore pulled his vest open and said, "shoot, you damned coward, shoot or give me the pistol and I will show you how quick I will shoot you." Swepson was cooler than I was. There was a pistol fired after Moore went into the room and before I got there. I don't who fired it. The pistol Col. Fuller had taken from Moore went off accidentally in the tussle. I know it it was accidental because it came near hitting met Before Moore went into Green's room I had his pistol. We had a scuffle for it and he got it away from me before he went. When Col. Fuller's pistol went off Moore said, "turn me oose, they are trying to kill me." I didn't stay in the room all the time. got my hand hurt in the scuffle with Moore for the pistol. I went for help to get the knife from him. I left Moore, Swepson, Dr. Holt and Col. Fuller in

the room. Fuller and Swepson came out after the policeman went into the room. I never told Swepson about the conversation at Haw River. Charles Dewey testified: I know Wm. Scott; know his general character; it is

Cross-examined .- Scott is a farmer, formerly a land agent. I never heard any reports prejudicial to his character for integrity. I don't know Col. Tom. Holt. I don't think I know him when I see him

All the witnesses summoned by the defence, who had not been examined, were here tendered the state. The defence here closed their case,

with leave to examine two witnesses as to character.

Mrs. Mary Fonville testified : I was at Swepson's on the day of the shooting. And then the witness testified to nearly the same facts as testified to heretofore by the Mrs. Cooks, except time.

J. H. White testified to having gone on a trip to New York at the same time with Swepson and Moore, when there was no difficulty between them.

James T. Hunter testified to the good character of J. T. White and Col. T.

Col. T. M. Holt denied any recollection of a conversation at Linwood with Scott in which he made use of the expression attributed to him, and said : If I had said what Scott ascribed to me, it would not have been true except as to one occasion, and that was about six or eight years ago. The witness testified to Sam. Oliver's good character, and to that of McCulloch Whitsell. Didn't recollect saying the other day he hardly knew Wood Smith.

Jno. Denney testified to the good character of Col. Holt, J. T. White, A. T. Benton; didn't know Sam. Oliver; did not consider Moore a violent man. A. T. Benton testified to the good

character of Sam Oliver, McCulloch Whitsell, J. W. White, T. M. Holt and Jno. Denning; said Moore was a hightoned, chivalous, honorable gentleman; sober man; fair open man in a fight, though he had had difficulties enough in Alamance to establish a general character as to being a fair man in a fight; bave known him four years; have heard of his having several difficulties.

Dr. Mebane testified to the good character of Col. Holt, Capt, White and D. Y. Mebane. Gen. Hoke testified to the good char acter of Wm. Scott and T. M. Holt. Here the testimony closed and the GRAIN, HIDES, WOOL, TOBACCO,

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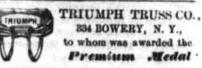
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