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#### SOMETHING TOLD HIM TO KILL.

This is the Only Explanation. That Daniels, the Randolph County Man Could Give for Shooting So Many.

The Journal gave a short account of the killing by Lowe Daniels of two women and a young man and the wounding of his own wife, a few days ago. Further details are given by the Asheboro Courier as a result of the preliminary hearing of the case at Asheboro:

Edgar Varner was a neighbor boy, son of Ivey Varner, living not far from the home of Daniels. Ethel or Coon Daniels is a young woman 17 years old, sister of Lowe Daniels, and lives with her father, Will Daniels in Stanly county, and Lora Luther is a daughter of Ransom Luther and sister of the wife of Lowe Daniels. The facts are as stated by Mrs. Roella Daniels at the preliminary hearing on Sunday afternoon are in substance as follows: Lowe Daniels left home on Thursday before the shooting saying he was going up to Davidson county where he lived when a boy. He took a mule and buggy and returned Saturday night and appeared to be sober. When he came to the door of the small room about 12x14 ft., where his wife, her sister, and Edgar Varner were sitting. He went into an adjoining room got a gun came back to partition door and shot Edgar Varner through the head, who never moved and died sitting in the chair. He then shot his wife in the shoulder, breaking the bones, so that there will have to be amputation if she lives. She is expected to die every hour. Mrs. Daniels says in her evidence that he never moved out of his tracks in shooting Edgar and her. He came from the partition door, to the east side of the room and shot Lora Luther, his wife's sister, he was not more than eight feet from her when he shot her. After shooting the Luther girl, Daniels said, "Coon come here and Ethel or Coon Daniels as she is called, came to the partition door and he shot her through the head as he had all the others except Mrs. Daniels. Mr. Daniels stated that he saw Coon fall and says Edgar Varner lying back in his chair dead and Lora Luther on the floor dead. Lowe Daniels and Ransom Luther laid the dead bodies on the floor said Mrs. Daniels and she heard them put the body of Coon Daniels on the bed. Lowe Daniels married Roella Luther, daughter of Ransom Luther 8 years ago, the 28th day of September, last.

Will Hurley was another witness examined at the preliminary hearing before J. S. Ridge, on Sunday afternoon. He said he was at Lowe Daniels home about 8 o'clock Saturday night, Nov. 28, he said he knocked on the door on the west side and Lowe said for him to come to the door around on the other side, and he did, and Lowe Daniels invited him in; on going in Hurley said he patted Daniels on the shoulder and said: what does this mean, thereupon Daniels said, "come and see." Edgar Varner and Lora Luther were lying on the floor dead. Mr. Hurley asked if he had not better get help from the doctor, and Daniels replied, and said you see what I have done.

Ransom Luther testified that he lived in the house with Lowe Daniels his son-in-law. He said he was 1-4 of a mile away when he heard four shots fired at seven o'clock; on seeing the three dead persons and his crippled daughter, Luther said, "I do not know." Luther also stated that he heard Mrs. Daniels say in the presence of Lowe Daniels, that her husband fired all four of the shots. Lowe Daniels stated on the preliminary hearing that he killed the three and shot his wife, a double barrel breech loading shot gun being used.

His wife also stated on the preliminary hearing that he had threatened to take her life on other occasions, one time being last summer. Mrs. Daniels showed no resentment toward her husband, kissed him goodbye when Sheriff Birkhead started to Asheboro with him. Daniels was quiet at first but at times was boisterous repeating poetry or doggerel bordering on vulgarity. When he was taken back for the preliminary hearing, he stopped at Dr. C. C. Hubbard's at Farmer where he, with his officers had supper. While there he was quiet, mannerly, polite and pleasant. He undoubtedly is trying the role of crazy but acts poorly. On the way back to Asheboro Sunday afternoon he questioned the officers about electrocution. He admitted that whiskey was the cause of his troubles, although at the time of the shooting he had been drinking nothing but still beer and cider. He said that he had made whiskey regularly since he was returned from court and in fact had been raided making and dealing in whiskey, supposing he had made and sold 2000 gallons. He described most minutely the process of blockading.

Lowe Daniels is the father of three living children aged, respectfully, one three and seven. There is one dead. He is just waiting his trial in Superior court.

Mr. Daniels later in an interview said that he ate his supper and went to the barn to give his mule some rough feed, came to the house and sat down by the fire and was laughing and talking with all of the above-named persons; then he began reading the Kansas City Times and something said to him to kill these people. He says he does not know what it was unless it was the devil. He says he then went and got his gun and shot them all. He said that he was not mad at any of them and was sorry he shot them. He said he loved his wife and had no reason for shooting her or any of them. Mr. Daniels is a bright looking fellow. He thinks he is doomed for the electric chair and said that if killing four persons was not sufficient cause for electrocution there was no use of law for anything. He wants his children educated and properly trained by good people, he says that he realizes that children need good training. He told where his still could be found and said the last time he used it was on the day the snow fell. The Daniels home is in a sparsely settled country

in the mountain section of the county, about one mile from Eleazer Mr. Daniels talks freely and can tell church, five or six miles from Pisgah, where the various people live in that section. He has never been a church member but has frequently attended church. He says his wife is a good woman. She is still living and hopes to recover but Dr. C. C. Hubbard, of Farmer, who has given her good attention and medical aid, fears she cannot recover. The neighbors and friends are giving Mrs. Daniels every possible attention.

Daniels says there is no truth in the rumor that he had warned his victims to keep away from his home.

#### Little Child Dies From Burns.

Raleigh Dispatch, Dec. 9.  
 Little Tempa Louise, 16-months-old daughter of D. C. Sherman of 204 East Hargett street, died today from burns sustained last night when her clothing caught fire from the stove in some unaccountable way. Only she and her little brother were in the room when her clothing caught. Scream brought her mother, who wrapped a quilt around her, but too late to avoid fatal burning.

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