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Twenty Years in the Pen.

MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE.

Perry Coffey is Found Guilty of Killing his Brother Drury, on the 29th of December 1894

The trial of Perry Coffey for murder of his brother Drury Coffey, was begun Friday morning. The evidence was completed Friday, and the pleadings of the lawyers and the Judge's charge took up the most of the day Saturday. The case was given to the Jury about 5 P. M. Saturday, and they did not agree upon a verdict till Sunday morning about 9 o'clock. About that hour the court house bell rang and the prisoner was brought out to hear his doom. The prisoner sat erect and unmoved, and no one could have discovered the least tremor or twitching of his muscles, and what thoughts were passing through his mind, none could guess from his looks. And when the verdict was rendered, there was no change in his appearance. The verdict was that the prisoner, Perry Coffey, is guilty of the murder and felony charged, in the second degree.

Monday afternoon the prisoner was brought out and the Judge sentenced him to twenty years in the penitentiary. Coffey is a man of medium size and is about 35 years old. He will be over a half century old if he lives out his sentence. He has a wife and some children.

The following Jurors were chosen from the regular jury men and the special venire: J. E. Blackburn, W. A. Hubbard, Wesley Joines, W. S. Hall, J. L. Johnson, A. P. Eller, R. C. Yates, L. E. Phillips, L. C. Hamby, L. M. Bauguss, A. Mathis and D. E. Smoak.

The following witnesses were examined for the State: Mrs. Drury Coffey, wife of deceased, Zack Roberts, A. F. Tedder, A. B. Wyatt, Dr. White, Wm. Brown and J. A. Roberts. The defense put up Dr. Turner, Dr. Doughton, Perry Coffey, (the defendant) Mrs. Perry Coffey, Dr. Burke, Frank Hutchinson, Dan Hall, Elder Wm. Hall, and Lundy Owens.

Synopsis of the Evidence

The wife of the deceased was the first witness examined. Perry and Drury had been chopping wood for Zack Roberts and came home about dark. Perry's and Drury's houses are some 200 or 300 yards apart. She heard them talking down at Perry's, and went out and listened for some 8 or 10 minutes. Heard Drury say he had been accused of being roguish. Heard Perry's wife call out "oh Perry, Perry." Soon after they called to her to come down there as Drury had fallen and nearly killed himself. She went down. Drury was lying on the ground, with blood all over his head and face. He could not speak; tried to carry him in the house, but could not and ran after Alf Tedder to help. When she got back Perry and wife had gotten him in the house. She asked him several questions but he could not answer. Perry told him "if he would talk three words to him he would make him a deed to the land." Perry said he would not have had it to happen for anything for people might accuse him of hurting Drury. Drury was taken to his home about midnight, and Perry staid about ten minutes. When Perry was up there he shut up his fist and asked me if I thought he did it. He left me by myself that night. He came back next morning, and came

up occasionally. Drury was hurt, the 29th of Dec. and died on the next Thursday.

Perry had sent Drury a notice to get off of his land by the 1st of Jan. They sometimes had cross words, but never fought and were soon in good humor. There was a rock near Drury's head where he lay, and an ax between his legs.

Zack Roberts was next on the stand. Perry and Drury had cut wood for him that day. They eat dinner at 2 or 3 o'clock. Drury got him to read the notice he had received to get off of Perry's land. Drury and Perry got into a tuss and passed several words, but he would not let them fight. They made friends however and went off home together seemingly friendly.

A. F. Tedder says he was called that night to come over that Drury had fallen and nearly killed himself. He went and found Drury on the floor. He heard Perry tell Drury if he would speak he would give him some land, and saw Perry show his fist and ask if they thought he had done it. Perry had told him that Drury must get off his land by the 1st of Jan.

A. B. Wyatt had talked to Perry about and inquest and he had said that it might stretch his neck, but he was clear.

Dr. White, county physician, who made the post mortem examination, found a fracture of the bone in front of the left ear, and wound on back part of head; found clot of blood on top of brain on right side of head; did not think that a man could fall and produce such extensive injuries as he found; could have been produced by some blunt instrument; falling might produce the fracture at the temple but did not think it could, produce such extensive injuries. The two wounds could not have been produced by one fall, in his judgment.

Wm. Brown and J. A. Roberts, on Tuesday saw blood near the rock and also some 5 or 6 steps further down the road.

The defence then introduced Dr. Turner a graduated physician of 14 years practice. Judging from the description of the wound on the temple he thought it possible to be produced by a fall, but hardly probable; a blow that would produce the wound would produce the blood clot too; did not think that the two wounds could be produced by one fall.

Dr. Doughton, a graduated physician of 10 years practice, thought it possible that the wound could be produced by falling; judging from the description of the extent of the wounds he thought it barely possible but not probable; did not think one fall would have produced both wounds.

The defendant Perry Coffey was then put upon the stand. He and Drury had been to Zack Roberts' to cut wood. Had eaten dinner about two o'clock. Drury told him and Zack he wanted to see them privately, and they got up a discussion about Drury getting off of Perry's land. He told Drury it was bad weather and he could stay as long as he wanted to. He had got mad at Drury for a little while, for the way he talked about his wife; but he had soon gotten in a good humor, and they went home together. We were friendly and did not have any cross words at all. They walked together all the way and when they reached home he asked Drury to stay all night with him but Drury said he must go on up home and asked him to go along with him. He stepped up the steps and set his ax, down at the door, and about that time Drury who was 15 or 20 steps away going on home fell. He and his wife went out there and found him bleeding all about his head. His head was near a rock and his ax which he carried on his shoulder was lying against his head. Drury was unconscious and could not speak. They hollered for Drury's wife to come quick. They tried to carry him into the house. They then hollered for Tedder. Drury seemed to revive a little and Perry and his wife took hold of his hands and led him into the house. He said he did say to Drury if he would talk he would give him a piece of land, because he liked his brother and would do anything to get him revived. His wife never called to him "Oh! Perry, Perry," but did say, "Lord, Perry, has he killed himself." He had sent Drury a notice to get off as Drury had told him he would not raise another crop there and he wanted to get some one else. He had sent for the Doctor and done everything he could for Drury. He never said he was afraid his neck would stretch, but said if any one suspected him he wanted an inquest held. He never tried to dodge the officers but was at home all the time.

Mrs. Coffey, wife of the defendant, stated about the same concerning the fall of Drury.

She and Drury were always friendly, except when Drury was drunk.

Dr. Burke had visited Drury on Tuesday and had administered to the wounds. He saw the rock; there appeared scratches on the ice as if some one had slipped and fell, and the head would have about hit the rock. There was blood there. Thought it possible that a fall would produce the wounds.

Frank Hutchinson, Esq. Dan. Hall, Elder Wm. Hall, and Lundy Owens, who had known Perry Coffey and wife, nearly all their lives, testified that their characters were good.

This closed the evidence. Solicitor Mott assisted by Finley & Greene prosecuted, and Beubow and Benbow appeared for the defence.

Court Proceedings.

STATE DOCKET.
Gwaltney Nance, affray, guilty 4 months in jail.

Caynor Owens, a and b, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Mattie Jones, Laura Redman, Mary Redman, affray, Guilty, judgment suspended.

L. H. Carter and Lundy Carter, forcible trespass, not guilty as to L. H. Carter, guilty as to Lundy, judgment suspended.

Benjamin Sparks and Charlie Sparks, a and b with D. W., plead guilty, \$5 each and cost.

A. S. Preston, trespass, submits, judgment suspended.

John Roberts failing to work road, guilty, \$10 and cost.

Jesse Fairchild, failing to work the road \$2 and cost.

A. B. Wyatt, James Wyatt, John Wyatt, Z. H. Roberts, affray, plead guilty, judgment suspended.

L. L. Laws assault with d w guilty judgment \$20 and cost.

W. A. McNeil, bastardy, guilty, defendant pay Matilda Rector, \$50 and cost of this action.

W. C. Rector, D. R. Rector, assault, judgement suspended.

W. C. Rector, assault with d w, judgment suspended.

W. A. McNeil, seduction, pleads guilty, judgment to pay Matilda Rector \$50, and cost.

James McGrady, assault with d w, guilty, judgment 3 months on public roads of Iredell.

Caleb Church, manslaughter, pleads guilty, 6 months in jail.

John Garland, bigamy, guilty judgment 12 months in jail.

Wm. Watts assault with d w., submits judgment suspended.

P. E. Revis, Wm. Revis, for cible trespass, not guilty.

Enos Anderson, Cal. Anderson, Lila Adams, and others, breaking in house, not guilty.

Wesley Shores, James Shores a and b, guilty, Wesley \$10 James \$5, and half cost each.

John Idol, Dave Mink, a and b with d w, guilty, Mink \$5 and cost, Idol \$10 and cost.

Jack Mabe, c c w guilty, judgment suspended.

Rich Wellborn, larceny, guilty 10 months on roads of Iredell.

Benjamin Brooks and Gord Nance, a and b with d w guilty 60 days in jail each.

J. H. Adams, retailing guilty \$75 and cost.

Nath Tidline, larceny, not guilty.

Frank Johnson and George Curtis, affray guilty, judgment suspended as to Curtis Johnson 60 days in jail with leave to hire out.

J. H. Adams, retailing, 10

cases, judgment suspended. W. A. McLean, retailing, 7 cases, guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Wilkes has made a court record this time heretofore unknown within our memory, not a single f and a aase (fornication and adultery) on the docket. There is, perhaps not another county in the State that can say so much.

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Grand Jury's report.

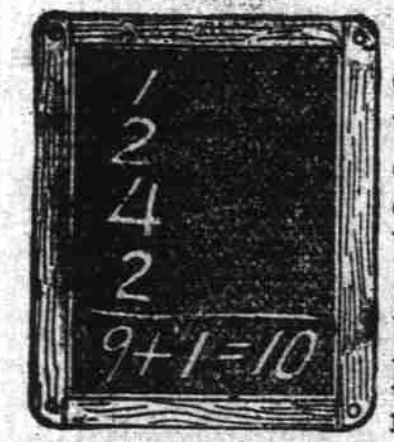
Jail.—They visited the jail and found it kept nice and clean and the prisoners well cared for. They recommend that sewers be placed in the jail to run from the upstairs to the ground and that some repairs be made on one of the up stair windows.

Home of Aged and Infirm;—They found the home of aged and infirm in good condition and the inmates well cared for. Clerks Office;—They found this office in good condition and the papers and books well kept.

Register's office;—This office they found in good condition and the books and records neatly kept.

Court House;—The Jurors recommended that the court house be enlarged by extending upper and lower floors to the outside wall and running steps up on the outside of the house.

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