

MURDER OF OLD SCOTT.

Full Particulars of the Tragedy in Nissouri.

Inquest: Was Opened Yesterday and Adjourned to Friday.

Mrs. Scott Arrested and Lodged in the County Jail.

Thorndale, Sept. 13.—Harvey Scott, aged 76 years, of the fifth concession of Nissouri, was shot and killed by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wesley Scott, at 7:30 this morning. Mrs. Scott is now lodged in the county jail charged with murder.

An inquest was opened at the Scott home this morning before Coroner Joseph Vining, a neighbor of the Scotts, who told him, telling him that the old man, Harvey Scott, had been shot. He in turn notified Constable Gumb, of Nissouri, and then hurried to the scene.

When he arrived at the house he was met by Alfred Scott, another son of the deceased, his son Arthur and Joseph Vining. Mrs. Scott was sitting in the house. He found the body of Harvey Scott on the ground just in front of the one door of the house. The head was resting on the ground in a pool of blood, which covered the ground for about a yard distant. Upon examination he found that the bullet was just behind the right ear. Scott was quite dead.

The doctor then went into the house and found Mrs. Scott sitting at a table. She admitted to the doctor that she had shot her father-in-law.

"She told me," said the doctor, "that she could no longer stand his threats and tortures, which had been going on for years back. She went to her room and brought the revolver to me that she had shot him with. It was a 32-calibre seven-shooter. Only one chamber was empty."

The doctor took charge of the revolver and handed it over to the constables when they arrived.

Two large fence rails were procured and propped over the body and a large rubber laid over the body in the form of a canopy to keep the intense heat from the body till the coroner arrived, when he released the body.

CHIEF CONSTABLE NOTIFIED.

On his return to Thorndale Dr. Armstrong notified High Constables Hughes at London, who is the coroner of Thorndale, and he at once hurried to the scene, arriving there at 4 o'clock.

During this time farmers for miles around had gathered at the Scott home, where the tragedy had occurred. About 2 o'clock High Constable Hughes and Constable Corneil, of London, arrived at the Scott home. After enquiring into the details of the case Constable Hughes gave Constable Gumb instructions to keep Mrs. Scott under surveillance. He accordingly went into the house and stayed with Mrs. Scott till the coroner arrived.

So many of the farmers from the nearby country were at the house when the coroner arrived that the constables had no trouble in selecting a jury. Twelve men were soon secured and called into the house. Mrs. Scott had been sitting in the room, but she was asked to go into the other room. Her daughter went with her. The viewing of the remains followed.

At the request of the coroner the doctor showed the jury just where the bullet had entered.

ADJOURNED TO FRIDAY.

The jury were then called into the house and the coroner, after conferring with the high constable, notified the jurors that he would adjourn the hearing of the evidence till Friday evening, when they will meet at the Orange Hall at Thorndale at 6 o'clock.

As soon as a permit was given Albert Scott sent one of his sons for a door, and on this the body was placed and taken to his own home. Dr. Armstrong ordered the body taken into the driveway at the deceased's own home, and here he performed the post-mortem examination.

About 5 o'clock in the afternoon Constable Hughes came out accompanied by Mrs. Scott. She was assisted into the buggy and the constable got in and they started for London, arriving here about 7 o'clock. Arriving at the county jail Mrs. Scott was locked up on a charge of murder.

Mr. Joseph Vining, who was the first to hear of the tragedy, stated that he had been to the cheese factory and was returning home. This was about 7:30 a. m. When he was nearing the Scott home and had just passed John Gourey's residence he saw Mrs. Scott coming down the road and waving her arms. When he got nearer to her he saw that she was crying.

As soon as he got within hailing distance he stopped his team and asked her what was the matter.

GO IN AND SEE.

"She told me," said Mr. Vining, "to go up to the house and I would see what she had done."

Mr. Vining at once started his team on, and when he had gone a few feet looked back and saw that Mrs. Scott was following. He was driving a rather wild team, and as he could not stop at the house or get near the fence on account of the ditch he started on past the house. As soon as Mrs. Scott saw that he was going past the house he saw her begin to cry and shout and wave her arms for him to stop.

"I kept on," Mr. Vining, "and when I got to the gate at the Scott home I tied my horses. Just as I was starting back for the house I saw Albert Scott and his son Arthur driving along some distance down the road. I called to them and the three of us went to the house."

"When we got there Mrs. Scott was not around, and we saw that Mr. Scott was lying at the foot of the steps. Mrs. Scott was sitting inside the house at a table. I went into the house accompanied by Albert, but did not talk to her, and later telephoned to the doctor."

HUSBAND AWAY.

At the time of the tragedy Wesley Scott, the husband of the woman now charged with murder, was assisting with the threshing at the farm of Albert Merrill, on the sixth concession, which can be seen from the Scott home. The daughter, Clara, 16 years of age, was not at home. She was working at the home of E. Vining, about a quarter of a mile from her home.

One of Albert Scott's sons ran and told Scott that his father was dead,

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