

Testimony taken at the inquest over the body of

Butch McCoun, on April 24th 1916, before Sam J. Shackelford

Coroner of Mercer County, Kentucky

TESTIMONY TAKEN AT INQUEST

BUTCH MCCOUN

Harrodsburg, Kentucky,

April 24th 1916.

2- You were formerly jailer of Mercer County?

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Ans ✓ Jake Board, ----- 1

3- You were in Harrodsburg last night?

Ans ✓ Thomas Eason, ----- 2

Ans Yes sir.

4- ✓ K. C Smith, ----- in 4 where Butch McCoun was

✓ Charles McCoun ----- 6

Ans Yes.

5- ✓ Albert Tatum, ----- in 7 what you saw of this?

Ans I was coming up the street - I was just below the bridge there.

✓ Dr Thomas, ----- 4

along by that row of buildings, where that little fence joins

✓ Sarah Singleton, ----- 8 (see), when this shot was

✓ fired. I said to some colored people - "Let's go over and see

✓ Gene Jones - what the trouble is." They said "No, we ain't going over there."

✓ Jodie Telford I says "Say, is some of our friends- we had better go."

✓ Everett Sallee and when I got up there to the bridge-

✓ Manlinas Steele =

✓ Sammie Shackelford. asked him what the trouble was and he said "Tom Turner has

killed Butch McCoun" I walked on down there to the porch and

old man Tom Turner was out there and he had his pistol in his

left hand and he drew it on me. I said "Tom, what is the

trouble here, why did you kill this boy?" He says- Well, me

and him was standing here joking and talking, and he called me

a dam liar and I stepped behind this post and killed shot him.