

and I also expect the poor boy has a pocket knife and I am
Testimony taken at the Inquest over the body of
Butch McCoun, on April 24th 1916, before Sam J. Shackelford
Coroner of Mercer County, Kentucky.

Ans No sir- he said he called him a dam liar, and they were
Jake Board, Examined by Mr C.T. Corn,
talking and joking and that he at County Attorney, Mercer County

1- Where do you live?

Ans I live on Main Street.

2- You were formerly jailor of Mercer County ?

Ans Yes sir.

3- You were in Harrodsburg last night?

Ans Yes sir.

4- Were you any where close to the point where Butch McCoun was
killed last night?

Ans Yes.

5- State in your own way what you know and what you saw of this?

Ans I was coming up the street - I was just below the bridge there,
along by that row of buildings, where that little fence joins
(I stepped it this morning, it is 72 steps), when this shot was
fired. I said to some colored people - "Let's go over and see
what the trouble is." They said "No, we aint going over there."
I says "Maybe it is some of our friends- we had better go." I
walked across there, and when I got up ~~there~~ to the bridge-
two or three fellows passed -- one fellow passed me and I
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. ~~He~~ 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 ~~xxxx~~ shot him,