

Accidentally Killed.

Last Thursday afternoon, April 22, on Canaan Island, north of Kennett 16 miles, Alonzo Key was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his brother-in-law, Joe Morgan. The two men had gone squirrel hunting with a 38-calibre gun and were out on the Lasswell tram-road. After firing the gun and re-loading it, Morgan handed it to Key, who was watching a hawk sailing around. As he reached for the gun, while his head was turned, it was discharged, the ball entering the left side of his head and crashing through, came out at the right ear. Death was instantaneous.

In absence of the coroner, Justice I. W. Caldwell, of Gibson, was notified. He had Deputy Constable Kitchel summon a jury, composed of T. L. Jones, J. L. Magee, Lee Thompson, Noah Floyd, B. Boon and J. R. Oldham. These with the justice held an inquest. It developed that the men had had no previous trouble; one witness was with them hunting and testified to their good humor, though he did not see the accident. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Deceased, Alonzo Key, was about 18 years old and lived with his widowed mother at Gibson. Joe Morgan had married his sister.

Alonzo Key accidently Killed brother in law of Joe Morgan

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