

The Luring
Lynch
July 1, 1911

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Dual Lynching in Georgia.
Atlanta: Tom Allen, a young negro charged with attacking a white woman in Walton county several weeks ago, was taken off a train near Social Circle, Ga., Tuesday and killed by a mob. He was being returned to Monroe for trial. The same mob which lynched Tom Allen, the negro accused of attacking a white woman, stormed the jail and lynched Joe Watts, another negro, who was being held on suspicion. No charge had been made against him. He had been arrested while prowling around the home of a white man.

Tom Allen
Joe Watts.

The Living Enders

June 10, 1911

Fatal Railway Accident at Elmo.

Terrill: A. H. Brown, a prominent citizen of Elmo, was instantly killed by a Texas & Pacific passenger train and his daughter, Mrs. Luther Welborn and baby of Dallas were probably fatally injured. Mrs. Welborn and baby had just arrived at Elmo on a visit to her parents and was met at the depot by her father, Mr. Brown. They started to cross the track to go home when the Texas & Pacific passenger train No. 3, westbound, which does not stop at Elmo, came through at full speed and struck them, killing Mr. Brown instantly, fatally injuring Mrs. Welborn and her baby. The horse Mr. Brown was driving was also killed and the buggy torn into kindling wood.

A. H. Brown

Mrs Luther Welborn

Baby Welborn

The Irving Index
14 Oct, 1911

At Hutto, Williamson County, John Ward, a young Scotchman, was thrown from his buggy and dragged by his horse. His neck was broken and he died almost instantly.

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The Irving Index

July 29, 1911

Death From Accident Under Car.

Dallas: Declaring that they went under a box car in the Santa Fe yards to keep out of the rain and that while under the car the trucks passed over them, J. J. Watkins of Mullen, Texas, and Thomas Bixon of Seattle, Wash., suffered injuries early Saturday morning which caused each of the men the loss of one leg. The accident occurred shortly after 4 o'clock. Amputation of the members was necessary immediately. Watkins' right leg was severely crushed below the knee joint. Bixon's leg was crushed above the knee and amputation was necessary at the hip. Watkins stands a good chance to recover. Bixon died in the afternoon.

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The Irving Index
30 Sept 1911

Kills Woman and Self.

Monroe, La.: Mrs. Fern Watson, aged 19, of Bebee, Ark., was shot four times and instantly killed early Sunday at a local hotel by W. Westerfield, a lumberman, who then sent a bullet through his own heart, falling dead across his victim. Westerfield leaves a widow and three children. He recently went to Hot Springs, Ark., for his health, and four days ago met the young woman there. They came here last Friday night, she registering as Miss Virginia Stanley of Hot Springs, Ark.

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The Irving Index
4 Nov, 1911

Locomotive Explosion Kills Three.
Teague: Engineer F. E. Weaver, fireman B. Cloud and brakeman P. C. Rainbolt, all of Teague, were killed by an explosion of the freight engine of extra train on the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway one mile north of Karen, Texas, Saturday night.

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The Irving Index
16 Dec 1911

Bryan, Texas: When his foot became fastened in a "frog" in the I. & G. N. yards, C. E. Weise was run down and killed Monday morning by a train, his body being cut in two. Weise fell lengthwise of the rail and a car passed over him.

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The Irving Index
Mar 25, 1911

Lightning killed Dock Westbrooks, a negro, while plowing in his field two miles north of Elgin.

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The Irving Index

July 1, 1911

Veteran's Death Through Runaway.

Texarkana: L. A. Whatley, seventy-two years of age, and widely known as a former official of Texas, was thrown from his buggy at the aviation grounds here Tuesday and killed. His horse became frightened at the noise made by the airship's engine and bolted. Mr. Whatley had been a member of the Texas House and the Senate and was later Superintendent of Penitentiaries under Governors Hogg and Culberson.

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The Irving Index
Mar 11, 1911

A BROTHER SHOTS HIS SISTER

Mistaken in the Dark for Burglar.
Instant Death Follows.

Dallas: Mrs. Lottie Wilemon was shot and instantly killed at her home on the Eagle Ford road in Western Heights Thursday morning about 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Wilemon was a widow and Mr. Moore has been assisting her in taking care of her children.

According to the statement of Mr. Moore, on several occasions lately a negro has tried to enter the house and on one occasion succeeded in getting in, but was frightened away by Mrs. Wilemon. Wednesday night Mrs. Wilemon slept in the same room with Mr. and Mrs. Moore. Shortly after 3 o'clock in the morning, Mr. Moore said, he was awakened by a noise, picked up the loaded shotgun, which was sitting near the bed, and after repeated calls to the form he saw in the room he fired. There was no light in the room, he declared, and as soon as he fired a lamp was lighted.

He was horror-stricken when he saw the form of his sister on the floor. She had died.

Mrs. Wilemon was a widow and is survived by four small children.

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The Irving Index
May 20, 1911

Dallas, Texas, May 15.—As an aftermath of the recent trouble in the Patrick school house community, east of Wilmer, in Dallas county, a terrible tragedy was enacted early Sunday morning. The victim of the tragedy, which took place in the public highway in that community was Frank Wiles, the general merchant and farmer of that neighborhood who recently came into print as the result of an attack made on his wife by a negro. The slayers were W. R. Brannum, aged fifty-two years, father of the wife of the slain man, and J. W. Brannum, aged twenty-six years, a brother.

Shotguns were the weapons used and the cause of the tragedy was the alleged mistreatment by Wiles of his wife.

The elder Brannum told of receiving a letter signed "a friend," in which he was informed that his daughter was being mistreated by Wiles; how he left his farm home in Oklahoma and drove seventeen miles to the nearest railroad station and came to Dallas; how he reached Wilmer Saturday afternoon late and made inquiries about the affair; how he started to walk seven miles from Wilmer to the home of his son-in-law and realizing that they could not reach this place before dark, laid out all night in the woods and waited until Sunday morning to complete their journey. He told how they borrowed one shotgun from a friend in Wilmer and how they entered a farmhouse where no one was at home and borrowed another.

Talking further of the affair Mr. Brannum said:

"This shot did not seem to have any effect and he kept fumbling for his pistol. My son then fired once but I think missed, as Wiles kept on trying to get his pistol out of the holster. I then fired again. With this shot Wiles dropped to the ground the charge taking effect in his breast.

"As he fell to the ground he remarked, 'I'm a dead man.' My son and I then walked up to him and said, 'Frank, you have brought all this on yourself by mistreating my daughter. That was all he said and in a few minutes he was dead.'

"My son and I then went on to his house where I met my daughter and told her that we had been forced to

kill Frank. She immediately became hysterical, and grabbing up two of the children started to the point where we had left Frank lying. We tried to get some of the neighbors to come over and look after Effie and then we started to walk back to Hutchins, and on the way met Grand Jury Bailiff Ed Samuell and surrendered to him.

The killing followed several exciting incidents which have occurred during the past week or ten days in the neighborhood of Wiles' home. On the morning of May 3, while Wiles was in the city to purchase supplies to replenish the stock of his grocery his wife was attacked by a negro while in the room of their home with an eight-year-old son and two smaller children.

Mrs. Wiles put up such a fight that the negro fled, but in making his escape he carried away a pistol belonging to Wiles, which Mrs. Wiles made an effort to secure when she found the negro in her room. Shortly after the struggle with the negro in the room, James Williams, a negro tenant on the Wiles farm, appeared at the home of Wiles and asked Mrs. Wiles what was the matter, explaining that he had heard her screaming and thought that he might be of some assistance.

The woman claims that she immediately recognized Williams as the negro she had found in her room. She made as though she did not recognize him, however, and told him that a negro had entered her room and asked him to go with her to arouse the neighbors to help run down the guilty man. As soon as several white farmers, residing in that neighborhood had been gathered together, Mrs. Wiles pointed out Williams and declared that he was the negro who had entered her room.

Wiles was summoned before the grand jury on a charge of aggravated assault and battery. He refused to take the oath which witnesses have to take and was sent to jail by Judge R. B. Seay of the criminal district court for contempt of court.

One day's confinement in the jail resulted in Wiles making his mind to take the oath and Tuesday he was given his freedom and appeared before the grand jury. As a result of his appearance before this body an indictment was returned against him charging aggravated assault and battery on his wife. He was released the next day on a \$250 bond and went back to his home the same day.

R. BRANNUM KILLS FRANK WILES

Dead Man Son-in-Law of
His Slayer.

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The Irving Index
Aug 19, 1911

Ed. Williams, 45 years old, was killed by the fall of a tree in the Trinity River bottom near Ennis Wednesday. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

The fire station and city hall of San Marcos was damaged to the amount of \$2000 by an incipient fire Thursday morning. It is likely that the building will be entirely rebuilt.

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The Living Index
May 27, 1911

Bates, Shot Girl; Acquitted.

Fort Worth: R. H. Bates, a farmer living near Arlington, was acquitted of the murder of Miss Lulu Williams. He plead self-defense. The girl was killed last October a 5 o'clock in the morning, near the Bates home. Bates claimed that he was called to his door, that the woman, dressed as a man, fired at him.

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The Irving Index
Apr. 29, 1911

Engineer and Fireman Killed.
Fort Worth: Engineer Tom Wil-
hamson and Fireman Ed Pierson, both
of Denison, were killed under their
engine pulling the southbound Katy
Flyer at Alvarado Sunday night at
9:38 o'clock. Passengers on the Fly-
er and the crew of the freight es-
caped without injury.

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The Irving Index
28 Oct 1911

Noted Woman Live-Saver Dead.

Newport, R. I.: Death Thursday night claimed Mrs. Ida Lewis Wilson, keeper of Lime Rock light for more than half a century, heroine of numerous thrilling rescues and frequently alluded to as the "Grace Darling of America." She was the only woman to be officially appointed to the charge of an American lighthouse. As the keeper of Lime Rock lighthouse, she had saved eighteen lives, some of them at great personal risk.

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The Irving Index
4 Nov. 1911

Near Centenarian Dies.

Orange: John Wilson, aged 96 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. Bazzana, last week. Deceased was recognized as the oldest man in Orange County, where he had remained since 1824. During his long residence in this county he crossed its borders only three times. He was a veteran of three wars, the two wars with Mexico and the Civil War, serving in 1836 under Gen. Sam Houston and going through the battle of San Jacinto. He was engaged in a number of hard-fought battles in the early days against Indians.

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The Irving Index
May 13, 1911

Oakville Merchant Suicides.

Oakville: Arthur Wimmer, one of the oldest citizens of Oakville, was found dead in his store. Mr. Wimmer had been engaged in the mercantile business here with his brother, E. Wimmer, for quite a number of years. Seemingly he entered the store, closed the door, seated himself in his chair, put the muzzle of a gun against his side, and pushed the trigger, when the entire load of powder and shot entered his side. When he was found the body indicated that he had been dead several hours.

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The Irving Index
Aug 5, 1911

Negro Boy Kills Negro Man.
Dallas: A negro named George Wright was shot and almost instantly killed Monday morning and a negress whose name was not learned was slightly wounded in one arm and also received a blow in the back of the head. The killing and near killing occurred on the Texas & Pacific railway about three miles west of Dallas. A negro by the name of Bud Simpson is alleged to have done the shooting. At the time of the shooting Wright was running and was looking backwards toward Simpson. The charge of shot struck a little to the right of the middle of the back of the neck. Wright dropped in his tracks and was soon dead. Simpson then fired once at the negro woman and, running up to her, struck her across the back of the head. He then dropped the weapon and fled.

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