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HUMPHREYS' SHERIFF SLAIN

Sam Stockard Riddled With Bullets by Hugh Hughes on Farm.

DESPERADO IS KILLED

Shot by Member of Posse Which Surrounded His Home.

WAVERLY, Tenn., Sept. 15.—(Special.) About 8 o'clock this morning on Duck river, on the farm of Wm. McAdoo, Sheriff Sam Stockard was shot to death while trying to arrest a man by the name of Hugh Hughes or Emery, better known heretofore as "Cap" Hughes.

It seems that Hughes or Emery had been drinking for several days, and became involved in a quarrel with McAdoo during last night over some matter, and it is alleged had threatened to kill McAdoo. Knowing the desperate character of the man, at about 1 o'clock this morning McAdoo telephoned to Sheriff Stockard to bring some one with him and come and arrest Hughes. Mr. Stockard deputized Marshal John Tankersley and they reached the place at about 6 o'clock and started on the hunt of Hughes. They found Hughes near a big gate in the lane near by.

Mr. Stockard apparently did not realize what a desperate character he was dealing with and endeavored to make the arrest in his usual quiet manner. When he placed his hand on Hughes the latter began shooting with an automatic revolver, every shot taking effect in the breast and body of the sheriff. Hughes stepped a few steps away and reloaded his gun and fired five more shots into the sheriff's body as he lay upon the ground, calling him not to shoot any more. While Hughes was firing on the sheriff, while Tankersley shot twice at Hughes but missed him. Having had only two loads in his gun and having exhausted his ammunition, he ran away, Hughes turning upon him, but he failed to hit him.

Within a short time a message by telephone came to Waverly that the sheriff had been shot. Quite a number of Waverly citizens in automobiles hurried out to the scene with shotguns and pistols, intent on capturing Hughes, dead or alive. Reaching his home they surrounded it, demanding that he surrender. This he refused to do under any circumstances, and when they crowded closer to the house he began firing. Thereupon the posse began shooting, and Hughes was killed with a double-barrel shotgun, the load entering his side and going clear through his body. He was killed instantly.

In the cruel, untimely death of Mr. Stockard the county loses one of its most popular and highly respected citizens. Mr. Stockard was the youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. Aleck Stockard, deceased, and was born and reared in this county, on White Oak creek.

He is survived by four brothers—Lucian, Aleck and J. H. Stockard, and two sisters, Mrs. Will Lashlee, of this county, and Mrs. Eva McCauley.

The remains will be interred tomorrow afternoon in the family cemetery, near old Concord church, with Odd Fellow honors.

Hughes was in an asylum for the insane a few years ago.