

WILL EVERIDGE HAS HAD MUCH TROUBLE

Thrice Married And Figured In The Famous Locke-Jones Feud Wars
Had Been at Pauls Valley But of Late Had Been a Wanderer in Native State
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That Will Everidge now in jail at Idabel for the murder of his wife and the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs Earl Dyer has had a varied career, is being brought out by those who have inquired into his life because of the recent tragedy at Eagletown, McCurtain county. Everidge was born in Choctaw county and has held many important positions at some time or other preceding the days of statehood. He has been thrice married, and the cause of his latest and most desperate deed was due to the fact that his last wife had left him and refused to be reconciled.

Almost all of the older citizens remember and know Everidge, although he had not been around this city or in the county a great deal of late. The following from the Paris News is a brief history of the man in the days before he committed the tragedy that has placed him in custody, to be tried for his life.

"Will Everidge was a son of Joe Everidge, who died a few years ago at Hot Springs, and was a member of the family of Everidges at Grant. Okla., one of the oldest and wealthiest and most prominent families of the old Choctaw Nation. He figured once in a shooting affray on a train between Paris and Antlers with Sheb Locke during the Locke-Jones feud. Both of them were supposed to have been mortally wounded, but both recovered and still carry the bullets in their bodies. He moved from Grant several years ago to Pauls Valley and seemingly prospered in business for awhile, but became involved in domestic trouble and for the last year or two has been a wanderer without any settled home.

Will Everidge was married three times. His first wife was Miss Mollie Wilson of Lamar county who obtained a divorce from him. The wife of a saloon man named Casten who was assassinated at Arthur City 20 years ago was a sister of Miss Mollie Wilson and after her husband was killed she married Joe Everidge, which made Joe Everidge and his son Will brother-in-law. The widow of Joe Everidge is still living at Grant and her sister who was the first wife of Will Everidge is visiting her at present.

transcribers note: The name of the third wife was Virginia Winship, the daughter of Sarah Amos and Simeon Winship. She went by the nickname "Vergie" The baby that was killed was a member of the prominent Rev. James Dyer family of Eagletown.