

SMITH, WILLIAM ROY

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murder

11/6/61 - waived g. n. in writing -

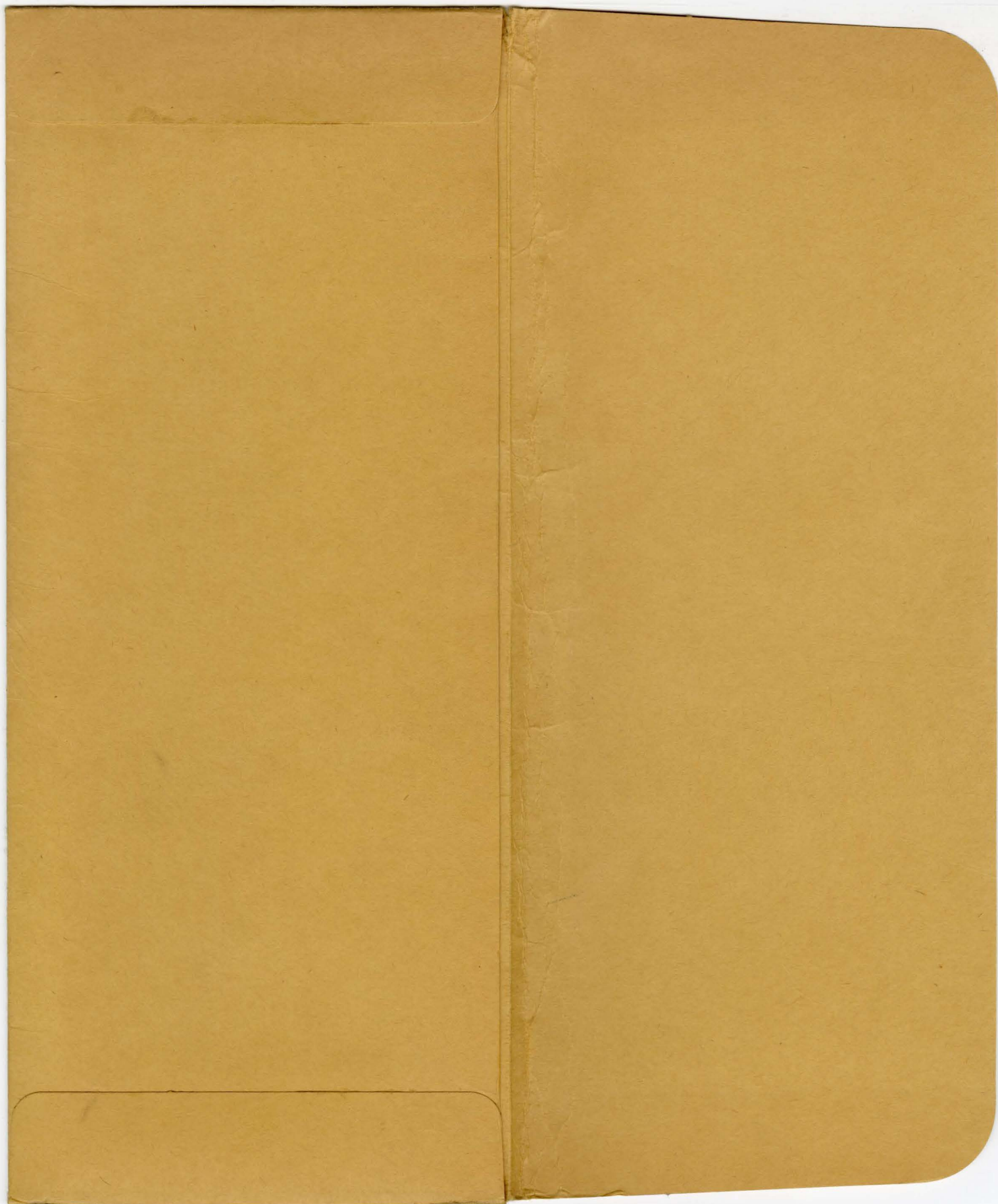
12/18/61 - A True Bill -

arraigned + entered plea
of n.g. -

12/28/61 - motion made by Com. Atty
that accused be committed to
Southwestern State for observation
as to his mental condition, +
so ordered -

Returned - able to stand trial

5/14/62 - changed plea to guilty
of 2nd degree murder -
+ sentenced to 12 yrs
in penit. -



George L. Strop

^{one}
- 16

(same as what Mrs. Smith stated) -
will also state:

- (1) That Roy started fight
- (2) saw " take ice pick out of pocket -
- (3) That Roy had told him he was
going to get Oscar, etc -
- (4) At time of shooting, he was down
in meadow playing football

Mary Gene Workman -

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was w/ Leo when they were up at
Roy's
was at house when Roy shot Oscar -
saw Roy leaving -

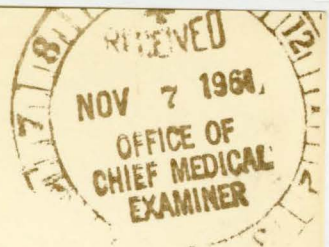
witness:

- (1) Marie G. Smith -
- (2) George Strop -
- (3) Mary Gene Workman -
- (4) Dr. F. L. Peyer
- (5) Sheriff R. L. Stroudman
- (6) R. M. Watterkult
- ? (7) Sherman Conley

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER 404-406 NORTH 12TH STREET RICHMOND 18, VA.

Resident Non-resident

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY MEDICAL EXAMINER

DECEDENT SAMUEL PLES SMITH AGE: 50 SEX: M RACE: W ADDRESS ROCKINGHAM W V S D OCCUPATION: FARMER

TYPE OF DEATH: In prison Suspicious Unusual Sudden in apparent health: Instantaneous without obvious cause After unexplained coma After unexplained rapidly fatal illness Unattended by a physician: Found dead without obvious cause Unattended during fatal illness Stillbirth attended by midwife Violent or Unnatural Means: 12 GAUGE SHOTGUN

Table with columns: DATE, LAST SEEN ALIVE, INJURY OR ILLNESS, DEATH, MEDICAL EXAMINER NOTIFIED, VIEW OF BODY, POLICE NOTIFIED. Includes rows for 11-4-61 at 5:30 P.M.

NOTIFICATION BY: SHERIFF STRANDERMAN ADDRESS HARRISONBURG VA.

Table with columns: INJURY OR ONSET OF ILLNESS, LOCATION, CITY OR COUNTY, TYPE OF PREMISES. Includes entries for SINGERS GLENN, ROCKINGHAM, RESIDENCE.

Table with columns: DESCRIPTION OF BODY, NOSE, MOUTH, EARS, NON FATAL WOUNDS, RIGOR, LIVOR. Includes fields for CLOTHED, UNCLELOTHED, BLOOD, FROTH, OTHER, WEIGHT, LENGTH, BODY HEAT.

FATAL WOUNDS table with columns: TYPE (GUNSHOT, INCISED, STAB, ETC.), SIZE, SHAPE, LOCATION, PLANE, LINE OR DIRECTION. Includes entry: Gunshot 12 gauge 3 X 3, Round, Middle left upper arm into chest, through then slightly upward.

Probable cause of death: HEMORRHAGE FROM GUNSHOT WOUND OF LEFT CHEST Manner of death: (Check one only) Accident Suicide Homicide Natural Unknown Pending DISPOSITION OF CASE: 1. Not a medical examiner case 2. Autopsy authorized By: Pathologist

I hereby declare that after receiving notice of the death described herein I took charge of the body and made inquiries regarding the cause of death in accordance with Section 19.1-42, Title 19 of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended; and that the information contained herein regarding such death is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. 11-6-61 ROCKINGHAM F. L. Rogers

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COPY TESTE: NOV 10 1961 W. W. Hornum Acting Chief Medical Examiner

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GUNSHOT WOUND CHART

Name SAMUEL PLES SMITH

City or County ROCKINGHAM

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| 1. <u>Location</u> of <u>wound:</u> | Head | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Neck | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Chest | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Abdomen | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Back | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Left | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Leg < Right | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Left | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. <u>Size of wound:</u> | Diam. | 3cm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Width | 3cm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Length | 3cm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. <u>Inches from wound to:</u> | Top of head | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Right of midline | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Left of midline | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. <u>Powder burns:</u> | On skin | yes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Clothing | yes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Absent | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. <u>Direction of bullet through body:</u> | Backward | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Forward | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Downward | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Upward | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | To right | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| To left | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. <u>Bullet found:</u> | Calibre | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shotgun | X | | | | | | | | | | | |

Photographs made: Yes No

X-rays made: Yes No

REMARKS: Shot entered middle of left upper arm
 directed slightly upward into chest - macerating
 the tissues - bones with profuse bleeding - 12 gauge
 shot gun. no 4 shot.

Examined by:

F. L. Byers

Date:

11/4/61

NAME: Samuel Ross Smith COUNTY: Rockingham CITY: Rockingham

WARD NO. _____

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I have made this list of the
 items that I have in my
 collection of books and papers
 and have placed them in
 the boxes as shown.
 J. L. Brown
 Date: 11/11/11

Dec 11-1961

Dear Mr Sipes

I am writing you a few
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that I feel a lot better
I am asking you to help
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MARION, VIRGINIA



JOSEPH R. BLALOCK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

January 15, 1962

Mr. James R. Sipe
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Harrisonburg, Virginia

Re: William Roy Smith
Reg. No. 23567
Date of Admission: January 4, 1962

Dear Mr. Sipe:

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In order that we may make a thorough psychiatric study of this case, we should like to know the details of the alleged crime, including the patient's statements and reactions at the time of arrest and during his confinement. We should also like to know as much as possible about his past history and any previous legal involvement.

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January 16, 1962

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Marion, Virginia

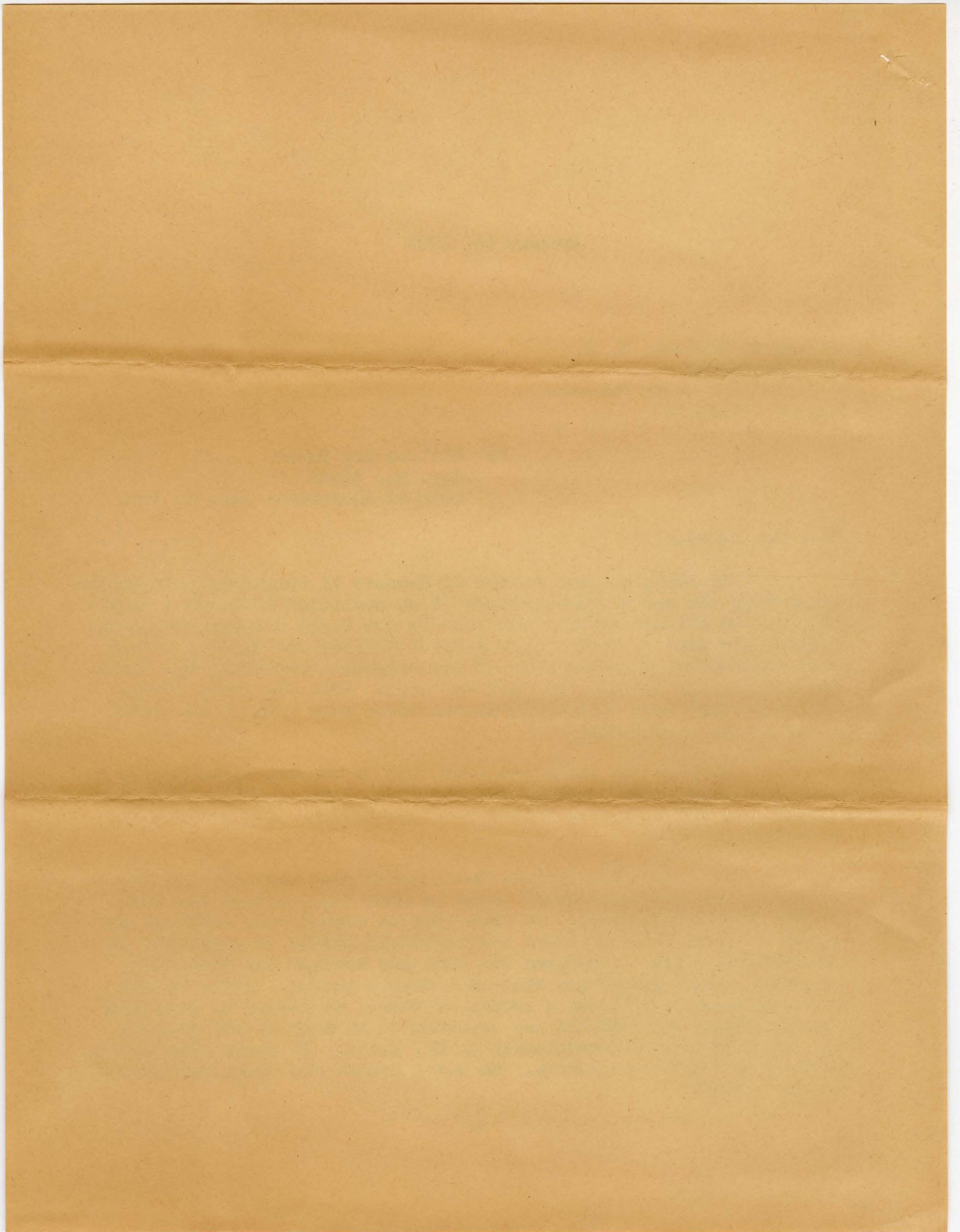
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Dear Dr. Blalock:

In reply to your letter of January 15 regarding information concerning the above named patient, I am enclosing herewith a photocopy of the written report submitted by the State Trooper who investigated the pending murder case against William Roy Smith. I feel that this report contains most of the evidence concerning Mr. Smith. You will see by reading the last two pages, that the State Trooper has taken down most of the statements which were made by Mr. Smith after he was apprehended.

William Roy Smith was committed to Western State Hospital on February 19, 1936, and was discharged on June 6, 1939. I thought perhaps you would be able to get some information from their files at Western State.

The only observations that I would have that are not contained in the enclosed report would be when I questioned him when he was first apprehended. At that time he seemed very confused and appeared to me to be a person who certainly should be committed for observation. When I informed him that his brother was dead, his reaction certainly was not that of a normal person. After he had been confined in jail for a couple of weeks, he seemed to calm down considerably. The sheriff has reported to me that in the past he has received numerous complaints on Mr. Smith. It seems that he was violent on various occasions. He was a person who consumed considerable alcohol.



Joseph R. Blalock, M. D.
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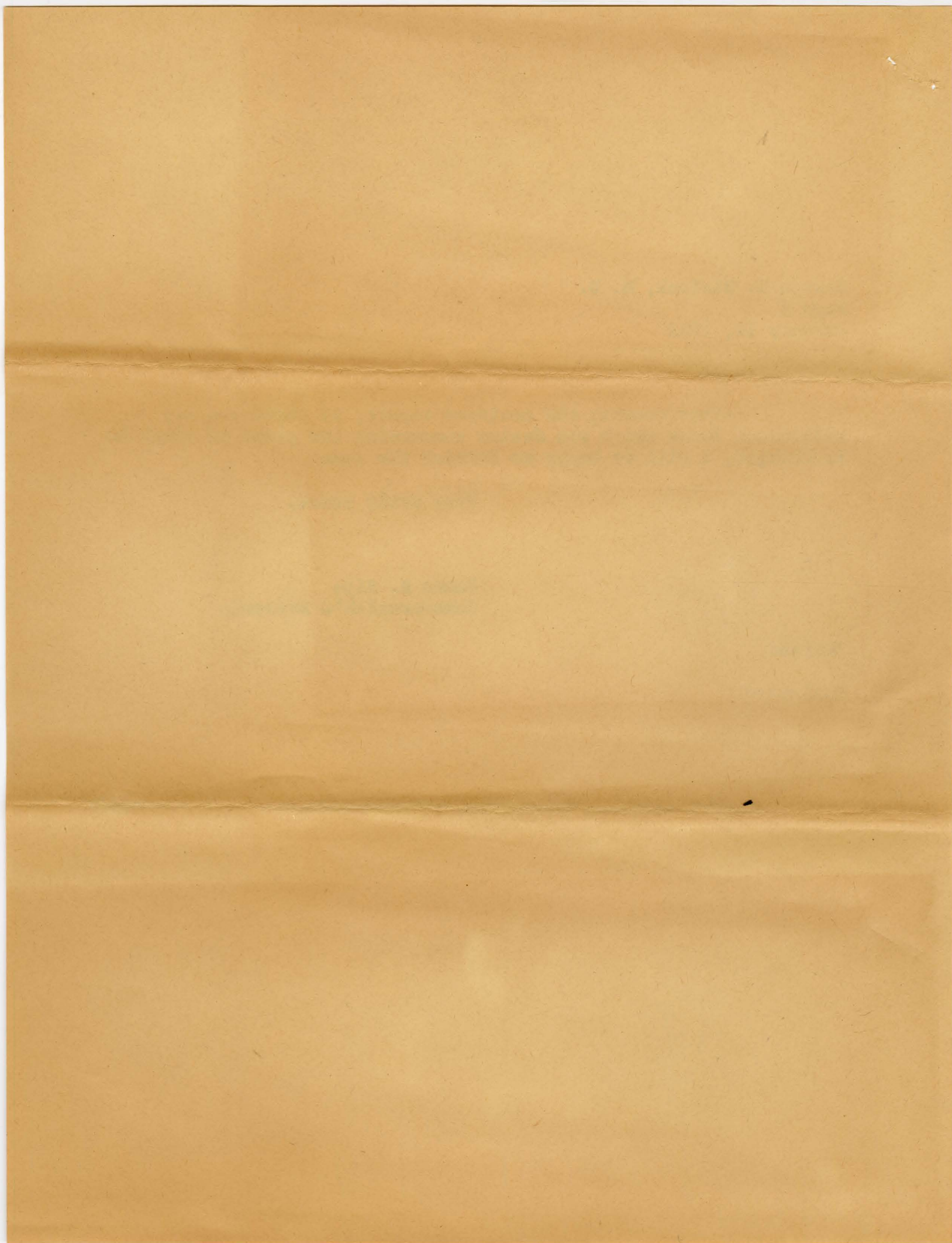
After reading the enclosed report, if there are any additional facts which you desire concerning the crime of which he is charged, I will be happy to furnish the same.

Very truly yours,

James R. Sipe
Commonwealth's Attorney

JRS/sfd

Enclosure



Weather In Brief
Mostly Cloudy
(For Details, See Page 2)

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STATE ARMORED CAR in front of Roy Smith home as he came out peacefully Sunday morning and admitted the fatal shooting of his brother, Samuel Ples Smith, near Singers Glen.

In inset, Smith with State Police Sgt. Harry L. Powers. Sheriff A. L. Strawderman is behind Smith. (NewsRecord Photos)

County Man Kills Brother At Home Near Singers Glen

A 58-year-old man instantly killed his brother with a shotgun about 5:30 Saturday afternoon in the Singers Glen community. This was the fatal aftermath, officers said, of a fist fight an hour or so earlier and a long period of ill feeling.

Instantly killed was Samuel Ples Smith, 50, who was shot at his

home by Roy Smith, 58. He is in Rockingham County Jail charged with the shooting.

Roy Smith, his face and chest severely beaten in an afternoon fight, surrendered at 3 a. m. Sunday at his home atop Green Hill, one mile south of Singers Glen.

State Armored Car

The house was surrounded by

state troopers and sheriff's deputies. State troopers brought their armored car from Culpeper when officers suspected that Roy Smith might be barricaded in his house with an unobstructed view to fire in any direction.

Sheriff A. L. Strawderman said Roy Smith had a reputation of free shooting in the neighborhood. His brother (now dead) called the sheriff to his home about an hour before the shooting and said Roy had threatened to kill him. But Ples Smith declined to have a warrant issued, the Sheriff reported.

Officers said it was not long after the sheriff's visit that Roy Smith went to his brother's house and walked in, firing instantly at Samuel Ples who was just inside the doorway. Two shots were fired, the other load lodging in a door jamb.

Fight At Saw Mill

The fight is said to have occurred at Stroop's saw mill, where both men had met, between 2 and 4 p. m. Roy Smith was reported later to have shot a horse. He said Sunday the horse was his own and he did not wish to keep it any longer. Officers learned that Roy Smith had complained about his brother's horses being on his property.

As far as officers could learn, no words passed in the Ples Smith home before Roy Smith shot.

The Ples Smith house is located near a state road but Roy Smith's house is at the end of a mile-long steep and rocky lane. This lane was negotiated with difficulty by the armored cars and the officers' automobiles. By cutting

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VOTE 6 TO 7

U.S. Radio Barrage Directed To Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Voice of America radio bombarded the Soviet Union for eight hours Sunday with a massive "truth barrage" on Soviet nuclear testing. Initial reports indicated the broadcasts broke through intensive Communist jamming efforts.

The VOA said Soviet interference from more than 2,000 jamming transmitters was unable to block the broadcasts on many of the frequencies employed.

The VOA massed 52 transmitters on 80 frequencies—the greatest concentration ever aimed at the Iron Curtain—to get what it called the story of Russian pollution of the atmosphere across to the Russian people, most of whom do not know about the Soviet explosions.

They were told that the 31 or more tests their government has conducted since Sept. 1 "have exposed you—and 11 who will come after you—to grave danger."

Monitors reported propagation conditions were unusually good, the VOA said. It reported Washington monitors were even able to hear the 35 kilowatt VOA relay station in Ceylon beaming the broadcast into central Russia from the south.

The first broadcast in English was not jammed, the VOA said.

The second, in Russian, was jammed after 1½ minutes of transmission. Jamming efforts continued against the six minority languages also used—Ukrainian, Georgian, Armenian, Lithuanian, Estonian and Latvian, but not on all frequencies.

RECEPTION SPOTTY

MOSCOW (AP)—Voice of America broadcasts, making a mass effort to penetrate Soviet jamming efforts with the story of Soviet nuclear testing, apparently had only spotty reception here Sunday.

A number of foreigners in the western section of the city reported that they heard the broadcast clearly. Those who live in the Lenin Hill area near Moscow University could not pick up anything through the jamming.

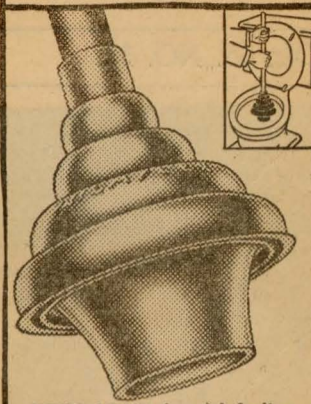
At the U.S. Embassy, one of the Russian-language broadcasts was picked up late in the evening but it was on a frequency that the Voice of America had not announced in advance.

MAKAH DAY

The Makah Indians of the Olympic Peninsula in Washington celebrate Makah Day on Aug. 26 — the day in 1925 they received full citizenship.

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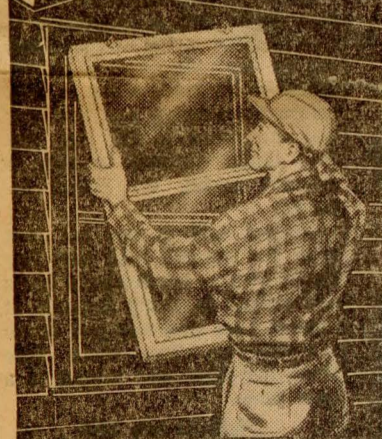
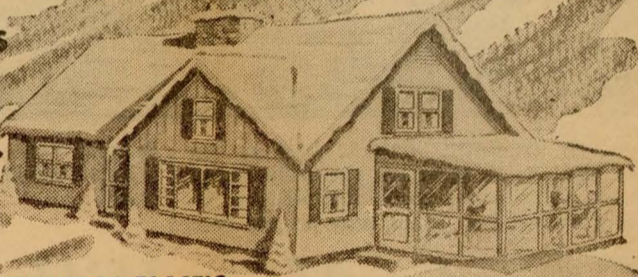
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—PM East/PM West—5
11:15—Jack Paar—3-4-8-10
—Movie—6-7-9-12

County Man Kills Brother

(Continued From Page 1)

across the fields the homes are about a quarter-mile apart.

Returned to Home

Roy Smith lived alone in a big frame dwelling. He is believed to have taken the short cut to his home after the shooting. He was not reported in the community after the shots were fired.

Deputy Sheriff Glen Wilcox said they knew of Roy Smith's reputation for shooting, particularly if he was "mad and drinking" and they did not think it worth the chance to go to the house until he fell asleep. Wilcox added that they had no fear that Roy Smith would run away.

It was not until the armored car was driven in front of the Roy Smith home and the loud speakers blared away with commands for him to come out did he arouse. Officers said he is particularly hard of hearing.

Roy Smith came out meekly into the yard which was surrounded by Sheriff Strawderman and his deputies, State Police Sgt. Harry L. Powers and six Rockingham troopers, and five troopers with Lt. L. E. Thomas on the armored truck.

The slow moving armored vehicle could not reach the scene until 2:30 a. m. It will travel little more than 25 miles an hour.

Admitted Shooting

Smith readily admitted shooting his brother but said he did not know he was dead, the sheriff reported.

Later, Roy Smith told Commonwealth's Attorney James R. Sipe, that he went home after being beaten, became angry when he saw his beaten face in a mirror and then started for his brother's house with the shotgun. This gun was on the bed beside Smith when he aroused. He made no effort to use it.

Some of the officers said Roy Smith appeared dazed and apparently did not realize that he had been the object of the officers hunt for hours.

Officers also recalled that Roy Smith was a patient in Western State Hospital some years ago.

Mr. Sipe said that Smith will be brought into Rockingham County Court today. He indicated that he may be sent to a mental institution for examination.



SLAYING WEAPON — Deputy Sheriff Glen Wilcox with .12 gauge shotgun Roy Smith used in killing his brother, Samuel Ples Smith, near Singers Glen Saturday.

(News-Record Photo)

Syria Recognized

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—India Sunday announced recognition of the new Syrian government. The Indian consul general in Damascus will be elevated to embassy status.

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In London, 10 policemen were injured in disorders in Trafalgar Square and 312 persons were arrested there and in other parts of the capital, mostly on charges of setting off fireworks illegally. In Liverpool, there were 129 fireworks injuries.

The blast in Wraybury occurred at a party of show business stars being given in a bungalow by John Kennedy, manager of Theater Players.

The dead, two men and a woman, were trapped in the basement. Fire swept through the building within seconds.

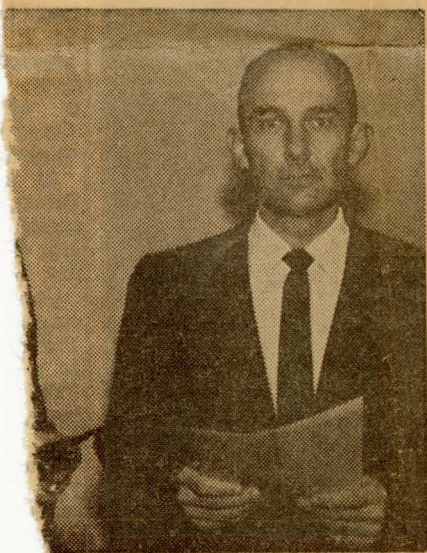
Police identified the dead as Hilda Parsons, Davis Horsnail and a lawyer, Michael Harroway.

house and died later, apparently from a heart attack.

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gricultural county of the State. Charlie, with his excellent background and experience in this field, was a "natural" for the Agriculture Committee, on which he is now a high ranking member. In addition, one or the other of them hold high rank on the Finance, Privileges and Elections, and General Laws Committees, all of which are key assignments.

Once assigned to a committee, a member of the General Assembly remains on that committee as long as it returns to its sessions. Accordingly, his rank rises as other members drop out and new members are added. Seniority of each committee is determined by the rank of the member in point of service. Lawrence and Charlie are well on their way to seniority of these highly important committees. At a new member, upon being assigned to the lowest ranking member. On a committee most of the committees are, a new mem-

their standing committee assignments in high order, but Lawrence and Charlie are recognized by their appointment and important Boards and Commissions and Delegates in session which

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April 2, 1962

Mr. A. L. Shaunderman, Sheriff
60 Graham Street
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Re: William Roy Smith
Reg. No. 23567

Dear Sheriff Shaunderman:

As you will recall the above-named patient was released into your custody on March 28, 1962. He is now being carried on furlough status, and as soon as you can make arrangements for us to receive a Court Order authorizing his discharge from this hospital, his status will be changed to discharge.

Thank you for your immediate attention in this case.

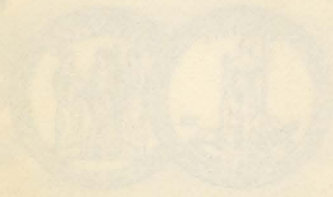
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April 2, 1962

LEWIS H. BLANK, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

COMMONWEALTH STATE HOSPITAL
MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

Mr. A. L. Spangenberg, Sheriff
50 Central Street
Martinsburg, Virginia

Re: William Roy Smith
Reg. No. 1557

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STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF

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To-Wit:

No. _____

TO ANY SHERIFF OR POLICE OFFICER:

Whereas, James R. Sipe, Commonwealth's Attorney

has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, Donald S. Evans

(Name)

Justice of the Peace

(Title)

of the said County, that

William Roy Smith

in the said County

did on the 4th day of November, 19 61: Unlawfully and feloniously

kill and murder one, Samuel Pleasant Smith, against the peace and dignity
of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

These are, therefore, to command you, in the name of the Commonwealth, to apprehend and bring before the County Court of the said County, the body (~~body~~) of the above accused, to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are also directed to summon:

- _____ color _____ Address _____
- _____ color _____ Address _____
- _____ color _____ Address _____
- _____ color _____ Address _____
- _____ color _____ Address _____

as witnesses.

Given under my hand and seal, this 5th day of November, 19 61

Donald S. Evans

(Title of Issuing Officer)

(Seal)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

STATE OF VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF _____, to-wit:

I, _____ a Judge of the County Court Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, State of Virginia, do certify

that _____ and _____, as his suret _____, have this day each acknowledged themselves indebted

to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of _____ Dollars

(\$ _____), to be made and levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands, and tenements to the use of the Commonwealth to

be rendered, yet upon this condition: That the said _____, shall appear before the Circuit Court

of _____ County, on the _____ day of _____, 19____,

at _____ M., at _____, Virginia, and at any time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further heard, and before any court thereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with the charge in this warrant, to answer for the offense with which he is charged, and shall not depart thence without the leave of said court, the said obligation to remain in full force and effect until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is declared void by order of a competent court; and upon the further condition that

the said _____ shall keep the peace and be of good behavior for a period of _____ days from the date hereof. Nonappearance shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of trial by jury.

Given under my hand, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Judge. J. P.

DOCKET NO. _____

COMMONWEALTH

vs.

WARRANT OF ARREST
WILLIAM ROY SMITH

Executed this, the _____ day of _____, 19____

Upon the examination of the within charge, I find the accused

The following witnesses were recognized

to appear before the Circuit Court of _____ County, _____

Virginia, at _____

Virginia, at _____ M., on the _____

day of _____, 19____

under penalty of \$ _____

COSTS

Warrant _____ \$ _____

Trial _____

Bail _____

Arrest _____

Mileage _____

Clerk _____

Jail Fee and Board _____

Witness Attendance _____

Summoning Witnesses _____

Commonwealth Attorney _____

Total Costs _____ \$ _____

Fine _____

Total _____ \$ _____

Fine _____ \$ _____
Costs _____
Total _____ \$ _____

March 28, 1962

Honorable Hamilton Haas, Judge
Circuit Court of Rockingham County
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Re: William Roy Smith
Reg. No. 23567

Dear Judge Haas:

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Since admission he has been carefully studied both physically and mentally and history obtained from available sources. As a result of our observations, we beg to report that he is not now psychotic or insane and that he has not been psychotic or insane since admission. The official diagnosis is 'Sociopathic Personality Disturbance, Alcoholism (addiction).' He is considered to be mentally competent and able to return to Court to stand trial on the charges pending against him.

Respectfully,

Joseph R. Blalock, M.D.

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Superintendent

JRB/fm

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JRS/EM

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at 1, Linville -

✓ Mavis G. Smith - widow of Pleasant Smith -

married 26 yrs. -

(1) Richard Stroup - 21 - not adopted - but raised him - in army

(2) Kenneth Stroup - 18 - " " - not there

(3) George Stroup - 16 - " "

(4) Mary Jane Workman - 10 - " "

Pleasant - early that day had gone to get wood -

Ray came back w/ him - both of them

had been drinking - Ray then went home -

He ate & went to bed (around 11 or 11:30) -

George & Marie stopped me on rd & stated

that Ray was going to shoot Pleasant - Ray

had gotten mad at them - (the children had heard some

chats) - I went to Elbert's house (another

brother) & called Sheriff Strouderman (but

didn't get hold of him at that time) - I

then went home - my husband got up

when I went in the house (about 1) -

I told Pleasant what had happened

(that Ray on rampage - had cursed

out the children - & threatened to

shoot him) -

[Sherman Conley ^{wife} was at Stroup's sawmill -

Pleasant went over there & talked to

them (George & Marie were w/ him) -

had gone over there thinking it

was Stroup & wanted to order

some lumber -] - I saw

Ray coming down the hill - I yelled

& told Pleasant - Ray was yelling

"Uncle Ray is a real man, etc" -

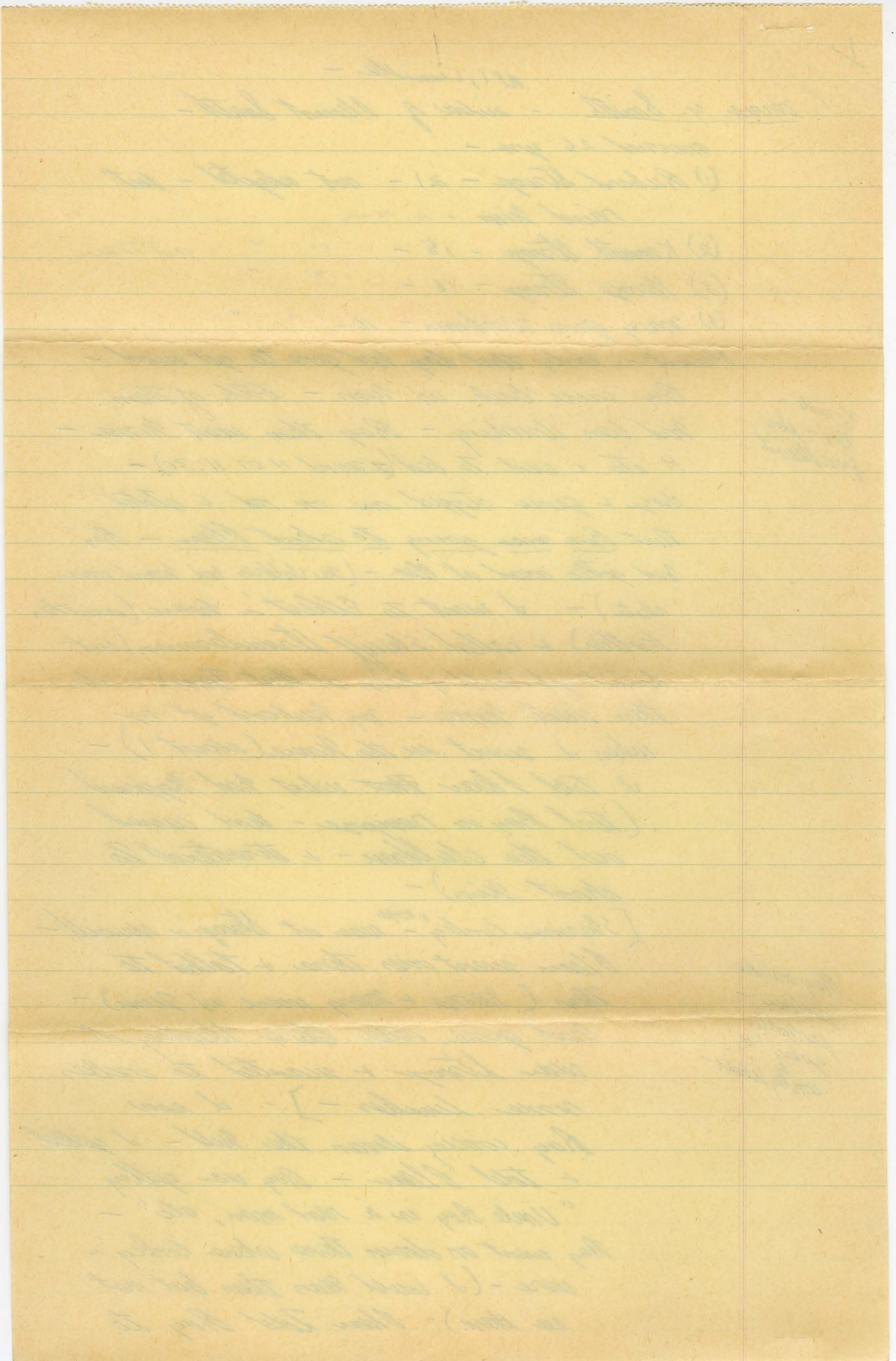
Ray went on down there where Conley's

were - (I could hear them but not

see them) - Pleasant told Ray to

1/4 mile -
Ray's place
from Pleasant

Ray maybe
jealous -
probably
going w/
Conley's men -



? [Blear - on record -
Ray - ?

Ray had
shot horse
(his own) - Conley
had been up there
& they were
telling Blear
about it

Ray always
carried
knife -

Ray took
ice pick
out of pocket
during fight -
Blear kicked
it out of hand -
[Mrs. Smith
was no
pick]

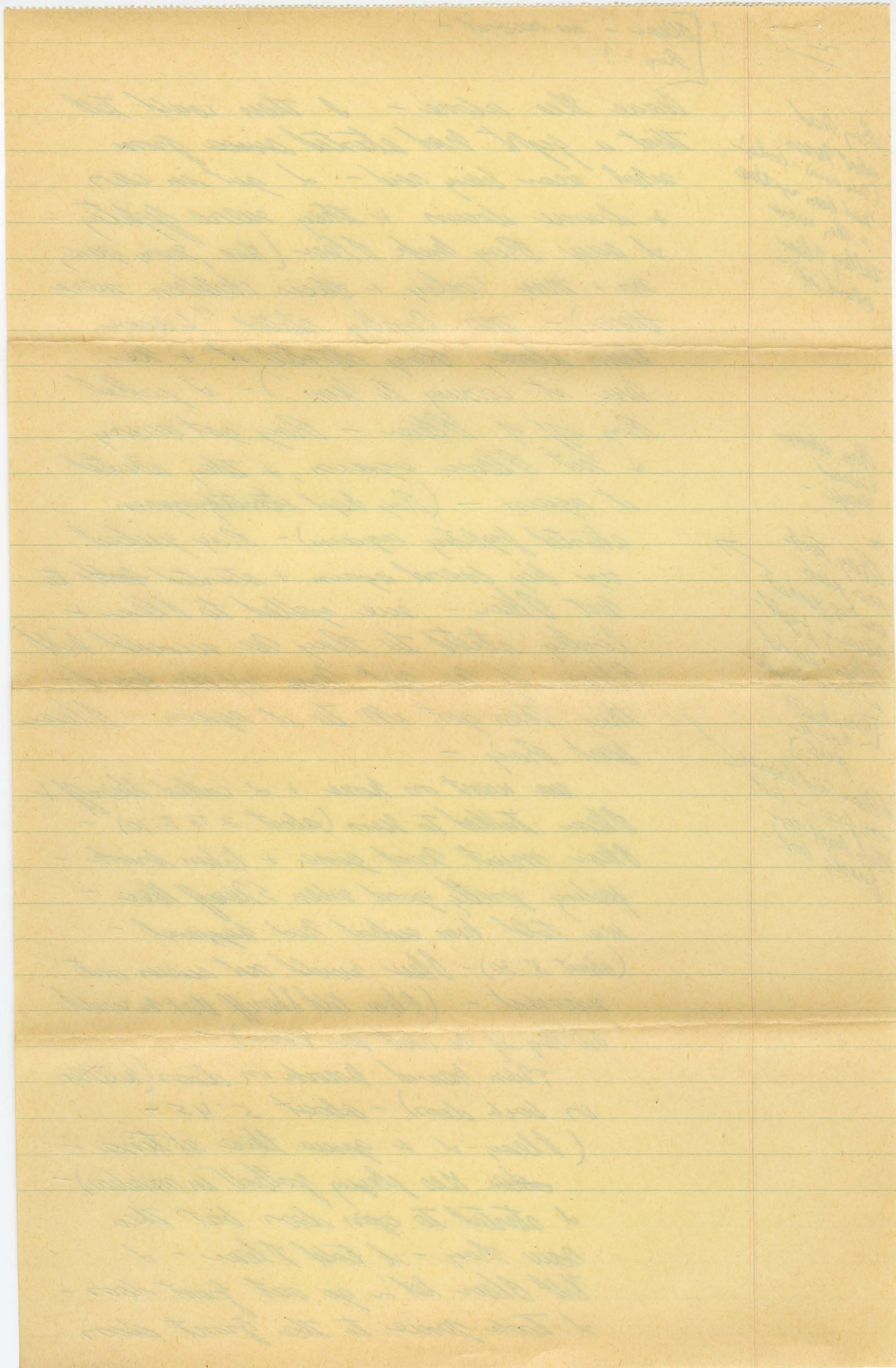
Blear had bruise
on face - but
Ray held up
fairly good.

leave them alone - I then could tell
that a fight had started since from
what was being said - I got in car
& drove down & they were fighting -
I saw Ray pick Blear (heo., man gone,
mr + mrs. Conley + their children were
there) - Mr. Conley stated "Leave
them alone, Ray started it & he
was it coming to him" - I pulled
Ray off of Blear - Ray got away
& hit Blear again, & they started
it again - (Ray kept starting again
started fighting again) - Ray picked
up his board again & started to
hit Blear - we yelled to Blear &
Conley stated to Ray he would kill
Blear if he hit him w/ the board -
they then got in to it again - Blear
beat Ray -

we went on home & I called Sheriff &
Blear talked to him (about 3 to 3:30) -
Blear must feel gone & taken drink -
feeling pretty good when Sheriff there -
we told him what had happened -
(about 5:30) - Blear would not swear out
warrant - (Blear told Sheriff that he would
kill Ray if he shot his horse) -

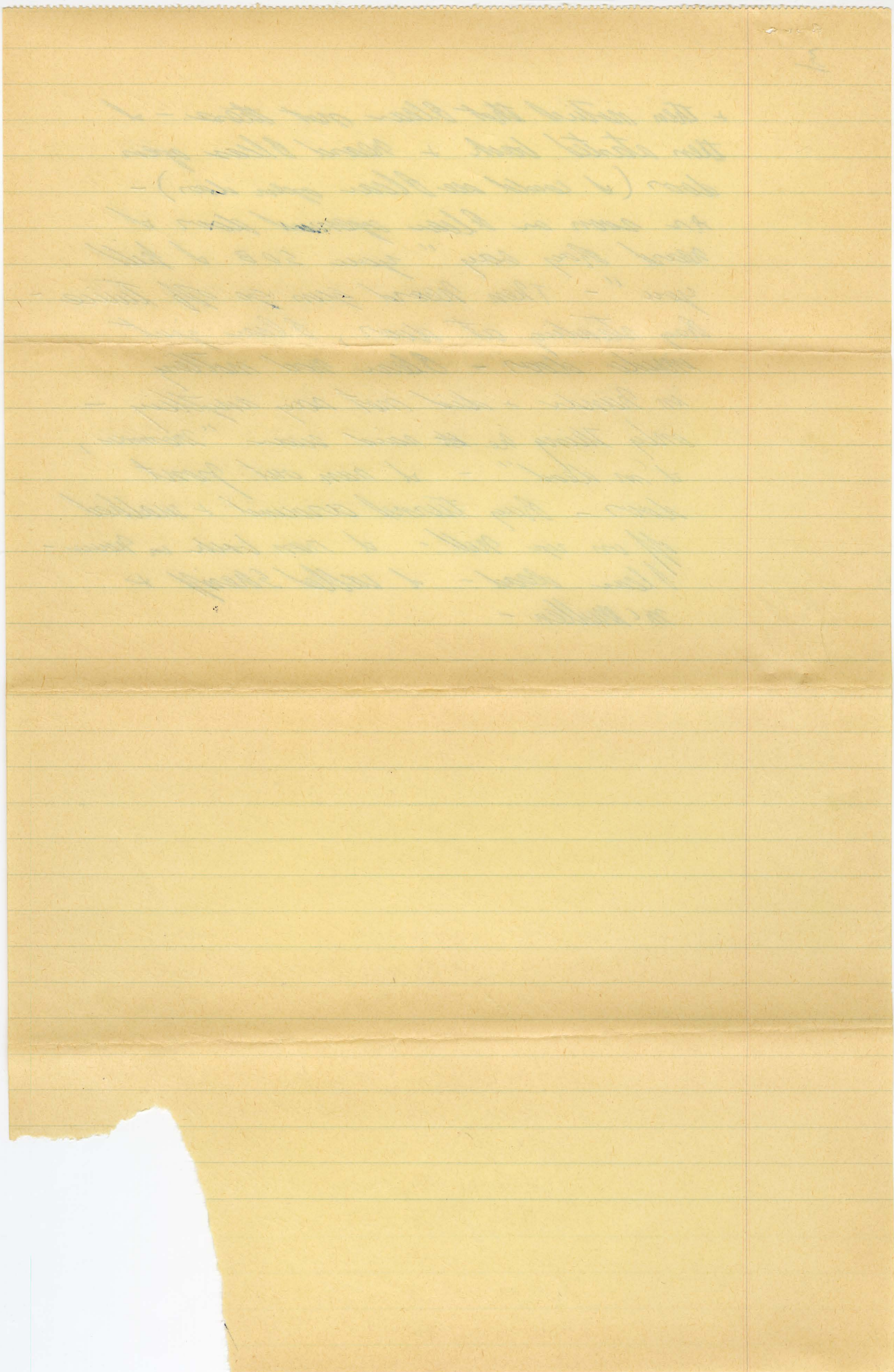
Then heard knock on door (kitchen
or back door) - about 5:45 -

(Blear & I + genie there at time -
also heo playing football in meadow) -
I started to open door but then
saw Ray - I told Blear - I
told Blear let's go out front door -
I took genie to the front door



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+ then noticed that O'Leary not there - I
then started back + heard O'Leary open
door (I could see O'Leary open door) -
As soon as O'Leary opened door I
heard Ray say "you SOB I will
kill you" - Then heard gun go off twice -
Ray standing at door, O'Leary just
inside door - O'Leary had nothing
in hands + did not say anything -
only thing he said was "Mamma,
I'm dead" - I ran out front
door - Ray turned around + walked
off on my hill - I ran back in house -
O'Leary dead - I called Sheriff +
McMullen -



Mr. Lalston
has State Police
report.

