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Sept. 27, 1884.

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THE KILLING OF NICH. CULLANS.

Testimony of Witnesses Before the Coroner's Jury.

State of Louisiana, }
Parish of Calcasieu, }
We and each of us do solemnly swear that we will diligently enquire and true presentment make, on behalf of the State, when and by what means the person whose body lies here came to his death; and that we will return a true inquest thereof, according to our knowledge and such evidence as shall be laid before us, so help us God! Signed, Thomas Hansen, John Burnett, O. T. Schindler, Green Hall, W. E. Deloach. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of December, 1884.
J. P. 3rd Ward and Ex-officio Coroner.

Testimony of witnesses taken on oath at an inquest held over the body of Nicholas Cullans on the 28th day of December, 1884, at the Court House, Lake Charles, before me J. V. Moss, Sr., Justice Peace 3rd Ward, and ex-officio Coroner, and the Jury in said inquest impaneled.

DR. J. E. GOODLETT, sworn says: I have been a practicing physician for a number of years. I was called on the morning of the 28th of December, 1884, to see the deceased, Nicholas Cullans, who was then in the lower cell of the Parish jail in Lake Charles, was called by Capt. Stoddard the town constable, was requested to come by order of the Mayor. I found deceased in a comatose condition, he had a wound some three or four inches on the right side of the center of the head, and was cut to the bone. I examined but found no fracture in the skull. Hemorrhage to an alarming extent had occurred. From the nature and extent of the wound I think it was made with a sharp, cutting instrument. Noticed no other wounds except the one described. Deceased was in a very critical condition from the loss of blood and the general surroundings. He did not have sufficient covering and was not at that time properly cared for. Concussion of the brain would not necessarily follow from such a wound--more apt to be from a blunt instrument without abrasion. Had the deceased had medical attention immediately after the infliction of the wound he would not have had the second hemorrhage. The stupor was not caused by the wound, but might have been caused by other licks. This case adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. on Monday, December 29, 1884. On this day inquisition resumed.

DR. E. J. LYONS, sworn says: I have been a practicing physician for the last 23 years. Was called on the morning of December 27th, 1884, to visit deceased, Nicholas Cullans, who was then in one of the lower cells of the Parish jail. Was called by B. R. Stoddard constable of Lake Charles. Found deceased lying on some mattresses on the floor, in a state of coma. I found one wound about three inches long on the right side of the mensial line on the head. Think that the stupor in which deceased was at the time, was caused by concussion of the brain. An incised wound would not have caused concussion of the brain. Think the blow on the head caused his death. Had the deceased received medical attention on the night of the 25th, or early on the morning of the 26th of December, his chances for recovery might have been better. The wound was stitched when I first saw it, did not examine it critically. His pulse was 160 per minute, and I regarded his case as hopeless. This was about 10 or 11 o'clock on the morning of December 27th, 1884. Deceased lived some 22 or 23 hours after this, and died on December 28th, 1884.

ADOLPH ANDERSON, sworn says: I am a sailor and belong to the schooner Garneck, was acquainted with the deceased, Nicholas Cullans, had known him about twelve months, he was a sailor, he had charge of the schooner Garneck. Was present on Christmas evening about 5 o'clock when a difficulty occurred between deceased and a grocery keeper, named, W. P. Thomas, in the town of Lake Charles, Parish of Calcasieu. There was some quarrelling in Thomas' store. A man (stranger to witness,) with a mark under the eye came into the store, from the description supposed to be Sam Street, and put his hand in his pocket and said "I'll shoot." Thomas told the man he wanted no fighting in the house. Thomas requested the bystanders to take hold of the man and he (Thomas) took hold of his hand and searched the man and found no weapons on him. The man who had been searched began to jerk and deceased fell down on the floor, deceased got up from the floor and caught Thomas by the beard like he was going to hit him. Thomas knocked deceased down with his fist, then got a bottle and struck deceased on the head with it while deceased was down on the floor. Where Thomas struck deceased on the head he inflicted a wound. Witness attempted to take deceased out of the house when Thomas' clerk struck at witness but missed him and struck the lamp. Witness went out of the house, and soon after deceased came crawling out on his hands and knees. Witness got hold of the hand of deceased and helped him up and he was bleeding very much from the wound in the head. Deceased said he was badly hurt and wanted witness to take him away. Witness attempted to do so, but deceased refused to go and took off his coat and wanted to go back into the house and fight again. Witness could not hold deceased and told him to go ahead. Deceased then went on the gallery of the store and was standing there when a tall man kicked him off on to the sidewalk. Witness knows the tall man by sight. Witness and another man took hold of deceased and led him up the street a short distance, deceased then made a good deal of noise. Mr. Meyer, Mayor of the town, came there and ordered assistance to take deceased to jail. Deceased, witness and Fred Peterson, after going part of the way to jail, were

released, deceased was put in jail. Witness begged the Mayor to let deceased go as he was badly hurt and witness would take care of him. The Mayor refused to let deceased go. Did not see deceased any more till 7 or 8 o'clock next morning--he was then lying in the cell in jail. Witness found deceased unconscious and bloody all over from the wound in his head. Witness got some water and tried to wash him. He seemed to have been very poorly provided for. The constable B. R. Stoddard went with witness to the jail and seeing the condition of deceased went immediately for a physician. Deceased lived until yesterday (28th) and died between 9 and 10 o'clock a. m. Think that deceased died from the lick struck him on the head by Thomas on the evening of the 25th of December, 1884. When deceased was struck with the bottle he was very drunk. The bleeding made on the street by deceased at the time of his arrest by Mr. Meyer, witness thinks, was from the effect of the lick on the head, had never seen him act in that manner before.

W. H. POINTER, sworn says: At 7 o'clock p. m. I was near Mr. Thomas' store in the town of Lake Charles. There were some parties drunk and quarrelling. Saw fighting between Mr. Thomas and the deceased, there were two other persons who had been with Thomas. They all held hold of Thomas at the same time and were all fighting at the same time. A quarrel commenced between Fitzpatrick (Thomas' clerk) and Sam Streetman, they ran together. Thomas, myself and others separated them. Streetman swore he would shoot a hole through the crowd. Thomas had his hand on the barrel of a revolver and he then ran off. Deceased and two other persons (do not know their names) then rushed upon Thomas in the liquor room and deceased caught Thomas by the beard and throat and the other two had hold of Thomas by the arms, one on each side. They had jammed Thomas up in the corner. Deceased took a bottle from the shelf and struck Thomas in the face with it, saying to him "I'll kill you." About this time the fight began between Thomas and the three others, the light in that room was knocked out leaving them in the dark. Witness and Levy rushed in to separate the parties, put two of them out of the house, but left deceased and Thomas fighting. At this time Thomas was partially down in the corner. He then recovered and took a bottle filled with wine from the shelf and struck deceased on the head above the edge of the hair. First lick Thomas struck deceased with the bottle knocked him down--second lick he struck him down, but the third lick knocked him down again. After deceased was knocked down by Thomas the first time he got up and advanced upon Thomas, who struck him the second time and seemed to stun deceased, when deceased recovered himself, he advanced upon Thomas the third time, and knocked him down. Witness then put deceased out of the house and then they closed the doors. After Thomas became somewhat reconciled, witness, Thomas and others went out on the gallery, at the same moment deceased and one of the men who had hold of Thomas came on the gallery, and deceased swore he would whip the d--s-b--yet, and started towards Thomas. Deceased threw off his coat after getting on the gallery. Thomas then stepped back and asked the sailors to please take him off. They took deceased off towards Hawkins' gate. Witness, with Thomas and Levy, took Fitzpatrick (who was drunk) to Thomas' house. Witness then went home. Did not see any one kick deceased off of Thomas' gallery. Deceased was bleeding pretty freely from the wound inflicted on his head by Thomas. At each lick made by Thomas on deceased, the bottle broke and Thomas took a new one. The deceased was very drunk--the sailors were drunk also. There were but three sober men in the house, they were witness, Levy and Thomas. The bottle with which deceased struck Thomas, broke in his face.

CHRIS. CHRISTIANSEN, sworn, says: I am a sailor, and belong to the schooner Henrietta, was partially acquainted with Nicholas Cullans--was with deceased on Christmas evening at Thomas' store, in the town of Lake Charles, parish of Calcasieu. Witness did not see Thomas strike deceased, but saw deceased come out of Thomas' store with his head bleeding. Saw some one sling deceased off the gallery, and saw Thomas' clerk kick deceased when he was on the sidewalk. Witness recognized the last witness who testified as the one who threw deceased off the gallery. Did not examine the wound on the head of deceased at the time. Saw it, only yesterday. This affair happened about dusk on Christmas evening. About the time the light went out, I saw Nicholas fall on the floor. About the time Nicholas fell on the floor heard two or three bottles break. Witness had been standing in the doorway leading from the grocery to the liquor room and retreated from there through the back door, around through the back yard to the front gallery, and as he entered on the front gallery saw deceased come out of the house and fall on the gallery. Witness and Adolph Anderson helped deceased up, when deceased came to, he remarked, "look at me bleeding." Witness and Adolph could not hold deceased, he wanted to fight the man who had cut him. Deceased went out on the sidewalk and came back on the gallery. It was then that the man slung him off the gallery.

FRED. PETERSON, sworn, says: I am a sailor, and belong to the schooner Lehman, was slightly acquainted with Nicholas Cullans, he deceased, was with deceased on last Christmas evening at Thomas' store, in the town of Lake Charles, parish of Calcasieu. Saw deceased catch Thomas by the beard, and strike or slap him in the face with his hand, then Thomas knocked deceased down. Cannot say whether it was done with a bottle or with his hand, it was done so quick. After deceased was down on the floor, saw Thomas strike deceased on the head with a bottle. The light went out then,

after which I heard the crash of several bottles, but could not see who was breaking them. Next, and soon after this affair, saw deceased on the sidewalk near the store and he was bleeding considerably. Soon after, deceased, witness and Adolph Anderson were arrested, and, on their way to the jail, they all requested to be released. Deceased said he was badly cut. Witness and Anderson were released, but deceased was not. Never saw him any more until after he was dead. Did not take hold of Thomas to assist Nicholas in the fight with him, nor did I see anyone do so. Deceased and Thomas' clerk had had some words, and the former being very drunk, witness thinks that deceased mistook Thomas for his clerk. Thomas' clerk had had hold of deceased, and Thomas interfered and assisted in separating them, remarking at the same time that they had not met to quarrel, and that they might as well make a merry Christmas of it.

ALBERT GRAHAM, sworn, says: I was near the store of Thomas, in Lake Charles, on Christmas evening, when the difficulty occurred there, heard and recognized Thomas' voice, on the inside of his store, saying that he (Thomas) was as good a friend to them as any man in Lake Charles. Heard Thomas say, "let me go." Soon after I heard the breaking of bottles. Do not know who Mr. Thomas was talking to. Soon after I heard the breaking of the bottles I saw a man come out of Thomas' store bleeding. Saw some one throw the man off the gallery, and told him to go away. The man who was bleeding attempted to get back on the gallery, but was prevented. The same man took him off up the street, near to Hawkins' gate, there he was arrested by the Mayor and taken to the jail. He was the same man who came out of Thomas' store bleeding.

JOHN N. LEVY, sworn, says: I am originally from St. Louis. I was present at Mims & Thomas' store, in Lake Charles, on Christmas evening, when a difficulty occurred between Thomas and a man whose name I have since learned was Nicholas Cullans. I saw the man Cullans rush into the whiskey room, with two others following. There was some trouble between Thomas' clerk and Sam Streetman, in the east end of that room--it was very narrow. Thomas was in the room--stopping the trouble--standing with his back towards the door. Nicholas Cullans rushed up, caught Thomas by the back of the neck and put the other hand over Thomas' shoulder, towards his breast, and grabbed for the beard and throat, and may have struck or scratched him. I caught the man by the coat collar and jerked him back, let him go and he fell--the floor was sloppy. The man got partially up and was making towards Thomas, who, seeing the situation, defended himself with bottles. Saw Thomas strike the man with one bottle, or more, on the head. Did not see any wound on the man's head, that evening. Saw blood on his face, coming from the wound. He stumbled out of the room without assistance. Some person was shoved off the gallery after the difficulty in the room, think it was deceased. Afterwards saw deceased under arrest. Saw no one catch hold of Thomas but the deceased. The lamp in that room was put out accidentally, by falling from its place, it was then dark, no other lights. This difficulty occurred about twilight on the evening of the 25th of December, 1884, in the town of Lake Charles, parish of Calcasieu. Witness knows of no cause of ill-feeling between Thomas and the deceased.

AN INQUISTION, begun at the house of Mrs. J. Sallier, where deceased NICHOLAS CULLANS died and in view of the body of said deceased, then and there lying dead, on the 28th day of December, 1884, and afterwards completed at the Court House in the town of Lake Charles, Parish of Calcasieu, on the 29th and 30th days of December, 1884, before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace for the Third Ward of said Parish, and acting as ex-officio Coroner, and before the following jurors, viz: Green Hall, Thomas Hansen, John Burnett, Otto T. Schindler and Wm. E. Deloach, all good and lawful men of the Parish of Calcasieu, who having been duly sworn and charged, to inquire, on behalf of the State of Louisiana, when, where, how and by what means the deceased came to his death; do say upon their oaths aforesaid, and from the evidence of witnesses brought before them, that the said Nicholas Cullans came to his death by means and in consequence of his having been struck on the head and the infliction of a severe wound thereon with a glass bottle, then and there had and held in the hand of one William P. Thomas in the grocery store and liquor room of Mims & Thomas, about twilight on Christmas evening, (Dec. 25, 1884, in the town of Lake Charles, Parish of Calcasieu, of which said wound and the want of proper medical attention and care while confined in the parish jail, by order of the Mayor, the said Nicholas Cullans lingered, and lingering did die on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1884. And the jurors aforesaid do further say, that from the evidence before them, of the manner and means by which the said deceased came to his death, that nothing willful can be attributed to the manner in which said deceased received the wound which proved fatal. (Signed,) Thos. Hansen, John Burnett, O. T. Schindler, Green Hall, W. E. Deloach.

In testimony whereof, the Justice and jurors of this inquest have hereunto subscribed their names, the day, month and year above stated.

J. V. Moss, Sr., J. P., 3d Ward. Filed, Dec. 30, 1884.

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