

Shooting on Laurel 7/2/x

Sunday, June 27th. some three or four parties gathered at the home of Josh Franklin about one-half mile from White Rock and from the best information we can gather the parties had gathered in the upper room of Franklins house and for some reason Billie Shelton, a neighbor, and one of the parties had become offended and left the room. It is claimed after thinking over the matter that he could not take the insult which had been placed upon him and returned to settle the matter. He was met by Bud Gentry, son of Susan Gentry, and immediately firing began which resulted in the instant death of Billie Shelton he having been shot twice near the heart. Mr. Gentry the other participant in the affair and who was supposed to have killed Shelton was hit five times, twice in the arm, once in the shoulder and twice in the body. This shooting was supposed to have been done by the deceased Shelton. It is stated that there was only two eye witnesses present and the news correspondent has not interviewed either, and this report is gathered from the general report.

Mr. Shelton was buried at the family burying ground Monday Mr. Gentry was rushed to the Mission Hospital at Asheville where he is receiving treatment. It is stated that he has good chances for recovery. Both parties of the affair are residents of that neighborhood and married men with families. Whiskey it is said was the cause of the shooting.

Since writing the above it is learned that Mr. Gentry died Wednesday at 7 o'clock p. m., at the Mission Hospital from the effects of the wounds received. He was taken to his home on Laurel Thursday and will be buried Friday, hence the final chapter of this unfortunate affair.