

The Tragedy in Queen Anne's County.

We gave from different sources, on Saturday, an account of a tragedy in Queen Anne's county, Md., which resulted in the deaths of John Paca and Alfred Jones, at the hands of Colonel William B. Paca and his three sons, namely, John P., James, and Tilghman Chew Paca. The parties killed were, one a nephew of Colonel Paca and the other a maternal uncle of the deceased. There are several versions of the unfortunate affair, and below we give a brief statement of the facts alleged to have been developed before the coroner's jury. It appears that John Paca, one of the deceased, was aged 18 years, and the other, Alfred Jones, about 45 years. John P. Paca, the oldest son of Colonel Paca, stated by the letter below as still being at large, was arrested in this city on Saturday night last, by Captain Mitchell and Sergeant Stuck, on the oath of Frederick E. Paca, charged with being one of the men that aided in the shooting of John Paca and Alfred Jones. He was committed by Sheriff Danneker to await the action of the authorities of Queen Anne's county.

It appears that the property in dispute consists of 1,400 acres of land, with certain improvements, and that John Paca, the deceased, and Edward Tilghman Paca, were part heirs of the estate. Edward Tilghman Paca, however, having joined the rebel army, his interest in the estate was confiscated, and on the 12th of January it was sold in this city by Marshal Bonifant, in pursuance of a decree of the United States District Court. Col. William B. Paca became the purchaser of this interest at the sum of about \$1,100, although it was said to be valued much higher. Out of this, it is believed, originated the distressing tragedy.

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Our community was thrown into a state of intense excitement on Wednesday last by the perpetration in our midst of two most terrible homicides, which resulted in the death, instantaneously, of two young men, both quiet and inoffensive citizens. The parties to this sad affair were all members of one of our oldest and in former years most influential families.

John Paca, 18 years old, second son of the late Edward T. Paca, and Alfred Jones, 45 years old, his maternal uncle, are the victims of this tragedy. From the evidence given to the coroner's jury, it appears that John Paca and Alfred Jones were engaged in making a fence around a lot adjacent to the premises occupied by Mrs. Edward T. Paca, to which Mr. William B. Paca (an uncle of John, and who, by virtue of a trusteeship, controlled the property of his deceased brother,) made an objection on the day previous and ordered it should be desisted from (without avail,) at the same time making some threats, if his directions were not complied with.

On the following morning the two were progressing with the fence as usual, when Mr. William B. Paca, accompanied by his three eldest sons, all armed with double barrel shot guns, drove up, and instantly alighting from the carriage, William B. Paca, with an oath to his nephew, declared that he would show them who was master there.— Just then one of the sons discharged his gun at his cousin, John Paca, who, receiving the load of duck shot in his neck, fell a corpse the next instant. The load from the gun in the hands of one of the party was lodged just behind the left ear of Alfred Jones, tearing and lacerating his throat in a most horrible manner. He, too, expired instantaneously, and without a groan. It appears that Mr. Jones received also a load from a gun in the hands of another of the party, as the discharge of three guns and a number of shot entering the neck, and from a different direction, would indicate.

It was clearly shown at the inquisition that neither of the unfortunate men who were killed had arms of any kind with them, and that they gave no provocation, beyond the fact of being engaged in making the fence. Their funeral was largely attended to-day by an indignant and sympathizing community.

Mr. William B. Paca and two of his sons are in custody; the fourth party has not been secured, and is still at large.