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CONRAD HELMRICH MURDERED.

Conrad Helmrich, a brother of Judge Geo. W. Helmrich, of this county, was murdered for his money by some unknown man, in Newport, Kentucky, last Saturday morning. Deceased resided in this county up to a few weeks ago when he left for the East, being of a restless disposition and preferring to travel over the country. He was nearly seventy years old and had considerable money. He had started to walk from Newport to Rising Sun, Indiana, when some unknown person shot him. Judge Helmrich was telegraphed the tidings of his brother's murder and left for Newport Tuesday evening. The particulars of the crime are given in the following Newport correspondence of the Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette*:

Coroner R. A. Dameron and Dr. F. A. Davis, yesterday completed their post-mortem examination on the body of the unknown man found lying on the river bank, just below the foot of Saratoga street, last Saturday morning, the particulars of which were published in the local columns of yesterday's *Commercial Gazette*. The ball with which the man was killed was found at the base of the brain, and proved to be of 32-caliber, weighing seventy-one grains. It was very much battered. A ball taken from one of the cartridges found in the deceased's pocket weighed eighty-one grains. Coroner Dameron will hold an inquest this morning at 10 o'clock. A number of old citizens visited Betz's undertaking establishment yesterday but failed to recognize the deceased.

The police visited the place where the body was found yesterday, but could not find any traces of a revolver, although many are of the opinion that it is a case of suicide. The various families living in the neighborhood where the body was found were also visited and questioned, but none of them heard any pistol-shot or knew anything of the affair, except a man named Diek Jackson, who lives in a shantyboat about fifty yards from where the body was found. He says that he saw a man standing on the bank between 8 and 9 o'clock Friday night, and that shortly afterward he heard a pistol-shot, but upon looking out he saw nothing. About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. Adolph Lotze, of A. Lotze's Sons & Co., the trunk builders of 219 Walnut street, Cincinnati called at Mr. Betz's undertaking establishment and identified the body as that of Conrad Helmrich, of Boonville, Cooper county, Mo., and that he had been boarding at the Farmers' Hotel, corner of Race and Court streets, that city. Mr. Lotze stated that he was sixty-five years of age and a widower, and that he has a son living by his second wife. Mr. Lotze stated that he had been in Cincinnati about two months, he having come here from Missouri, where he and his brother were operating a farm, for his health, thinking the change of climate would do him good. Mr. Lotze said he called at his establishment every day for his mail. On last Wednesday he told Mr. Lotze's cousin, Mr. Henry Lotze, that he intended going away in a day or two, and gave him his silver watch and all of his papers, among which were his naturalization papers and his discharge from the army. Mr. Lotze was asked if he knew whether or not Mr. Helmrich had had any trouble of any kind. He stated that the old gentleman was here some two or three years ago, and thinks that he must have had some trouble with

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DEATH OF JOHN FINLEY.

Died, on the morning of the 11th instant, at his late residence, seven miles east of Boonville, Mr. John Finley.

The deceased had suffered greatly for years of rheumatism. He was, however, going about as usual on last Monday morning. Suddenly overcome by dizziness, he sat down, spoke of serious disturbance or fluttering of the heart, and in a moment or two he was dead. His friends, although aware of his suffering at times, were greatly shocked at his sudden death.

Mr. Finley was a native of Kentucky, came to Missouri before the war, and after a trip west, returned to this State just in time to be drawn like hundreds of other young men, into the Southern army. He was then about twenty-five years of age, just the material to make a good soldier, and gentlemen who were associated with him all through those years of strife, bear witness that he was a brave soldier, and when not on duty his influence among his comrades was uniformly good. The exposure of those years doubtless caused the chronic trouble which finally ended his life.

At the close of the war, Mr. Finley returned to Missouri, was married to Miss Kate Weight, and settled upon the farm where he died. He has been for many years an exemplary member of the Baptist church of this place, and for some years past his steady growth in grace and Christian activity has been very marked. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and three children, and his loss is universally deplored in the neighborhood where he resided.