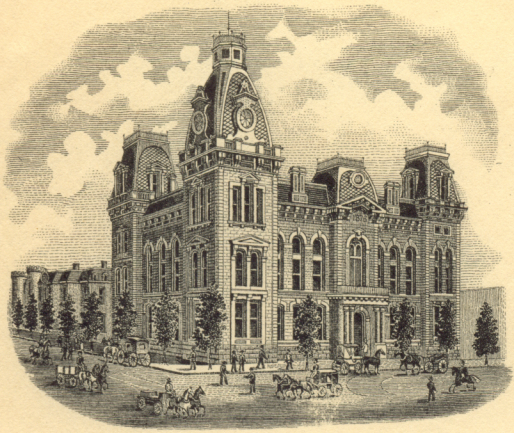


John P. Kirk Deposes as Follows,

I was engaged in the usual way in the Collector's Office on the morning of December 31st. 1896. At about a quarter of ten O'clock I heard a report of what I first thought was a fire cracker in the Treasurer's Office. I opened the door between the Collector's and Treasurer's Offices and saw Treasurer Jernigan sitting in his usual place leaning forward with his face resting on the table.

I gave the alarm and called for some one to go for a Doctor, Mr. Thrasher and Chester had followed me in to the Office, Chester went for a Doctor, Mr. Thrasher and I raised him up and I looked to see where he was shot, as we straightened him up in his chair smoke came out around his neck and I looked to see if his clothing was on fire I then saw that he was shot in the left breast near the nipple, I asked him why he had done it and receiving no answer suggested that we lay him on the table which we did. After we had laid him down we asked him if he knew us?, he nodded his head,- In the meantime Mr. Hart had come in, I asked him if he wanted to say anything, he shook his head.



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We asked him if he knew us, he opened his eyes and replied, "Yes I know you all", we asked him then if there was anything that we could do for him, he replied, "Nothing but let me die, I want to die", Mr. Hart and Mr. Thrasher continued the conversation with him and I tried to assist Dr's. Davis & Wooten who had been called in.

Later when he was moved out to his home, Chester Thrasher and I went out to the house ahead of him, and I remained with him until his death which occurred at about ten minutes of two O'clock P. M. December 31st. 1896.

J. M. D. Kirk

sworn to and subscribed before me on
this 16 day of Jan - 1897.
J. M. D. Kirk
acting - coroner.

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