

INQUEST PROCEEDINGS

Eare Brown

DECEASED.

Place of conducting inquest 5206 Kell Dr House Car

Nationality White Age 44 Sex Male

Death occurred about 5⁰⁰ M. ; 12 day of August 1938

Body discovered by Will Brown 12 day of August 1938

Coroner notified by R. D. Langston H.P.D at 5³⁰ M. 12 day of August 1938

Cause of death Shot-Gun Wound

Location of wounds See Chart Below

Personal effects taken from body of deceased Given to Will Brown brother of Eare Brown, Watch + Pocket Book.

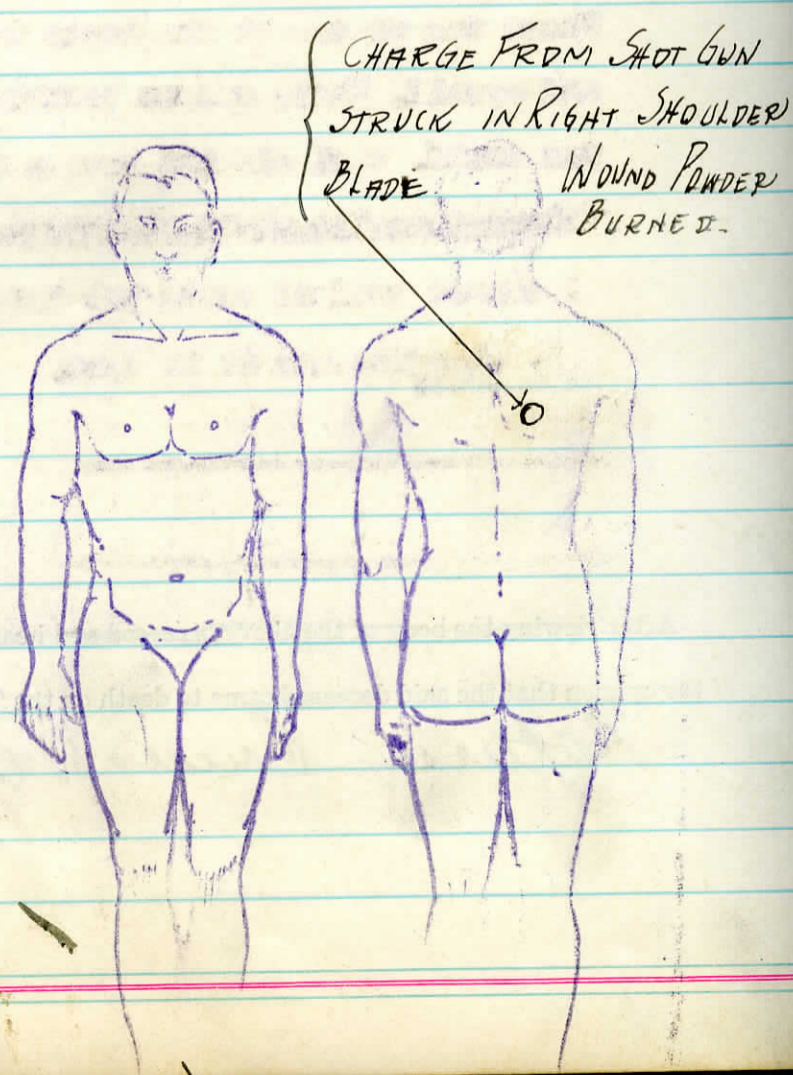
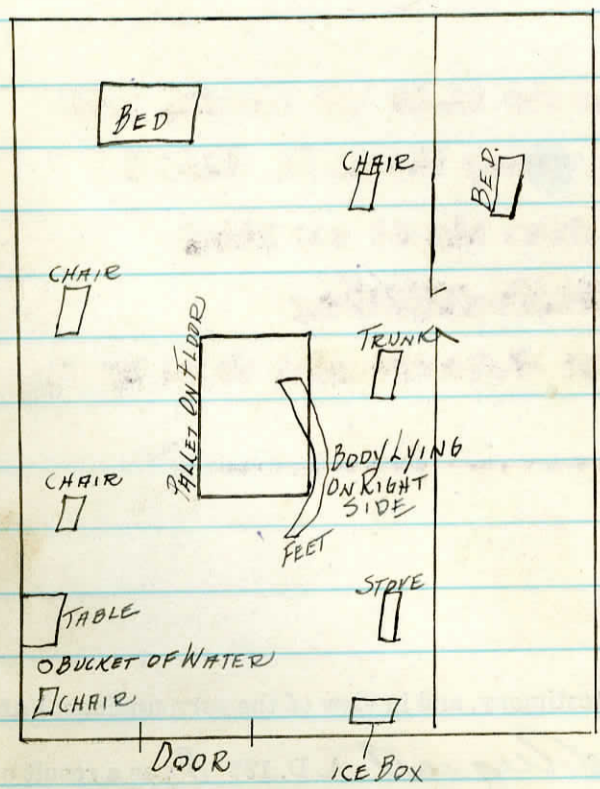
Disposition of property

Description of surroundings, condition of body, etc.

Persons present when death occurred

Other witnesses

The following testimony was adduced



Houston, Texas,
August 12th, 1938.

My name is Will Brown. I am 49 years of age and am married to Bessie Brown. I live now at 407 Lamar Ave. now, Earl Brown was my brother. I have been seperated from my wife off and on for about five years but we are not divorced. During the time I have been seperated from Bessie, my brother Earl has been living with her. I have told my wife if she wanted a divorce to get one. I do not work, I am a disabled war veteran and I draw a \$50.00 a month pension and I give Bessie fifteen dollars of that.

Last night aboutn 9.00 P.M. Bessie and Earl came by and picked me up and took me out to 5305 Kolb St. where they live. We had supper and I stayed around there and talked and every one was agreeable and pleasant during that time. About eleven oclock I got ready to go to bed and my brother fixed a pallet on the floor and I went to bed, my wife layed down on the bed with me and Earl layed down on the pallet. There had not been any drinking at all. I went to sleep. Sometime this morning I heard a gun shot, I jumped up and I saw Bessie with a shot gun in her hand and I took the gun away from her. My brother was laying on the pallet shot and did not say anything. After I took the gun away from Bessie and threw it in the woods where the officers found it. Then Bessie grabbed a butcher knife and I took it and threw it away, and then she grabbed an ice pick and I took that away from her, then she grabbed a large glass jar and I took that away from her. Then I grabbed Bessie and held her until the officers came. I called a man in from the street that I do not know and told him my brother was killed and asked him to help me and he stayed there until the officers came.

There was no one at the house any time during the night but Bessie, Earl and myself. There was no trouble of any kind during the night while I was awake. Earl did not have a weapon on or about him of any kind.

~~I have read the above statement and it is true and correct.~~

I cannot read or write but have had the above statement read to me by

R.D. Langdon and it is true.
Witnesses:

Signed Will Brown

R.D. Langdon

G.H. Peyton

After viewing the body of the above deceased and hearing the foregoing testimony, and in view of the surroundings, I am of the opinion that the said deceased came to death on the 12th August A. D. 1938, as a result of

gun shot wound - homicide - inflicted
at the hands of Bessie Brown

J. P. and Ex-Officio Coroner of Harris County, Texas.

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