

## THE PISTOL.

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### Fatal Encounter in Green County—William T. Mansker Shoots and Kills Wallis C. Ward. Whisky the Cause.

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From an occasional correspondent in Green county, we have the particulars of a melancholy and fatal affray, which took place near Gainsville, on the 1st inst.

It appears that W. T. Mansker and Wallis C. Ward, were working a place on shares. Ward, when in liquor, was a desperate and disagreeable man. The day previous to the homicide the parties had had some difficulty in the house of Mansker, where Ward (being drunk), had abused him and his family, and for which Mansker had ejected Ward from his house.

On the morning of the first of May, Ward had sent two men named Turner and Miller, as messengers of peace to Mansker, stating that all he desired was a peaceable arbitration and settlement of the difficulties. Mansker being prevailed upon by the representations of these men, agreed to meet the party at the store of Frewett & Bro's., about a mile from his dwelling.

Immediately upon Mansker appearing upon the place of rendezvous, Ward jumped from his seat, and drawing his pistol endeavored to shoot him. Friends interfered in the matter, when it was agreed that both parties should give up their weapons, which Mansker did, but not so with Ward. Both parties then talked the matter of difficulty over for some time, but failed to come to any peaceable terms, when Ward drew his pistol and shot at Mansker, missing him; the second shot took effect in the thigh.

Mansker mounted his horse and made for his home, Ward in hot pursuit. Arriving at the house of the former, Mansker got his rifle and fired at his antagonist, who was entering the gate, the ball taking effect in the breast. Ward proceeded to the house, when they clinched, Ward falling over a cradle, and died almost instantly. Ward was a young man, and came formerly from Tennessee, where his relatives are now residing.

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