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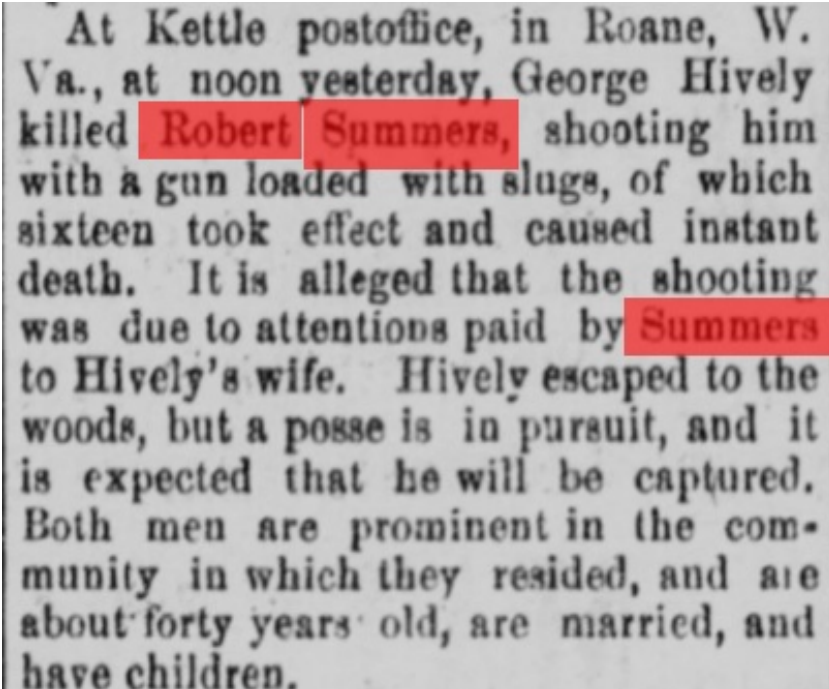
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Hi, everyone. I've just joined the web group because I've been doing genealogical research and found an intriguing incident in my family history that I'd like to know more about. Apparently my grandfather's grandfather, George Hively, was involved in a murder in 1907. (And by "involved in" I mean he committed the murder -- the facts I have so far point to a love triangle that ended in a shooting at Kettle post office.) I first came across a reference to the murder on a family tree that had been uploaded by someone who I guess is a distant cousin. Then I found a newspaper article from a Virginia newspaper to back up the facts. I'm uploading a jpeg of it. Does anyone know what the local Roane County newspaper would have been at the time? And if it's online somewhere? Also, does anyone know if Kettle post office still exists?

Thanks so much!

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At Kettle postoffice, in Roane, W. Va., at noon yesterday, George Hively killed **Robert Summers**, shooting him with a gun loaded with slugs, of which sixteen took effect and caused instant death. It is alleged that the shooting was due to attentions paid by **Summers** to Hively's wife. Hively escaped to the woods, but a posse is in pursuit, and it is expected that he will be captured. Both men are prominent in the community in which they resided, and are about forty years old, are married, and have children.

