

FOULLY MURDERED AT HOME.

Mrs. George Maddex Found Dead by Husband. No Clue to the Murder.

No clue has been found, so far as the public has been informed, to the murder of Mrs. George Maddex whose body was found by her husband about noon on Thursday of last week, lying in a pool of blood on the floor of the barn near the residence. A St. Louis detective has been at work on the case since Monday morning but if he has secured any information that is likely to lead to the discovery of the murderer the public is not aware of it.

The facts of the horrible crime committed by some one, are about as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Maddex resided in one of the tenant houses on the large farm owned and operated by Capt. C. E. Leonard, about four miles west of Runceton. Mr. Maddex was employed on the farm and on the morning of the day referred to went to work at some distance from the house. At the time he was working with one of the negro employees building fence. A few minutes before noon he quit work and went to the house to get dinner. Before going into the house he stopped in the yard and did a little painting on a buggy, then went into the house but found that his wife had made no preparation to get dinner. This surprised him and as he did not see his wife in the house began to call her but met with no response. The house dog was lying in the yard and Mr. Maddex spoke to him about "Mec," the house name for Mrs. Maddex. The dog went towards the barn and Mr. Maddex followed him. There at the door of the barn and on the inside, he found his wife lying with her face to the floor. He spoke to her but received no answer. He then proceeded to give the alarm by notifying neighbors that his wife had been murdered by some one and soon the surrounding country was

aroused. Coroner Evans was notified and in the afternoon went to the scene and held an inquest. The jury's verdict was to the effect that Mrs. Maddex was either murdered or had died by her own hands. The suicide theory has however, been abandoned in the light of all the surroundings and there is no further question that the horrible crime was committed by other hands than the woman's. Whoever it was who murdered the woman did it with a fiendishness seldom met with even in a murder. The woman's throat was cut almost from ear to ear, severing the jugular veins and almost cutting in two the wind pipe. It is evident the cut was made with a sharp knife or razor. The thumb of the left hand was almost severed and three or several cuts on the right hand, indicating that the poor defenceless woman had struggled against the attacks of the murderer. In one of her hands was clenched some of her own hair. A napkin on which she had been at work, a spool of thread and her sewing thimble were found in the barn near the body. This is a foundation for the belief that she was attracted to the barn by some ruse on part of the murderer.

Mr. Maddex left the house about seven o'clock that morning and after the children had gone to school Mrs. Maddex was alone on the premises so far as the members of the family knew.

The murder is surrounded with mystery because so far as known Mrs. Maddex had not an enemy in the community; her home life was pleasant and there can be no reason assigned for anyone to kill her. It is hoped the mystery may soon be solved and the murderer brought to justice.

The remains were buried at Pilot Grove Saturday. Mrs. Maddex was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Col Rennison of Pilot Grove. Besides her husband Mrs. Maddex leaves three children to mourn her awful death. The aged parents, the husband and the motherless children have the deepest sympathy of entire public in their bereavement.

America Rennison (Mrs. George Maddex)
is the daughter of Joseph Colmar Rennison
and Mary Angelina Fleeman.
America b:8 Sep 1875, d:29 Sep 1910