

Will Edmondson, San Saban Tried 6 Times For Murder, is Killed

SAN SABA, Dec. 31 - Will Edmondson, 50, was shot to death at 8:30 p.m. near his home in the Locker community and his son-in-law, Aubrey Hopson, about 25, was held in county jail here. According to Sheriff Newell Graves, who returned from the scene of the shooting Thursday, Edmondson was shot in the head three times with a pistol and died instantly.

Justice of the Peace D. Terry of Richland Springs held an inquest. Hopson surrendered to Deputy Sheriff S.E. Gibson and City Marshal N.H. Zellman near the scene of the shooting. Examining trial will be held Friday. Hopson made no statement to local officers.

Hopson's Clothes Cut

Edmondson and Hopson were returning from Brownwood with a load of shingles to be used in repairing a rent house on the Edmondson farm, on which Hopson lives. A difficulty occurred between the two just inside the Edmondson pasture, it was stated, and Hopson's clothes were cut in a number of places, apparently with a sharp knife.

Funeral services for Edmondson were held at Locker Thursday. He is survived by his widow and several children.

Death of Edmondson recalled six trials in which he was defendant on a charge of the slaying of Fred Bolinger, Edmondson's neighbor, who was found shot in bed at his home near Locker in the fall of 1925. He was acquitted of the charge in his sixth trial after he had been given two life sentences, a 15 year prison term and two trials had resulted in hung juries. His case was reversed three times by the court of criminal appeals.

Acquitted at Georgetown

Following Bolinger's death in a Brownwood hospital, Edmondson was indicted by the grand jury here. He was given a life sentence in the San Saba district court. The case was reversed after an appeal. In a second trial, he was given 15 years and again the case was reversed. Another life sentence was assessed against him in a third trial at Llano in 1929 and following reversal of the case, a second trial at Llano resulted in a hung jury. The case was transferred to Georgetown in the fall of 1930 and again resulted in a hung jury.

In his sixth trial last February at Georgetown he was acquitted.