

John Wood

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MURDER AT BRUNSWICK -- Mr. J. Wood, Proprietor of the Oglethorpe House at Brunswick, was deliberately murdered by Charles Moore, Marshal of that town, Saturday night last. The circumstances are briefly as follows: Moore whipped a negro belonging to Mr. Wood the afternoon of that day, whereupon a slight altercation took place, the latter considering the boy as undeserving the punishment. The matter passed off and was thought nothing of, on Wood's part. About nine o'clock that night Wood, in company with several gentlemen, was sitting at a table in the front room of the Hotel, when Moore entered and remarked:--"Wood, we had a quarrel this evening, when I was unarmed; I am now prepared for you." Wood immediately arose from the table and remarked:--"Charlie, we did have a slight difference, but I have thought nothing of it since, and regard the matter as forgotten." As soon as these words were spoken, Moore drew a pistol and deliberately shot Wood through the heart. The latter started from the room and reached the passage, when he fell and expired immediately. Moore left the house and immediately disappeared.

The Mayor was soon on the spot, and offered a reward of one thousand dollars for the arrest of the murderer, but up to the last accounts he had not been taken.

We have learned these facts from a gentleman who was in the house when the dreadful affair occurred.

Mr. Wood was an excellent and most amiable man, and left a wife with several small children.-Savannah Republican, 20th.

ARREST OF CHARLES MOORE -- M.C.B. Wright, the sheriff of Glynn county, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon by the S.A. & G. Railroad, having in charge Charles Moore, who killed J.R. Wood, the keeper of the Oglethorpe House in Brunswick, on Saturday 16th last. The following are the particulars of the arrest, as near as we could ascertain them:

A passenger on the steamer St. Johns, which left Brunswick on Saturday night, took with him several of the handbills offering the reward for Moore's arrest, got off at St. Marys; from thence along the line of his route through the interior he posted them. Arriving at Centerville, Camden county, on Sunday, it was ascertained that Moore was stopping there, through indisposition, on his way to Florida. Gen. Hilliard, with several others, immediately proceeded to take him prisoner. He was found at his boarding house, and made no resistance. He was taken to St. Marys, where the party met the steamer St. Marys on her return from Florida. Arriving at Brunswick, he was placed in the custody of the Sheriff, who was ordered by Judge Cochran, to bring him to Chatham county jail for confinement, there being no secure jail in Glynn county. The Sheriff, in company with some eight or nine persons, immediately passed over to Darien with their prisoner, where they obtained vehicles, and after rapid driving, arrived in Liberty county, some distance this side of the Medway Church, and reached the Station in time to meet the cars on the Savannah, Albany & Gulf Railroad, on which they came to Savannah, arriving at 20 minutes to 4, p.m. The party left Brunswick between 5 and 6 o'clock, Tuesday evening, making the trip overland in about 22 ½ hours. The prisoner was immediately, on reaching the city, delivered over to the jailer, and is now in close confinement in Chatham jail.

The reward of \$1,000 was paid by the mayor of Brunswick to the arresting parties within an hour after Moore was placed in the hands of the Sheriff of Glynn county. It was not deemed necessary to handcuff the prisoner, as he showed no disposition to escape from the officer who had charge of him.

We learn that the feeling of exasperation against Moore by the people of Brunswick was rapidly increasing as soon as it was ascertained that he was again in that

city. This may in part account for his speedy removal.-Savannah Republican, 21st.

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MURDER IN Brunswick

A brutal murder was committed in Brunswick, Ga., on the evening of the 16th, by Chas. Moore, City Marshal, upon the person of J.R. Wood, Keeper of the Oglethorpe House. An altercation had taken place during the day in relation to Moore's chastisement of one of Wood's servants. In the evening Moore confronted Wood, with the remark that he was armed and ready for him. Wood replied very pleasantly that he had nothing against him, and thereupon was shot dead by Moore. Moore then fled.

A reward of \$1000 was offered for his apprehension by the Mayor of Brunswick, and we learn by the Savannah Republican that he was taken in Centerville, in Camden county, on his way to Florida, and lodged in Chatham county jail, on the 20th instant, there being no secure place of confinement in Glynn. A feeling of great exasperation against Moore exists among the people of Brunswick. Wood was a worthy and quiet man, and has left a widow and young children.