

W. O. ELLIS KILLED.
Died from Effects of Winchester Shot
Received on the Ellis Plantation.

Richmond, Tex., Oct. 12.—W. O. Ellis of the Ellis plantation at Sartartia, eight miles east of here, was shot by a tenant in a difficulty over a settlement at 1:30 this afternoon, and died from his wounds while being placed upon the train to be taken to Houston.

A telephone message from Sartartia at 2:30 this afternoon conveyed the following intelligence: W. O. Ellis, manager of the big Ellis plantation at that place, had been shot and dangerously wounded in a quarrel with George B. Priddy, a tenant on the farm. Drs. Johnson and Dillard went to the place, which is eight miles from here, and did what they could to relieve Ellis' sufferings. The bullet from the weapon entered at the side above the hip, and has not yet been located. It is considered a very dangerous wound, and Ellis is suffering greatly. The trouble, it is said, arose over the settlement of an account.

Ellis is a son of Col. L. A. Ellis of Austin, and was at one time a banker in Houston.

Later—a telephone message at 4:30 stated that Ellis died just as he was being placed on the train to be taken to Houston for treatment. It is also reported that Priddy was wounded in the difficulty, but owing to the excitement at the moment it is impossible to verify any statement.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Houston, Tex., Oct. 12.—News was received here in the shape of private telegrams and telephone messages this afternoon from Sartartia, twenty-six miles west, on the Southern Pacific road, that William O. Ellis of that place had been shot and killed by one of the employes of the Ellis sugar plantation. A later report was to the effect that the body would be brought to this city. From credible sources it is learned that the man used a Winchester and hit Ellis twice, from the effects of which he died in a few minutes. The cause of the trouble was not learned, but the report is all over the city this evening. Mr. Ellis is well known here and in this part of the state, is a son of Col. L. A. Ellis of Austin and has been on the latter's sugar plantation for several years. He was at one time head of a bank in this city.

W.O Ellis killed at Sartartia Oct 1896



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C. G. ELLIS DYING

Owner of Sartartia Was Shot Three Times and There Is Small Hope.

B. C. SMITH SURRENDERED

At Richmond and Refuses to Make Any Statement Concerning Matter. Special Train Carried Surgeon from Houston.

(Houston Post Special.)

SARTARTIA, Texas, May 11.—This afternoon about 6 o'clock C. G. Ellis, son of the late L. A. Ellis and owner of the Sartartia plantation, was shot and it is believed fatally wounded by B. C. Smith, sergeant of convict guards at the Sartartia farm. At midnight Mr. Ellis is slowly sinking and the belief of the attending surgeons is that he will not survive the night.

An attorney from Richmond was sent for early in the evening and came to make Mr. Ellis' will.

Smith, the man charged with the shooting, went to Richmond, where he surrendered and where he is now confined in jail. He refused to make any statement relative to the shooting.

Just before the shooting Mr. Ellis rode up to a point near the sugar house and dismounted, being in his shirt sleeves at the time, with his coat strapped to his saddle. He and Smith engaged in conversation, and an altercation ensued, apparently within a very short time. This terminated when Smith drew his gun and fired three times at close range, all of the bullets taking effect. One of the bullets entered just below the right nipple and ranged downward through the lungs. The other two penetrated the abdomen. Mr. Ellis was at once removed to his home and a telephone message sent to Houston asking for a special train and a surgeon, while a telegram was sent to Dr. Amos Graves at San Antonio, his brother-in-law. The special from Houston bearing Dr. Morris came shortly after 9 o'clock, while the special bearing Dr. Graves is expected to arrive about 2:30 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Ellis is well known in Houston, where he has many friends. His home has been here for the past several years, and he has been managing the big farm. His wife and two children are here with him.

Some years since his brother, Will Ellis, was shot to death near here.

B. C. Smith, the man who did the shooting, came to this county from Bazoria and has lived in Fort Bend a number of years. He is well connected. He has a family.

12 May 1906 C.G. Ellis shot by B.C. Smith



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