

WALLER COUNTY.

Hempstead *Messenger*: Last Thursday night a negro woman went to Policeman Pinckney and complained that her husband, a negro man, one of whose aliases is Eli Lemuel, had been beating her, and had threatened her life. Pinckney got a warrant for the man's arrest, and summoning Constable Wallingford and Mr. Tom Pinckney to assist him, accompanied the woman home. Her husband being known as a dangerous, bad man, several parties followed to give assistance, if necessary. Policeman Pinckney stationed his brother Tom and Wallingford at the back door, and entered the house by the front door. As he entered Eli rushed out through the back door so suddenly that those stationed there could not seize him. When he had gotten some fifty yards from the house some one commanded "halt," and after some seconds a pistol shot was heard. Policeman Pinckney and his two deputies hastened in the direction the negro had taken, and found his dead body about sixty yards off, a bullet having passed through his head. After hearing all the evidence of the Policemen and the negro woman, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that "the deceased came to his death from the effects of a pistol bullet fired by the hand of some unknown party."

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