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Murder in Waynesville: The Anderson Tragedy

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“The Wrecked Life” of Willie Anderson, et al.

by
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The year 1879 was a dreadful year for Waynesville. This book scrutinizes the events leading up to, during and after a grisly triple murder that occurred in a small cottage on South Main Street in Waynesville, Ohio the evening of August 26th, 1879 when two unsuspecting women and one eleven-year-old girl were slaughtered with a hatchet. Their mangled bodies would not be found until seven days later. The frightful details come from the Coroner’s Inquest in Waynesville, the Grand Jury in Lebanon and the scores of newspaper reports found in the Waynesville, Cincinnati and Dayton papers. The author also examines what is known of the victims, of the suspects and of the large number of witnesses called to testify. A genealogical overview of the Anderson, Smith and Butterworth families is given in the work. Various motives for the crime and possible explanations are offered. There are many photographs, which help to illustrate the events. The work includes a name index and bibliography. There are 248 endnotes full of genealogical and historical information.

It is impossible to describe the excitement in the community. We are literally “supping our fill of horrors,” and the wail may well go up, “What is Waynesville coming to?”

The Miami-Gazette, September 3rd, 1879

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