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Grapeland (Houston County) Texas 75844

Thursday, March 31, 1966

Wife is Charged in Husband's Death

Murder charges were filed Wednesday morning against Mrs. Myrtle Edens, 59, of Route 1, Elkhart, in the shooting death of her husband, Jim Hogg Edens, 63.

According to Sheriff J. B. Lively, the shooting occurred shortly after 5 AM Wednesday. He said Deputy Sheriff George Cheatman in Grapeland received a phone call from Mrs. Edens about 5:20AM saying she had shot her husband and was jumping into the water well at the residence.

Sheriff Lively related that Cheatman called him and he instructed him to call an ambulance and proceed to the Edens farm, located in Houston County north west of Grapeland on the old Elkhart road.

Cheatman called Hassell and Foster for an ambulance and the fire alarm was sounded for firemen to accompany them to recover Mrs. Edens from the well.

Volunteer fireman assisted in removing Mrs. Edens from the well and she was returned to Community Memorial Hospital where she was placed in custody and under a 24 hour guard.

Sheriff Lively stated that her husband was killed by two bullets fired from a .38 calibre pistol. He added that she would be carried before a judge or justice of peace for formal arraignment, exact time depending upon her condition.

The sheriff also stated that two notes were left by Mrs. Edens, but contents were not disclosed.

Funeral services for Jim Hogg Edens, 63, of Route 1, Elkhart, will be held Thursday, March 31, at 3 PM in the First Baptist church, Grapeland, with Rev. J. T. Riley officiating. Burial will be in the Antrim Cemetery.

Mr. Edens was born in Houston County October 30, 1902, and was a son of the late Albert Newton Edens and Mrs. Fannie Belle Furnell Edens, both of Houston county. He was a member of the First Baptist church and Grapeland Masonic Lodge No. 473. Prior to retiring, he was employed by the Humble Oil Company.

Survivors; wife; daughter, Mrs. Carrie Frances King of Grapeland; brother, Frank N. Edens of Ruston; two sisters, Mrs. Allie (Emma Charm) Little of Baytown and Mrs. Merle Isaac of Houston, two grandchildren, Frank Stevens King and Miss Carrie Susan King.

Remains will be at Hassell & Foster.

Thursday, April 7, 1966

Jim Hogg Edens

Funeral services for Mr. Jim Hogg Edens, 63, of Rt. 1, Elkhart (Antrim Community), were held Thursday, March 31, at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Grapeland, with Rev. J. T. Riley officiating. Burial was in the Antrim Cemetery, northwest of Grapeland.

Mr. Edens was born in Houston County on October 30, 1902, and died Wednesday (March 30) at his home. Son of the late Albert Newton Edens and Mrs. Fannie Bell Durnell Edens, he was a member of First Baptist Church, Grapeland and Grapeland Masonic Lodge No. 473. Former resident of Ingleside and Baytown, he was employed by Humble Oil Company before retiring. Also he was a rancher.

Survivors: wife, Mrs. Myrtle Brown Edens of Rt. 1 Elkhart; one daughter, Mrs. Carrie Frances King of Grapeland; one brother, Frank N. Edens of Ruston, Louisiana; two sisters, Mrs.