

Bruff was afterwards tried and acquitted. He was taken back to Fort Leavenworth where he was killed in an attempt to desert a second time.

THE EXECUTION.

Mr. Clark Brown of Union, Mo., who has compiled a History of Franklin County, writes: "There is no local newspaper giving an account of the hanging of Worrell. I have, however, the report of eye-witnesses. After the conviction in our circuit court he was taken to St. Louis for safekeeping. Sheriff R. R. Jones assigned the duty to Deputy Sheriff Amos W. Maupin. George Holtgriewe, who is yet living, says that as a livery boy he drove Maupin and his prisoner to Washington, a distance of ten miles, to take the train to St. Louis; that an ordinary two-seated spring wagon was used; that he sat on the front seat alone and Maupin and the prisoner on the back; that both were dressed in ordinary costume, but Worrell had a light duster thrown over his lap to conceal his handcuffs; and that no one meeting them would have supposed that they were carrying a criminal condemned to death. Holtgriewe says that when Maupin brought him from St. Louis to be hanged they came the same way, and he draws a contrast of this old-time sheriff's officer bringing a murderer to his death and the large number of detectives and special officers which are now considered necessary to take a convict or suspected murderer from place to place. Worrell knew that any attempt to escape meant instant death and that Maupin was a quick, accurate shot, fearless and cool."

Worrell was executed in June, 1857, by hanging in an open field in Union in the presence of 1,000 people, his parents standing at the foot of the gallows as the drop fell.--"Bench and Bar of Mo." (Bay) p. 472.