

came; saw the blaze come out of the mow of the barn; looked in that place to see; could see nothing; then the other shot came; made a step down, and then saw his face between the logs, and said, "You d—d infernal rascal, what are you doing there!" Saw him from his breast to the top of his head, as I started to run towards the barn; saw him run towards the mow hole; stooped down; that was the last that I saw of him; ran behind the barn; could see nobody; went on to the barn floor; the first thing I saw was the handle of the door lying on the log of the mow hole; found both of my rifles there; ran to the back of the barn, and hallowed twice, "halloo" loud; got no answer; ran on to the house, opened the door; turned around, saw my son laying under the bed; my son John; I hallowed three or four times, got no answer; put my hand to him; he was all stiff; his face black, and water running out of each side of his mouth; his pantaloons down, and the shirt drawn up; then ran to Lewis Carother's; saw his sister-in-law in the orchard; called to her; asked her where Carothers was; she said at Bare's; she said she would go down the road and make alarm, and I should go back; ran up the road; John Rinker's wife was setting before the door; told her I was shot, and that John was killed; she told me to go on and she would come down; Atherton and Taylor were chopping over the orchard; ran across and came near them, and called to them to come down; told Atherton to come down and to tell Taylor to come along, too; sat down till Ather-

ton and Taylor both came down; Atherton said, "My God, what is the matter with you, Brown?" I said I was shot, and that my son John was killed; told them both to come along with me, and they did; when we came to the cross-roads that goes to my house and to Bare's, I told one to go with me and the other to go to Bare's; Taylor went with me, and Atherton went up to Bare's; Taylor and I went up; I opened the door; Taylor said he would like to see John; we went in and saw him; Taylor said, "We will go to the barn and take this gun along;" told him he might as well take a club, for there was no ammunition; he said, "We will take it, any how;" we went out into the barn; saw nothing but a bed where some one had been rolling in; there was straw on the mow; some bundles came down; Taylor said, "Let us go to the old house, maybe there is something there;" McConaghy lived in it; looked in the crack; told Mr. Taylor there was nothing disturbed; went on down to my house again; and waited for the others; we kept about till they came; towards sunset, I went in; popped into my head about my money; opened the chest, and found my money was gone; there was thirty dollars; looked in the drawer; twenty-eight cents that was there was gone; a pound of tobacco that was there was gone, also; John Taylor came in; we went into the room; Taylor said, "I think there is some one laying in bed yet;" stepped to the bed and drew the quilt off, and there lay my old woman; I put my hand on her cheek; I told him her cheek was cold; we walked out; the rest of the men