

**ASSASSINATED MAN  
LEFT A FORTUNE  
TO I. O. O. F.**

**A. W. Shirey Left Will Providing for an Odd Fellows' Sanitarium.**

**HEIRS GET 1 CENT EACH**

**ESTATE VALUED AT \$150,000 TO \$200,000—GRAND MASTER MADE SOLE EXECUTOR.**

Hot Springs, March 8.—(Special).—A. W. Shirey, aged 50 years, was shot and killed at 7:30 o'clock yesterday evening in his store at Mistura, five miles south of this place. The fatal bullet was fired through a window of the store, Shirey being alone at the time. He was conducting a general merchandise business, had extensive real estate interests and was quite wealthy. During recent years he had been engaged in much litigation, and was known to have several enemies. His widow, from whom he had been separated for several years, resides at Ravenden Springs. An inquest is being held today and blood hounds are being used in an effort to run down the assassin.

Newport, March 9.—(Special).—The will of A. W. Shirey, the Mistura merchant who was assassinated in his store last evening by some unknown person, was opened here this morning. It was found to contain a provision leaving his entire estate, valued at between \$150,000 and \$200,000, to the Arkansas Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an Odd Fellows' Sanitarium at Hot Springs.

The will was drawn June 25, 1905, witnessed by the president and cashier of the Arkansas Bank and Trust company, with whom it was deposited. It is a holographic will and those who have examined it declare that they have every reason to believe it is in every respect valid.

The grand master of the order is named as sole executor until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, which shall decide upon the further administration of the estate and the carrying out of the bequest. Louis Joseph of Arkansas is the present grand master. Col. John M. Paul, the grand secretary, was a resident of this city; left this morning for Mistura to look after the business.

He also leaves 100 acres of valuable land in Lawrence County for the benefit of an orphan's home or industrial school for the Odd Fellows, as the Grand Lodge may determine.

The will leaves "one cent and no more" to his wife, Sarah Bell Shirey, and to her child, from whom the deceased had been separated several years, and with whom he had not been estranged; similar amounts are left to his sister, Matilda Shirey, 73, deceased, and her children; to his mother, Harvey C. Shirey, who is living, and his heirs; to a second sister, Esthonor Shirey Jones, and her children.

The deceased was a member of Mistura Lodge Odd Fellows. He had had a great deal of domestic trouble during recent years, which is believed to account for the character of his will.

## Mr. Shirey's will read, causes uproar, 3-9-1910

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