

A HORRID MURDER.—We copy the following particulars of the shooting of Mr. Fannin by M. J. Bunch (formerly a citizen of Memphis) from the Holly Springs Banner:

A gentleman who came passenger on the stage yesterday from Aberdeen, reports a most horrible affair which occurred there on Saturday last. The circumstances related are as follows: Col. M. J. Bunch and a Mr. Fannin, who was a sportsman, but still regarded as a clever man amongst gentlemen, had been engaged at cards. Fannin had won everything Bunch had, his money, horse and buggy and negro boy. Bunch asked some time to raise money to redeem his lost property, and at the expiration of the time Fannin called for a settlement, when Bunch told him he would pay him all he owed him at four o'clock next day. In the mean time, Bunch borrowed a shot-gun, saying he was going birding. The next day Fannin was on his way to Bunch's office, when some of the citizens advised him not to go, that there would be a difficulty. He replied that he and Bunch were friendly, and walked on to B.'s office.—He found the door locked, and after knocking for admittance for some time, concluded to leave, and started down the steps from B.'s office, which is in the second story of some building opposite Hemdon's Tavern. Fannin had got nearly down the steps when Bunch came out and hailed him.

Fannin turned his face, when Bunch fired with the double-barreled gun he had borrowed, hitting F. with five buckshot in the face. Fannin fell immediately, Bunch fired again, hitting Fannin in the abdomen with several shot. He then ran down the steps and beat Fannin with the gun until it was broken to pieces. The above are the circumstances substantially, as related. If the facts as stated above are true, it is one of the most cold blooded murders ever committed in the annals of Mississippi. Fannin is said to have served as an officer in the Texan revolution, and also in the late Mexican war, and was a brother of the celebrated Fannin who fell at the Fannin massacre. Col. Bunch had not been arrested, and was still in Aberdeen.