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Homerville, Clinch County, Georgia
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Johnie Deen
Accidentally Killed

Johnie C. Deen, about 27 years of age, was accidentally killed while bird hunting Monday, February 8th near his home seven miles north of Alma.

The accident happened as he was crossing a wire fence only about 300 yards from his house. The entire load from a 12-gauge shotgun entered the left side of his chest killing him instantly. The body was not found until about ten o'clock Tuesday morning. After he failed to come home Monday night, his folks though he was at his brother Stanford's, which is only a short distance. His brother Cecil drove to Stanford's home but failed to find anyone there so he thought that Johnie had joined the family on a trip to some of the neighbors. Tuesday morning they contacted Stanford and made inquiry about Johnie, upon being told that he had not seen Johnie, the hunt was on and Johnie was soon located in the edge of the field dead.

An Inquest Jury was drawn and their findings was that he came to his death from a gunshot wound to the left breast caused from an accident caused from crossing the wire fence.

Surviving are his mother and one sister, Lola Mae; seven brothers, Stanford, Cecil and Ferris of Alma; Braswell of Washington D.C., George Dewey of Raleigh, North Carolina, Floyd of Mariana, Florida and Brady of Hinesville, Georgia.

Funeral Services were held Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock at Springfield Church, conducted by Rev. R.F. Owen, pastor. The seven brothers acted as Pall Bearers. Interment was at the family burial grounds near Springfield Church. -Alma Times