

HENDERSON COUNTY NC CORONER'S INQUEST

These records were abstracted from documents located at the NC State Archives, Raleigh NC. The records include the name of the deceased, date of death and cause of death.

Name	Date of Death	Cause of Death
BALDWIN, MARGARET	DEC 6 1880	unknown causes
BANE, HENRY	1872	Hanged himself
BARNWELL, DAVID	DEC 26, 1881	excessive drinking
BARNWELL, SOPHRONIA	Apr 5 1863	murdered with an ax
BARRETT, J.R.	OCT 3, 1886	shot by James Johnson
BRITTIAN, MARK	JULY 20, 1885	inquest done this date. He died April 18 1885 of unknown causes
BROOKSHIRE, L. B. C.	Apr 18, 1892	Shot by J. S. Jones
BUXTON, ELIOT	SEPT 9 1888	was shot accidentally
CAPPS, AMBROS	May 16 1885	shot with a pistol by Soloman McCrary
CHISHOLM INFANT	APR 9, 1880	child of Catherine Chisholm
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CORN, DACKLER	MAR. 10.1877	shot by John Arledge
CORN, JESSE	MAR. 10 1877	shot by John Arledge
CREASMAN, ROBERT	SEPT 4 1899	Killed -shot - by A. B. Stepp
DECHOUSWELL?, JULIUS	Oct. 30, 1894	Accidental homicide
DEMISDALE, MALISSA	no date	inflammatory ruematusim
DEVENPORT, INFANT	no date	child of Lulu Devenport
GUICE, WILLIAM	no date	
HARRIS, WINSTON	MAY 1, 1889	Shot by Police Bradley and will deliver
HENDERSON, MAT	SEPT 26, 1884	shot in the head by Lewis Kilgore Jr.
HILL, JAMES H.	no date	
HOLLINGSWORTH, JAMES	DEC 26, 1888	shot by Lee J. Justus
HOOD, ALICE	AUG 17 1897	shot herself
HOOTS, SHELDON	1922	Suicide - in prison
JUSTICE, JAMES B.	Feb 15 1880	Pistol wound by Marcus Case
KING, S. M.	Nov 29 1887	murdered by Boney Laughter **
KUYKENDALL, MATILDA	June 1853	no act of violance, a visitation of providence
LEWIS, R. T.	MAY 7, 1875	killed himself
LYDA, WILLIAM	OCT 31 1878	unknown causes
MCFARLAND, PARMILIE	MAR 30 1881	Natural causes
MORGAN, MORDICA	AUG 23, 1881	killed by an ox and a bull
OWENBY, AMBROSE	JAN 1 1898	killed himself
RHODES, PINK	AUG 8 1899	killed by Berry Mitchell
RICKMAN, RACHEL	AUG 17 1887	Shot herself
RIELEY, CHARLES	AUG 16, 1878	shot
SHEALY, J. M.	SEPT 15 1899	killed himself - morphine
SPANN, JAMES	MARCH 13, 1880	
STEPP, ASBERRY	1874	died from freezing or intoxication
TAYLOR, ANN	JUNE 14 1881	heart disease
THOMAS, WILLIAM	SEPT 28 1895	strangled
WILLIAMS, LAURA	MAY 15, 1878	

**** Transcription of S. M. King murder inquisition:**

State of North Carolina, Henderson County An inquisition inducted and taken at the house of S. M. King in said this 30 day of Nov 1887 before the undersigned coroner of said county upon view of the body of S. M. King late of Henderson County, then and there lying dead, upon the oath of G. P. Liverett, W. A. Stradley, W. A. Hood, E. M. Merrill, M. Gillam, S. R. Stroup good and lawful men of said county who being charged and sworn how and in what manner said S. M. King by his death cause: Upon their oath do say that on the 29th day of November 1887 Boney Laughter the county by force and arms did assault the said S. M. King being then and there in the peace of God and the State the said Boney Laughter with a knife in his right hand then and there held feloniously and in his malice aforethought did give the aforesaid S. M. King one mortal wound on the left side of his breast of the breadth one and one half inches of which wound the said S. M. King instantly died. so the said S. M. King him the said Bone Laughter then and there feloniously killed and unlawfully murdered contrary to the Peace and dignity of the State. We further find that Lyda was then and there aiding and abetting the same. The said coroner and overseers aforesaid this inspection severally put our seals this 30 day of Nov 1887

An inquest had signed and sealed in the presence of: L. L. Johnson, Coroner of Henderson County

Signed: W. C. Stradley, Eli M. Merrill, G. P. Liverett, S. M. Gillam, S. R. Strout, W. A. Hood

NOTE: S. M. King was Samuel Morgan King, son of Hiram and Nancy Jones King. Widow was Emily Maxwell King - daughters Amanda, M. Juno and Sarah

Kathleen Summers