Anderson Todd was shot and killed by his wife's brother, Aquilla Riddle. There has been much controversary why? I have talked to descendents of Aquilla, and they were told different stories. One of the descendents sent me this newspaper article, so now we know why Anderson was shot.

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Cato. Man Killed. Two men, Anderson Todd and Aquilla Riddle, living on Buck Creek, about four miles from here, had a difficulty on the 25th in regard to some chickens that Riddle had engaged around the neighborhood and which Todd had subsequently bought. The affair did not come to anything serious at the time but the next day Todd had occasion to go to his fathers for a hammer and passing by the house of Riddle, he stopped to talk the matter over with him and make friends, as they were brothers-in-law. Riddle was asleep at the time, and Todd waited at the fence till Riddle's wife informed him that he was wanted. He came out and some angry words followed, when Riddle drew his pistol, shooting him in the side, the ball entering about the third rib, lodging near the back bone, from which he died about 10 o'clock on Monday last. They were both members of the Christian Church at Stilesville. Riddle has fled, but a reward will be offered for his capture. Justice will soon or later.

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Court. Mr. James W. Alcorn returned from Somerset Wednesday. He reports the Court still in session and likely to remain so till tomorrow night. The entire term of three weeks has been consumed on Commonwealth cases, and the following important ones have been disposed of: Aquilla Riddle for killing Todd, 6 years in the Penitentiary. Congrove who assumed the dignity of a United Marshal and appropriated a barrel of whiskey to his own use, without the owners consent, goes in for 8 years; a man named Welch for robbery gets 2 years. Parson was tried on a charge of manslaughter and acquitted. The trial of James Arnold for arson was in progress when Mr. Alcorn left and the probability was that he would accompany the other Penitentiary birds to Frankfort.