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The following is an exact copy of an old newspaper clipping from a Paris, Missouri, newspaper, issued immediately after the death of ~~William~~ James M. Lasley:

Shocking Occurrence.

"On Monday morning last our citizens were shocked by the report that Mr. James M. Lasley, a well known citizen of this county, residing near the Northfork bridge, on the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad, with two young men of the same neighborhood, named respectively James Price and John Ridgway, had, on Sunday evening, been taken prisoners and shot within sight of Mr. Lasley's residence, by a squad of some 10 or 15 men from Captain Barnes' Company, stationed at the bridge. It appears that Mr. Lasley and his family, with two young ladies from this place and the young men named above, on returning home in the afternoon from meeting at the village of Clinton, found a squad of soldiers at his house, who immediately ordered him and the young men to accompany them to camp. They had been gone but a few moments when the discharge of firearms was heard and soon after the prisoners were all found badly shot and in the last agonies of death, within less than one hundred yards of the house, and their captors gone. As a matter of course it produced considerable excitement in the neighborhood, and Major Caldwell was petitioned to investigate the matter -- he went out on Monday, and endeavored to soothe and allay the excited feelings of the people, assuring them that though the persons implicated in the transaction were outside his military jurisdiction, he would see to it that the matter was properly investigated. Justice to the living and to the dead, as well as the character of the Federal service, demands such investigation, --- and presuming that such investigation will be had, it is not deemed prudent to indulge in any reflections upon the mournful transaction. Mr. Lasley was one of our most worthy and popular citizens."