

Father-In-Law Slays Attorney In Gun Fight

FAYETTEVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 8 (UP)—A prominent attorney and his father-in-law, each carrying a pistol and a deep-seated grudge, shot it out on the public square today and the younger man fell dead as courthouse idlers scurried for cover.

Day Sugg, 40, attorney and son of the Lincoln County bank president, was killed. His father-in-law, Hoyle Yearwood, 61, was struck by six shots but was in fair condition.

"It sounded like a bunch of firecrackers going off," said Deputy Sheriff Fred March who was coming around the corner when the embittered in-laws met and started emptying their revolvers at each other without a word.

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March said he actually believed it was only fireworks until he saw a man running to the store in front of which the shots were exchanged.

Then he saw Sugg lying in the doorway of the store and Yearwood standing over him.

"He shot me first," the bleeding Yearwood was quoted by the deputy, "and I'm shot, too."

Friends said that enmity between the two stemmed from two causes. Yearwood hadn't liked it when the attorney married his

teen-aged daughter two years ago. And Sugg three years ago had defended a man subsequently convicted of killing Yearwood's cousin in a gun fight over a dice game.

Mrs. Sugg sued her husband for divorce last year in a bitter action but the suit was later dropped.

Acquaintances said that both men had been going around armed for several days although March said neither had a permit to carry a pistol.

"Bama" Mullins, a pushcart peddler, was an eyewitness of the duel in the square of this south Central Tennessee town not far from the Alabama line.

He said they came face to face in front of Wright's drygoods store in a newly rebuilt area where a tornado sliced through the town two years ago.

"They started shooting right away," Mullins said. "I ducked for cover in a doorway. A few men across the street on the courthouse lawn scattered for the bushes"