

Joseph Griesinger Bound Over

Sentinel-Courier: Joseph Griesinger's preliminary hearing in the Freeman Curtis shooting was held Monday. The case had been started before Police Magistrate Rearick, but an affidavit of bias and an application for change of venue was filed and it was transferred to Justice of the Peace O. A. Lee's court and by agreement was heard in the court rooms at the court house. The defense demanded that the testimony of witnesses be written out as taken and Art Wunderlich was sworn in as stenographer. The whole day, from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m. was taken up with the questioning of eleven witnesses called by the state. The defense did not call any witnesses.

Freeman Curtis was shot while he slept, on the morning of Tuesday, July 3rd. The wound showed that the gun from which the shot was fired must have been held within a few inches of the forehead. The bullet entered above the right eye and glanced off the bone, coming out near the center of the forehead.

Freeman Curtis has the Mark Curtis farm in Broadview rented and lives there. He is unmarried and employs Mrs. Inga Robbins as housekeeper. She was formerly employed as housekeeper by Mr. Griesinger and he was a frequent visitor at the Curtis farm.

After the shooting a hat, identified by Mr. Griesinger and others as Griesinger's hat, was found in the Curtis home, and this led to his being charged with the commission of the crime.

Testimony at the hearing established that the hat was in Griesinger's possession on July 1. July 2nd he was arrested on another charge, brought before Police Magistrate Rearick and released on bond and returned to his home, which is some three miles east and north of the Curtis farm. Wes Flick and son Walter had taken him home in their auto and remained there for some time. Griesinger's bondsmen withdrew on July 3rd and he was taken into custody on the former charge, which was for assaulting Mrs. Harding, the wife of his renter.

When retaken the shirt he wore was torn and his arm and breast were scratched, as if he had been in a wire fence, though he claimed to have been in his room in the granary on his farm all the time after the Flicks and Axel Sjoquist, who was also with him the evening before, had left; but he claimed that someone had entered, thrown something into his eyes and taken some of his clothing and his watch.

Investigation of the premises the day of the shooting showed that someone had gone from near the Curtis home across the field northeastward toward the Griesinger place. The trail, which had evidently been made in the early morning while the dew was on, was clear for considerable of the distance.

Griesinger was bound over to the district court, bail being fixed in the sum of \$4000, which was furnished, and he was released to appear for trial at the next term.