

# A WHOLE FAMILY MURDERED.

**Jealous Farmer Kills His Wife, Her Relatives, and Then Himself.**

KANSAS CITY, March 22.—Bee Rainwater, a farmer living in Orrick, Ray County, murdered his wife, his mother-in-law, Mrs. William Artman; Ethel Gentry, his stepdaughter, and John Thurman, a stepbrother, and then blew his own brains out, Saturday evening.

Saturday night Rainwater went over from his place to the Artman house to visit his wife and children. He was annoyed by some dogs barking in the orchard, and said to Thurman: "Johnny, lets kill those dogs." Thurman took a shotgun and Rainwater a revolver and they left the house. When they had gone about fifty yards Rainwater, without having said a word, stepped behind Thurman and shot him dead.

Rainwater then hurried back to the house. He had brought back the gun which Thurman had taken out, and this he leveled at Mrs. Artman's head, saying: "D— you, I've got you all." Mrs. Artman threw up her hands as Rainwater fired, the charge of shot carrying off every one of her fingers and the right side of her head.

He then shot his wife and stepdaughter. Afterward he reloaded his gun, and, going to the front of the house, shot himself.

Jealousy and a belief that his mother-in-law was interfering with his domestic affairs is believed to have been the cause of Rainwater's crime. He and his wife had frequently quarreled.

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