

The following text was provide by Faye Burklow Brunson from Chicago.

She wrote:

*Hi, Glad to hear from another Burklow. My name is Faye Burklow Brunson and I'm from Chicago. My family moved there from Energy,Il. in the 1920's. Genealogy is fascinating if you can find the right links! I live in Utah and have access to gen. library but have not seriously been active searching since late 70's early 80's. Computers have rekindled my interest. Found your name in gen. Info basis. Also contacted James Houpt. He's had contact with you also. Maybe we're all related somehow? Interesting, we have many of the same names in our databases. Harrison Burklow, i know was related and passed down was a story of him being hung for stealing a horse. But with research another story unfolds:*

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TRAGEDY THIS COUNTY HAS HAD IT'S SHARE OF CRIME AND MUCH TO OUR SHAME ONE MAN, EXECUTED BY THE LAW. HARRISON BURKLOW, A MAN BELONGING TO AN OLD RESPECTED FAMILY, WHILE UNDER THE THE INFLUENCE OF LIQOIR,SHOT AND KILLED A MAN BY THE NAME OF WAGNER. WAGNER TRIED TO PURSUADE HIM NOT TO KILL HIM AS BURKLOW HAD GONE WITH THAT INTENT TO WHERE WAGNER WAS WORKING. BUT CRAZED WITH LIQUOIR HE WOULD NOT LISTEN TO THE PLEADINGS AND SHOT HIM OUTRIGHT.

BURKLOW HAD SERVERED IN THE CIVIL WAR, AND HAD MANY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY,WHO WOULD HAVE ASSISTED HIM, BUT THE CASE WAS SO AGGRAVATED, THE DEATH PENALTY WAS INVOKED, AND HE WAS HANGED IN THE OLD JAIL YARD JUST A LITTLE ABOVE WHERE THIS PRESENT JAIL NOW STAND. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE HANGING WAS PRIVATE, THE GALLOWS HAD BEEN BUILT IN A LARGE INCLOSURE, PEOPLE FILLED THE TOWN TO IT'S LIMITS.

H. CARTER WAS THE SHERIFF AND W.R. WILEY WAS THE DEPUTY WHO CARRIED OUT THE SENTENCE OF THE LAW ABOUT 1877.

HARRISON BURKLOW ACTUAL DATE OF DEATH 7-5-1888.