

## Early Law Enforcement in Bryan – 1896-1899

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The city council met in regular session Friday night ... City Marshal SHELBURNE stated that he dispensed with the services of Levi NEAL on account of neglect duty, and that he no longer needed his services. He desired that the salary heretofore paid Levi, \$35 per month, and ...Bryan Daily Eagle, 15 March 1896, p.1, col.6

Levy NEAL was unanimously elected Negro policeman at a salary of \$25 per month and fees accruing. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 15 April 1897, p.2, col.2

A Negro stole a coat and vest from SEIGLE's store Saturday night. The garments were recovered and the officers gave the Negro a lively chase, but he escaped. Bryan Daily Eagle, 22 Feb. 1898, p.4, col.2

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Bryan ... Griffin JACKSON, a gray-haired Negro, said to be 75 years old, was shot and killed near the colored Methodist church in Freedmantown, near here, this afternoon. Colored Policeman Levy NEAL witnessed the killing, which was done with a double-barreled shotgun. Dallas Morning News, 7 July 1899, p.2

Work on the bad places in the streets began yesterday under the direction of City Marshal BOYETT. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 July 1899, p.7

\*CARR, A.B., Sr. – died; born Lownes (now Clay) Co., MS, 25 Aug.1843; came to TX with his father in 1858; 1<sup>st</sup> settled at Old Washington, then moved to Burleson Co. opposite the site of Stone City; educated at Baylor University; served in Confederacy; married Miss Dora MOSELEY in 1866; left wife & 2 sons: A.B. CARR, Jr. & Charles O. CARR; left brother R.W. CARR of Bryan & sister Mrs. T.C. WESTBROOK of Hearne; elected city marshal and tax assessor & collector for Bryan in Jan.1876; held that office for 11 years; elected Bryan City Secretary in 1886 & held that position for 10 years. Bryan Daily Eagle, 26 Aug.1899, p.3, col.4. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 31 Aug.1899, p.1, col.1; 31 Aug.1899, p.6, col.3.