

## Early Law Enforcement in Bryan – 1900-1929

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Dennis CALHOUN shot & killed Levi NEAL, aged 49, a policeman who had been on the force 20 years; on 24 Feb. 1900 in Bryan. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 29 March 1900, p.6, col.1. Houston Daily Post, 27 Feb. 1900, p.5, col.2; 23 March 1900, p.5, col.2. Brazos County Inquest Record, pp.24-25 (microfilm #1020045)

Bryan, Texas - Levi NEAL, colored, for twenty years on the police force, was shot in the breast while making an arrest at 9:15 o'clock tonight, dying instantly. Dennis CALHOUN, colored, was lodged in jail. Houston Daily Post, 25 February 1900, p.6, col.3

Levi NEAL was buried Sunday and his funeral was largely attended by the colored people. Levi was a vigilant officer. He knew his duty and his place and kept within the bounds of both to an extent that was gratifying and helpful to the officers over him. His tragic and sudden death has been a matter of much regret. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 1 March 1900, p.2, col.4

The examining trial of Dennis CALHOUN, charged with the murder of Levi NEAL, was commenced before Justice MINKERT yesterday and the entire day was consumed in taking testimony. Late in the afternoon CALHOUN was remanded to jail without bail. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 1 March 1900, p.2, col.4

Bryan ... Dennis CALHOUN, the Negro charged with the murder of a colored policeman named Levi NEAL here recently, was today convicted of murder in the first degree in the District Court and his punishment fixed at imprisonment in the penitentiary for life. Dallas Morning News, 23 March 1900, p.4

Colored policeman Bailey BOWEN landed six youths....," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 23 April 1903, p.5, col.4

"A Negro Shooting Scrape," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 28 May 1903, p.3, col.4. Bailey BOWEN was the police officer.

Colored Policeman Bailey BOWEN killed a dog thought to have rabies yesterday. The hot weather is upon us and it is high time to get rid of all vagrant canines. Bryan Eagle, 11 July 1903

City Marshall Boyett and Deputy Marshall Reed ... (received new billy clubs) ... Bryan Daily Eagle, 3 April 1906, page 3

"For City Marshal," Brazos Pilot, 14 Feb. 1907, p.7, col.2. T.P. BOYETT

"Bryan Fire Station Burns," Dallas Morning News, 22 February 1909, p.9. "In a conflagration that occurred here at 1:20 yesterday morning, the City Hall was destroyed, also the opera house, which occupied the second story .... The lower floor of the building was occupied by the fire

station, council chamber, secretary's office, city calaboose, firemen's meeting room and sleeping room of the fire wagon driver ...."

A mad dog in the residence district on the west side this morning caused quite a commotion for a time. It was discovered in the yard of Joe KOSH and its peculiar actions alarmed the family who took refuge in the house. Deputy Marshal DICKSON was notified and he went at once to the house but it was some time before he could get a shot at it. He finally succeeded however, in killing it. There are hundreds of worthless dogs in town and the people should use every precaution to protect themselves. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 17 June 1909, p.1, col.4.

"A.G. Goodwin Resigned," Bryan Daily Eagle, 1 April 1910, p.1. As Bryan deputy city marshal.

"Albert Worley Sworn In," Bryan Daily Eagle, 6 April 1910, p.5. As Bryan deputy city marshal

"Does Business with Vags," Bryan Daily Eagle, 6 June 1911, p.5. Bryan policeman Albert Worley.

T.P. BOYETT, City Marshal," Bryan Daily Eagle, 22 Apr. 1913, sect.1, p.7, col.4

"Motor Cycle Cop is Hurt in Crash With Automobile," Bryan Daily Eagle, 22 January 1929, page 1