

The Death of Joe H. Ragland

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The following is an excerpt from A Genealogy of Napoleon Bonaparte Perry by Francis Roberta Bailey Peterson.

“The story I remember hearing long ago about the death of Joe Ragland was that he and another man in the area had a dispute which was to be settled by duel (with pistols). A very early morning hour was set for the duel in a wooded area near where Ragland lived. He arrived at the designated place earlier than his second and sat next to a tree trunk and fell asleep. The opposing person also arrived, before either second, and shot Joe Ragland while he was asleep. I don't remember anything more about the Story.”



The photograph and caption above is from a loose leaf binder entitled Estes Cemetery on file at the Mansfield Historical Society Museum in Mansfield, Texas.