

DRED HARGRAVE - life threatened

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Crawfordsville, Ind., Jan. 20 - At Waveland, ten miles southwest of here, on the Vandalia, an attempt was made to assassinate the negro sexton of the Methodist church, on last Saturday night. It seems that as Dred Hargrave, the sexton, was standing in the church door, after he had made the fires and lighted the lamps inside, two or three men passed along. One asked if there would be services there that night. The sexton answered in the affirmative. The men then hesitated a few moments, then walked about thirty feet when one of them suddenly drew a revolver and fired at the colored man, at the same time swearing at him. The colored man lost no time in getting down town, yelling murder at the top of his voice. The fellows who did the shooting, running in the opposite direction, were soon in the country, and escaped.

How sad - thanks Ginny A for sending this one :(kz

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