

STEELE, Dr. W.W. - Mistaken Identity

Note: When Ginny A sent this to me to put up on the website, I about fainted -- William W. Steele and the whole Steele family were pillars of the community and I just knew something could not be right - WHEW, it wasn't - just mistaken identity :) YES!

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Anderson, Ind., Dec. 8 -- Dr. W. W. Steel, a physician of Waveland, Montgomery county, is in jail upon the charge of highway robbery. Steel came to this city Nov. 30. On Tuesday night Charles Lewis, of Markleville, was held up and robbed. He identified Steel and William Green, of this city, as being his assailants. Both were arrested and had their preliminary hearing, and have been placed under heavy bonds. Steel has been identified as the man that held up Clerk Netterville, Auditor Allen, Cashier Hartman, and Frank Humphrey one night in September last, and robbed each of them of sums ranging from \$5 to \$50. Steel is perhaps 30 years old and single. He is addicted to periodical sprees. -- The Fort Wayne Sentinel - Thursday 18 December 1890 p 1 -- Dr. W. W. Steele, of Waveland, under arrest at Anderson, charged with being the highwayman, who "held up" a number of persons in Madison county in October last, although he has been identified by several parties, is believed to be innocent, for a number of prominent people at Waveland are ready to make affidavit that he was at home on the night in question. Dr. Steele bears a strong personal resemblance to one Roberts, known as the "Bandit of the Wabash," and the last mentioned person is thought to have committed the robberies complained of.