

GIRL ATTEMPTS TO SHIELD FATHER'S CRIME, IS BELIEF

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What is believed to be an attempt to shield her father from the penalty for murder, is being made by Mrs. Amelia Boyer who claims that she killed her husband at Trafford Tuesday night about ten o'clock in front of his home. Frank Boyer, the murdered man, died about 40 minutes after being shot and accused B. J. Sammon, of Wilkinsburg, father of his wife, of shooting him.

The murder was the result of an abduction of the eight months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Boyer from the Sammon home on Tuesday afternoon. Two weeks ago Mrs. Boyer left her husband as a result of domestic troubles and went to the home of her parents in Wilkinsburg, taking the son, Frank, Jr., with her. On Tuesday about noon her husband went to the Sammon home to see his son and managed to get away with the child while his mother was busy assisting Mrs. Sammon.

Boyer brought the child to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boyer, of Fifth and Gilmore avenues, Trafford. The wife learned where the child was and accompanied by her father and another man who drove the machine went to the Boyer home on Tuesday night. They got Frank out to the street where an argument ensued between Frank and his father-in-law. According to some eye witnesses of the tragedy, Boyer's sister heard the argument and came to the door of the home but Mrs. Boyer saw

door of the home but Mrs. Boyer saw her coming and went to the door. Drawing a revolver she is said to have forbidden the sister to open the door or she would shoot her. Boyer's father then came and was told the same thing. A minute or so later the witness claimed that they heard Boyer say "This is a holdup game, that he started to run away with Sammon after him and that Sammon fired. Boyer ran into a nearby yard where he fell mortally wounded. He was carried into his home and a physician sent for. In the meantime Sammon and his daughter are said to have gotten into the automobile and drove away.

Boyer was shot in the back and the bullet lodged near his heart. About 10:40 young Boyer breathed his last but before doing so accused his father-in-law of the crime.

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The Wilkinsburg police were notified and they posted men to guard the home and arrested Mrs. Boyer and Samon as they were entering the home about two o'clock Wednesday morning, four hours after the tragedy. They were brought to Trafford at nine o'clock by Constable E. E. Bolam who took them before Squire John S. Sloan where Albert Boyer, father of the dead man, made information against the pair charging them with murder.
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Squire Sloan committed them to the county jail for a hearing later.

Since her arrest Mrs. Boyer has claimed that she did the shooting, firing the fatal shot while her husband and father were engaged in a hand to hand encounter. This is believed by the authorities close in touch with the case as an attempt to clear the

father. Efforts will likely be made to secure his release on habeas corpus proceedings.

Frank Boyer was 24 years old, his wife a year younger and Sammon aged about 50 years. The latter is the father of ten children, the youngest only a few weeks old. Boyer is a veteran of the world war and was one of the first Trafford boys to enter the service. He was wounded and gassed in France and was decorated by the French for bravery. He was

eran of the world war and was one of the first Trafford boys to enter the service. He was wounded and gassed in France and was decorated by the French for bravery. He was with the 28th division and participated in a number of the famous engagements. He was married to Amelia Sammon over three years ago. Their present child is the second, the first having died shortly after its birth. Before entering the service Boyer was a guard on one of the

Boyer was a guard on one of the dams below Pittsburgh and as an attempt was made to blow it up one night, Boyer was shot in the arm when he tried to arrest the man.

Besides his wife and son, Boyer is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boyer, two brothers, Ralph and George, and one sister Vesta. George at present is a patient in the Columbia hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis several days ago. Ralph was

underwent an operation for appendicitis several days ago. Ralph was one of the group of young men shot by Vaccario, an Italian of Trafford, who is now in the penitentiary serving a three-year term for the offense.

Deputy Coroner C. C. Rodgers of Irwin was notified of the murder and made a preliminary investigation on Tuesday night. The inquest by Coroner Harkens will not likely be made until November 1.