

DEATH OF COL. THOMAS BUFORD.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 13.—Col. Thomas Buford, the assassin of Judge Elliott, of the Court of Appeals, and a brother of Gen. Abe Buford, the turfman, who committed suicide several months ago, died at the Anchorage Insane Asylum last night. He had been acquitted of the assassination on the plea of insanity and was committed to the Anchorage Asylum for safety. He escaped and lived in Jeffersonville, Ind., for several months, but was compelled by poverty and ill health to return to the asylum about eight months ago. Buford was constantly sick. He was broken down in spirit, and had no hope of ever leaving the asylum alive. He gradually wasted away from chronic dysentery, and grew weaker and weaker. Of late he was confined to his bed, and had become very much emaciated. His mind, which seemed perfectly clear and strong on all subjects excepts his legal misfortunes, was bright and unclouded almost to the last. Buford was one of the most notorious of Kentucky criminals. In the Spring of 1879 he shot and killed Judge Thomas M. Elliott with buckshot at Frankfort. Buford imagined that by a decision rendered by Judge Elliott himself and his sister had been defrauded of certain tracts of real estate worth, as he claimed, over \$40,000. When the fatal shooting occurred Judge Elliott was standing at the foot of the stairway leading to the ladies' entrance of the Capital Hotel. After Judge Elliott fell Buford approached the prostrate form and, lifting the hat from the dead man's head, said in a tone of bitter sarcasm, "I suppose you are satisfied now."

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