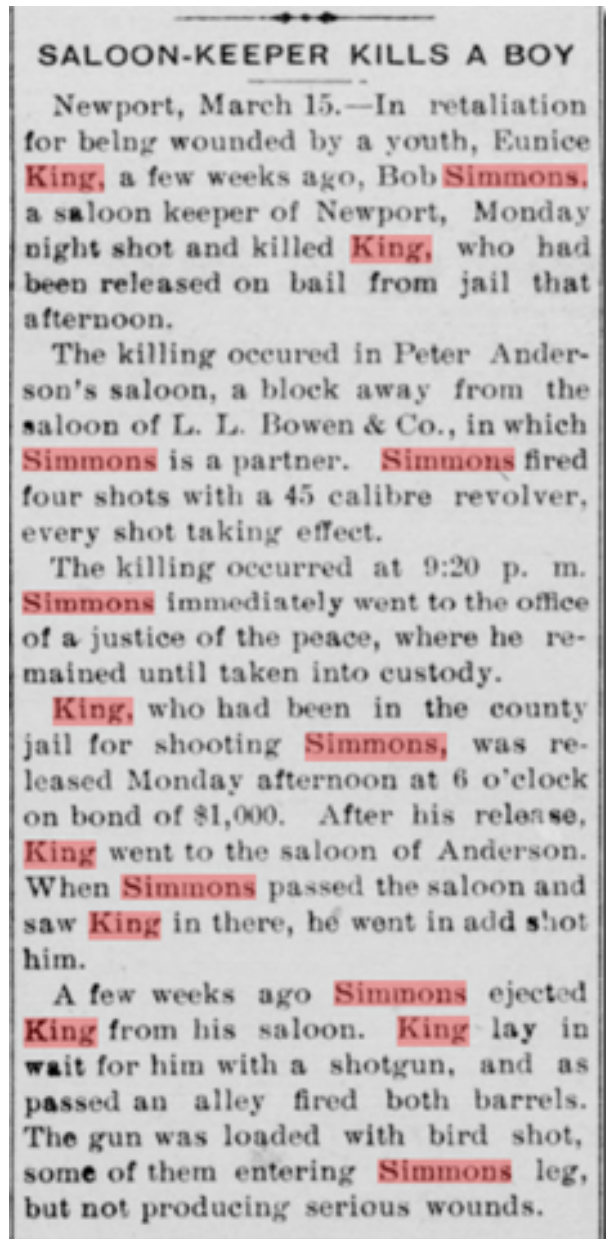
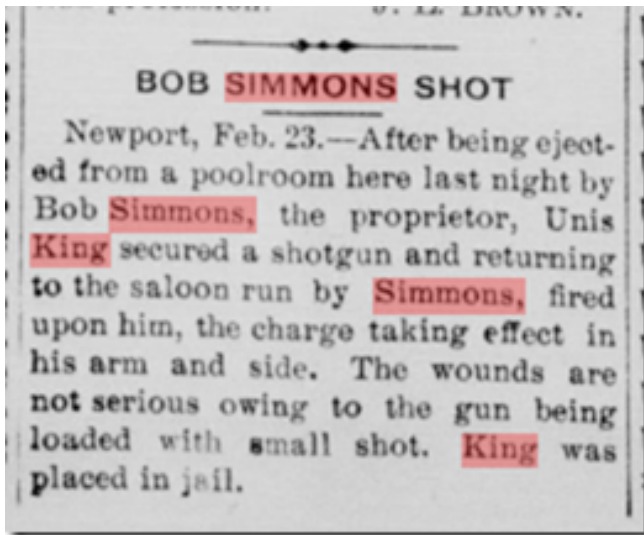
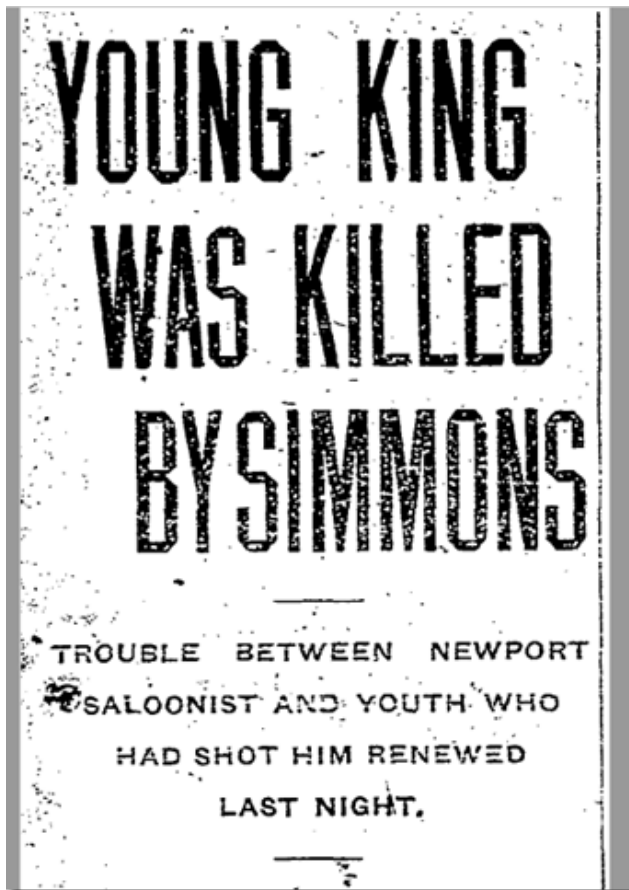


First off, there is the issue of how Uncle Bob (we all call him that even though he was my great uncle) **lost his left arm**. I believe it was in a hunting accident, but I am not sure. I know he was an avid hunter and only having one arm didn't seem to slow him down.

The 2nd is that in 1909 Uncle Bob killed a man who had shot at him previously. Some of the details in this story are wrong, but it's pretty clearly Uncle Bob



1909



Special to The Jonesboro News.

NEWPORT, March 16.—Robert C. Simmons, a saloonist, 50 years old, shot and killed Eunice King, a lad 18 years old, here last night as a result of a difficulty which the men had in Simmons' saloon about two weeks ago, when King shot Simmons in the leg. King, who had been in jail ever since the first difficulty, was released yesterday on a bond of \$1,000.

At 9 o'clock last night, while he was taking a drink in Peter Anderson's saloon, Simmons entered, and without warning began firing on the boy, who fell dead in his tracks, pierced through the body with five bullets from the pistol used by Simmons. King had been clerking about in various stores and had neither father nor mother living. Simmons is of a prominent family and is a brother of H. S. Simmons, county judge. He was arrested immediately after the shooting and locked up. Coroner Henry Grant summoned a jury and will investigate the killing.

The original trouble between Simmons and the boy occurred two weeks ago, when the latter had a fight with someone in Simmons' saloon. Simmons ordered him out and took sides with the other party in the difficulty. It is said that King went to his room and, returning, fired two shots from a double-barrel gun at Simmons, one charge of which struck Simmons in the leg. Simmons has a wife, but no children. King was unmarried.

Eunice King

BIRTH	unknown
DEATH	1 Mar 1909 Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas, USA
BURIAL	Walnut Grove Cemetery Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas, USA Add to Map
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There is a feeling of sorrow in the hearts of our people today over the death of Eunice King, who was foully murdered Monday evening at 9:30 by Robert T. Simmons, who shot him killing him instantly.

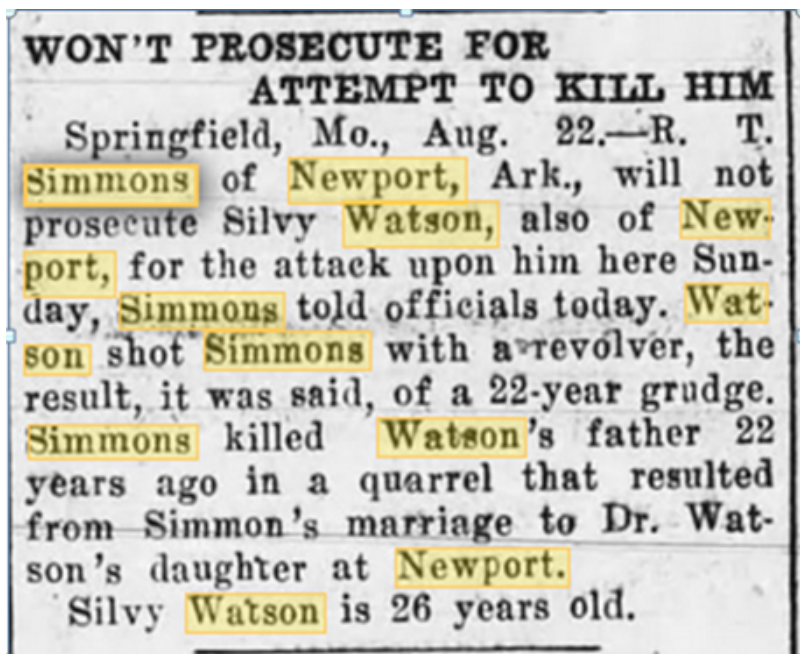
Eunice was an orphan boy, being raised by Mrs. Peter Anderson of this city, who has always been a mother to him. He was only 18 years of age and his untimely death has caused much sorrow and hard feelings. He was of a genial nature, a good disposition, and generally liked.

The funeral will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, when all friends are invited. Burial at Walnut Grove.

Newport Daily Independent
March 5, 1909

1900 Census, Newport : dwelling 392 fam 417
Eunice King, age 10, born Sept 1889, Mississippi
adopted child in Zilphi Moss family, 922 E First Street

The next is my great Uncle Silvy, Dr. Watson's youngest son (about 8 at the time his father was killed). Silvy shot at Uncle Bob in the **summer of 1916** when the latter was visiting family in Springfield MO. Luckily Uncle Bob was not seriously injured. **This is the source of the “Dad, I tried” on Silvy’s tombstone.** We will probably never know everything about the Dr. Watson shooting, but our theory is that Silvy, being the youngest, was the most affected by it, and perhaps couldn’t understand the complexities of the situation. My grandfather was very close to his sister Margery and didn’t seem to have any issues with Uncle Bob, nor did my mom or her siblings, so that lends credence to the shooting being somewhat in self defense, and most of the family not blaming Bob.



Silvy Robert Watson 19 March 1886 to 12 Nov 1978, son of Dr Robert Parry Watson and Martha F Dodd.

