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Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

As P. M. at Danville, Va., '67 to '85, I was familiar with Caswell County affairs, the tragedies, and Stephens death etc., etc.

I was there for two weeks recently having heard of the alleged confession of Dr. Roane. I felt interested. I ascertained however that he made none - neither did Dr. Redmond although the latter was concerned in it and promised a confession for publication.

of the nine who murdered Stephens, four survive. All were nearby residents and the full story in detail I can get by paying for it. One of the Klan told me he had been offered recently by the Scribner people an opportunity to write it up.

Very few know the details, perhaps you do, but I thought I would drop
you a line to ascertain if it would now interest the public as it did all
the
the old boys who were familiar with terrorisms of those trying times.

I am here for a few days and may return to Virginia before coming home to Buffalo.

If the story could be valuable to you and I feel it must be as others are desirous of getting something authentic as to details, I would be pleased to undertake for you the obtaining of accurate details from reliable sources. I know the exact place to obtain them.

Late Asst. P. M. Buf. N.Y.