

Ashboro Monday 9th 1869

Judge Sargent

There was a murder in
our village on the 7th inst
William Smith was murdered
by an Indian (a notorious
character) Gowen has escaped
and cannot be found

We think he is lurking
somewhere in the County and
being a desperate villain, we think
that he ought to be out lawed
and I make this application for
this purpose believing that such
a course would meet the ends
of justice and meet the approbation
of all good citizens

Yours truly,

H. H. Trueman
Sheriff of Randolph
County