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1 State of North Dakota }  
2 County of Towner } ss.

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4 In the matter of the Inquest  
5 held in said County and State  
6 on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1893, } Testimony of  
7 out the bodies of Daniel S. } witnesses  
8 Kreider, Barbara Kreider,  
9 Mary Kreider, Bernice Kreider  
10 David Kreider & Murby Kreider

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12 State of North Dakota }  
13 County of Towner }

14 Bernice Kreider, being first duly  
15 sworn upon her oath deposes and says  
16 My name is Bernice Kreider, my age  
17 is 15 years, I reside in Towner County  
18 North Dakota, I was in bed sleeping  
19 this morning, when Albert Bamberger,  
20 the hired man working for my father,  
21 got up and went down stairs, got the  
22 shot gun, and shot papa first. I was up  
23 stairs at the time. The shot was in papa's  
24 bedroom, I heard very loud shot then. He,  
25 Albert, went into the kitchen and shot  
26 mama, and then cut her throat. As  
27 soon as he did this he came up  
28 stairs, he had the gun in his hand  
29 and when he got up stairs, he shot  
30 three times into the bed room where the  
31 other children were, he first ordered me  
32 into the south west bedroom, and I went

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1 in, and through the door, which was  
2 partly open, I saw him ~~the~~ shoot three  
3 times into the North west bed room, I was  
4 standing in the hall upstairs as he came  
5 up. He shot Murbey first and then  
6 wounded Mary and David, Berenice  
7 jumped out of the window and went to  
8 the barn, got the pony out and put the  
9 bridle on the pony, and was at the barn  
10 door ready to go out; Albert hunted for her  
11 upstairs and could not find her; he then  
12 went down stairs and out to the barn, he  
13 took Berenice of the pony and took her  
14 up stairs, into the North west room.  
15 After he shot the first three shots, he went  
16 down stairs and got the butcher knife  
17 and came up stairs and cut Mary's throat,  
18 when he came upstairs the knife had blood  
19 on it. I saw him cut Mary's throat.  
20 After he did this he took Eva, Cassie  
21 and Henry and put them into the South  
22 west room with me. He then changed his  
23 clothes, and ordered me down stairs to  
24 get him a basin of water, and then to  
25 the cellar to get him something to eat.  
26 Before he ordered me down stairs, he  
27 told me "to go get the old mans money"  
28 I went and got it. There was \$500 in  
29 my chest of Tatters money. He then asked  
30 me if I had any money, I told I had,  
31 and he asked how much, I told him I did  
32 not know. He got \$1.15 from me.

Then when I went down stairs, he  
 made me get the money in papa's  
 pocket, and papa's gold watch. I don't  
 know how much money I took out of  
 papa's pocket, I gave him this money  
 and the watch. He then sent me up  
 stairs for the new bridle. Before he  
 went he made me get the rifle, and  
 shells. I took the spring out, and he  
 put the shells in, and I put the spring  
 back into the rifle, and he shut it up.  
 After he got the rifle loaded he went to  
 the barn and saddled the pony. He  
 took two boxes of cartridges to the barn  
 with him, and the rifle was loaded out  
 of another box. He tried to tie the rifle  
 to the saddle but did not. Afterwards  
 he took his buffalo coat, and put it on  
 the saddle, then took me upstairs, in  
 the barn and tied me. My hands  
 were tied behind my back and then  
 what was left he tied around my  
 waist. He tied my feet and then asked  
 me if I was comfortable, I replied, and  
 he then went away.

My name was the first out up. I  
 don't know whether papa was up or not.  
 I was not dressed when I heard the first  
 shot. I got up and began to dress when  
 I heard the first shot, which awakened  
 me. I heard my mother hallow after the  
 first shot, and he fired again. Then

1 He came upstairs he would not let me  
 2 go down. He made me go into his room  
 3 This was after he murdered the rest. He  
 4 began to take off his clothes and told  
 5 me that I knew what he wanted.

6 After he changed his clothes he asked  
 7 me if there was any blood on his  
 8 clothes. After he made me go into his  
 9 room he made me lie down on the  
 10 bed. He said he would kill me if I  
 11 did not lie down there. He then  
 12 got into bed with me. He forced me.

13 He and father never had any trouble that  
 14 I know. When he came up into the room  
 15 first where I was he told me that he was  
 16 mad and crazy. I asked him where he  
 17 was going when he went away; and he  
 18 told me he did not know and if he did  
 19 he would not tell me.

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20 Before he left he tried to break the buggy  
 21 whip but could not, so he made me  
 22 help hold it while he sawed it in two.

23 After he sawed the whip in two he  
 24 told me to stay in the barn, then he  
 25 went out and looked around and after-  
 26 wards tied me upstairs. Before he  
 27 left he told me, "this took me just a  
 28 half an hour, I started at half past  
 29 six and got through at seven o'clock."

30 This was while he was in the  
 31 barn. He came to work for my father  
 32 last November I think. He never made any

improper proposals to me before that I know of before this morning.

Papa asked me once if Albert was not in my room, I told him that he was not; that I was awake and that he only came as far as the door.

Berwick told me that he came into her room once, this was some time ago. Before Albert left he made me get him some matches. Every time he ~~did~~ ordered me to do anything he followed me with the gun, I did everything he asked me to do as he told me he would kill me.

When he tied me he said "I guess that will hold you a half day, the butcher will be out today sometime and let you loose." After that he ordered me down stairs he made the three youngest children go into the South East room upstairs, and after he got downstairs he said that he wished that he ~~had~~ <sup>could</sup> locked them up. No other person was out the place last night besides him and the family. After supper last night we were all playing croquet until it was so dark we could not see, and we then went to bed; he seemed all right then, did not appear to have been drinking, I surely no opinion on him this morning.

The killing of father and mother, three sisters and brother happened in Townes

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1 County, in the State of North Dakota  
2 on Friday morning, July 7<sup>th</sup> 1893, at about  
3 breakfast six or seven o'clock, all my  
4 father's farm in said County & etc.

5 ~~I solemnly swear~~ Annie Kreider.

6 Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
7 7<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1893.

8 J. H. Cramer Coroner