

Bartlett Allen "Bud" Jefferson, born 1864 in Benton County, 2nd child, 1st son of Samuel Allen Jefferson and JoAnn Neal. Married 14 September 1891 at age 27 with Leora Lovelace age 21. Died 26 Sept 1929, buried Pea Ridge Cemetery with wife Leora, refer to findagrave 119203902.

Bud Jefferson, held last week by Justice of the Peace Kerr of Bentonville, for first degree murder without bail, was admitted to a \$25,000 bond by Circuit Judge Dickson. The bond was furnished by Saturday night and Jefferson is now at his home at Pea Ridge awaiting the action of the September grand jury. Jefferson shot and killed M. A. Morrison of Pea Ridge on July 28th. — Rogers Democrat. 1921

Max Morrison, born 1871 in England, died 1921 Pea Ridge, Benton County, buried Hickman Cemetery near Pea Ridge, refer to findagrave 78484209.

**"NOT GUILTY"
VERDICT IN PEA
RIDGE KILLING**

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BENTONVILLE, Ark., March 30.—The jury in the case of the State vs. Bud Jefferson, tried for the killing of Max Morrison, rendered a verdict of not guilty at 9:30 this morning, after having had the case since 11 o'clock Wednesday night.

Morrison was shot and killed while on the street in Pea Ridge July 28, 1921. Morrison and Jefferson had trouble over a tract of land and it is said Morrison had prevented employees of Jefferson from going on the land to thresh oats.

Morrison had a gun at the time he was killed, and Jefferson claimed Morrison had previously threatened to kill him. Certain witnesses, however, testified that the gun was not loaded. Witnesses also testified that Jefferson asked Morrison why he had the gun and he stated that he had it to "kill a dog."

Jefferson found "not guilty"

Jefferson's trial was continued during the September term of the circuit court and did not go to trial until March of 1922. At that trial he was accused of second degree murder.

John Nance, prosecuting attorney, was assisted by Vol Walker, and Jefferson was defended by Attorneys Claude Fuller, Chas. Rice and W. D. Mock.

The attorneys closed their arguments in the case about midnight on Wednesday, March 30, and the case was given to the jury, which retired and balloted once or twice before recessing for the night. The verdict of "not guilty" was given to the court between nine and ten on Thursday morning.

Morrison funeral

In Mr. Morrison's obituary, he is identified as A. M. Morrison, not M. A., as earlier news reports stated.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, March 31, conducted by Rev. A. E. Carnahan. Burial was made in the Hickman cemetery, three miles southwest of Pea Ridge, in the presence of a large number of people. This was "a sad affair and a crime that had never been committed before in that area." The deceased left a wife and two small children.—*Benton County Record* 8/5/21