



On June 7, 1903, Officer John Ledbetter was attempting to break up a group of unruly drunks in the northwest part of town. When the group would not obey the orders to disperse, Officer Ledbetter attempted to arrest the leader of the group. When he did, another member of the group struck him in the back of the head with a rock. The officer's skull was fractured and he died from the injury on June 10, 1903. It was never learned who assaulted the officer, although one member of the group, John McConnell, admitted to the killing years later on his death bed.