

Frederick Frissel

While **Mary Coyle Manion** was coping with the troubles of her family, her sister, **Kate Coyle Frissel**, was faced with serious problems in her own family.

Kate Coyle Frissel was the younger sister of Mary Coyle Manion. Kate had a son, John Killien, from her first marriage. Her second marriage to Frederick Frissel, produced a son, **Frederick Frissel Jr.** The Frissels lived in Catonsville, Md.

The younger Frederick was a nephew to Mary Manion and first cousin to all the Manion/Mannion children. He became infamous in Baltimore for some violent actions. **Frederick Frissel** didn't live on Grasshopper Hill, but his actions were documented by the press and known to his relatives living there.

April 24, 1897

COMMITTED FOR MURDEROUS ASSAULT

Frederick Frissel was last night committed for court by Justice W. W. Johnson, of Catonsville, for murderously assaulting John Archer, an old man claiming to be from Baltimore.

Archer left Baltimore Saturday afternoon on his way to Howard County. He stopped to rest on a stone culvert on Frederick avenue, about half a mile west of Catonsville, when **Frissel** rode by on horseback. the horse shied, and Fissel asked Archer what he was doing there "holding up horses." An argument ensued and **Frissel** jumped from his horse and struck Archer a stunning blow in the face, felling him to the ground. He then beat Archer's head against the ground and rendered him nearly unconscious.

When Archer tried to arise from the ground **Frissel** seized a heavy cane, which belonged to Archer, and struck him three blows across the head, inflicting several ugly gashes and knocking him down again. When Archer arose and started up the road **Frissel** picked up a large stone and dealt him another blow, which knocked Archer to the ground for the third time. Archer finally managed to get into the woods, where he fell exhausted. **Frissel** came along again in a buggy and, seeing Archer lying in the woods, dealt him another blow on the head with the heavy end of a whip.

With the assistance of Night Patrolman Joshua A. Upton, of Catonsville, Archer walked to the Catonsville station house, where his wounds were dressed. He gave the officer a description of his assailant, and **Frissel** was arrested at his home Sunday morning. A number of boys who were eye witnesses of the assault corroborated Archer's story.

May 12, 1897 Baltimore Sun

FRISSEL RELEASED ON BAIL

Frederick Frissell was brought into court in answer to a writ of habeas corpus. He had been committed for trial by Justice W. W. Johnson, of Catonsville, who refused to accept the bail offered by **Frissell**. Judge Burke allowed him to be discharged on bail entered into by **Frissell**, his wife, and Mrs. Anna Maria Unger, his mother-in-law. John E. Platt, who is also a son-in-law of Mrs. Unger, opposed **Frissel's** discharge. The charge against him was assaulting John Archer with a club. His case will be investigated by the grand jury.

Frederick enlisted in the army during the Spanish American War in 1898. He spent about three months in a Florida training camp, and the war ended. After his discharge, he moved into Baltimore City and married a widow with two daughters.

May 13, 1899 Baltimore Sun

CRAZED BY LIQUOR

**FREDERICK FRISSEL, 415 Payson Street,
SLASHES TWO RELATIVES WITH A RAZOR**

Maddened by liquor, Frederick Frissel, a painter, 415 South Payson street, slashed with a razor late Thursday night his stepdaughter, Miss Gertrude E. Carmichael, aged eighteen years, and his brother-in-law, John H. Unger, aged forty-seven years. Justice Smith, at the southwestern police station, yesterday committed him to jail to await the injuries of the victims, who are at the Maryland University Hospital.

The stepdaughter was cut in the left side of the head behind the right ear, part of which was taken off, while the brother-in-law was slashed across the breast and shoulder, one of the cuts being several inches long. Their condition is serious, but it is believed they will recover.

The cutting took place in Frissel's home, where also resided his wife's mother, brother and daughter. The stepdaughter said she was sitting on the steps about 10 o'clock, when her stepfather came home intoxicated. Soon she heard angry words between her mother and her stepfather. She joined her mother in an effort to induce Frissel to go to bed, but he left the house. About half an hour later he returned, and seeming more intoxicated, Mrs. Frissel left in search of a policeman. Miss Carmichael told Frissel that if he did not stop drinking she would not own him as a stepfather. This remark angered him and he drew a razor and slashed her across the side of the head. Hearing the girl's screams, Mr. Unger went to her assistance, whereupon Frissel is alleged to have slashed him across the shoulder and breast.

When before the magistrate, Frissel claimed to remember nothing of the cutting. He said he had been drunk Thursday night. He said there was no reason why he should have cut his stepdaughter and brother-in-law.

Nov 30, 1901 Baltimore Sun

Says Mr. Fissel Assaulted Him.

Frederick Fissel, a painter, of Catonsville, was arrested Wednesday night at his home, Frederick avenue, on the charge of assaulting Frank Hamil, who positively identified **Fissel**. Early Monday morning, **Mr. Fissel**. Mr. Hamil claims, went to the latter's home Del Ray and Frederick avenues, in company with a friend, and when the friend called Mr. Hamil out of the house, **Fissel** hit him in the face. A struggle ensued in which part of Hamil's clothing was torn from his back, after which the assailant made his escape. Thursday night, before Justice Whitely, **Mr. Fissel** asked for a jury trial, and was placed under \$300 bail for court.

March 8, 1903 Baltimore Sun

STRUCK BY THREE BULLETS

Mrs. Gertrude Frissel At Hospital - Husband Accused of Shooting.

Mrs. Gertrude Frissel, who for the last two weeks has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Esmeralda Lookingland, at 228 South Stricker street, is at the Franklin Square Hospital with two bullets lodged in the bone in her nose and another in her left thigh, while police of the Southwestern district are engaged in a diligent search for the husband, **Frederick Frissel**, 36 years old, who is charged with shooting his wife with murderous intent. The shooting occurred about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the dining room of Mrs. Lookingland's home, and, according to the statement of the latter, was the result of her mother's refusal to go with **Mr. Frissel** when he asked her to take a walk. In recounting the story of the shooting to a reporter for THE SUN last night Mrs. Lookingland said:

"**Mr. Frissel**, who is my stepfather, had been living with my mother at Catonsville, where he worked as a painter, up to about three weeks ago. About that time he came to this city and entered the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company as a painter at the Mount Clare shops, taking board with a family on Columbia avenue. Two weeks ago my mother also came to Baltimore and had been staying at my house. Several times during the last week **Mr. Frissel** called here and asked my mother to go out with him. At each visit, however, he appeared to be under the influence of liquor and my mother invariably refused. This afternoon he arrived about 3 o'clock and we noticed at once that he had been drinking. He asked my mother to step into the hall with him, which he did. They were only in the hall a few minutes when they re entered the room, both apparently in good spirits. **Mr. Frissel** stayed in the dining room for about half an hour afterward, during which time I heard him ask my mother several times to go out with him, but she refused each time. A moment before the shooting I stepped in the kitchen, when I heard four reports of a pistol in rapid succession in the dining room. For a moment I was dumbfounded and when I stepped into the dining room I saw my mother sitting with her handkerchief up to her nose. **Mr. Frissel** had by this time replaced the revolver in his pocket and was walking toward the door. Here he was intercepted by my sister in law, who entered the room at that moment. Before we could summon any assistance, however, he forced his way past my sister in law and hurried from the house."

Mrs. Frissel was sent to the hospital and the police started on a hunt for the husband. At a late hour last night it was reported that **Mrs. Frissel's** condition was not thought to be serious. The bullets in her nose and thigh will probably be extracted this morning. Mr. and Mrs. **Frissel**, it is understood, have been married a little over a month. It is thought by the police that **Frissel** has gone to Washington.

It was during this period that Frederick Frissel's father, **Frederick Frissel Sr.** changed his name to **Frederick Fissel**, and can you blame him? So as not to mistake the elder for the younger, Frederick's parents became **Frederick and Kate Fissel**.

March 9, 1903 Baltimore Sun

FRISSEL STILL AT LARGE

Man Accused of Shooting His Wife Eludes The Police

Up to the late hour last night the police had failed to find **Frederick Frissel**, 36 years old, who as told in THE SUN yesterday, is wanted on the charge of assaulting and shooting his wife, **Gertrude Frissel**, 45 years old, Saturday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. Besides conducting a search in the city, officers were engaged in a diligent hunt in the vicinity of Catonsville, where the fugitive lived up to about three weeks ago, and Irvington. It is thought by the police that **Frissel** left Baltimore immediately after the shooting and probably went to Washington, and the authorities there have been alerted to look out for him.

The condition of **Mrs. Frissel**, who was taken to the Franklin Square Hospital shortly after the shooting, was reported as favorable last night, and it is thought that she will recover. A close examination of her injuries yesterday revealed that only two of the bullets had taken effect, one of them in her nose and the other in her left thigh. This morning an effort will be made to extract them.

The shooting occurred at the home of Mrs. Frissel's daughter, Mrs. George Lookingland, 223 South Stricker street and was the outcome, it is understood, of Mrs. Frissel's refusal to go out with her husband when the latter came to the home and asked her to take a walk with him.

**August 5, 1903 Baltimore Sun
CAUGHT AFTER FIVE MONTHS**

Frederick Frissel, Charged With Shooting His Wife, Arrested.

Frederick Frissel, a painter, 35 years old, charged with shooting his wife in the head early last March, was arrested near his home at Catonsville last night by several Baltimore county officers and was brought to the Southwestern Police Station. He will be given a hearing this morning before Justice Ross.

Although every effort was made to capture Frissel after the shooting, Marshall Farnan even communicating with the police of a number of cities where it was thought he might have gone, and especially sharp lookout was kept by the police of Washington, it was not until yesterday that the man was seen and recognized by officers. Frissel made no statement at the station house last night. It is thought he spent most of his time since the shooting out of the city.

On the afternoon of March 7 Frissel, who had not been living with his wife for some weeks, visited her at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Lookingland, Stricker street, near Ramsay. Frissel, according to the statement of Mrs. Lookingland at the time, asked his wife to go out with him. Mrs. Frissel refused, and a lengthy argument ensued. The couple went into an outer hallway on the second floor and were evidently engaged in conversation for several minutes when two shots in rapid succession were heard. When Mrs. Lookingland went to her mother's assistance, and she saw her stepfather going downstairs. Mrs. Frissel was shot in the nose, and was taken to the Franklin Square Hospital where she was in a serious condition for several months.

After his capture, Frederick spent many years of his life in and out of jail. On the 1920 Federal Census, his address was **Baltimore City Jail**. He was released around 1922 and divorced Gertrude who had remained married to him in spite of the violence he inflicted upon her and her family. Shortly after the divorce, Frederick married again to another widow with two daughters.

**October 9, 1924 Baltimore Sun
HURT IN FALL FROM SCAFFOLD**

Workman Struck By Window Frame Blown Out By Wind.

Losing his balance when struck by a window frame blown out by the wind, **Frederick Frissell**, 50 years old, 1600 block West Baltimore street, yesterday fell 30 feet to the ground. He was at work on a scaffold at Hollins and Poppleton streets.

He suffered a broken arm. He was taken to University Hospital.

After the accident Frederick applied for a military pension for his service in the Spanish American War. He continued to have health issues until his death in 1940.