
Mysterious Woman Arrives In Caldwell County

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A woman known as "the mysterious woman," who has been traveling through counties in central Kentucky, has reached Caldwell County, arriving from Owensboro, Daviess County, Kentucky, a few days ago and is camping near Crofton. She is traveling alone and is heavily armed, having three pistols buckled around her. She rides a pony and has three dogs with her. She camps in the open air and sleeps on the ground. She claims that her name is Mrs. Jean Audley, and says she is a daughter of Henry K. Audley of Ozark, Missouri. She has been traveling for two years in nearly every state in the Union. She is 43 years old and says her husband is in Texas, where he owns a ranch. She says she travels because she loves animals and delights in traveling.

Her present destination is Memphis and thence to New Orleans and Texas. She is a woman of intelligence and says she will write a history of her travels.



According to a newspaper report, during the latter part of 1909, Jean Audley was found frozen to death near Bardwell, Carlisle County, Kentucky, after one of the area's severest nights of cold temperatures. At the time of her demise, the woman had 12 dogs with her. Her body was unclaimed, and she was interred where found.

To exaggerate is to weaken. --Harpe