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99-YEAR TERM AFFIRMED

H. W. Middleton of Smithville, convicted in Milam County of the murder of his father and sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary, lost his second appeal last week when the Court of Appeals affirmed the sentence. He was convicted of placing strychnine in medicine administered to his father in October 1927. The case was tried in Milam County on change of venue. One of the chief witnesses against Middleton was Mrs. Rosa Waybourn, convicted and then acquitted of plotting the death of her husband. Middleton had testified against her. She in turn claimed Middleton had confided to her he had poisoned his father.