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MOSTLY SUNNY TODAY. HIGH
IN THE COOLER TONIGHT. LOW
IN THE TOMORROW FAIR AND
WARMER.

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Arraigned In Shooting Of Brother

Grafton Man's Charge: Murder

By JOHN J. McNAMARA
AND HILDA GOODWIN

A frail appearing 50-year-old
Grafton man stood before Jus-
tice of the Peace Robert H. Vos-

burgh, Town of Grafton, yes-
terday afternoon while a formal
charge of murdering his own
brother was read to him.
Albert Schermerhorn, who
had no occupation, remained

silent throughout his arraig-
ment in connection with the
fatal shooting of Milford Scher-
merhorn, 53, on Taconic Lake
Road, Town of Grafton, Thurs-
day.

Senior BCI Investigator L. J.
Konkle of the State Police ar-
raigned the defendant on a
charge of murder, first degree.
The prisoner is without funds
to provide his own counsel and

the court appointed the Rens-
selaer County Public Defender's
Office to represent him.
Public Defender Thomas J.
O'Connor appeared as counsel
for the man.

William J. Doyle Jr., and
Elliott M. Marinstein of the
District Attorney's Office ap-
peared for the people.
Justice Vosburgh remanded
Schermerhorn to Rensselaer

County Jail for a preliminary
examination at 2 p.m. Wednes-
day at the request of Mr. O'Con-
nor.
Milford Schermerhorn died at

4:20 a.m. yesterday in Albany
Medical Center Hospital.
Another brother, William
Schermerhorn, 68, who, State
Police say, was also shot by Al-
bert, remained in critical con-
dition in the same hospital.

Albany County Coroner John
J. Marra of Cohoes said that the
22 caliber bullet which took
Milford Schermerhorn's life en-
tered the right front temple re-
gion and lodged in the brain.
The coroner listed the cause of
death as laceration of the brain
and intercranial hemorrhage due
to a gunshot wound. He gave a
decision of homicide.

An autopsy was performed by
Dr. John Clemmer of Bender
Laboratory at the hospital.
William Schermerhorn was
shot in the left chest and under-
went surgery for removal of the
bullet.

Day of Drinking

The double shooting climaxed
a day of drinking, State Police
said. A definite motive has not
been established. The weapon
used was described as a sawed-
off 22 caliber Remington single
shot, bolt action rifle. It had
been sawed to a barrel length
of four inches.

Yesterday's arraignment, which
took place at 2 p.m., was the
second for Albert Schermerhorn
before Justice Vosburgh. On
Thursday he had faced two
counts of assault, first degree,
in connection with the shooting
of his two brothers. At his re-
arraignment yesterday one of
the first degree assault counts
was withdrawn and replaced
with the first degree murder
charge.

Besides the murder charge,
Albert also is charged with as-
sault, first degree, for the al-
leged shooting of his brother,
William, and illegal possession
of a firearm.

State Police said that another



TRAGEDY IN PICTURES — Albert Schermerhorn is being escorted by
BCI Investigator Gerald V. Clifford, left, after arraignment yesterday
before Justice of the Peace Robert Vosburgh in Town of Grafton, on charge

of murder. He is in County Jail. His home on Taconic Lake Road,
Town of Grafton, center, is near those of his brothers, Milford and
William, whom he is charged with shooting, the former fatally. The

fourth Schermerhorn brother, George, right, was reportedly a witness
to the shooting of Milford. (Photo on left by Harry McKenna, others by
Al Livingston.)

State Police said that another
brother, George Schermerhorn,
63, was a witness to the shoot-
ing.

Fern Pickers

Milford, William and Albert
have done odd jobs in the Graf-
ton area for years. William also
has been a caretaker of property
at Taconic Lake. The brothers,
troopers said, had engaged in
picking ferns and making
wreaths. Milford was employed
at times as a handyman in the
Grafton area.

The brothers lived in sep-
arate small homes of poor con-
struction on Taconic Lake Road.
Albert is five feet, nine inches
tall and weighs 133 pounds. He
has receding grey-black hair
and blue eyes. He was born in
Petersburg on March 20, 1916.

Milford Schermerhorn was
born in Feura Bush March 5,
1913, son of the late Charles
and Jane Snyder Schermerhorn.
His mother died last March in
Grafton.

The survivors are four
brothers, George, William, and
Albert of Grafton and Walter
of Stephantown, and two sis-
ters, Mrs. Elizabeth Weeden of
Grafton and Mrs. Mabel Groes-
beck of Albany.

The funeral will be held
tomorrow at 2 p.m. from the
Thomas M. Barber Funeral
Home, Petersburg. Rev. Wil-
liam O'Dell, pastor of the Graf-
ton Baptist Church, will officiate.
Interment will be in Mea-
dowlawn Cemetery, Petersburg.

The brothers live on the Ta-
conic Lake Road, each occupy-
ing separate, small dwellings
within a quarter of a mile of
each other. George Schermer-
horn also lives in the same
area.