

## Colt Revolver, ca. 1900

This was the service revolver used by Colonel David G. Colson, Fourth Kentucky Infantry. Mustered into service during the Spanish-American War, the Fourth only moved as far as Alabama before the war ended. Following a dispute in Anniston, Alabama, Lieutenant Ethelbert D. Scott, a Lexington attorney and



nephew of Governor William O. Bradley, began openly criticizing Colson and refused to obey orders. Scott was found guilty of this charge, but this court-martial verdict was later countermanded. On the evening of February 12, 1899 Scott shot at Colson in an Anniston restaurant. Meeting again eleven months later, they engaged in a shoot-out in the lobby of the Capital Hotel in Frankfort, Kentucky.

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