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Witnesses:

Ernest Jacobson,
John H. Sullivan,

82/ J.G.H.

Counsel,
Filed 13 day of July 1889
Pleads, Chicago.

THE PEOPLE

Grand Larceny & 3rd degree.
[Sections 528, 530 — , Penal Code].

W. 14th Street 28.

Jimmie Bell
H.D.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Pr. July 19/89
J. R. Fellows D.L.

A TRUE BILL.

J. R. Fellows
Foreman.
J. R. Fellows

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Police Court
Second Dist

The People vs
Ernest Jacobson

Annie Bell

Examination Before Justice O'Reilly
Feb 2

For the defendant Mr. Goldsey

Ernest Jacobson being cross examined
on his affidavit before and
says.

Q Were you drunk or sober when
you lost your money?

A I was sober

Q Had you been with any other
women?

A No.

Q Had you been in any other
house of prostitution before ^{you} and
lost your money?

A No

Q When did you see your money
last before you lost it?

A Just before I lost my money

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I took out twenty five cents out of my pocket and I put the money back again

2 What time did you count it?

A - About 8 o'clock

2 What time did you lose it?

A Between 10 and 11.

2 Where were you between 8 and half past ten

A - At 248 second st.

2 Were you in any other house in Greene street but this one where you lost this money?

A - No

2 What day did you lose this money?

A On Saturday.

2 When did you have the woman arrested?

A Yesterday

2 Was she alone when she was arrested?

A Yes: She was walking in front of this door

2 All alone?

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A - There was other women there
Q What time did you have her arrested?

A Between daylight and 9 o'clock
Q Was Officer Sullivan with you?

A Yes

Q Was that the first time you told the police you lost your money

A Yes.

Q How did you get Officer Sullivan

A I went to the station house

Q And you did not say anything about your loss from Saturday until last night.

A I went to the station house twice

Q Did you tell anybody it was a white woman took your money?

A Yes.

Q Did you have your pantsaloons on when you lost your money

A I had them on

Adjourned to 2 P M

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Continued Feb 5 1889

Cross examination of Complainant Jacobson
Continued:

Q - What time in the evening did you lose your money?

A Between 10 and 11 P.M.

Q Where was you when you discovered that you lost your money?

A In bed

Q Did you feel anybody taking your money?

A Not at the moment.

Q How soon after you got into bed did you discover that your money had been taken?

A As I got out of bed.

Q Now this woman in the room when you discovered that your money had been taken?

A Yes.

Q Who went out of the room first?

A This woman

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2 Where did you go then

A - I went right after her and told her that she stole the money

2 Whereabouts did you go after?

A I followed into another room next door to this room that she was in

2 What did she say?

A She said she did not have it and that I should look in the bed.

2 Where did you go then?

A Then I took a lamp and looked at the bed. I could not find the money.

2 When you took the lamp and looked after the money under the bed you did not believe the woman had taken it did you?

A I thought she had but I could not say for sure.

2 It might have been that the money fell out?

A I looked at the bed afterwards?

5 2 When you went into the room

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with this woman was the light
burning ~~there~~.

7 The light was burning ~~there~~ still.

2 You had a good chance to
look at the woman so that
there would not be any mistake
about it.

A Yes

2 Did the woman come into the
room and help you look
under the bed?

A Not this one - another woman.

2 Came into the room and
helped you look under the
bed?

A Yes

2 How long after that did
you go to the Station House?

A About twenty minutes afterwards.

2 Did you see Officer Sullivan
then?

A - No: I first saw Sullivan on
Sunday, a little after noon.

2 What kind of a woman did

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you tell Officer Sullivan it was

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that robbed you?

A - I told Officer Sullivan that it was a white woman because she was not quite black.

Q Did he say whether she was a young woman or an old woman?

A I told him she was about 26 years old - it may be a little bit older.

Q When did you next see this woman after you lost your money?

A I saw her the Monday afterwards.

By the Court

Q (Repeated)

A Sunday night.

By the State

Q Now that the time this woman was arrested?

A A little before

Q whereabouts

A In front of the bar

Q What did you do when you

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saw her?

A - I walked first

Q Did she see you?

A - I can't say.

Q Did you point her out?

A I did

Q She was standing there?

A Yes

Q You came along with the policeman?

A Yes.

Q Had the policeman passed by her?

A Yes

Q When the policeman called her did she come right up?

A - Yes

Q He told her what she was charged with

A I think so.

Q You say you was not in any other house in the neighborhood?

A I was not

Q How long have you lived in this city?

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A I am here since Jan 26

Q Have you been in Greens St. before?

A No.

Q What kind of a pocket book was this money in?

A An ordinary girls' money bag with two or three pockets.

Q Did you have it in your pantaloons or vest pocket?

A Pants pocket

Q Did you have any other money with you?

A A German five penny and a German one penny.

Q About 8 o'clock where did you count your money?

A At 24 & Second St

Q Who was there?

A A foreman that I used to work with

Q Did you have any drink there?

A I sent for a pint of beer

Q How many glasses of beer

Q Did you have after that?

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A None

Q Did it take you two hours to go to Greene St.?

A I stayed with the foreman until half past 9

Q How many times did the foreman send out?

A Twice

Q Anybody else then?

A The foreman and his family.

Q Who paid for the beer?

A Once I paid and once the foreman paid.

By the Court

Q Did you accuse this woman when she told you to look ⁱⁿ under the bed?

A Yes and afterwards

Q Did you take any money out of the pocket book in the room with this defendant?

A Yes.

Q And this money was there then?

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2 And you put the pocket book back in your pantaloons pocket?

A Yes.

Q. - Cross

2 When was you when you put your money back in your pocket?

A In her room

2 Standing or how?

A Standing up.

2 Did you carry your money ~~usually~~ in your coat or pants?

A Pants

2 Always?

A Always

2 It could not have slipped down between your clothes?

A No.

By the Court

2 Was there any one else in the room beside the defendant

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from the time you went in the room until you lost it?

A No

Re-cross

Q Was the door locked?

A The door was shut I do not know whether it was locked or not.

Q Was it locked during the time you was in bed?

A The door of the bed room was open. The other door was shut.

Q When the woman told you to look under the bed you went back in the room?

A Yes

Q Who was there in the room when you went back?

A Nobody only this woman

Q She stayed there all the time you were looking for the money?

A Yes she was present

12. Officer John S. Sullivan 15th Precinct

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called as a witness for defendant and
being duly sworn depose and
say: I made the arrest
in this case

2 Tell what took place when the
complainant came to tell you
of his loss?

A He came on Sunday night
and told of his being robbed
of \$1 dollar in Greene St.
I told him to come in at 8
o'clock and I would go
around with him on Monday.
He was there when he spoke
with me before he said it
was a black woman. By that
I mean a colored woman.
I said you mean a nigger
wench? He said yes. I went
with him to Greene St. we went
to 186 and 194. We had
started to go back when she
passed us by. He turned and
"I think that is the woman." That
is what he said first.

2 Do you know this woman?

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A. I have known her about five or six months about the present
Q. she came towards you when you called?

A. Came towards us
Q. Was it light enough for her to see you?

A. There was a lamp there at 194.

Q. Plenty of light to distinguish features?

A. I think she could see us
Q. You spoke to her?

A. I ran after her and said "Here: stop". I pulled her around and said "This gentleman says you robbed him of 21 dollars". She said "He is mistaken. I never saw him in my life before." I turned to the man and said "Are you positive". He said "Yes". Then I took her to the station house.

14 Q. Did you hear complainant testify

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that he took you when the woman was?

A- He did not, and he did not tell me anything of the kind.

2 This woman was just standing there?

A- Yes.

2 Did he tell you that he had seen her before that day?

A- He did not.

The Court of course he could not keep the matter if he did not speak English.

A- I could understand him.

By Mr. Goldes

2 Did he tell you that she was standing there?

A- No. He did not. I asked the number. He said 194 Greene street. I said come around, show me the house. on our way down we met her.

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Q You are a special officer in that precinct?

A Yes Sir

Q Did you ever know of this woman being arrested for larceny before?

A No

By the Court

Q There are other officers there?

A Yes

Re-cross

Q Have you ever known of her being arrested for larceny?

A I have not. I know she is a prostitute

Q Do you know the reputation of 196 Greene Street?

A Yes: I have been sent there when men have been robbed there

Q That is not the number he said:

16 A- He said it was 194

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By the Court

Q You don't know whether the woman knew you were an officer when she saw you with the officer?

A I do not know that she recognized me

Annie Bell

Annie Bell the defendant being duly sworn and examined as a witness in her own behalf before and says:

Q Did you hear the testimony of the Complainant?

A I did. I am not guilty

Q Have you ever seen him before?

A Never until yesterday when I saw him with officer Sullivan

Q Did you see them when they passed you?

A No sir

Q Do you know officer Sullivan?

17 A Yes sir

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Q. Did you recognize him?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you ever been charged with larceny before?

A. Never in my life.

Q. What was you doing there?

A. I had been up to 198 Greene St. As I came down I looked and saw ^{the} officer and this man.

Q. Was you in there when this man was there?

A. I was not.

Q. He says you solicited him?

A. No Sir... never to my knowledge.

May Dren being duly sworn and examined as a witness for Defendant deposes and says:- I live at 226 East Houston St. I am a widow. I keep house myself. I am housekeeping. I am not a fast woman.

18 Q. Do you remember last Saturday evening?

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A Yes Sir.

Q Was you in Greene street last Saturday evening?

A Yes Sir.

Q Who was with you?

A A young girl sitting alongside of me in court.

Q Look at Complainant. Did you see him in Greene street on Saturday night?

A Yes Sir.

Q Whereabouts?

A I saw him come out of 196 Greene street & high stoop.

Q What caused you to notice this man?

A - Because I ~~didn't~~ ~~talk~~ ~~my~~ saw him on the stoop fighting with a girl. There was a fight between this man and a girl.

Q Do you remember the girl?

A Yes; she was quite a dark girl.

19 Q What time was that?

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A - about half past ten

By the Court

2 - What were you doing in Greene Street?

A I went to see a lady friend in Fifth Avenue, right near Fourth street. I came through Greene Street

2 Who is this woman who you say was with you?

A Miss Stevenson, she is here.

2 Where does she live?

A In Greene Street.

2 What does she do for a living?

A I could not tell you

2 Does she keep a house of assignation there?

A Not as I know of.

2 How did you get acquainted with her?

A She came to me

2 You say you went to Fifth Avenue?

A I could not tell the number

20 2 Whereabouts in 6th Avenue?

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A Near Fourth St. I came
through Fourth Street to Greene
St. and I saw him coming
out with the girl

2 Was he talking with the
girl.

A They were fighting

2 You were with your lady friend?

A Yes sir

Defendant held to answer
1500 bail.

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DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

THE PEOPLE,
ON COMPLAINT OF

Jacobsen

agst.

Bell

Examination had

Feb 2

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Before

Daniel O'Reilly

Police Justice.

I,

William L. Ormsby

Stenographer of the

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District Police

Court, do hereby certify that the within testimony in the above case is a true and correct copy of

the original Stenographer's notes of the testimony of

Ernest Jacobsen

Annie Bell, John D. Sullivan, Mary Green

as taken by me on the above examination before said Justice.

Dated

Feb 7

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W. L. Ormsby

Stenographer.

Daniel O'Reilly

Police Justice.

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Police Court—2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:
of New York, }

Ernest Jacobson
of No. Phoenix Hotel 53 Bowery Street, aged 27 years,
occupation Baker being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 2 day of February 1889 at the City of New
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession
and from of deponent, in the night time, the following property viz:

Twenty one
dollars in good and lawful
money of the United States
\$ 21

the property of

Deponent

and that this deponent
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen,
and carried away by Annie Bell (now here)

for the reason that deponent met
the defendant in Greene street, and
went with her into No 194 Greene
street for the purpose of prostitution
about 10:30 p m. on said date
at the time of going into the room
with defendant deponent had
the said money in the left pocket
of his pantaloons. Deponent went to
bed with his pantaloons on, in company
with defendant. Immediately upon
waking from the bed deponent missed
the said money and immediately de-
ponent accused the defendant of

Sworn to before me, this

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day

Police Justice.

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taking the said money and demanding
that she should return it. Whereupon the
defendant denied having the said money,
upon which the defendant be dealt
with as the law directs.

Sworn to before me this
4th day of February 1879

Ernst Jacobsen.

San'ce Kelly
Police Justice

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been
committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of
Hundred Dollars and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison
of the City of New York, until he give such bail.
Dated 188
I have admitted the above named
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.
Dated 188
There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.
Dated 188
Police Justice.

Police Court, District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
on the complaint of

Offence—LARCENY.

vs.

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Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

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to answer

Sessions.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

Annie Bell being duly examined before the undersigned according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Annie Bell

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

25 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

N.Y.

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

194 Green St - 3 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Married woman.

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

I am not guilty. I never saw the man before in my life.

Annie L. Bell
mark

Taken before me this

day of

February

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David C. H. Kelly
Police Justice.

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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

Amie Bell

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *Fifteen* Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated *Feb 4* 188*9* *Samuel J. [Signature]* Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named

to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated 188 Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named

guilty of the offence within mentioned. I order h to be discharged.

Dated 188 Police Justice.

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BAILED,

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

Police Court--- 2 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Ernest Jacobson

vs.

Annie Bell

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Office
from the person

Dated Feb 4 1889

O'Reilly

Magistrate.

Dulliver

Officer.

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Precinct.

Witnesses Ernest Jacobson

No. House of Detention Street.

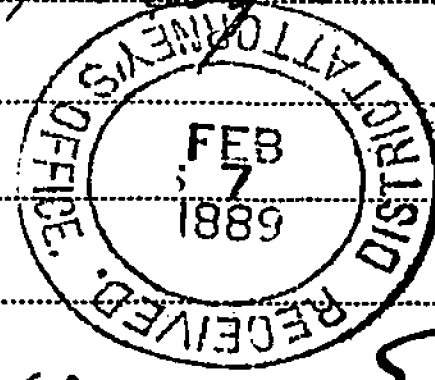
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No. _____ Street.

No. _____ Street.

\$1500 to answer S.S.

COMMITTED.



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Merry

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CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

POLICE COURT, 3 DISTRICT.

John S. Sullivan

of No. 15th Precinct Street, aged _____ years,
occupation Policeman being duly sworn deposes and says,

that on the 14th day of February 1889
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Ernest Jacobson

now here made complaint in this
Court against one Annie Bell for
larceny from his person: That defendant
has reason to believe that the said Jacob-
son will not appear to prosecute the
said complaint. Defendant asks that
said Jacobson be required to find bail
for his appearance as a witness in
said case.

John S. Sullivan

Sworn to before me, this _____ day
of February 1889

Samuel J. McNeill Police Justice.

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PEOPLE
v.
ANNIE BELL.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE

In and for the City and County of New York.

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People

vs.

Annie Bell,

Indictment filed, Feb 13, 1889.

Indicted for grand larceny
in the first degree.
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Tried Feb'y 19, 1889, before
Hon. Frederick Smyth and a Jury

A P P E A R A N C E S:

Assistant District Attorney Davis, for the People.
Mr. Buttner, for the Defense.

Ernest Jacobson, the complainant, testified that
he lived at No. 53 Bowery and that he was a baker.
He met the defendant at about ten o'clock on the evening
of February 2d, 1889, in front of a house in Greene
Street. The defendant spoke to him first and asked
him to come up stairs, and said that she had a warm room.
He entered the house at 194 Greene Street, in front of
which the defendant stood. He went up one flight of

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stairs to the rear room. He had twenty-one dollars and sixty cents in his pocket at the time. He had four five-dollar bills, one single dollar bill, a quarter, two ten-cent pieces and three five-cent pieces. He carried his money in a pocket-book in the left trousers pocket. When he entered the room he took out his pocket book to give the defendant fifty cents. Then he and the defendant went to bed, and he wore his trousers while he was in bed. When he was about to leave the room he missed his money. He demanded his money from the defendant and she said, "I have no money." Then he took a lamp and looked over the bed for the money, but did not find it. Another woman came into the room while he was demanding his money again from the defendant, and she said, "You are crazy." Then a man came into the room and the man and the two women shoved him out and told him to leave the house. In the street he met a policeman and made his complaint at the station house. The police captain told him to come on the following morning, as it was too late to do anything then. He was told in the morning to return in the evening at eight o'clock, and he returned and the defendant was

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arrested.

Under cross-examination he testified that the pocket book as well as the money was taken. He was sober, having drank only three glasses of beer that day. He was merely taking a walk in Greene Street when he met the defendant.

OFFICER JOHN S. SULLIVAN, of the Fifteenth Precinct, testified that he arrested the defendant in Greene Street on the evening of February 3d. He, the witness, was walking with the complainant when the defendant passed and the complainant said, "I think that is her now." The defendant had a shawl upon her head. He, the officer, stopped her and told her that the complainant charged her with having robbed him, and she took the shawl down from her head and said to the complainant, "Am I the woman?" and the complainant said, "Yes." He, the witness said, "Did you rob this man?" and the defendant said, "I never saw him before."

Under cross-examination the witness testified that he knew that the defendant lived at No. 194 Greene Street.

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ANNIE BELL, the defendant, testified that she did not rob the defendant. She never saw him until the evening of the 3d of February, when she was arrested. She had never been convicted of larceny. She had lived in the City of New York going on twelve years.

Under cross-examination she testified that she did not follow the occupation of a prostitute. She could not say whether 194 Greene Street was a house of prostitution, but women did live on the first floor. She the defendant, went out to do day's work. The officer had never warned her to keep off of the street, and he had never spoken to her in her life before he arrested her.

In rebuttal, Officer Sullivan testified that he knew the reputation of the house at 194 Greene Street, and that there were respectable persons living in the house, but that there were also prostitutes living there. The defendant was reputed to be a fast woman.

Under cross-examination the officer testified that he had never arrested her for prostitution or for any other offense before he arrested her upon the complainant's complaint.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE, OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

Annie Bell

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by
this indictment, accuse *Annie Bell*

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY IN THE *first* DEGREE,
committed as follows :

The said

Annie Bell

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *second*
day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-*nine*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the
night time of the same day, divers promissory notes for the payment of money, being
then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury
Notes), of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, for the
payment of and of the value of *twenty - one -*

dollars ; divers other promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due
and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as Bank Notes), of a number and denomination
to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, for the payment of and of the value of *twenty - one -*

dollars ; divers United States Silver Certificates of a number and denomination to the Grand
Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *twenty - one -*

dollars ; divers United States Gold Certificates of a number and denomination to the
Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *twenty - one -*

dollars ; divers coins of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid
unknown, of the value of *five dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Ernest Jacobsen*, on
the person of the said Ernest Jacobsen, then and there being found,
from the person of the said Ernest Jacobsen
then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the
statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State
of New York, and their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS, *District Attorney.*

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Witnesses:

Mrs. Lerner
Mrs. Bell

Counsel

Wm. D. Dalt 197
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Counsel,

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21 day of

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Pleads,

Not guilty.

Not guilty. Defendant pleaded

THE PEOPLE

vs.

(Section 298, Penal Code).

BIGAMY

John A. Bell

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Memorandum recorded. Left
allowed to plead on 7th inst.
Feb 5/89 P.B.M.

A True Bill.

Edmund Stein
Foreman.

March 7/89.

Pierced & acquitted

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Police Court
Second Dist

The People vs

Mary Romer

John A. Bell

Examiner Before Justice O'Reilly
Feb 11/80

For the defendant in Goldes

Mary Romer the complaining
witness being duly sworn and
examined by Counsel for Dist.
deposes and says.

Q You do not know anything of
the marriage of defendant to
anyone but yourself except what
you have been informed?

A Only what I have been informed.

Q When were you married to the
defendant

A December 25 /880. I cannot
tell the minister name or the
place. It was at the minister's
house. I have the certificate here.

Q How long did you know defendant
before you married him

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A Two years near three years.

Q Did you not dis family?

A Yes.

Q Did you know he had two children?

A Not until I was going with him two years.

Q Before you were married to him did you know he had two children?

A Yes. He did not tell me that His mother told me. He never told me.

Q Did you know anything about his previous marriage at the time you were married?

A No Sir: I knew his first wife was living at the time I married him. I knew that he had a divorce that he was a divorced man. I never came across her until here last week.

Q Not before your marriage?

A No Sir

Q Did you know where about the

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was?

A No Sir - In the city I knew she was for I heard the family talk about her

Q You only knew what you heard?

A I only knew by her coming after the children all the time - that she was after the children

Q You did not know where she was?

A No.

Q What was said about a divorce who said anything about a divorce?

A I received a letter

Q Before you was married?

A That time he did. He told me he had papers to show; but he ~~never did~~ never did

Q What papers?

A Divorce papers - He told me he received divorce papers

Q Who was present when he said that?

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A. Nobody present but him
and I - up in his mother's
house when he told me that
Q. Did you take the trouble to
ascertain?

A. W: I believed him because
I loved him at that time.

Q. How long after you married
Mr. Bell was it that you
discovered his first wife?

A. Oh it was not long. It
was a very short time. She
just came around after the
children. I do not suppose
it was a year. I did not
see her in the house. The children
spoke about meeting her in
the street. I did not know
where she lived.

Q. In New York State?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you seen her frequently?

A. I have never seen her at all.

Q. You knew his first wife was
alive?

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A Her children - used to know she was alive

2 You were married in the state of New York. Do you reside at his parents house?

A- I reside here. I saw her three times. After we were married we went right to his mother's house and had supper

2 How long was you there?

A Only a couple of months

2 What was his business?

A A printer

2 When you came back where did you go to?

A West Washington Place?

2 How long did you live there?

A About two years

2 Then you went to Jersey

How long did you live there?

A It must have been about a year

5 2 Then you came back to

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New York?

A. Yes: we went to housekeeping
in Hudson City. A year in
one place housekeeping

Q How long altogether in Hudson
City?

A. about two or three years —
three years

Q Then you came back to
the City of New York?

A. Yes. and have been here
ever since.

Q How long did you live in
11th St.?

A. — A short time. I had
one room there — three or four
months. I went to house-
keeping in March.

Q You were married 8 years
last December?

A. Yes

Q How long did you live in
New Jersey all the time?

A. Not quite four years — going
on four years.

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Q Have you ever instituted any inquiry or proceeding to learn the truth or falsity of your husband's statement that you he had a divorce?

A I believed him. I took him for his word.

Q Where did you come in contact with his first wife?

A She sent me a letter I went down and met her last week

Q Before you came to court?

A Before we came to court

Q What did she tell you she wanted to meet you for?

A No: only that he had no divorce

Q He supported these two children?

A No: not the two. One of them one of the children is down with his Aunt. I had both at one time

Q How many children have you had by him?

7 A This one and one I had

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before is dead

Q And your prosecution here against your husband is because you believed that he was not legally entitled to marry you.

A Because he was married

Q And not likely legally entitled to marry you?

A No

Q What did she say to you?

A She said to me — I do not know how it commenced But, we got talking. I asked her if that was really so. She said yes: that he had no divorce from her, and no evidence to show

Q Did she ever tell you that she had instituted proceedings for a divorce against him?

A No,

Q Did she say ^{that} to you? ~~What~~

A No she did not tell me.

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Q Did she mention a lawyer named Leonard?

A No

Q Did she say any thing about any proceedings she had begun against him in New Jersey just prior?

A No.

Q Did she tell you she had had him arrested?

A No.

Q Did she tell you anything about the children?

A No

Q Or that a jury had acquitted him?

A No; she said nothing about that

Sarah Bell being only two and cross-examined by Mr. Golley deposes and says:

Q Have you ever been known by any other name?

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A I have used the name
of Adams.

Q Were you known as Sadie?

A No sir; my name has
been Sarah.. I have not
been known as Sadie but
only Sarah.

Re Court - You have been called
Sadie for short?

A Yes

Q Whereabouts in this city were
you known as Sadie Adams

A at 947 Seventh Avenue

Q When did you live there?

A I guess about seven years
ago

Q Where did you live between
1871 and 1877?

A With my parents

Q Where?

A Over in Jersey City

Q When did you leave your
husband?

10 A I left him ten years ago

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Q Are you sure of it?

A Yes.

Q You was married in '71

A Yes in 1871

Q Did you live constantly together from 1871 to 1880?

A - No. We were going on seven years married when we were separated

Q You left him about 1877?

A Yes

Q How long ago did you have him arrested in Jersey City?

A About the same year.

Q About Centennial year?

A I could not tell of the not remember anything about the centennial year. I remember the fact that I had him arrested

Q Did you about 3 1/2 years ago serve a paper on him in a suit for divorce to be started against him?

A About 3 1/2 years; yes.

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Q Do you remember the name of your counsel?

A Leonard

Q A former Judge of Bergen County

A I believe so

Q Do you know what has become of the case?

A I do not.

Q When you made your statement to your counsel did you inform him of any adultery on the part of your husband?

A None at all

Q Of course your counsel questioned you?

A No Sir

Q How long was it after you separated from your husband that you first had any communication with him?

A I do not know except once I had my daughter with me.

12 Q When did you have your

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daughter with you?

A. About four years ago,

Q Did you ever visit the house of your husband's parents any time after ~~1880~~ 1880?

A Not at all.

Q Of you had been informed that it had been testified that you had visited ^{the} house of your husband's parents after 1880 is that true?

A Not true. I never have been in their door.

Q Until four years ago you had not personally seen them?

A Not at all.

Q Did you ever hear during the period that you have testified to when you were away from your husband that he had been looking for you and trying to find you out where you were?

A No sir; not at all.

13 Q Have you been informed

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that he had:

A. No Sir.

Q. That he had been to 947
Seventh Avenue looking
for you?

A. Not at all.

Q. Do you know where Mr.
Gould's is?

A. I decline to answer. I
do not know of any such
place. I am no mortgagor.

Q. I ask you if you know where
Mr. Gould's residence is.

A. No, I do not.

Q. You know all the time
you were separated from
your husband that the
children were under his
care?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you take any pains to
see your children?

A. I have. I have been around
to Sunday school trying to
see my children.

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Q Did you succeed in seeing them?

A I have

Q You succeeded?

A Yes

Q Your children are quite large?

A Yes

Q What is the age of the girl?

A My daughter is 16. My boy is fifteen.

Q Did you speak to your daughter in Sunday school?

A Yes

Q Who was present?

A I suppose the teacher

By the Court

Q Do you say you have not seen them only three times from the time you left your husband?

A I saw them between three and four years ago

Q The boy was three and the girl six when you left?

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A Yes

2 How old was the boy when you saw him next?

A That was four years ago when I saw him last - between three and four years

2 Since you saw him last?

A Yes.

2 Until these interviews from the time you separated from your husband was that the last you saw of the children until you saw them four years ago.

A I never saw them until then.

2 Did you see the girl during that period?

A I did.

2 From the time she was six years old until the present have you seen her?

A Not at all - I have not seen her since except acci-
dentally meeting her.

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Q You spoke to her?

A I did

Q How long ago?

A I can't remember

Q How many years ago?

A Some time I believe in 1887

Q Did you know where your husband was living all this time?

A I did

Q Whereabouts was he ~~living~~ ^{living}?

A In West Washington Place

Q Do you know of his living in any other place?

A Yes. In Grove Street Jersey City.

Q Did you ever take any trouble to ascertain his whereabouts?

A I did once - about 5 years ago.

Q Are you acquainted with a man named De Costa?

A Not at all

17 Q Are you prepared to swear

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before Justice O'Reilly now
that from the time your husband
separated from you until the
present moment until this
prosecution you did not know
of any efforts made upon his
part to discover your whereabouts?

Q - He frequently came to
see me

2 Within the last four years?

A The last four years.

2 Before that?

A Not at all.

2 Do you remember writing a letter
to him under the name of
Sadie Adams?

A I do not remember

2 Did you not write to him
three or four years ago and sign
that way?

A Not at all; it was to my
children.

2 Where were your children?

A With his mother.

18 2 Was it not in consequence of

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a letter that you wrote to your husband three or four years ago that he came to see you?

A Not at all. I wrote about my children

Q Then he came to see you?

A He did not. My child came to see me

Q He sent the children?

A Yes.

Q How long after that did he come?

A - So many times I cannot say.

Q How long after the child came?

A A week after

Q After that did you commence proceedings for divorce

A Before long - about two or three years ago after ☺

Q You said it was about four years ago your husband came to see you and that about
two and a half years ^{after that} ago

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You commenced divorce proceedings.

Q Seven years ago you commenced divorce proceedings?

A Yes.

Q Whereabouts was you living?

A I could not tell I have been in so many places. —
at 229 West 32nd St.

Q Before that where did you live?

A Thirty-first St.

Q How long after that was you known by the name of Sadie Adams.

A The reason I did that was I did not want my husband bothering me

Q You went by the name of Sadie Adams so your husband could not find out where you was?

A Only because I did not want him. I merely wanted to see my children.

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Q Is it not a fact that

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you assumed the name of
Sadie Adams right after the
separation between you and
your husband in order that
you should not come in
contact?

A. Or I would not come
in contact with him: certainly

Q How long after you separated
from your husband did you
go by the name of Sadie Adams.

A. I guess it is about six
years ago now.

Q That the first time?

A. The only time. —

Q When did you go the first
time?

A. I could not tell

Q Was it a year after you
separated from your husband?

A. No

Q Two, three, four years?

A. No — It was five years
ago.

Q The only time you went

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by the name of Sallie Adams?

A - Yes

Q and you went by the name of Sarah A. Bell?

A - Yes

Q where did you live under that name?

A In West End Jersey City

Q How long did you live there?

A I could not tell

Q How long?

A Four years.

Q where did you go?

A I went to live out?

Q where?

A Grove Street

Q what number?

A I could not tell

Q Do you know your employer's name?

A - Yes Mr. Furt

Q What was his business?

A I do not know - I never inquired

Q 2 where did you go next?

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A I went to French Hotel as a
Chambermaid.

2 do you know when French Hotel
closed?

A I do not remember.

2 at the time when you married
your husband did you have
any children?

A I did not.

2 where did you live prior to
your marriage?

A West End.

2 In the upper part of the
State

A with my grandparents?

2 Albany?

A Yes

2 do you know Mr Weeks?

A No

2 During the period of five
years from 1875 to 1880 can
you give any definite account
as to dates when you resided
particularly?

23 A I can yes

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Q. Before - about a year?

A. Yes.

Q. Where did you live from 1884 to 1886?

A. The first place I think was at 387.

Q. In 1875?

A. I lived with my husband

Q. Have you got your marriage certificate?

A. Yes.

Marriage certificate produced, showing the marriage of John A. Bell at Jersey City (N.J.) to Sarah E. Prettyman on March 22 1871 by the Rev R.B. Lockwood a minister of the Gospel. Witnesses John Prettyman, Amanda Prettyman.

Mary Pomer, the complaining witness being re-called and further cross-examined before and says:

Q. From the time you were married

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until the present time have you seen the children of the first marriage?

A. They were always with me, except the daughter was away some time

Q Did you have any conversation with anybody else about the previous marriage?

A. No sir! I never took that trouble. I believed him.

Q Never referred to it?

A. He never mentioned it.

Q The question never discussed?

A. I asked the parents. The mother said yes he was divorced.

Q He was not present?

A. No.

Q No reference made, in the communications with his mother, to the proceedings in court?

A. No.

Q Was it after the proceedings were commenced?

A. No.

Q Did you consult with anybody?

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A Nobels

2 are you living in the state of New Jersey.

A - No.

Certificate of marriage produced of John A. Bell in the city and state of New Jersey to Mary Rumer in the city and state of

New York. The witnesses are Mr Charles Schneider and Mrs Caroline Schneider. The clergyman was the Rev ^{Francis} ~~James~~ Schneider Pastor.

John A. Bell the defendant being duly sworn and examined ~~and sworn in~~ as a witness for the Defendant deposes and says: I am the Defendant in this proceeding.

2 Do you remember when you were separated from Sarah A. Bell.

26 A I do yes Sir.

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2 How long after your marriage
to her was you separated
from her?

A Five years.

2 Was there a proceeding that
took place in the State of
New Jersey?

A Yes sir.

2 What proceeding that was commenced
~~was against you~~ against you?

A Yes sir.

2 Then you were separated
from her? A - Yes sir - about
to two months. ~~later~~

2 Did she have you arrested?

A Yes sir.

2 What was the result?

A I employed a lawyer.

2 What occurred?

A I was discharged and the
two children were committed
to my custody. It was a
case in which I was charged
with abandonment.

27 2 How long after that did

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you see your wife?

A about a month after

Q - How long after that?

A I did not see her after that - I guess it was nine and a half years.

Q During that period of nine and a half years did you know whether your wife was dead or alive?

A No sir. I do not.

Q Did you use any efforts to ascertain whether she was dead or alive?

A I did sir.

Q What efforts did you use?

A - I employed a lawyer. I paid him twenty five dollars

Q What is his name?

A -

Q What did you pay him \$25 for?

A. To see whether she was dead or not? what had become of her.

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Q - Did you instruct him under what name to inquire for her?

A - I instructed him to look for Sarah Adams. I did not know any other name she was under.

Q - Did you make any effort to look after her?

A - Yes Sir.

Q - When and where?

A - I got an inkling that she lived in 7th Avenue somewhere. I started out to look for her two or three times. I could not find her.

Q - Did anyone accompany you?

A - Yes.

Q - Whom?

A - My brother, George Bell, and another man. His name is dead.

Q - How many times did you search?

A - As many as five or six times. I had to do it at night; because I had to work all day.

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Q. What is your business

A. I have been a clerk

Q. During the time you were separated from your wife what was your business?

A. a clerk.

Q. Working all day?

A. Yes sir - some nights. ~~work~~
on Sundays I searched for
her

Q. When was the first time you heard from ~~the~~ your wife?

A. about 7 1/2 years after I left her.

Q. What was her name then

A. I read a letter from her; she signed her name as Addie Adams

Q. You read the letter?

A. Yes

Q. Where is that letter?

A. I threw it in the stove

Q. You know the handwriting?

30 A. I did

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Q Whose handwriting was it.

A - Sarah Prettyman that is Mrs Bell No 1

Q Her name was Prettyman before she was married to you?

A Yes

Q And you have seen a letter from her signed Sarah Adams?

A Yes. I threw it in the stove

Q What was the contents of that letter?

A - She started off by giving me a general setting out because I had left her. She wound up by saying that she had a man who would take better care of her than I ever dared be.

Q Did you receive a divorce proceeding paper at any time?

A - Yes Sir.

31 Q How long ago?

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A. About three years ago.

Q Do you know whose name was signed to it?

A A man named Leonard
He is Justice of the Peace in
Jersey City.

Q Did you make any money?

A I gave a lawyer named
Ford ~~\$25~~ thirty dollars.

Q What was the result?

A - He has the papers at present.

Q At the time you married
your present wife did you
have any knowledge of the
whabouts of your first
wife?

A No Sir.

Q Did you know whether she
was living or dead?

A No Sir.

Q You had prosecuted a
reasonable search for her?

A Yes.

Q Used all the diligence
proper?

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as much as my duty

Q Did you say anything about divorce papers?

A No

Q Tell what you did say?

A I merely told her that I had left my wife because I caught her sitting in a policeman's lap when she had on nothing but a wrapper and a chemise; I told her that when I came home one day I met my ~~youngest~~ daughter and asked her where her mother was. She said her mother was down stairs sitting in a policeman's lap. I went and saw where she was sitting with him. Then I waited until she came up. I talked with her about it and told her I would not live with her. She told me to go to hell; that she had a policeman who would take care of her. I took the two children. The

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boy was two years old and the girl about four. I put some things in a basket and took the two children to my mother's house. afterward she took the boy away and she abandoned it on the street. at one time she persuaded the girl to go up and remained with her on a visit at that time she went by the name of Sadie Adams.

Q Did you ever have any conversation with her relatives to this man Adams?

A Yes Sir

Q She was living under that name?

A Yes Sir

Q Did you or?

A Yes Sir

Q So you remember when you visited the your mother's house after you were married how long you remained?

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A. about two months;

Q. Did you come back to New York City?

A. Yes.

Q. How long did you live there?

A. About four years.

Q. When did you live at the time of the Presidential election of 1880?

A. Bleeker Street, New York

Q. Did you vote at the Presidential election of 1884?

A. No Sir I did not vote

Q. Why?

A. I did not like either of the candidates.

Q. You lived in New York from 1880 to 1884?

A. Yes Sir

Q. Afterwards you went to New Jersey

A. I think it is the first part of the summer of 1885

Q. How long did you remain in Jersey?

35 A. - Two years I think

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Q Then you came back to New York
A Yes. I came back in
November I think

Q How long did you live here
then?

A Four months

Q Where did you live?

A West Eleventh St.

Q The complainant lived with you?

A Yes

Q From the time you married
complainant until now
what time did you live in the
State of New York from 1880.

A I think about five years. - I
cannot exactly tell. I think it
was about five years

Q Did you tell complainant
that you had a divorce
from your first wife?

A No Sir

Q What did you tell her?

A I told her the circumstances
of my separation from my
first wife as I have stated

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them here.

Q Did you tell her all?

A I did yes sir

Q Of the proceedings in court?

A Yes sir.

Q Did you say anything about a divorce?

A No sir I never mentioned a divorce at all.

Q Did you tell her you knew where your first wife was?

A No sir

Q Did you tell her you could not find her after a diligent search?

A I did sir.

Q Did you support your children?

A I did. My sister had the oldest child.

By the court

Q You say that in your search for your first wife your brother accompanied you?

A Yes. five or six times.

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Cross examined

Q Did you employ a lawyer?

A I employed him I think in 1878: it was before I was married.

George A. Bell being duly sworn and examined as a witness for the people Defendant Depose and says: I live at 232 Washington St. Jersey City.

Q How old are you?

A Twenty six or thereabouts.

Q What is your business?

A Printing.

Q Are you a brother of Defendant?

A Yes Sir.

Q Do you know the Defendant's first wife the complainant?

A I do. I did not know her intimately.

Q Was you with her your brother when he was searching for his first wife?

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A Yes I went with him
before he married the
complainant

Q How long ago?

A It must have been about
9 years ago.

Q Where did you go with
him?

A We went up 7th Avenue.
We inquired at two or three
houses. He said he was
inquiring for his first wife

Q When was the time you went
with him after he married
the complainant?

Q How long back before that
did you see her?

A - The only time I ever saw
her before that was when I
was visiting her in Jersey
City where he was living

Q That was about three and
a half years ago?

A - Yes

39 Q Where exactly did you see her

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A In Tom Goulds saloon.

Q Three and a half years ago?

A Yes; on a Saturday night

Q Anybody with you at the time?

A Yes. Robert Alfieri.

Q Can you describe him?

A Yes. The only time I saw her before that was when I was 12 years old. Goulds place was in 31st street between Broadway and 6th Avenue.

Q How often did you visit the place?

A Not more than three times.

Q

Cross examined

Q Did you speak to her in Goulds?

A No Sir.

Q Is Mrs. Bettyman Bell the woman you saw in Tom Goulds three and a half years ago?

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A. I have no doubt about it.
I said at the time "There
is John's wife

Q John who?

A John Bell: my brother.

Q Who is this other man
who was with you?

A He is a printer. He works
down where I work.

Q That was about three and
a half years ago.

A It was on a Saturday night.
It was not over three and
a half years.

Q You have resided with
your parents since ~~the~~ you were
a child?

A Yes.

Q Have you ever seen the
first wife coming there?

A She might have come when
I was not in.

The court - she never said she
went there.

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Mrs. Prettyman Osce, the first
wife of defendant recalled

Q The brother of the defendant
has testified that he saw
you about three and a
half years ago in Tom Gould's
saloon in Thirty first street

A No sir: it is a place
I never was in.

Q Your husband has testified
that you wrote a letter that
he read signed Sadie
Adams. Did you ever
write such a letter?

A No sir. I never signed
Sadie Adams. I did not
write it. It is not true. I
do not know anybody by
the name of Adams

Q You do not know anybody
by the name of Adams?

A No sir.

Q When was the first place
you lived?

42 A 3 & 7 7th Avenue

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2 That is where you used to live with him?

1- No Sir. I have not been living with any one: I have been out working.

2 When was it you went to 387?

A I believe it was about five years ago.

Defendant held to answer \$1500 bail.

W. L. Arnoldy
Stenographer.

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Court of General Sessions
of the City of New York
County of New York

The People of the
State of New York
against
John A. Bell

Indictment for
Bribery
Terrorism

The defendant John A. Bell
above named answers to the
Indictment returned by the
Grand Jury 21st 1889 charging
him with the crime of Bribery
in the following manner.

First - The facts stated in said
Indictment do not constitute
a Crime
Second - The facts stated in said
Indictment show that said
offense has been barred by
the Statute of Limitations Sec 142 Code
of Criminal Procedure

Therefore the defendant asks
judgment of the Court that he be
dismissed and discharged
from the same. He is a free
free man with no indictment

John A. Bell
Feb 24th 1889

Wm. H. Hall
Attorney for defendant

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With General
Sessions of the House

The People of the
State of New York

against
John A. Bell
for Governor

Democrat

Wm. D. King
Comrade

Filed February 26/89

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People of the State of Michigan

v

Newton McCausey

Western Reporter Vol. 8, P. 132

1. The Statute of Limitations applying to crimes deducts from the six years limitations such time " during which the party charged was not usually and publicly a resident within the State " hence, it is not mere absence from the State which the statute refers to, but such absence as destroys residence .

2. Criminal cases do not stand on the same necessity as civil cases, for absence does not prevent an indictment, which it does prevent the beginning of a civil action ; and the fact of a temporary absence, during the running of the statute, on a criminal charge, would not, in case of a long delay in complaining, take the case out of the statute .

Opinion of the Court .

It appears that respondent has always lived in this State but that several years ago he was absent for several months, his absence in all, is deducted from the period between the commission of the crime and the filing of the information, reduced the period of his actual presence in the State to less than six years .

The Statute of Limitations applying to crimes deducts from the six years limitations such time " during which the party charged was not usually and publicly a resident within

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the State ". How. Stat 95-97 .

It is not mere absence from the State which this statute refers to , but such absence as destroys residence . Other-wise persons would be unable to leave home for any purpose without incurring the risk or consequence which were never contemplated . In Campbell v White 22 Mich. 178 the defendant lived immediately over the line , within a mile or two of Detroit , yet her residence in Windsor was held to be the governing consideration .

We think the two statutes were meant to be substantially the same . Criminal cases really do not stand on the same necessity as civil cases , for absence does not prevent an indictment , while it does prevent the beginning of a civil action . It is a hardship to postpone criminal proceedings so long that testimony may be lost and the truth difficult to get at . A long delay in complaining does not usually further justice . We think there was nothing in this case to take it out of the statute " .

State of Nissouri vs John Hawell 6 Missouri 432 .

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ASST. U.S. ATTORNEY
FOR THE DIST. OF N.J.

Hoboken N.J. Dec 2nd 1897

My Dear people

As Monday is the day
we on the trail of Bell in business
or buying. Will you kindly
bring home when convenient your
new money of the Bureau to
exchange in exchange.

Thank you

Wm D. Daly

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Court of General Sessions,
Judge's Chambers,
32 Chambers Street.

State vs New York 188
Mc Easter
Ment Reporter
Vol 8 p 132

State vs Hull
6 Ment Rep 432
People vs Lloyd
12 Hun 282

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STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

POLICE COURT, 2 DISTRICT.

of No.

that on the

day of

1880

at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

Mary Pomer

79 Congress St Jersey City Heights N.J.

Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,

25th December

John A. Bell

did feloniously marry depment at the city of New York. he having a lawful wife living at the time from whom he had never been divorced or had any legal separation as depment truly believes from the fact that depment is informed by Sarah E. Bell of No 239 West 32nd Street New York City that on the 22nd day of March 1871. at Jersey City in the state of New Jersey she was married to the said John A. Bell by the Reverend Doctor Lockwood of Jersey City N.J. and that the said John A. Bell was never divorced from her or had any legal separation. and that about ten years ago the said John A. Bell put her out of his house and since said time she the said Sarah E. Bell and the said John A. Bell have not cohabited together. and that since the time that he the said John A. Bell put her the said Elizabeth out of his home he the said John has known where she the said Elizabeth was living and that he has frequently called on her at her place of residence. Wherefore depment charges the said John A. Bell with bigamy and

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pray he may be apprehended and
dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me
this 29th day of Aug 1889

L. Hays. Mayor

James C. Reilly
Police Justice

POLICE COURT— DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

VS.

Dated 188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness.

Disposition

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Sarah E. Bell
aged *33* years, occupation *Living* of No.
239 West 82nd St Street, being duly sworn deposes and
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *Mary Romen*
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this

day of

29
June 188*9*

Mrs Sarah E. Bell
Sam'l C. Kelly
Police Justice.

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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named.....

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum ofHundred Dollars,.....and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated.....188.....Police Justice.

*I have admitted the above-named.....
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.*

Dated.....188.....Police Justice.

*There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named.....
.....guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.*

Dated.....188.....Police Justice.

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Police Court---2 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Mary Homer

vs.

John A. Bell

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Offence Bigamy

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

Street.

No. 2, by

Residence

Street.

No. 3, by

Residence

Street.

No. 4, by

Residence

Street.

Dated

188

Magistrate.

Armstrong & Woodbridge

Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

239. W. 32nd

Street.

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

\$

to answer

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Sec. 198-200.

Second District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK.

John A. Bell being duly examined before the under-
signed according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is his right to
make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to
enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used
against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

John A. Bell.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

110 years old.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New Jersey.

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

New Jersey.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Idler.

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your
exculpation?

Answer.

I am not guilty and
demand an examination

John A. Bell

Taken before me this

day of February 1889

Police Justice.

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Sec. 151.

Police Court 2 District.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*In the name of the People of the State of New York ; To the Sheriff of the County
of New York, or to any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York, GREETING :*

Whereas, Complaint in writing and upon oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police
Justices for the City of New York, by Mary A. Bell
of No. 79 Congress St Jersey City Heights and 28 day of December

1888 At the City of New York, in the County of New York,

I John A. Bell
did feloniously marry complainant.
he having a lawful wife living at the
time by name Sarah E. Bell from whom he
had never been divorced or had any legal
separation

Wherefore, the said Complainant has prayed that the said Defendant may be apprehended and bound to
answer the said complaint.

These are Therefore, in the name of the PEOPLE of the State of New York, to command you the said
Sheriff, Marshals and Policemen, and each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant and bring him
forthwith before me, at the 2 DISTRICT POLICE COURT, in the said City, or in case of my absence
or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to
be dealt with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this 29 day of January 1889

Samuel Bell POLICE JUSTICE.

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POLICE COURT.....DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Warrant-General.

Dated.....188

Magistrate.

Officer.

The Defendant.....
taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer
the within charge, pursuant to the command con-
tained in this Warrant.

Officer.

Dated.....188

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at
night.

La. V. C. B. R. M. Police Justice.

having been brought before me under this Warrant, is committed for examination to the
WARDEN and KEEPER of the City Prison of the City of New York.

Dated.....188

Police Justice.

The within named

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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named Defendant

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated 8 Feb 188 9 La. McFadden Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated.....188.....Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated.....188.....Police Justice.

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Police Court--Second District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Mary Rumer
79 Congress St
John A. Bell

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Offence

BAILED,

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

Dated February 1st 1889

O'Reilly Magistrate.

Worldbridge & Austin, Officer.

Central Office

Witnesses Sarah E. Bell

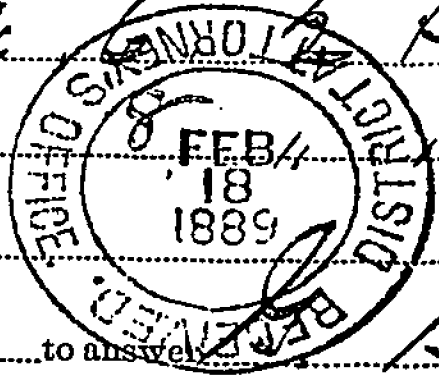
No. 239 W. 32nd Street.

\$1500 & _____

No. _____ Street.

\$15000 to answer

Committed



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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

John A. Bell

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

John A. Bell

of the CRIME OF BIGAMY, committed as follows:

The said *John A. Bell*,

late or the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the 22nd day of *March*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

and *ninety one*, at the *City of Jersey City* in the County of *Hudson*, in the State of *New Jersey*,

did marry one *Sarah E. Bell*, and then

the said *Sarah E. Bell*, did then and there have for *his wife*: and the said *John A. Bell*,

afterwards, to wit: on the 25th day of *December*, in the year of

our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty —, at the *City and County of New York*, aforesaid,

did feloniously marry and take as *his wife* one *Mary Homer*, and to the said *Mary Homer*,

was then and there married, the said *Sarah E. Bell*

being then living and in full life, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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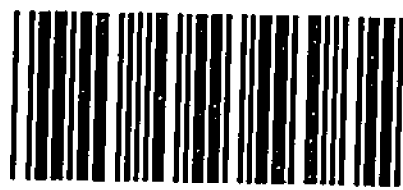
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DESCRIPTION:

Bell, Wallace

DATE:

02/21/89



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Witnesses

John White

Counsel,

Filed

21 day of July 1889

Pleads,

Guilty

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Wallace Bell

Burglary in the second degree.

[Section 497 Penal Code]

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Edmund Crisler

July 25th Foreman.

Pleaded Guilty 2nd day
S.P. 8 appt.

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Police Court—..... District.

City and County } ss.:
of New York, }

City and County of New York, } ss.:
 of No. 494 5th avenue Street, aged 34 years,
 occupation Clerk being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No. 497 3rd Avenue Street, 21 Ward
in the City and County aforesaid the said being a fine story brick building
the rear flat on the 4th floor
and which was occupied by deponent as a dwelling for himself and family
and in which there was at the time a human being, by name Elizabeth Rice
and three children

were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly raising the
 window leading to ^{the} Parlor of adjacent
 premises

on the 17 day of February 1889 in the evening time, and the following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, to-wit:

with the intent to steal clothing and
good and lawful money in all of
the value of two hundred dollars

the property of Alfred

and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that the aforesaid **BURGLARY** was committed and the aforesaid ^{contents of the} property taken, stolen and carried away by

WALLACE BELL (Chau here)

for the reasons following, to wit:

for the reasons following, to wit: That said deceased Minion
was closed, and at the hour of
3.30 o'clock this a.m. defendant was
announced by a call in said room
and defendant jumped out of his
bed and found said defendant
in said room, defendant seized
hold of said defendant, and held him
and caused his arrest.

Charles. H. Rice

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Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

14 District Police Court.

Wallace Bell

being duly examined before the undersigned according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is ~~his~~ right to make a statement in relation to the charge against ~~him~~; that the statement is designed to enable ~~him~~ if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against ~~him~~ that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that ~~his~~ waiver cannot be used against ~~him~~ on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Wallace Bell*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *26 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Yungok*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. *342 East 40 Street 2 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Laborer.*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer. *I am not guilty I was drinking and was partly intoxicated and I thought I was on my own house*

Wallace Bell

Taken before me this

day of

February 188*9*

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John J. Sullivan
Police Justice

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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named.....

Defendant
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *Ten* Hundred Dollars,.....and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated *July 17* 188*9* *John J. Conna* Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named.....
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated.....188.....Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named.....
.....guilty of the offence within mentioned. I order h to be discharged.

Dated.....188.....Police Justice.

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Police Court---

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District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Chas. H. Rice
497 - vs. 3rd ave
Mellon Hill

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Offence

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street.

Dated Feb 17 1889

Gorman Magistrate.

Samuel Ellis Officer.

21 Precinct.

Witnesses Edward Hill

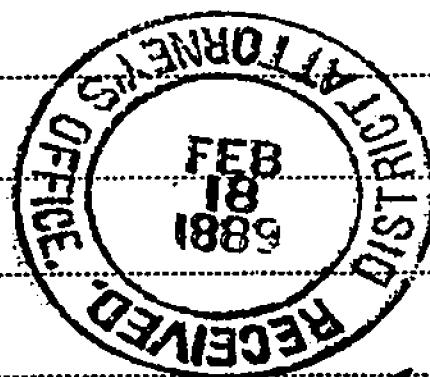
No. 497 3rd ave Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ 1000 to answer

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
against

Wallace Bell

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

Wallace Bell

of the CRIME OF BURGLARY IN THE ~~second~~ DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Wallace Bell*,

late of the ~~Twenty-first~~ Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York
aforesaid, on the ~~nineteenth~~ day of ~~February~~, in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, with force and arms, about the
hour of ~~three~~ o'clock in the ~~ingit~~ time of the same day, at the Ward,
City and County aforesaid, the dwelling house of one *Charles H. Rice*,

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, there being then and there
some human being, to wit: *The said Charles H. Rice*,

within the said dwelling house, with intent to commit some crime therein, to wit: the goods
chattels and personal property of the said *Charles H. Rice*,

in the said dwelling house then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to
steal, take and carry away;

against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People
of the State of New York and their dignity,

John H. Kellogg,

District Attorney