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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4247

**DESCRIPTION:**

Ward, William

**DATE:**

12/08/91



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Witnesses:

Thos Hastings

Off Ke-hoel

Counsel,  
Filed  
Pleads,

Dec 1891

THE PEOPLE

vs.

William Ward

Assault in the Second Degree.  
(Section 218, Penal Code.)

DE LANCEY NICOLL,  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

James W. Cunningham  
Dec 1/91 Foreman.

Benjamin A. Bailey

Pen one yr +  
Fines \$200.

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CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

POLICE COURT, 1 DISTRICT.

of St. 6th Precinct - Police Michael Kehoe  
~~occupation~~ being duly sworn, deposes and says  
 that ~~on the~~ day of James Hastings 189  
 at the City of New York, in the County of New York.

The within named Complainant is  
 a necessary and natural witness  
 against William Ward

Deponent says that said Hastings  
 has no permanent home and asks that  
 he give oath to testify Michael Kehoe

Sworn to before me, this  
 of 27 day  
 1894

John A. [Signature]  
 Police Justice

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Police Court—1—District.City and County }  
of New York, }of No. 10 Pell Thomas Hastings  
Street, aged 42 years,  
occupation Labdeposes and says, that on the 26 day of November 1897 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by William Ward

(another) who wilfully and  
maliciously cut and stabbed  
on the hand with a knife  
then and there held in his  
hand injuring him severely

with the felonious intent ~~to take the life of deponent~~ or to do him grievous bodily harm; and without  
any justification on the part of the said assailant

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be ~~apprehended~~ and bound to answer  
for the above assault, etc., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 27 day of Nov 1897 ThomasD. J. C. Beatty Police Justice.h  
X Hastings  
mark



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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK ss.

District Police Court.

*William Ward* 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. *William Ward*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *81 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *N. Y.*

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

Answer. *10 Pell St. Three mos.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Bookmaker*

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 done it in self defence*  
*William Ward*

Taken before me this  
day of *Nov* 191*7*

*Ed. J. Kelly*  
Police Justice.

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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the charge 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 One 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 Nov 27 1891 Doyle Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Police Court---

1472  
District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Thomas Hastings  
vs. William Ward

Assault  
Offence

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street.

Dated

Dec 27  
1891  
Dehor

1891

Magistrate.

Officer.

Precinct.

Complained committed  
to House of detention in  
default of \$100 to testify

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

\$1000

to answer

Committed



# Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*William Ward*

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

*William Ward*

of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

*William Ward*

late of the City and County of New York, on the *twenty-sixth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*one*, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon one

*Thomas Hastings*

in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully did make an assault; and the said *William Ward*

with a certain

*knife*

which

*he* the said

in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being then and there a weapon and an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, *him*, the said

*Thomas Hastings* then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat *cut, stab*, bruise and wound, 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.

*De Lancey McCall,*  
*District Attorney*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4247

**DESCRIPTION:**

Wheelen, Simon Vander

**DATE:**

12/23/91



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Witnesses:

*Julia Chapin*  
*Marine Gagan*  
*Mr. Dowling*

Counsel,

Filed

day of

189

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Simon Vance Whelan*

Second Degree.  
Penal Code.]

Grand Larceny,  
[Sections 223, 224]

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*Charles W. Doan*

Foreman.

*Reads V. 2 day*

*Amos D. R.*

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(1885)

Police Court—2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, ss.

Julia Chapuis

of No. 50 West 29th Street, aged 42 years,  
occupation seam maker being duly sworn,deposes and says, that on the 14 day of December 1891 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
of deponent, in the day time, the following property, viz:

a ladies  
black lace dress of the value of  
one hundred and forty five dollars  
\$145—

the property of deponent as custodian

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 Simon Vanderwhelen (now here)  
under the following circumstances:— The  
defendant came to deponent's house  
in answer to a call from the Hoffman  
House for a messenger as deponent  
is informed by Abraham Jacob (now  
here). The defendant was dressed  
in the uniform of a District Messenger  
boy and was entrusted with the  
said property for delivery by Marnie  
Grogan (now here) as deponent is  
informed by said Marnie. The defendant  
did not deliver said property to  
deponent's customer as he was bound to  
do but he pawned said property  
as deponent is informed by Detective

Sworn to before me, this  
day of  
189

Police Justice.

Joseph J. Dowling (now here) who recovered the said property from a pawn shop at Fort-second Street and West Avenue, through one Joseph H. Brennan now here to whom the defendant confessed that he had pawned said property.

Sworn to before me  
 this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1894  
 John J. Kelly  
 Notary Public } John J. Kelly



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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, occupation Inspector of No. \_\_\_\_\_

300 Mulberry Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Julius Chapin  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this

day of

189

Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 16 years, occupation Shoe maker of No. 51 West 29th Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Julie Chapuis and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 1st

day of June 1888

John S. Kelly  
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, . } ss.

Abraham Jacob  
aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, occupation Head Officer of No. 145  
W. 11th St. Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of John A. Jones  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this

day of

189

Abraham Jacob

John S. Kelly  
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, occupation Det Head Officer of No. \_\_\_\_\_

On 2nd 24th St Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of John Chapman  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_

day of June 1887

Joseph H. Brennan

John S. Kelly  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Amos Vanderhelen*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *19 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *U. S.*

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

Answer. *312 East 115th St 6 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Nothing.*

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 have nothing to say*  
*A. Vanderhelen*

Taken before me this

day of *January* 189*7*

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.....

Amos Vanderwerker  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Five 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 Dec 11 1891 John E. Keef Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18..... Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18..... Police Justice.

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Police Court--- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Julia Chapuis*  
*50 West 29th St*  
*Amor Vanderwhelen*

*Lycens*  
*Offence*

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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

Dated *Dec 18* 188*9*

*Kelly* Magistrate.

*Douling & Erady* Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses *Mamie Grogan*

No. *50 W. 29th* Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ *1.500* to answer *S. S.*



*Chapuis* *pk*

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**  
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
against

*Simon VanderWhelen*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse  
*Simon Vander Whelen*  
of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY IN THE *second* DEGREE, committed  
as follows:

The said

*Simon Vander Whelen*  
late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *14th*  
day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety-*one* at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one dress of the value of one  
hundred and forty-five dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Julia Chapuis*

then and there being found, 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.

*De Lancey Nicoll*  
District Attorney



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4247

**DESCRIPTION:**

Widmayer, Henry

**DATE:**

12/22/91



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Witnesses:

Ed Shaffer

180 O'Connell

Counsel,

Filed

22 day of Dec 189

Pleids,

W. W. W. W. W.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R

Henry Widmayer

Assault in the First Degree, Etc.  
(Sections 217 and 218, Penal Code.)

De LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

Henry Widmayer

A TRUE BILL.

Geo. W. W. W.

Dec 28/91 Foreman.

Headed by 2 day

S.P.V. year.

Police Court—3rd District.

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

of No. the 103rd Precinct District, aged 30 years,  
occupation Police Officer being duly sworn  
deposes and says, that on the 19 day of December 1889 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Henry  
Widmayer (now here) who  
feloniously cut, stabbed and  
wounded Deponent in the  
right ear, with some  
sharp instrument then and  
there held in the hand of  
said Defendant. While  
Deponent was discharging his  
duty

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him grievous bodily harm; and without  
any justification on the part of the said assailant

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended and bound to answer  
for the above assault, etc., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 20th day  
December 1889

Henry Schaffer  
John Ryan Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

3 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
NEW YORK,

*Henry Widmayer* 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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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.

*Henry Widmayer.*

Taken before me this

day of *Sept* 1897

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.....

*Referant*  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *20* 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 *Dec 70 91* 1891 *John Ryan* Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18..... Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18..... Police Justice.

Police Court

District.

THE PEOPLE, &  
ON THE COMPLAINT OFHenry Chaffey  
vs.  
Henry Widener

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Dated

1891

Magistrate.

Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

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to answer

BAILED.

No. 1, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 2, by .....

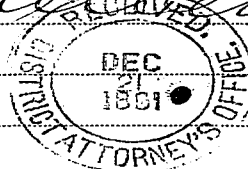
Residence ..... Street.

No. 3, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 4, by .....

Residence ..... Street.



your Honor

Sat Dec 19

On this Night at 7 o'clock  
I left my Mother's house  
in Greenpoint to see  
a friend at 639, bet 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> St  
to bring over two books  
I drank a little there. But  
I started for home at 11  
o'clock. when I got to  
10<sup>th</sup> St and ave H, I said  
to myself, I am too late  
for the 11 o'clock boat  
I said I'll go to 2<sup>nd</sup> St  
and ave B for a drink  
and by that time I'll  
be in time for the 12 o'clock  
boat. Instead I am in  
Prison. I was in this  
Saloon but 3/4 of an  
hour. I was invited

to drink but one drink  
brought on another.  
While I was there a  
man that I knew  
before I went away  
to prison, ask me to  
go up home with him  
well as it is on my  
way I went out with  
him he got in trouble  
with two young men  
around the corner  
but I went back to  
the saloon and while  
I was trying to get  
in, other's was com-  
ing out of the saloon  
and another man from  
the street trying to  
me to get into the saloon  
and the next thing  
I know was



I was on the Street  
 some one said, (why  
 leave is another of  
 these eccentric) and  
 by that I was hit  
 in the head and  
 kicked in the Eye.  
 I dont Remember  
 any thing until I  
 got to the Station  
 House where they all-  
 ways killed me.  
 I mean to God your  
 Honor if I hit or  
 cut the officer with  
 a Blunt Instrument  
 as the officer claims  
 I was drunk and if

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done any such a thing  
I was not Responsible  
for I was under the  
controlling Influence  
of Drink and if I  
did do it I'll beg the  
Law's Pardon and  
I'll take a Pledge never  
to drink another  
drop as long as I live  
hoping your Honor will  
have mercy on me  
for my Brother sake  
yours Obedient  
Henry Willmayer

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Sunday Dec 27,  
1911Hon. Judge Corning  
your Honor

I am a young man more  
sinned against than I have sinned  
I am only out of State's  
Prison 2 months and God  
knows I tried to do what  
was right. Every day I  
almost walked my feet  
off trying to get work, but  
no one would give me  
employment for the simple  
reason because I had  
no recommendations  
and I've been to the  
Young Men's Christian Ass.  
at 23<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. four  
times but they told me  
they could do nothing for  
me. Then I went to the  
other Branch of the Y.M.C.A.

on I am, and they Rec-  
 ommended me to a place  
 on East 15<sup>th</sup> St where they  
 Help the Discharged  
 convicts and they send  
 me to a place where  
 they employ mailers and  
 this is the way I've been  
 send around when I see  
 that I could get some  
 employment I tried  
 to get work as an  
 agent for some Bank  
 Mirror, one on Warren  
 St. and one on Broadway  
 and this way I went  
 around trying to get  
 something to do and  
 I kept out of Bad  
 company for that last  
 time. I want you a letter.  
 My Poor Mother is ill.

most heart broken she  
 would help me out  
 of any difficulty but  
 she is in such poor  
 circumstances as at present  
 I lost my father while  
 I was serving my term  
 in Prison. I was to be  
 her support as I am  
 the oldest of 7 children  
 I and my parents are  
 Born and Brought  
 up in New York and  
 I am the only one  
 that ever got in trouble  
 Oh I would do any-  
 thing if I was to get  
 but one chance more  
 I would take the Pledge  
 never to drink another  
 drop of Liquor as long  
 as I live. and Instead

of being a Barder to  
 my Country I would  
 willingly enlist in  
 the Army and be of  
 service. I am sure  
 I tried to do what was  
 right on this night  
 that I got in trouble  
 it was fate and it  
 was the only time that  
 I got drunk since  
 I am out of Prison.  
 I can prove every thing  
 that I state here &  
 as I now live over in  
 Greenpoint hoping your  
 Honor will please have  
 mercy on me and I will  
 yet be a Gentleman.

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**  
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Henry Widmayer*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse  
*Henry Widmayer*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

*Henry Widmayer*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *19th*  
day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety-*one*, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon  
the body of one *Henry Schaffer* in the peace of the said People  
then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and *him* the said

*Henry Schaffer* with a certain *sharp in-*  
*strument* to the Grand Jury aforesaid *unknown*,

which the said *Henry Widmayer*  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and  
dangerous weapon, then and there wilfully and feloniously did strike, beat, cut, stab and  
wound,

with intent *him* the said *Henry Schaffer*  
thereby then and there feloniously and wilfully to kill, 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.

SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said  
*Henry Widmayer*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

*Henry Widmayer*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: On the day and in the year aforesaid,  
at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said  
*Henry Schaffer* in the peace of the said  
People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make another assault,  
and *him* the said *Henry Schaffer*

with a certain *sharp instrument* to the  
*Grand Jury* aforesaid *unknown*—  
which the said *Henry Widmayer*

in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a weapon and  
an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there feloniously did wilfully  
and wrongfully strike, beat, cut, stab and wound, 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.

*De Lancey Nicoll,*  
*District Attorney*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4247

**DESCRIPTION:**

Willard, Walter

**DATE:**

12/01/91



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

Witnesses

The within indictment is based on culpable negligence of the defendant in having run over the deceased while driving a wagon. The evidence of the people cannot sustain this claim against the defendant as I am convinced that the death of the boy was one of pure accident and was brought about by the deceased standing in the center of the street committing with another boy at a time in the evening when it was somewhat dark. It is not clear that this defendant was the driver of the wagon over the boy. The father of the deceased brought suit for damages against New York Transport which has been settled. In consequence of the evidence I am convinced that no conviction can be had and I therefore recommend that this indictment be dismissed.

Walter Willard  
Dec 12/92  
I concur in the above recommendation.  
De Lancey Nicoll  
District Attorney

*R. De Lancey Nicoll*  
Clerk  
Filed  
Dec 14 1891  
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THE PEOPLE  
vs.

Walter Willard

DE LANCEY NICOLL  
District Attorney

TRUE BILL.

*(Hays, Dancy)*  
Part 2 - May 16/92 Foreman.  
On Motion of Dist Atty  
Indictment dismissed

*Warrant taken in  
the second session  
Dec. 17, 1891, Court Code*

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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

Witnesses:

The within indictment is based on culpable negligence of the deft in having run over the deceased while driving a wagon. The evidence of the people cannot sustain this claim as it is not shown that the death of the boy was one of pure accident and was brought about by the carelessness of the deft in the matter of the wheel in conversation with the boy at a time in the evening when it was dark and it is not shown that this deft was the person who ran over the boy. The father of the deceased brought suit for damages and the court at New York thought the suit had been dismissed. In considering all the evidence I am convinced that no conviction can be had and I therefore recommend that this indictment be dismissed.

May 12, 1892  
De Lancey Nicoll

I concur in the above recommendation  
De Lancey Nicoll  
District Attorney

311 R. De Lancey  
72 today

Counsel,  
Filed day of 1892

Pleads, *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

B

Walter Willard

DE LANCEY NICOLL

District Attorney

A TRUE BILL.

*(Signed) De Lancey*

Part 2 - May 16/92  
On Motion of Dist Atty  
Indictment Dismissed

*Warrant for arrest  
of person named  
De Lancey Nicoll*

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B.180 Coroners Office, New York County.  
3 C.

In the Matter of the Inquest  
into the death

- of -  
JAMES MADDIGAN.

Before  
HON. FERDINAND LEVY,  
and a Jury.

New York, September 30th, 1891,  
2 o'clock, P. M.

Appearances: Mr. DeBarrill appears for the defendant.

The father of deceased was present and takes part  
in the inquest.

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OFFICER ADAM WAGNER, being called as a witness by  
the Coroner, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

Q What is your full name, officer? A. Adam Wagner.

Q To what precinct are you attached? A. The 8th Pre-  
cinct.

Q Tell the Jury what you know about this case? A. On a Saturday night, I forget the date, I have got it in my pocket - Saturday night about 7.50 this thing happened. I was walking down through Greenwich Street and two boys came after me and said there was a boy killed corner Vandam and Greenwich Street. I ran up and I heard it was one of Dobb's express wagons, No. 59. So I ran into the Mount Morris Electric Light Place and rung up an ambulance and couldn't get any; in the meantime the boy ~~was~~ died, they carried him in the house before he died, he only lived a couple of minutes; a couple of men ran after the wagon but they couldn't catch him, he drove too fast, as he turned up Hudson Street at a fast rate, he was arrested by Officer Cox.

Q What do you know about the accident? A. I don't know anything about the accident.

Q Did you get the names of the witnesses? A. Yes, sir.

Q You say it was about 7.50 in the evening? A. Yes, sir; 7.45 or 7.50.

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

Q That was the time you received the information? A. No, sir; that was the time the accident happened - I received word about 2 or 3 minutes after it.

Q Who informed you that it was No. 59? A. There were two or three men there that informed me of it; he told me himself he came through there.

Q Do you know of any of those that informed you in the Court House present? A. I think Matthews; I think he is here.

The Coroner: Is Mr. Matthews in Court?

Mr. Matthews: Here I am.

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ANDREW H. MATTHEWS, being called as a witness by the Coroner, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

Q What is your full name? A. Andrew H. Matthews.

Q Where do you live? A. My residence is No. 51 Grove Street.

Q Did you witness this accident? A. I witnessed the biggest part of it; I didn't see the wagon when it first struck the boy but I seen the wagon as it struck him the second time - the wagon struck him twice; at least run over him twice; I seen when the hind wheels ran over his body.

Q What time was this? A. Between 7.45 and 7.50.

Q Where? A. On Greenwich Street, right - on Vandam Street right near the corner of Greenwich.

Q Did you pick up the boy? A. Yes, sir; I picked him up and carried him on the street and put him down on the sidewalk, on the opposite sidewalk, where he got hurt.

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

Q Do you remember being examined by a police magistrate?

A. Yes, sir.

Q Do you remember this question being put to you, "State what occurred", and you answered, "About ten minutes to seven o'clock I came to the door of the factory and Martin Noon

was there?" A. That is a mistake - the man's name is not right there.

Q Was there anybody at the door there? A. Yes, sir.

Q Who was it? A. Don't you know who it was?

Q I am asking you? A. The man's name was Martin.

Q Have you any feeling in this matter? A. I have no feeling at all, I came ~~upxxxxxx~~ here to tell the truth.

Q Have you any reason to give more on one side than the other? A. I have no interest whatever; I never seen this man until the accident happened.

Q Did you testify at the examination before the police



magistrate that there was some man at the door there at whom you hollered? A. No, sir; he hollered at me.

Q Who was it? A. Owen Martin.

Q Do you remember this, "Just about ten minutes to seven o'clock I came to the door and Owen Martin was there, I saw this transfer wagon go over the boy;" Do you remember having testified to that before the police magistrate?

A. I don't think I did. I think it was the stenographer of the police court that made the mistake. The time was 7.50 instead of 8.50.

Q How do you know it was a mistake in taking down the testimony? A. I think I wouldn't say it was him - I think either it was a mistake of his or me in saying the hour, the time was 7.50 instead of 8.50.

Q Do you remember testifying to the fact that two men followed the wagon? A. I don't think that two men followed it, I testified that one man followed it and my partner the oiler followed it and when he got to Hudson Street there was another wagon there and they got hold of the wrong wagon.

Q How do you know they followed it? A. Because I seen them - I started one myself.

Q How long did it take him to get back before he came back and told you he seen it? A. Who do you mean?

Q There were two men? A. Yes, sir.

Q You testified at the Police Court Examination there were two? A. Yes, sir; a certain distance; one man followed it a block or two and came back and gave me the number and said it was transfer wagon, 59; he said he was ten feet away when he ran over the boy.

Q Did he tell you it was the wagon that run over him?

A. Yes, sir.

Q And the other man? A. He said up to Sixth Avenue and Tenth Street he went and he said he stopped the wagon he thought he was following the right wagon all the time and they claimed they did not come down Vandam Street.

Q Martin was there too? A. Yes, sir; he was up in the building and the other man was down on the sidewalk.

Q When Martin came back what did he say? A. He said he followed it up to Sixth Avenue and 10th or 12th Street and stopped the wagon and those men in the wagon claimed they didn't go through there; he called an officer and turned them over to him, but the officer didn't hold the men because he couldn't say positively that those were the two men.

Q Did he tell you that he let them go? A. Mr. Martin didn't have anything to do with letting them go; he turned



them over to the officer and came back, because he had to come right back - because he left me alone at the station.

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OWEN MARTIN, being called as a witness by the Coroner, was then duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

Q What is your full name? A. Owen Martin.

Q Where do you live? A. No. 23 Vostry Street.

Q What is your occupation? A. Oiler.

Q Tell the Jury what you know about this case? A. On Saturday evening, at 7.50 I was standing at the door at the time this wagon came around Greenwich Street into Vandan Street; I seen two men in it and seen it was the New York Transfer Company; as soon as the wagon came up two boys was in the center of the street, the man driving the wagon did not try to pull up his horse for the boy - he didn't try to pull up his horse but just ran right over them, knocked the both down and run over one of them and gave the horse the whip and drove off as fast as he could.

Q At what rate of speed was he going before the accident?

A. I called it reckless driving; I couldn't say what speed he was going at.

Q At what rate of speed, if you know, was the driver under right before the accident? A. I cannot exactly say what speed he was going at.

Q What do you mean by reckless driving? A. Of course, going faster than he should be; I couldn't say exactly what speed he was going at.

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

Q The two fore feet of the horse in the air at one time? and the two hind feet of the horse at another time - was he galloping going that way? A. No, sir; they were trotting.

Q You chased the wagon afterwards? A. Yes, sir.

Q How far did you chase them? A. To Sixth Avenue and 10th Street.

Q Did you holler for them to stop? A. I couldn't catch up to them.

Q But you are sure you followed that wagon? A. No, it was a mistake of mine -

Q Didn't you testify in the police court after the wagon ran over the boy you followed the wagon up to 6th Avenue

and 10th Street? A. No, sir; I did not.

Q (Reading from testimony in Police Court) "The hind wheel also went across the boy - I think the wagon went through Clarkson Street and Tenth Street?" A. No, sir.

Q When you started what did you run after? A. I started after the wagon.

Q There were two wagons? A. No, sir.

Q How was it you who immediately started after the wagon and this other man Matthews testified ran after the wagon both caught hold of different wagons? A. That man was on the sidewalk and I was ten feet off the sidewalk on the first floor of the building.

Q Have you any special interest in giving your testimony in this case? A. No, sir.

Q At the time of the accident were you standing at the door of the Mount Morris? A. Yes, sir.

Q You were not in the second story when the accident did happened? A. Yes, sir; on the first floor, the first story.

Q Was Mr. Matthews there too? A. No, sir; not at that time.

Q Where was he? A. Going around the floor.

Q Was he downstairs or upstairs? A. On the same floor as me - the first floor.

Q How long do you suppose it took you to go down stairs?

A. About a minute, I guess.

Q Did you see the man that came back and reported it was wagon 59? A. Yes, sir; when I came back from 10th Street.

Q Did you ever see him since? A. No, sir.

Q Never seen him before? A. No, sir; never seen him before.

Q How long did it take you to run from Vandam Street to Sixth Avenue and 10th Street? A. I think about 8 minutes.

Q You think you can do it in your present condition?

A. I think I can.

Q Did you run as fast coming back? A. Not quite.

Q You did not? A. I didn't see the wagon at all after it turned out of Vandam Street; the wagon I followed was not the wagon that run over the boy.

Q How do you know? A. I am not thinking anything but what I seen -

Q You could be careful now - you cannot tell anything that is damaging to the character of this young man without

knowing it.

By the Coroner:-

Q How do you know of your own knowledge it was not the wagon? A. The wagon I followed when I got up to Hudson Street I didn't see any wagon at all; I didn't know where he turned; I asked a man and he said it went up Hudson Street; I didn't see any wagon until I got up about four blocks.

Q Can you swear now, you are under oath, before this Jury, can you swear positively which wagon it was that ran over this boy? A. I can swear it was the New York Transfer Company.

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

Q What does the wagon look like? A. It was a single wagon.

Q You were examined before a public magistrate? A. Yes, sir.

(Counsel reads from transcript of stenographer's minutes taken in police court.)

Q Did you testify in these words before the magistrate, "It was about ten minutes of seven, I was at the door I saw the transfer wagon, coming around the corner of Greenwich Street with some barrels in, it came pretty fast up the street, I saw two boys standing right in the center of the street, one boy had his arm around the other boy's neck."

Q. Now, you testified to the fact that you saw him? A. Yes, sir.

A. The time is not right.

Q. It is all correct but the time? A. All correct but the time.

Q. Did you see Mr. Matthews at the time of the accident, did you see he was looking at them the same time you were?

A. Not exactly; I called his attention to it; I called his attention to it.

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OWEN MARTIN, recalled.

Q. Did you testify before the Police Court examination that the driver lost his hat? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You saw him drop the hat? A. No, sir.

Q. But you saw the hat there and you thought the driver dropped his hat? A. Yes, sir.

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WILLIAM LEXOW, being called as a witness by the  
Coroner, was then duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

- Q What is your full name? A. William Lexow.  
Q Where do you live? A. No. 248 West 28th Street.  
Q What is your business? A. I am dispatcher in the New  
York Transfer Company.  
Q Did you witness the accident in question? A. No, sir

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

- Q What is your business as baggage dispatcher there?  
A. To see these drivers get their reliefs and get the  
bags and check them up, &c.  
Q What is it the drivers leave? A. He has a stub on  
it and he signed that stub and the stub goes in before his  
leaf does.  
Q Is that the leaf you gave the defendant that day?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q Describe what that is - are there any barrels among that  
baggage? A. No, sir; plain baggage, two valises there -  
I found the two valises and put them on his wagon and sent  
them away.

Q What time was that baggage delivered to Mr. Willet?

A. He received it about seven o'clock and it took him all of an hour to find his baggage; he came to me and said I want two pieces of baggage for , I said, what time is it, I looked at the clock, I said aint you gone yet, I looked at the clock and it was ten minutes to eight then - about ten minutes to eight I found it and he fixed it and then he found the other pieces and it was exactly three minutes to eight when he left the ferry.

Q It was three minutes to eight when he left? A. Yes, sir.

Q How long have you been in the employ of the New York Transfer Company? A. 13 years.

Q Do you know the driver Willet? A. Yes, sir; I know him going on three or four years.

Q You know him to be a driver of careful habits? A. Yes, sir.

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WALTER WILLARD, being called as a witness by the Coroner, in his own behalf, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

Q What is your full name? A. Walter Willard.

Q Where do you live? A. I live in Stapleton, Staten Island.

Q What were you doing on the evening of August 28th?

A. I was driving for the New York Transfer Company.

Q And you recollect this accident? A. No, sir.

Q Do you recollect meeting with an accident at Greenwich Street near Vandam or Vandam near Greenwich - do you recollect passing through there on August 28th? A. I passed through Vandam Street on August 28th.

Q Do you recollect running over any person? A. No, sir.

Q Where did you proceed to? A. From Vandam to Varick, from Varick up to 18th, and through 18th Street to Fifth Avenue.

Q Do you recollect when you came in the neighborhood of Vandam Street and Greenwich your wagon came into collision with any person or that any person was run over?

A. No, sir.

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

Q What time did you pass through Vandam Street?

A. It was about ten minutes past eight.

Q You left the Desbrosses Street station agreeable to the testimony that was given by Mr. Lemow that it was three minutes to eight o'clock? A. Yes, sir.

Q You could not by any possibility have gotten to Varick Street before or some time after eight o'clock? A. No, sir.

By the Coroner:-

Q How do you know it was ten minutes past 8 o'clock?

A. Judging the time I left the depot at Desbrosses Street.

Q When did you leave the depot? A. I left there as near as I can judge, I looked at the clock, it was ten minutes to eight o'clock, I had one piece of baggage yet to find, two pieces they found, I was some time finding those pieces of baggage.

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

Q Do you remember having dropped any luggage before?

A. Yes, sir; I dropped two pieces of baggage corner Canal and West Street.

Q How long did it take to get those on the wagon again?

A. I stop generally about six minutes.

Q That would bring you through Vandam Street about ten minutes past eight? A. So I should judge.

By a Juror:-

Q What was the number of your wagon? A. The number of my wagon is 59.

Mr. DeBarrill: There has been some testimony that the driver dropped a hat; now I would like to have that hat produced. Mr. Martin testified that he saw the hat that the driver dropped.

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OWEN MARTIN recalled:

I didn't have the hat; the hat was in Vandam Street

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Mr. DeBarrill: If they have not produced the hat the suppression of that evidence is in our favor.

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Officer Adam Wagner being recalled states  
that the hat is in the station house.

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WALTER WILLARD, recalled:

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

Q Is that the hat you wore on that evening? (Hat is produced and witness puts it on his head)? A. Yes, sir.

Q That is the hat you wore the night you were driving for the New York Transfer Company? A. Yes, sir.

The Coroner: Let the witness put the hat on.

The witness puts the hat on.

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The Coroner: I think it is fair that the jury should be informed of all the facts and understand everything that has any bearing upon the case. I will therefore adjourn the inquest until to-morrow October 1st, 2 o'clock, P. M., so as to produce additional witnesses as to identification and the officer will also bring the hat with him; it may throw some

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additional light on this case.

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Inquest adjourned until to-morrow,  
Thursday, October 1st, 1891, 2 o'clock, P. M.

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Coroners Office, New York County.

In the Matter of the Inquest into:  
the death

- of -

**JAMES MADDIGAN.**

Before  
HON. FERDINAND LEVY,  
and a Jury.

INQUEST CONTINUED.

New York, October 1st, 1891,  
2 o'clock, P. M.

APPEARANCES: Mr. DeBarrill appears for the driver;

Mr. Leopold Turk appears for the relatives of the deceased:

Mr. Turk: I would like to recall Mr. Willard, the driver.

WALTER WILLARD, recalled:-

By Mr. TurnK:-

Q How long have you been a driver for this company?

A. About two months.

Q About two months? A. Yes, sir.

Q And did you ever have any trouble before of this character? A. Never in my life.

Q What was your route that evening? A. I had to go straight to the Hudson River Railroad and the New Haven Railroad.

Q Is that your regular route? A. The route is the same.

Q Every night the same? A. As a rule.

Q Is the time fixed? A. For me to leave there?

Q Yes? A. Sometimes I run off one train.

Q Different times, it is not the same time, one night it may be a half an hour earlier and one night a half an hour later? A. When business calls for it any route.

Q And at different times at starting? A. No, sir.

Q You start the same time every night? A. It is an impossibility.

Q Who started you? A. That night I started later because I ran off the 4.50 train.

- Q When? A. I run off the 4.50 train.
- Q You did go through Vandam Street? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Will you swear positively you did not run over this boy?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q You will swear to that? A. Yes, sir.
- Q You were arrested and brought before a police magistrate? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Didn't you testify before the police magistrate that you did run over this boy, that you were afraid to stop?
- A. No, sir.
- Q Will you swear to it? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Do you know Officer Wagner that has testified here?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q Did you not say to Officer Wagner that you run over this boy and that you were afraid to stop? A. No, sir.
- Q Never said so? A. No, sir.
- Q Do you recollect what you stated in the police court on that subject? A. I stated I passed through Vandam Street between eight and nine o'clock.
- Q Between 8 and 9 o'clock? A. Yes.
- Q How do you know? A. Judging from the time I left Desbrosses Street.



Q How many places did you stop in, other than Vandam Street? A. I stopped in no place but I stopped at the corner of Canal and West Street.

Q To deliver baggage? A. I dropped a piece of baggage and picked it up.

Q How long did you stay? A. Maybe six minutes.

Q You judge it may have been between 8 and 9 o'clock?

A. Yes, sir.

Q Might it not have been half past for all you know?

A. Yes, sir.

Q You did look at your watch while you drove through Vandam Street? A. No, sir.

Q Do you recollect how you were driving that night?

A. Yes, sir; I was driving along on an easy gait.

Q Your last trip? A. Yes, sir.

Q Is it not a fact that drivers, when they are on their last trip, -

Objected to by Mr. DeBarrill.

Q Is it not a fact that when drivers are on their last trip that they go a little faster -

Objected to by Mr. DeBarrill:

The Coroner: I don't suppose you will insist upon that question.

By Mr. Turk:-

Q You drove slowly? A. Yes, sir.

Q You were not in a hurry to get home? A. I am always in a hurry to get - I am always in a hurry to go to my wife, I have regard for my horse also.

Q And sometimes you go there just as quick as you can?

A. As a rule the more haste the less speed.

Q Was there anybody with you that night? A. There was a man.

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

Q Now, with regard to the conversation you had with Officer Wagner, was not the question he put to you was it wagon No. 59 that you drove?

Objected to by Mr. Turk, on the ground that this was not brought out on cross examination.

Objection sustained.

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OFFICER ADAM WAGNER, recalled:-

By Mr. Turk:-

Q Did you have any talk with Wallard, the driver?

A. Yes, sir.

Q With reference to the killing? A. Yes, sir.

Q Where? A. In the station house, on a Sunday.

Q What was the conversation? A. I went down and he was standing by the door; I said you are in a pretty nice box; I said why didn't you stop when the people hollered; he said I was afraid.

Q He said that? A. Yes, sir.

Q Were you present at the police court when the defendant testified? A. Yes, sir.

Q Did you hear his testimony in relation to the killing of the boy? A. Yes, sir.

Q What did he testify to? A. He testified ~~he~~ he went through there and made the same explanation that I just told he didn't say that he ran over him; he said he was afraid - he said he went through there and the people hollered at him and he was afraid to stop.

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

Q Did he tell you why he was afraid to stop? A. He didn't tell me the reason why, he said the people all commenced to holler at him, he told me there was some boys in the street, he told me he didn't know whether he run over ~~the~~ the boy or not.

- Q Did he tell you what time he passed through the street?  
A. No, sir.  
Q He didn't tell anything only that? A. No, sir.

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ANDREW H. MATTHEWS, recalled:-

By Mr. Turk:-

- Q You were at the police court? A. Yes, sir.  
Q Did you hear Mr. Willard the driver testify there?  
A. Yes, sir, the judge told Mr. Willard -  
Q Did you hear him? A. Yes, sir.  
Q Tell us what he said? A. He said ~~he~~ the reason he didn't stop he was afraid to stop, he got out there as quick as he could, that is what he told the judge.  
Q Did the judge ask him if he ran over the boy?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q What did he say? A. He said he was not sure.

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

- Q You remember testifying yesterday you run after one of the wagons yourself? A. No, sir; I didn't testify running after no wagon; I testified I went down in the street as soon as the boy was run over.

Q Do you remember how long it took Mr. Martin to get back afterwards? A. No, sir; I didn't look at the clock, I had other things to look after, I was busy.

Q You can't tell how long a time transpired that you were engaged from the time you first began to engage yourself with the injured boy? A. I went down on the street and picked the boy up; I ran down from the dynamo and picked the boy up and put him on the other side of the street; I said to my partner you chase that wagon and see if you can catch that wagon.

Q To whom? A. To my partner, the oiler; I had charge of the floor, that left the dynamo room without anybody, I put the boy on the sidewalk and went right back up; then there was a crowd of people there, I started to go upstairs and I met a man at the foot of the stairs and it probably was a few minutes before; it was all of two or three minutes, I think, the man came back and told me he found the number and the name, the name I remember the New York Transfer Company.

Q Was it a dark day? A. It was at night, we have electric lights in front of the door and a lamp on the door; it was supposed to be 2,000 candle power.

Q The wagon was going slow enough for you to read the name on it? A. Yes, sir; I can read good plain English;

I am positive sure I seen the boy knocked down by the wagon, my attention was first to see the name on the wagon, it was a matter of only one or two seconds.

Q How long after that did Mr. Martin see it? A. He seen it before me, and him seen it at the same time.

Q Did he see it before it left Vandam Street? A. I will let him answer that himself.

Q Didn't you point it out to him before that wagon left Vandam Street? A. The wagon was going along and I said you follow it.

By Mr. Turk:-

Q The wagon didn't stop? A. The wagon run over the boy, and <sup>the man</sup> turned around partly and took the whip and put the horse in a gallop.

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OFFICER MICHAEL J. COX, being called as a witness by the Coroner, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

Q What is your full name, officer? A. Michael J. Cox.

Q To what precinct are you attached? A. 8th Precinct.

Q I don't want to quote the common phrase, but I must ask you in whose possession was that hat? A. Officer Wagner, he gave it to me.

Q Where did he get the hat? A. He told me it was handed to him by another party, by a woman.

Q You brought this hat from where? A. I got it from Officer Wagner in the station house and I kept it in my possession since.

Q When? A. A day or so after the trial - after the examination at Jefferson Market.

Q You just brought it from the station house?

A. Yes, sir.

Q What precinct? A. The 8th Precinct, Prince and Wooster Street.

The hat is marked Exhibit No. 1.

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OFFICER ADAM WAGNER, recalled:-

By the Coroner:-

Q (Hat shown to Officer) Look at that hat, is that the

hat you handed over to Officer Cox? A. Yes, sir.

Q When did you get it? A. A young lady by the name of Miss Jordan gave me that hat, she is the one that picked it up on the street.

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ANNA JORDAN, being called as a witness by the Coroner, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

Q What is your full name? A. Anna Jordan.

Q Where do you live? A. No. 350 Hudson Street.

Q Where were you living at the time of this accident?

A. No. 86 Vandam Street.

Q Between what streets? A. Between Hudson and Greenwich Streets.

Q Did you pick up the hat on the evening of August 29th?

A. Yes, sir.

Q Saturday evening? A. Yes, sir.

Q Is that the hat you picked up? A. Yes, sir.

Q It is? A. Yes, sir.



Q Where did you pick up this hat? A. In front of No. 86.

Q Was that about the place where the boy was run over?

A. No, sir; the boy was run over at 99, the wagon passed by.

Q You saw the driver? A. I seen the wagon pass ~~xxx~~ by and saw the hat fall off the wagon.

Q An express wagon? A. Yes, sir.

Q You picked up the hat and handed it to Officer Wagner?

A. Yes, sir.

Q You didn't see the accident? A. No, sir.

By Mr. Turk:-

Q Did the wagon stop or go along? A. Go right along.

Q Was it going slow or fast? A. Pretty fast.

By a Juror:-

Q Did you take notice of the driver? A. No, sir.

Q Didn't you take notice of his face? A. It was too dark.

Q What time was it? A. Somewheres around eight o'clock

By Mr. Turk:-

Q Is there not an electric light there? A. It is on the corner of Greenwich Street.

By the Coroner:-

Q You are positive this is the hat that fell off that wagon? A. Yes, sir.

Q You are positive you picked it up - that fell off the wagon? A. Yes, sir.

Q As the wagon drove away? A. Yes, sir.

The Coroner: Driver, just put on that hat.

The driver puts on the hat.

The Coroner: Try it on once more.

The driver tries the hat on again.

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WALTER WILLARD, recalled.

By the Coroner:-

Q Where is this other man that was on the wagon? A. I don't know him.

By Mr. Turk:-

Q You don't know him? A. No, sir; there is a driver and a boy employed on a wagon.

Q Didn't you have a boy that night? A. My boy hurt himself after he went about three or four blocks.

Q You did the work yourself for the balance of the night?

A. Yes, sir; and the man asked me for a ride and I gave him a ride.

By Mr. DeBarrill:-

Q Why did you take that man on? A. I dropped some baggage and he helped me to put on the baggage and after we buckled up the strap he said give me a ride - are you going up town, I said yes; he went on and I let him off at 18th Street and Sixth Avenue.

By Mr. Turk:-

Q How soon after the accident were you arrested? A. I was arrested the next day, after I was finished with my days work.

Q Did you hear anything of the driver the next day - the day that you were arrested that somebody was run over?

A. No, sir.

Q The first thing you knew of it you were arrested?

A. Yes, sir.

By the Coroner:-

Q Do you swear positively that the man that got off at 18th Street and Sixth Avenue had his hat with him?

A. Yes, sir.

Q And the hat you wore is the straw hat you had here yesterday? A. Yes, sir.

WILLIAM S. PRIGGE, being called as a witness by the Coroner, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

- Q What is your full name? A. William F. Prigge.  
Q How old are you? A. 14 years old.  
Q Where do you live? A. No. 85 Vandan Street.  
Q With your parents? A. Yes, sir.  
Q Did you know this boy James Maddigan? A. Yes, sir.  
Q Was he a playmate of yours? A. Yes, sir.  
Q He lived opposite? A. No, sir, he lived above me.  
Q In the same house? A. Yes, sir.

By Mr. Turk:-

- Q You saw the boy run over, did you not? A. Yes, sir.

By the Coroner:-

- Q Tell the Jury what you saw that day? A. I saw the wagon coming and I saw the both wheels go over him.  
Q You saw the wagon coming and both wheels went over him?  
A. Yes, sir; and he whipped up his horse and went as fast as he could.  
Q Were you playing with James at the time? A. Yes, sir.  
Q What were you playing - any special game? A. Relief.  
Q Running across the street? A. I run across the street, I saw the wagon coming, I ran out of the road.

Q Were there more boys playing? A. Yes, sir.

Q How many were playing? A. Five.

Q Were you with the other boy that was knocked down, was there any other boy knocked down? A. Yes, sir; Michael O'Brien.

Q Is he here? A. No, sir.

Q Do you know anything about the wagon? A. No, sir; it was a one horse wagon without a shed.

Q Could you recognize the driver? A. No, sir, I could not.

By Mr. Turk:-

Q Did you notice any bundles or packages on the wagon?

A. I saw a lot of trunks.

By Mr. De Barrill:-

Q You remember testifying this way in the police court, "I was playing with the boy that was run over; we were both running, I was passed it and I got out of the way," do you remember saying that? A. I said, he was running and then I got out of the road, I saw the wagon coming and I got out of the road.

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A. No, sir.

By a Juror:-

Q Can you remember what kind of a horse it was? A. No, sir; I could not.

By the Coroner:-

Q He said he cannot recognize the driver; this was about eight o'clock and it was dark? A. There was an electric light there; the wagon was between me and the electric light; I couldn't read what was on the wagon.

Q Could you distinguish the driver? A. No, sir.

Q Whether he was a young man or an old man or a stout man or a slim man? A. No, sir.

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The Coroner: Gentlemen of the Jury - the medical testimony states that death was due to shock, dislocation of the first cervical vertebrae and internal injuries.

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The Coroner: Gentlemen of the Jury - You have given your attention to the testimony in this case and it now becomes your duty to carefully consider the evidence, and after so doing to say whether this was from accidental causes or whether death resulted from reckless or careless driving; whether it was from reckless driving on the part of the driver of that express wagon. I must say this case has very peculiar features inasmuch as the claim, as I understand, the Express Company claim that the wagon that is the wagon No. 59 - the number of the wagon whose driver was Willard did not run over this boy. The other side, the relatives who are here, the father and counsel, they claim the contrary; they claim the wagon that run over this boy was this wagon, that is the point that you will have to consider very carefully. If you are satisfied that there is any doubt in your mind, if you come to any conclusion that it was not the wagon, then your verdict would be this, that while this boy died from being run over, by a wagon, you are unable to determine, in your opinion, whose wagon it was. If on

the other hand the evidence satisfies you that this was the wagon, then of course, it becomes your duty to express that idea or that conclusion in your verdict. I have been very anxious and we always are in these cases, to get out all the facts in the case so the Jury has plenty of material when they retire to deliberate upon, and I believe that we have got out all the evidence that possibly can be had in this case. I do not suppose there are any other direct witnesses. No matter what feeling -- evidently there has been some feeling in this matter pro and con - that is a matter you have not to consider. You have to retire and after deliberating and make your deductions from the testimony for or against - if you think the preponderance of evidence is in favor of an accidental verdict bring it in as such; if you think the preponderance is contrary and that this driver was not sufficiently careful or did not use all precautions to avoid or <sup>add</sup> prevent this accident you have a right to ~~that~~ <sup>add</sup> that in verdict which you see fit in order to express that idea. But the most important point, of course will be for you to find out by the evidence whether

this was the driver of course. Now I take it, y u gentleman are all business men, fair-minded men or entirely disinterested in this matter and simply anxious to bring in a proper and truthful verdict; I take it that you will do justice to all concerned.

The duty of jurors - Coroners jurors - is of course to ascertain the cause of death and after ascertaining the cause of death to find out and state if you can who caused it or whether death was caused through the act of another or through the negligence of another. That is about the definition of your duties that you are called upon to determine the cause of death. I want you to consider this matter upon your part calmly and carefully. There was some feeling in this matter; I want no feeling in the juryroom. I want you to retire as so many conscientious and careful men and enter the jury box just as you were sworn and bring in a verdict strictly in accordance with the evidence and nothing else.

Mr. De Barrill: I would like to call the attention to the jury to one point -

Objected to By Mr. Turk.

The Coroner: I told them to carefully scrutinize the evidence and take it as they got it, and if I would allow all counsel to talk they would probably mix up the jury so much and inasmuch as it is not customary for counsel to sum up I shall now ask the jury to retire.

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V e r d i c t:

We find that James Madigan came to his death from injuries received by being run over by a wagon which we believe to be one of the wagons of the New York Transfer Company, at Vandam Street near Greenwich Street on the 29th of August, 1891. at or about 7.45 p. m., but we are unable to state what driver of the aforesaid company drove the wagon in question.

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Aug 29/1911

A. H. Matthews

51 Grove St

Greenwich

23 Vestry

Wm. Figgie

85 Vandam St

Michael White

85 Vandam St

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No 59.

N. J.  
Transfer

~~700 T. W.~~

No 59

N. J.  
~~Transfer~~

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## Coroner's Office.

## TESTIMONY.

We find that James Madison came  
to his death from injuries received by being  
run over by a wagon at <sup>the</sup>~~the~~ <sup>N.Y. Transfer Co.</sup> ~~Kendall~~ Street, near  
Greenwich Street, on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1891, at or  
about 7-45 P.M. but we are unable to state what  
driver of the aforesaid Company drove the wagon  
in question—

Yours Truly  
 J. Fran. Dumas

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## MEMORANDA.

AGE			PLACE OF NATIVITY	WHERE FOUND	Date When Reported
12	Years	4 Months 8 Days	Vij	85 Van der	Aug 30/91

Cor Greenwich R. Vaudan  
 Aug 29. 7:30 am.  
 run over by Dodd's Express.

Father J. M.



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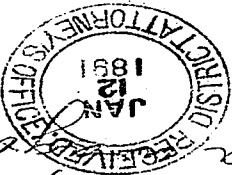
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it is death by being in a room  
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James Madison

AN INQUISITION  
On the VIEW of the BODY of

1891

3rd Year

No. 824

D. H. Hanly

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## TESTIMONY.

P. E. Doulis

M. D., being duly sworn, says;

I have made an examination of the body of  
 James Madigan now lying dead at  
 St. Vaudan's and from such examination  
 and history of the case, as per testimony, I am of opinion the cause of  
 death is

Shock Dislocation of 1<sup>st</sup> cervical  
 Vertebra & internal injuries

P. E. Doulis M. D.

Sworn to before me

this

day of

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Frederick Levy

CORONER.

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## Police Court 2 District.

City and County } ss.  
of New York.

of No. 273 1/2 West 76th Street, aged 40 years,  
 occupation Foreman of Dodd's Express being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
 that on the 29th day of August 1891, at the City of New  
 York, in the County of New York,

Deposant was on said date and is at  
 the present time the foreman of Dodd's  
 Express Company's stable at the above  
 address, that deposant in such foreman  
 has charge of all horses and wagons  
 owned by the said Company at the said  
 stable. That on the said 29th day of  
 August 1891, Walter Willard was  
 in charge of Wagon No 54 of Dodd's  
 Express Company, and to which wagon  
 there was a horse attached.

Sworn to before me this { John Baughman  
 1st Day of September 1891

John S. Keel  
 Police Justice

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Sec. 198-20

District Police Court

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK ss.

Walter Willard

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.

Walter Willard

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

24 years -

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York City -

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

Answer.

No 11 Broomell Street - Manhattan S. I. S. S.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Driver -

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  
Walter Willard

Taken before me this

John J. McQuinn  
2/10/1916

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~~  
~~Hundred Dollars,~~ and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of

the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he is lawfully discharged.  
 Dated *September 18* 18*97* *John S. Keely* Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18.....Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18.....Police Justice.

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Police Court---

1156 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Michael Cox  
Walter William

Offender *Donweeds*

BAILED.

No. 1, by

Residence

*Walter O. Hume*  
*213 Hancock St. Brooklyn*

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

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Dated

*August 31 1891*  
*Heogem* Magistrate.  
*Cox* Officer.  
*8th* Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

No.

No.

No.

No.

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No.

*51 Grove* Street.

*Omen Martin*

*73 West* Street.

*Mrs. P. P. P.*

*85 Van Dam St.* Street.

*Michael O'Brien*

*85 Van Dam St.*

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*Witnesses*  
*Adam Wagner*  
*8th Precinct Police*  
*John Daugh*  
*No 223 West 76 Street*

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## Police Court 2 District.

City and County  
of New York ss.

of No. 115 St. Precinct Police Street, aged Adam Wagner years,  
 occupation Police Officer being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
 that on the 24 day of August 1891, at the City of New  
 York, in the County of New York,

deponent was in Greenwich Street  
 near Canal Street about the hour  
 of 4 O'clock P.M. That deponent  
 was then informed by some boy  
 unknown to deponent, that some person  
 had been run over in Van Dam Street.  
 That deponent immediately went to Van  
 Dam Street and found there one James  
 Madigan, who was injured. That  
 deponent was then informed by  
 several people, unknown to deponent  
 that Madigan had been run over  
 by a horse attached to a wagon to  
 59 of Dodd's Express Company.  
 That deponent reported the same to  
 the Station House.

Sworn to before  
 this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1891 } Adam Wagner

John S. Kelly  
 Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 26 years, occupation Oiler of No. 23 West

Street, being duly sworn, deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Michael J. Cox  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 31

day of August

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Michael J. Cox

John S. Kelly  
Police Justice.



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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 33 years, occupation Dynamo Engineer, of No. 51 Groat Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Michael J. Ray and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 31 day of August, 1898, } A. H. Matthews

John Steel  
Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. } ss.

POLICE COURT, 2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT.of No. *54 Precinct Police* Street, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,occupation *Police Officer* being duly sworn, deposes and saysthat on the *29<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 189*1*at the City of New York, in the County of New York *Walter Willard*

(now here). did commit an Assault upon the body of John Doe. a boy of the age of twelve years - (and whose right name is at present unknown to deponent.) by knocking down the body and running over the body of said John Doe. with a Horse attached to an Express Wagon, and which Horse was being driven by said Willard at the time of said Assault. and causing injuries. on said John Doe. and in consequence of said injuries causing the death

Subscribed to before me, this

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Police Station  
Room to be in  
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of said John. De- dependent therefore  
asks that said Millard may be held  
to enable dependent to procure further  
witnesses and evidence of said  
Assault

Michael J. Cox

Police Court, District.

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THE PEOPLE, & Co.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
vs.

Dated.....189

Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness.

Disposition

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## Police Court District.

City and County } ss.  
of New York.

of No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
 occupation \_\_\_\_\_ being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
 that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_, at the City of New  
 York, in the County of New York,

Nudson Street to West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, through  
 West 10<sup>th</sup> to the Corner of West 10<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Avenue. The Deponent told an officer  
 that some one had been run over in Van Dam  
 Street by a wagon. Deponent further  
 suggests that he received information of  
 the Station House that some boy had  
 been run over and killed in Van Dam  
 Street by a horse attached to a wagon  
 and that the wagon was marked  
 Dodd's Express Company to 59.

Deponent went to the stables of  
 Dodd's Express Company and was there  
 informed by the foreman of the stables  
 that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1891  
 this defendant was in charge of and  
 driving a horse attached to a wagon  
 to 59 of the said Express Company.

Deponent on that information arrested  
 this defendant and prays that he be  
 held and dealt with as the law directs.

Sworn before me }  
 this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1891 } Michael J. Cox

John S. Keely  
 Police Justice

## STATE OF NEW YORK,

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

## AN INQUISITION

Taken at the Coroners Office  
 No. 144 Second Avenue Street, in the 17<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of  
 New York, in the County of New York, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and 91  
 Levy for DANIEL HANLY, Coroner,  
 of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the body of James Madigan  
 now lying dead at

Upon the Oaths and Affirmations of  
 Nine good and lawful men of the State of New York, duly chosen and  
 sworn, or affirmed, and charged to inquire, on behalf of said people, how and in what manner the  
 said James Madigan came to his death, do upon  
 their Oaths and Affirmations, say: That the said James Madigan  
 came to his death by

From injuries received by being run over by a  
 wagon which we believe to be one of the wagons  
 of the New York Transfer Company at Vandam  
 Street near Greenwich Street on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August  
 1891 at or about 7<sup>th</sup> PM but we are unable to state  
 what driver of the aforesaid Company drove the wagon  
 in question

In Witness Whereof, We, the said Jurors, as well as the CORONER, have to this Inquisition  
 set our hands and seals, on the day and place aforesaid.

## JURORS.

W. J. Brandwaies 138-3 St. Y. Thruway 129-3 St  
 W. E. Boehm 121-3 St. Y. Henry Street 132-3 St  
 Fritz Luntzheim 185 E 3 St Charles Schmidt 540 E 3 St  
 Emil Reich 107 E 3 St  
 Jacob Ulmar 54 Ave D.  
 David Ellensohn 213 E 3 St

Ferdinand Levy  
 Coroner. E. S.

POLICE COURT.  
SECOND DISTRICT,  
W. L. ORMSBY, JR.  
STENOGRAPHER.

The People vs  
Michael J. Cox  
vs  
Walter Willard

Examination Before Justice Kelly  
~~July 27~~  
Aug 31 1891

Andrew H. Matthews, being duly sworn  
and examined by the court de  
posed and says: I live at 51  
Eure St. I am mechanical  
Engineer for the Mount Morris  
Electric Light Co.

Q On the 27<sup>th</sup> of August did  
you see this occurrence?

A Yes Sir

Q State what occurred?

A About 10 minutes to 7 O'clock  
I came to the door of the  
factory and Martin Owen was  
there and about a feet away  
I talked to him. I saw

the transfer wagon run over  
the boy

Q Where was that?

A In Vandam street - about  
50 feet from Greenwich  
street. I was the one that picked  
the boy up. There were two men  
on the transfer wagon. We  
told them to stop. There  
were two men followed them.  
One man got the number  
of the wagon. I carried the  
boy and laid him on the  
sidewalk under the electric  
light and then went and rang  
for an ambulance.

Q Do you know the street?

A The boy died <sup>about 15 or 20 minutes</sup> afterwards in

Q Where did the wheel  
strike him?

A diagonally across him

Q Do you know Devedant?

A No sir. I do not know him.  
I did not see his face.  
He drove away so fast that



The men who ran across the street could not catch him. He slipped off his horse.

Q Did you talk to him?

A No did.

When Martin being duly sworn and examined as a witness for the People deposed and says: I live at 39 West 4th St. - I am an order for the Mount Morris Electric Light Co. I saw the occurrence. It was about 10 minutes to 9. I was at the door. I saw the transfer wagon come around the corner of Fremont St. with some barrels in. It came pretty fast up the street. I saw two boys standing right in the center of the street. One boy had his arm thrown around the other boy's neck. He never talked to the boys



or anything else - came right up  
the street. One of the boys started  
out on the right hand side. The  
front wheel of the wagon ran  
right across the boy's breast  
first. The hind wheel also went  
across the boy. I believe the  
wagon went on through Clark  
street and 10th street.

2 Do you identify this man as  
the one who drove the wagon?

A No Sir.

2 What time was it?

A 10 minutes to 7 o'clock on  
the evening of August 29

Michael O'Brien being duly sworn  
deposes and says. I live at  
85 Vandam street. I am  
11 years old. I saw the occurrence  
when the boy was run over. I  
was with him. We were  
standing out in the street playing  
The Lone Knuckled us down. I

did not get hurt. The empty  
wagon went over the other boy. I  
went and told his mother.

Q Do you know who drove the  
wagon?

A No.

William Brizge being duly sworn  
and examined by the court  
deposes and says. I am 14  
years old. I live at 45 Vandusen  
Street. I was playing with the  
boy who came run over by the  
McLagan in his name. We were  
both running. I saw the wagon  
I shot past it and got out  
of the way. I was too excited -  
He fell down in front of the  
horse. Both horses went over  
him.

Q Was the wagon going fast?

A Yes sir. The horses on a trot.

Q Do you know who was on  
the wagon?

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A I could not tell

Q could you identify the driver?

A No Sir

Q Did you the horse go over the  
log?

A Yes Sir

Q Did the driver of the wagon  
stop?

A No Sir. He never stopped the  
wagon. He whipped up the  
horse and drove as fast as  
he could

Michael J. Cox being duly sworn and  
examined by the Court before  
and says: I am an officer of  
the N. H. Marsh. I was sent out by  
the Captain to find the driver of the  
wagon No 59. We were informed  
that that was the wagon that had  
run over the boy. It was informed  
at the Transfer Co office that the  
appendant was the one who  
drove the wagon.

2 Did you talk with him as to  
the question whether he was the  
driver

A He said "I am the man  
2 that drove the wagon?"

A Yes

John Madigan the defendant  
being duly sworn before  
and says: I live at 85 Vandam  
St. The boy who was run over  
was my son James Madigan  
going on 13 years old. I was  
up stairs in the house when this  
occurred. I know nothing about  
the circumstances

Walter Willard being duly sworn  
before and says: I am 24  
years old. I live at 111  
Brownell Street Astoria  
Island. I was going through  
Vandam Street I saw some

boys. They started to run to  
 lead me off from across the  
 way. That is a common  
 occurrence for a driver, and  
 I paid no attention to them.  
 I thought I would clean them.  
 I felt no guilt of the wagon.  
 I did not know I had run  
 over the boy and drove on.  
 That is the reason I drove on.  
 I did not know that I had  
 run over him.

Q Who was on the wagon with  
 you?

A Some man. I do not know  
 his name. He wanted a ride  
 and I gave him a ride.

Q Did you not have a helper?

A No generally no, but this is  
 a very busy season. my helper  
 left and it is difficult to  
 get another.

Q Were this man with you your  
 helper?

A No sir; I did not know him.

2 Is it your custom to take up  
 people strangers? working

1- If I see a ~~particular~~ man  
 who looks like a respectable  
 man I will give him a ride.  
 This is the only time I see  
 the man.

Approved

## Police Court 2 District.

City and County of New York ss.

of No. The 5th Precinct Police Street, aged Michael Fox years,  
 occupation Police Officer being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
 that on the 29th day of August 1891, at the City of New  
 York, in the County of New York,

Matter Willard, (now here), who,  
 as deponent has been informed and  
 has just cause to believe, was in  
 charge of and driving a horse  
 attached to a wagon through Van  
 Dam Street about the hour of 6.50 P.M. on said date, knocked down and  
 injured one James Madigan, aged  
 twelve years, <sup>another such injury resulting in the death of Madigan</sup> deponent is informed  
 by Andrew Matthews of 51 Green  
 Streets that he, Matthews was in the  
 building nos 98 and 100 Van Dam Street  
 that he, Matthews saw the wheel of  
 the said wagon strike the said James  
 Madigan, and saw the hind wheel of  
 the said wagon pass over said Madigan's  
 body. That he, Matthews carried the  
 said James Madigan to the sidewalk and  
 laid him down. Then he, Matthews tele-  
 phoned after an ambulance and before  
 the ambulance arrived the boy Madigan  
 was dead. Deponent is further informed  
 by Orren Martin of 1023 West Street  
 that he, Martin saw the said horse at-  
 tached to the said wagon come through  
 Van Dam Street and saw the said James  
 Madigan in the street and saw the wagon  
 strike Madigan and both wheels of  
 the wagon pass over Madigan's body.  
 That he, Martin, saw the driver of the  
 horse whip the said horse and drive  
 away as fast as possible. That he, Martin  
 followed the said horse and wagon through  
 Van Dam Street to Hudson Street and through

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2 DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

THE PEOPLE,  
ON COMPLAINT OF  
*Michael J. Cox*  
*Walter Willard*

Examination had *August 31* 188*4*  
Before *John E. Kelly* Police Justice.

I, *W. J. Ormsby* Stenographer of the 2 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 *Andrew H. Matthews*

*Owen Hunter, Michael O'Brien, Wm. Briggs, Walter Willard*  
as taken by me on the above examination before said Justice.

Dated *August 31* 188*4*

*W. J. Ormsby*  
Stenographer.

Police Justice.



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No. 1.

**District Attorney's Office.**

PEOPLE

vs.

*Go bond*  
*filed in this case*

*L. H. P.*

New York May 13 1892

We the undersigned hereby certify that we have known Walter Willard intimately for upwards of ten years last past; that he is a young man of good moral character and reputation, sober habits and industrious.

Thomas Leppine 307 West St  
 W. J. Wilson & Supt. C. S. Co. June 15 1892  
 P. E. Donlan M.D. 129 W. Houston St  
 Thomas Lally Chgo & Ball  
 John F. Ryder 15 E. 4th St  
 Bernard Lynch 45. R. 1000 St  
 George Henry C. C. C. C.

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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*

*Walter Willard*

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by this

indictment, accuse *Walter Willard* —

of the crime of *Manslaughter in the second degree,*

committed as follows:

The said *Walter Willard,*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*twentyfirst* day of *August*, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and ninety-*one*, — at the City and County aforesaid,

*in and upon one James Madigan, then and  
there being, wilfully and feloniously did  
make an assault, and a certain wagon,  
drawn by two horses, then and there being*

driven by him the said Walter Willard, against and upon him the said James Madigan, then and there wilfully and feloniously did force and drive, and the said Walter Willard, with the wagon and the horses aforesaid, so forced and driven as aforesaid, him the said James Madigan then and there wilfully and feloniously did strike, knock down and run over, giving unto him the said James Madigan, then and there by the means aforesaid, in and upon the body of him the said James Madigan, divers mortal wounds, bruises, lacerations and contusions, of which said mortal wounds, bruises, lacerations and contusions he the said James Madigan then and there died.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid do say: that the said Walter Willard, him the said James Madigan, in the manner and form, and by the means aforesaid, wilfully and

feloniously did kill and slay; 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.

De Sancy Thell,

District Attorney.

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4247

**DESCRIPTION:**

Williams, Annie

**DATE:**

12/08/91



4247

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Witnesses:

Robert Munn

Counsel,

Filed

day of

1891

Pleas,

Attorney

THE PEOPLE

vs.

F

Annie Williams

Robbery, (Sections 224 and 22, Penal Code.) Degree.

De LANCEY NICOLL

District Attorney

A TRUE BILL.

Engelwood Robinson

Feb 14 1892

Foreign.

Tried and acquitted

per 14<sup>th</sup> Part I

Bring proofs that the  
Complainant has sent  
to Senate M.L.

Police Court-- 4 District.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

Robert Menner  
 of No. Hotel Belvidere Room 51 Street, Aged 29 Years  
 Occupation Clerk being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the  
 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1891, at the 18 Ward of the City of New York,  
 in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, from the person of de-  
 ponent by force and violence, without his consent and against his will, the following property, viz:

Twenty eight- gold coins gold  
 good and lawful money of the  
 Kingdom of Spain. Each of the  
 value of four + 18/100 dollars in  
 United States money. Together

of the value of One hundred and Seventy + 9/10 DOLLARS,  
 the property of Complainant-

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 force and violence as aforesaid by

Annie Williams (now here) and  
 two men unknown to deponent, and  
 not arrested. From the fact that  
 at about the hour of 12 O'clock  
 midnight- November 25, deponent  
 met this defendant in Irving  
 Place, and was by her, taken  
 to the Hotel at no 1 Irving Place  
 where the aforesaid two men were.  
 and after remaining in said place  
 drinking with the defendant and  
 said two men, the defendant and  
 said two men hit deponent. And

Sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1891

Police Justice



Choked defendant. and while two of said people held defendant. one of them feloniously took stole and carried away said property from the left hand pocket of the trousers then and there worn by defendant as a portion of his bodily clothing by force and violence without his consent and against his will.

Sworn to before me  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1891

Robert Messner

Thos. St. Brady  
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.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1888 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1888 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

Police Court, \_\_\_\_\_ District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
on the complaint of

Offence—ROBBERY.

vs.

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Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1888

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,

§ \_\_\_\_\_ to answer General Sessions.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 7 DISTRICT.

Jeremiah J. Hennessy  
of No. 18th Street, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
occupation Police Officer being duly sworn deposes and says,  
that on the 26th day of November 1891,  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, when defendant  
arrested this defendant. she  
the defendant handed defendant  
four Spanish gold coins  
similar to the and of the  
same denomination which  
this complainant swears were  
stolen from him. And that  
she the defendant told defendant  
that this complainant had  
given her said coins

Jeremiah J. Hennessy

Sworn to before me, this

24 day

of Nov

1891

Charles Brady  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

*Annie Williams* being duly examined before the undersigned according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is *h<sup>e</sup>* right to make a statement in relation to the charge against *h<sup>e</sup>*; that the statement is designed to enable *h<sup>e</sup>* if *h<sup>e</sup>* see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against *h<sup>e</sup>*; that *h<sup>e</sup>* is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that *h<sup>e</sup>* waiver cannot be used against *h<sup>e</sup>* on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Annie Williams*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *22 years old*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Ireland*

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

Answer. *221 E. 35<sup>th</sup> St. 7 weeks*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Seamstress*

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*  
*Annie Williams*

Taken before me this

day of

*Nov**1911*

*Chas. J. Brady*  
Police Justice.

1027

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.....

*Alfred C. Smith*  
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 *Nov 27* 18 *91* *John H. Brady* Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18..... Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18..... Police Justice.

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Police Court--- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Robert [unclear]*  
*Hotel Belvedere, 14th St. New York*  
*Room 57*  
*Annie Williams*  
1  
2  
3  
4  
*Offence Robbery*

BAILED.

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Dated *Nov 27* 189*1*

*Grady* Magistrate.

*Hennery* Officer.

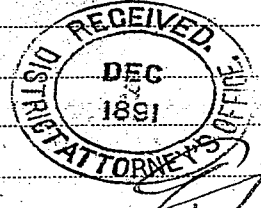
*25th St* Precinct.

Witness *Jenniah Hennery*

No. *18th St* Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

\$ *100* to answer



*\$500 fr. 4. Nov 28 1891 9.4.7*  
*Nov 29 1891 9.4.7*  
*Nov 30. 9 am*  
*Cum*

# 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 Williams*

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

*Annie Williams*

of the CRIME OF ROBBERY in the *first* degree, committed as follows:

The said *Annie Williams*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *Twenty-sixth* day of *November*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*one*, in the *night* time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *Robert Manner*, in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault; and

*Twenty eight gold coins of the Kingdom of Spain, (a more particular description whereby is to the Grand Jury of aforesaid unknown), of the value of four dollars and eighteen cents each,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Robert Manner*, from the person of the said *Robert Manner*, against the will and by violence to the person of the said *Robert Manner*, then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, *the said*

*Annie Williams* *being then and there aided by two accomplices, actually present, whose names are to the Grand Jury of aforesaid as yet unknown.*

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.

*Robert Manner*  
*Attorney*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4247

**DESCRIPTION:**

Williams, Charles

**DATE:**

12/01/91



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Witnesses:

Counsel,

Filed

day of Dec 1891

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Charles Williams

Dec 9/91

Spied & Reported

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

(Signature)

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Grand Larceny, Second Degree. [Sections 528, 531, Penal Code.]



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Police Court

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss:  
of New York,

John Larsen

of No. 83 Oliver Street, aged 21 years,  
 occupation Bartender being duly sworn,  
 deposes and says, that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1891 at the City of New York,  
 in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent, in  
 the day time, the following property, viz:

Sixty two dollars and  
a half good and lawful money of  
the United States.

the property of Emanuel Larsen and in deponent's  
care and charge.

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 Charles Williams (now here) for the

reason that on the above date deponent  
 gave the defendant the above described  
 property to pay rent to deponent's landlord.  
 Defendant instead admitted to deponent that  
 in the presence of Officer Jeremiah J. Griffin of  
 the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct he appropriated the above sum of money  
 to his own use.

Wherefore deponent charges the said defendant  
 with larceny and prays that he may be  
 held to answer.

John Larsen

Sworn to before me, this

25<sup>th</sup> day

of November 1891

J. C. Buckley Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 38 years, occupation Jeremiah J. Griffin  
Policeman of No.

24th Precinct Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of John Larsen

and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 20 day of November 1891 } Jeremiah J. Griffin

J. C. Russell  
Police Justice.

1034

Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

District Police Court.

*Charles Williams* 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. *Charles Williams*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *42 years.*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Norway*

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

Answer. *No. Home*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Seaman*

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 guilty.*  
*Charles Williams*

Taken before me this

*23*

day of

*November 1891*

*James P. McQuinn*  
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 Seven 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 November 20 1891 Do J. C. Beatty Police Justice.

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

Dated..... 18..... 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..... 18..... Police Justice.

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Police Court---

District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*John Larsen*  
*83 Oliver*  
1 *Charles Williams*

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3  
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*Offence*  
*By*  
*Larsen*

Dated *November 25* 1891

*O. R. Kelly* Magistrate.

*Griffin* Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses *Joe J. Griffin*

No. *1st Precinct* Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ *1000* to answer *B. S.*

COMMITTED.

*9/12*  
*now*

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street.

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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Charles Williams*

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by this  
indictment, accuse *Charles Williams*

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

The said

*Charles Williams*

late of the City of New York in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *first* day of  
*September* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*one*  
at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the *day* - time of said 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  
*\$62.50* aforesaid unknown, for the payment of and of the value of *thirty*

dollars; divers other promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and un-  
satisfied (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 *thirty*

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

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

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

*cents*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Emanuel Larsen*  
then and there being found,

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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

*District Attorney.*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4247

**DESCRIPTION:**

Williams, Frederick J.

**DATE:**

12/10/91



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Witnesses:

Michael Mallory  
Coff Carey

As the value of the goods in question is likely to be advanced below the sum of \$25.00 I recommend the acceptance of a bond by Lancy Wanchopie Ryan Dec 15/91 H. East Kent City

Counsel,  
Filed *Dec* 1891  
Pleads, *Wychuk, 11*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Grand Larceny  
[Sections 328, 331, Penal Code.]

*F*  
Frederick Williams

DE LANCEY NICOLL,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Emanuel Brommberg*  
Foreman.  
*Dec 15/91*  
*City Prison 17 days*  
*Dec 17*



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(1865)

Police Court—

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

Michael Malloy

of No. 225 West 15 Street, aged 24 years,

occupation Bar tender being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 2 day of December 1891 at the City of New

York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession

of deponent, in the day time, the following property, viz:

An overcoat  
of the value of sixteen dollars, an under-  
coat of the value of fifteen dollars,  
and a pair of trousers of the  
value of five dollars. all of the  
value of thirty eight dollars & 38  
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 Frederick Williams. Freds Lays

The said property was stolen from the residence  
of deponent and defendant lived there and  
had access to said property and defendant  
was accused and he confessed and he  
defendant was arrested with the pawn  
tickets for said property in his possession

by officer John Carey of the 66th Precinct  
as deponent is informed { Michael .. Malloy  
by said Carey

Sworn to before me this  
of December 1891 (day)

Police Justice

1041

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, occupation John Carey  
P. Sheerme of No.

16th Street Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Michael Malloy  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this

day of

4  
December 1892

John Carey  
P. Sheerme  
Police Justice.

1042

Sec. 193-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK } ss.

*Fredrick Williams* 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. *Fredrick Williams*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *27 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *U. S.*

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

Answer. *255 N. 15 (month)*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Waiter*

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 have nothing to say*  
*Fred J. Williams*

Taken before me this

day of

*December*

1897

Police Justice.

1043

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.....

*Fredrick Williams*

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *Five* 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 *Dec 4* 1891 *[Signature]* Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18.....Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18.....Police Justice.

1044

Police Court---

1505  
District.THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF*Michael Malloy*  
*225 West 15th St*  
*Fredrick Williams*Office *Lacey*  
*my*

BAILED,

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Street.

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Street.

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Street.

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Street

Dated

*Dec 4*188*2/**Hogan*

Magistrate.

*John Carey*

Officer.

*16*

Precinct.

Witnesses

*Call the Officer*

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street.

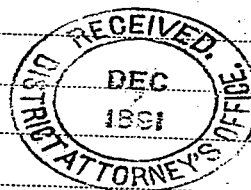
No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street.

\$

*1000*

to answer

*S & S**Am**g*

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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Frederick J. Williams*

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by this  
indictment, accuse *Frederick J. Williams*

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the *second* degree committed as follows:

The said

*Frederick J. Williams*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *second*  
day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety *one*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one overcoat of the value  
of eighteen dollars, one coat  
of the value of fifteen dollars,  
and one pair of trousers of  
the value of five dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Michael Malloy*

then and there being found, 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.

*De Lancey Nicoll,  
District Attorney*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4247

**DESCRIPTION:**

Williams, George

**DATE:**

12/10/91



4247

Witnesses:

*Off Caddell*

Counsel,

Filed

day of

189

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*George Williams*

Burglary in the Third Degree.  
[Section 498, Penal Code.]

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*Charles W. Bloomfield*

Foreman.

*Dec 11/91*

*Charles W. Bloomfield*

*S.P. 2 yrs.*



Police Court—3 District.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

of No. 151 South Avenue Street, aged 62 years,  
occupation Plumber and gas fitter being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No. 151 South Avenue Street, 17 Ward  
in the City and County aforesaid the said being a three story brick building

and which was occupied by deponent as a Plumbing and gas fitting store  
and in which there was at the time a human being, by name Patrick Fley

attempted to be  
were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly breaking a

plate glass in the front door leading into  
the store from the street

on the 29th day of November 1888 in the night time, and the  
following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

A quantity of Plumbing Material and  
tools of the value of Five Hundred  
dollars

the property of Deponent

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

George Williams  
nowhere

for the reasons following, to wit: deponent thoroughly locked and

fastened the doors on the night of the

28th day of November between the hours of five

and six o'clock P.M. and on the following morning

Nov 29 at about the hour of 9 o'clock A.M.

deponent discovered that said premises had

been attempted to be burglarized Deponent

is informed by Officer Francis Gaddell

of the 15th Precinct Police that he saw the

defendant break said plate glass in the door  
of said premises and said officer pursued  
said defendant and took defendant  
into custody and handed the defendant  
over to Officer Meyers of the 14<sup>th</sup> Precinct

Sworn to before me this  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1891 } Thomas Le Townsend

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—BURGLARY.

vs.

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Dated

188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witness.

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

\$ to answer General Sessions.

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CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

POLICE COURT, 3 DISTRICT.

of No. *Supplemental* *Emmanuel Meyer*  
 occupation *Police Officer* *35* years,  
 being duly sworn, deposes and says  
 that on the *29* day of *September* 189*7*

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

*Dependent arrested*  
*George William Brown* from the  
*Complaint of Thomas Townsend*  
*at No 157 Fourth Avenue Charging*  
*Said Williams with attempting to*  
*commit a Burglary*  
*wherefore deponent prays that Said*  
*Williams may be held for Examination*  
*in order to enable deponent to*  
*procure sufficient evidence*

*Emmanuel Meyer*

Sworn to before me, this

day

Police Justice.

Police Court, 9 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs. Perpetration

Dated, Nov 30 1891

Ryan Magistrate.

Mayers Officer.

Witness, 14

Disposition

500 Ex. Dec 1-20  
" " Dec 2-20

Magistrate presiding  
at the Court  
in my absence will  
please hear and  
determine the within  
Case

John Ryan  
Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 28 years, occupation Police Officer of No. 15 Francis Police Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Thomas Brownson and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 2nd day of Dec 1899, } Francis E. Caldwell

W. H. H. H. H.  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

District Police Court.

*George Williams* 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.

*George Williams*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*42 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York City*

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

Answer.

*207 Fulton St. New York 4 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Truck Driver*

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*

*George Williams*

Taken before me this  
day of *March* 19*34*

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 Regina

Regina ~~guilty thereof~~, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Five 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 Dec 2 1898 J. H. Depp Police Justice.

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

Dated Dec 2 1898 J. H. Depp Police Justice.

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

Dated Dec 2 1898 J. H. Depp Police Justice.



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Police Court---

District.

THE PEOPLE, &amp;c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Thomas B. Evans  
151 Court Street  
George William

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Dated

Dec 2nd 1891

1891

Magistrate.

Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

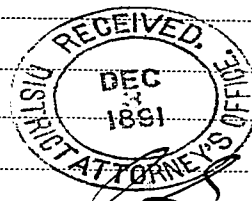
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Street.

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to answer



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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.



**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**  
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*George Williams*

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

*George Williams*

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

The said

*George Williams*

late of the *17<sup>th</sup>* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*29<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and ninety- *one* in the *night*-time of the same day, at the  
Ward, City and County aforesaid, a certain building there situate, to wit, the *store* of  
one *Thomas C. Townsend*

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, with intent to commit some  
crime therein, to wit: with intent the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Thomas*  
*C. Townsend* in the said *store*  
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.

*Wm. Larnsey Nicoll,*  
*District Attorney.*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4247

**DESCRIPTION:**

Williams, John

**DATE:**

12/16/91



4247

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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

Counsel,

Filed

day of

189

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

John Williams

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Emanuel Bloomingdale

Foreman.

Lied 17/9/1  
Plead 1 day 2 day  
S.P. 10 yrs

Burglary in the 1st degree.  
[Section 496, Penal Code]

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Counsel,

Filed

day of

189

Pleals,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

John Williams

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Amuel B. Bloomingdale  
Foreman.

Dec 17 1891  
Filed Dec 17 day  
S.P. 10

Burglary in the 1st degree.  
[Section 196, Penal Code]

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Police Court—2<sup>d</sup> District.City and County  
of New York,

ss.:

of No. 508<sup>th</sup> Avenueoccupation DyerChristian MaudeStreet, aged 42 years,

being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No 550 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street,in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a Three Story bricktenement house. The second floor wasand which was occupied by deponent as a Dwelling apartmentand in which there was at the time a human being, by namewere BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly raising thewindow in the rear of said premises leadingfrom an extension into defendants premiseson the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1897 in the night time, and the following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:A quantity of wearing apparel valued  
at about fifty dollarsthe property of Deponent  
and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that the aforesaid  
BURGLARY was committed and the aforesaid property taken, stolen, and carried away byJohn Williams (known as)for the reasons following, to wit: from the fact that deponentsecurely locked the doors of said premisesand closed the windows at about the hour7 pm on said date. That about thehour of 8 pm on said date deponentwas in the room on the first floor of saidpremises that he heard a noise in thefloor above that he went into saidrooms and that he found the defendants

Concealed behind the sofa in the front room of said premises and the rear window was open. That defendant caught hold of defendant and that defendant struck defendant a violent blow on the face with his clenched hand. That defendant ran away and defendant ran after him when defendant again struck defendant. Defendant was arrested by Officer Connor while defendant was in the act of running away and defendant running after him. Defendant therefore charges the defendant with attempted burglary and prays that he be held to answer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this } Christian Burdett.  
10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1891 }

John E. Lee, Police Justice

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

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Degree.

Burglary

Dated

1881

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses:

Committed in default of \$ Bail.

Bailed by

No.

Street.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

2 District Police Court.

*John Williams* 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 Williams*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *27 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

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

Answer. *No home*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Labourer*

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 have nothing to say*

*John Williams*  
his mark

Taken before me this

16

day of *December* 1894

*John L. 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.....

*Defendant*  
*Per* 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 Decemr 10 1891 John E. Kelly Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18..... 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.....18..... Police Justice.



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Police Court--- 2 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Christian Snaadt*  
*550<sup>th</sup> St*  
*John Williams*

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*Offence*  
*James H. Harn*

BAILED,

No. 1, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 2, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 3, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 4, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

Dated *Dec 10<sup>th</sup>* 18*91*

*H. J. Harn* Magistrate.

*Conner* Officer.

*20* Precinct.

Witnesses *Call the officer*

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

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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 Williams*

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

*John Williams* —

of the CRIME OF BURGLARY in the *first* degree, committed as follows:

The said *John Williams*,

late of the *20th* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *ninth* day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety *one*, in the *night* time of the same day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, the dwelling house of one *Christian Dmandt*, —

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, there being then and there a human being within the said dwelling house, with intent to commit some crime therein, to wit: the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Christian Dmandt*, —

in the said dwelling house then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to steal, take and carry away; and the said *John Williams*, having so broken and entered the said dwelling house, and while engaged in carrying therefrom, did then and there, in the said dwelling house, feloniously assault the said *Christian Dmandt*, and then the said *Christian Dmandt* did then and there feloniously strike and ill-treat.

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.

*D. Sweeney*  
*District Attorney*

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