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DESCRIPTION:

Hall, George

DATE:

08/05/84



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DESCRIPTION:

Hall, Mary

DATE:

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Witnesses:

Aug 5th 1884
The general defendants
cannot be convicted upon
the facts set out in this
written papers - of advice
then discharged
J. H. Jones
Attorney at Law

Counsel,
Filed 5th day of Aug 1884
Pleads #2 Not Guilty

THE PEOPLE
vs.
George Starr
and
Manny Starr
Grand Larceny 2nd degree
[Sections 528, 531, 530 Penal Code]

PETER B. OLNEY,
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

W. W. M. M. M.
Foreman.

Aug 5th 1884
#1, Pleads guilty G. L. 2nd deg

S.P. 3 1/2 years,
#2 Discharged by
the Ct on Feb on next.

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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

George Hall and
Mary Hall

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse
George Hall and Mary Hall
of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said George Hall and Mary Hall,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
10th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty-two, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,
one woman of the value of ten dollars,
three shirts of the value of twenty cents each,
three dresses of the value of ten dollars each,
three nightgowns of the value of two dollars
each, three undershirts of the value of one
dollar each, one trunk of the value of five
dollars, one veil of the value of eight
dollars, one shawl of the value of three
dollars, two counterpanes of the value of
three dollars each, one shawl of the value
of three dollars, three sheets of the value
of seventy cents each, and four chemises
of the value of fifty cents each.

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Lillie Drayton

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.

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SECOND COUNT—

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said

George Hall and Mary Hall
of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:

The said *George Hall and Mary Hall*
Hall, each

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
fourth day of *July* in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty-four, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one robe of the value of three
dollars, three shirts of the
value of twenty cents each, one
sheet of the value of seventy-five
cents, and two pillow cases
of the value of one dollar
each

of the goods, chattels and personal property of *one Lizzie Drayton*

by *a* certain *person or* persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before
feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said *Lizzie*

Drayton
unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said *George Hall*
and Mary Hall

then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have been feloniously
stolen, taken and carried 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.

PETER B. OLNEY,

District Attorney.

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Police Court - First District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
VS. THE COMPLAINANT

Alfred Chapman
George Hall
Mary Hall

17 C. T. 1000 &c.

Offence *Grand Larceny*

1888 JUL 24 RECEIVED

Dated *July 24* 188*8*

Smith Magistrate.

John Brown an Officer.

14 Precinct.

Witnesses *David Meakin*

No. *148 Mulberry* Street.

Arthur Freeman

No. *148 Mulberry* Street.

John 148 Mulberry Street

No. *1000* Street, *East*

Don

BAILED.

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

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 *George Hall and Mary Hall* guilty thereof, I order that *he* be held to answer the same and *he* be admitted to bail in the sum of *200* Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until *he* give such bail.

Dated *July 24* 188*8* *Solomon R. Sissert* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK,

First District Police Court.

George Hall 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 to 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 Hall

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 28 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York City

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

Answer. 148 Mulberry Street, New York City, about 3 weeks

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 of stealing a
shawl and Robman. My wife asked
me to sell and I did. I did know
where they came from.
George Hall
mark.

Taken before me this 24
day of July 1908
Edw. J. Smith
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, }

First District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Mary Hall

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

26 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York

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

Answer.

148 Mulberry street, and 3 weeks

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

I work at cigar boxes

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 of favoring the things represented by the tickets I gave the officer. I obtained them from my husband
Mrs. Mary Hall

Taken before me this *24*

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John J. Smith
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 43 years, occupation John Brannon
Officer of 14th Precinct Police of No.

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

Sworn to before me, this 24
day of July 1881 }

John Brannon

Solomon B. Smith

Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 10 1/2 years, occupation Schoolboy of No.

148 Mulberry Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Lillian Drayton

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

Sworn to before me, this 24 }
day of July 1888 } John H. H. H.

Solomon Smith

Police Justice.

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Police Court—First District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

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

Lillie Drayton
of No. 37 Stanton Street, aged 27 years,
occupation Housekeeper being duly sworn
deposes and says, that on the 10 day of July 1884 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:

One Robian of the Value of ten dollars, Three white
skirts of the Value of One dollar, One Garnet silk dress
of the Value of fifteen dollars, One striped linen dress
of the Value of five dollars, One white lawn dress of
the Value of ten dollars, Three night Gowns of the
Value of six dollars, Three undershirts of the Value
of three dollars, One black Crape bonnet of the Value
of five dollars, One black Crape Veil of the Value
of Eight dollars, One small clock of the Value of three dollars, two
Counters of the Value of five dollars, One plain shawl of the Value
of three dollars, Three linen shirts of the Value of two dollars, four Chemises
of the Value of two dollars, altogether amounting to Seventy four dollars (74.00)
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 George Hall and Mary

Hall (both now here), from the fact that on or
about the above date deponent had the aforesaid
property packed up in a trunk which was
in a closet in premises No 148 Mulberry street.
That on the 22nd day of July 1884 Deponent
missed the aforesaid property, and subsequently
found one clock part of the aforesaid property
in premises No 148 Mulberry street which is
occupied by said defendants. That Deponent is
informed by Charles part of No 148 Mulberry
street that he saw said defendants take
said steal said property and take the same
to a pawnbroker. That deponent is further
informed by officer John Brennan of the 15th

Subscribed before me this
1884 day

Police Justice.

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present police that he received three pawn
tickets from ^{said} Mary Hall representing three
skirts one short two pillow cases which
deponent has seen and fully identifies the
same as part of the aforesaid property
stolen from deponent.

Mrs. Lillie Dayton

Subscribed before me
this 24th day of July 1884

Solo J. Smith
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 1884
Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereunto annexed.
Dated 1884
Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named
guilty of the offence mentioned, I order he to be discharged.
Dated 1884
Police Justice.

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
on the complaint of

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Offence—LARCENY.

Dated 1884

Magistrate.

Witness,
No. Street,
No. Street,
No. Street,
to answer Sessions.

Officer.
Clerk.

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DESCRIPTION:

Haver, Louis P.

DATE:

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DESCRIPTION:

Callmain, John E.

DATE:

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BM 10th

1884
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Counsel,
Filed 15 day of Aug 1884
Pleads

THE PEOPLE *B*
vs.
Lewis P. Mavor *B*
and *B*
John E. Carman *MORAN*
[4 cases]

[Section 558 Penal Code]

PETER B. OLNEY,
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.
[Signature]

Foreman.

*Demanded to this suit,
allowed by Court - with
directions to submit the
case again to the Grand
Jury. Oct 7, 1884*

Witnesses:
Chas. J. Rogers
Thos. J. Moshier
H. C. Abbott
Clara Litterton

William H. Rogers
Thomas J. Moshier
H. C. Abbott
Clara Litterton

*On the warrant of the District
Attorney the defendants
have been this day by me
admitted to bail in the
sum of \$1000 each.*

Willard Bartlett
Aug. 16, 1884
Judge of the Supreme Court

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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

*Samuel P. Staver and
John E. Callinan where
the Christian name is the
the Grand Jurors*

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

*Samuel P. Staver and John E. Callinan where the
Christian name is the Grand Jurors*
of the CRIME OF Blackmail.

committed as follows:

The said *Samuel P. Staver and John E.
Callinan, each*

late of the *First* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of
New York aforesaid, on the *eleventh* day of *August* in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *four* at the Ward, City
and County aforesaid, *with force and arms, felon:*

*lawfully did send to a certain person
conspiring then and then duly
spitting and doing business under
the name of the Nassau Bonds,
and did cause to be forwarded to
and received by the said Nassau
Bonds, a certain letter and writing
threatening to publish and con-
tinue at the publishing of a title
of and concerning the said Nassau
Bonds, and the said letter and writing
is as follows, that is to say:*

New York, Aug 11 1884

Dear Sir:

*Owing to the many conflicting
and irresponsible rumors regarding*

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The condition of houses made possible
by the alarming number of failures
in every section of the country. we
are glad to inquire if your relations
with any of the insolvent firms
are of a character to warrant a
report we have.

Our August list of solvent houses
and banks, in order to be ready
for the year in a few days.
It should be carefully consulted
by every banker in the country.
It will be fresh, original and con-
tains the date of publication. For
further information or orders, please
address our office. Our office is
located at 100 Nassau St. New York
and should be consulted.

We desire that it be understood
that any change in your business or
that may be known to you as
having occurred in negotiations
should be reported to
us. \$1.00 for our August list of
solvent houses and banks.

We have with us a
great deal of business. Are you a
dealer? An early reply will be
appreciated.

Yours respectfully,
Thompson & Bond, Notary Commercial Agents, Co.

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whereby the said Lewis P. Varney and
John E. Corcoran then and there
well knowing the contents of
the said letter and writing, and
with intent by means thereof
to extort and gain from the
said Varney Bank, the sum of
one dollar in money, lawful
money of the United States and
of the value of one dollar: against
the form of the Statute in such
case made and provided, and
against the peace and dignity
of the People of the State of
New York.

Peter B. O'Hare

District Attorney

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DESCRIPTION:

Hess, Frank

DATE:

08/14/84



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Examiner:

The complainant herein
having recommended
def. to clemency and
stating that the shooting
was an accident, I have
no idea now that a
conviction could be
obtained herein and
recommend that within
indictment be dismissed

ch. 11 Feb 20/86
Randy B. Maguire
District Attorney

Filed 14 day of Aug 1886
Pleads Property (prop.)

THE PEOPLE
vs.
B
Frank Moss
Assault in the First Degree.
(Firearms.)
(Case 17218)

PETER B. OLNEY,
JOHN MCKINNON,
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.
Dr Feb 23/86. Foreman.
Messrs
Mr & Waley
See Record
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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

Franka Davis

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

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

The said *Franka Davis*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *fourth* day of *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *four*, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of *Nicholas Neudack* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and to, at and against *him* the said *Nicholas Neudack* a certain *pistol* then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said *Franka Davis* in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously, did then and there shoot off and discharge, with intent *him* the said *Nicholas Neudack* 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

Franka Davis
of the Crime of assault in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said *Franka Davis*

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 *Nicholas Neudack* then and there being, feloniously did, wilfully and wrongfully, make an assault, and to, at and against *him* the said *Nicholas Neudack* a certain *pistol* then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which *she* the said

Franka Davis
in *his* right hand, then and there had and held, the same being an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, feloniously did, wilfully and wrongfully then and there shoot off and discharge

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.

PETER B. OLNEY,

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL,

59th STREET & NINTH AVENUE.

New York. Aug 7th 1884

I examined Nicholas Medsker
about 9.30 P.M. Aug 4th

He had a gun shot wound
of left forearm. The ball had
entered at ulnar side (inside)
and had passed through
and out opposite to entrance.
There was very little bleeding,
and no paralysis very
little pain no foreign
body could be detected by
probe. Dressed arm and
afforded him to depart
as he was not hurt badly
enough to remain in.

G. P. Itham M.D.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

New York, Feb 18 1884

People

^{vs}
Hess

Hon Randolph B. Martin.

We wish to renew
our application to dismiss
the above case: & the circum-
stances are such at present
that we would esteem
it a great favor if the
matter could be pushed.
Will you not kindly
send the papers to Mr
Coman today with in-
structions to take the
Complainant's statement
at 2 o'clock today?

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I will have him at
this office at that time.

Very Respectfully Yours
M. Weinman

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| <i>N.Y. General Sessions Court,</i> <i>City and County of New York.</i> | |
| <i>The People of the State of New York</i> <i>Plff</i> | <i>against</i> |
| <i>Frank Hess</i> <i>Def</i> | |
| <i>Original</i> | <i>Affidavit</i> |
| <i>Subscribed and sworn to before me</i> <i>Attorneys for Plaintiff</i> <i>No. 906 3d Avenue,</i> <i>New York City.</i> | |
| <i>John Polhemus, Printer and Mfg Stationer, 102 Nassau Street.</i> | |

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEASE
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK

X-----X
: The People of the State of New York:
: against :
: Frank Hess :
X-----X

City and County of New York:ss.

Nicholas Newbeck being duly sworn deposes and says, I am about sixty-six years of age and reside at No. 320 West 38th street in this City. That in August 1884 Frank Hess the defendant in this action was held by Police Justice Powers on a statement made by me in his Police Court. I was led and induced to believe by a friend of mine named Marx that I was compelled to appear in Court against the defendant. I did not ^{do not} understand any English what ever and I verily believe that I was improperly and incor- rectly interpreted at the police Court, for I believe that the shooting was unintentional and that the defendant ~~did~~ not intend to do me any bodily harm.

My daughter is the wife of the defendant and my daughter and the defendant were not in August 1884 and they are not ~~still~~ ^{now} upon good terms. I believe that the accident happened in this way:- Frank Hess, the defendant came to the premises No. 342 West 38th street where my daughter lived and she shouted on seeing him "Father, father". I rushed to where they were standing and the pistol which the defendant was carrying went off and struck me in the shoulder. I do not

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think that the defendant ~~int~~ended to kill or to shoot me or to do me any bodily harm and I think that the shooting was purely accidental. I fear that the affidavit and complaint or statement which I made before Police Justice Powers was incorrectly interpreted and that it has done the defendant great injustice and I make this affidavit for the purpose of undoing any harm which might have been done him by that statement or complaint.

That motive alone induces me to make this affidavit and I am not influenced by any pecuniary or other consideration.

Sworn to before me this

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McDolans New York

day of February 1886

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New York General Sessions.

PEOPLE ON MY COMPLAINT,
VERSUS

Frank Hess

Bauch.

As complainant in the above case, I beg to recommend the defendant to such leniency and clemency as the Court and District Attorney may see fit to show; but I expressly assert that my reasons for so doing are not controlled by any advantage to myself. I never meant to swear that the Defendant, discharged a Pistol at me with the intent to take my life - I swore it was an accident and that the Defendant had no intention to injure me - I was not able to make myself properly understood in the Police Court - I never had a quarrel with him - I ask now to be permitted to go free of the defendant, and have him discharged - Nicholas Neubauer

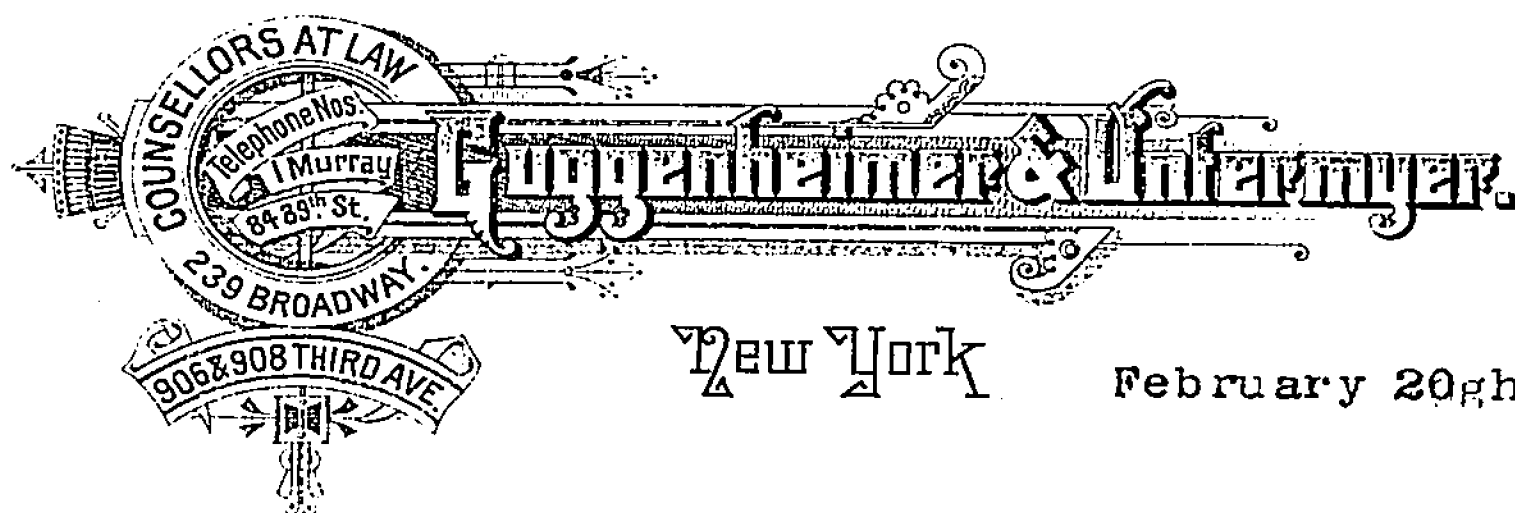
The above named Nicholas Neubauer is known to me to be the complainant herein & the person who signed the above withdrawal.

Witness
July 1888

John W. Conner

Moses Weinman

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New York

February 20th 1886

The People against Hess

X-----X

Hon. Randolph B. Martine

Dear Sir;

I understood from Mr. Weinman that the above case would probably be disposed of this week. I am very anxious that it should be. Will you kindly inform bearer whether you have finally disposed of the matter?

Very respectfully

Randolph B. Martine

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Sec. 198-200

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Frank Weiss

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

23 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Baltimore

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

Answer.

655 1/2 South Avenue Three Months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Piano Maker

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

Frank Weiss

Taken before me this

day of *August* 188*8*

Police Justice.

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Police Court—2nd District.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

of No.

Nicholas Newbeck 64 yr
342 West 38th

Street,

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that
on Monday the 4th day of August

in the year 1888 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by

Frank
Hess (now here) who did
wilfully aim and discharge
a loaded revolving pistol at
the body of deponent and
shot and wound deponent
on the forearm causing
a painful wound

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

of

day

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August
Matthew Neabeck

POLICE JUSTICE.

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DESCRIPTION:

Hudgins, William E.

DATE:

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Witnesses :

Counsel,

Filed 8 day of Aug 1884

Pleads

THE PEOPLE
vs.
William E. Hudgins
17.
506 W 44

Grand Larceny 2nd degree
[Sections 528, 531, — Penal Code.]

PETER B. OLNEY,

District Attorney.

Aug 14/84
Pleads guilty
A TRUE BILL.
Foreman.

Sentence suspended

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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

William E. Hudgins

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse
William E. Hudgins
of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the *Second* degree, committed as follows:

The said *William E. Hudgins*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
27th day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty *four*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one watch of the value
of one hundred and
twenty dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Timothy S.*
Caplin,

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.

Peter B. O'Neary
District Attorney

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KNEVALS & RANSOM.

SHERMAN W. KNEVALS.
RASTUS S. RANSOM.
JAMES W. PERRY.
EDWARD J. KNAUER.
CORNELIUS R. SULLIVAN.

155 & 157 Broadway,

New York August 14th 1884

Hon. Rufus B. Cowing
Dear Sir,

The case for
William E. Hudgins, charged with
stealing a watch and chain, is on
before you this morning, for such
disposition as your Judgment
may deem wise under the circum-
stances of this unfortunate case.
And as I am personally interested
in the matter, and hoping to give
you some facts, that may possibly
aid you, in reaching a proper
conclusion, I have ventured to

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write you these few words. This young man is about seventeen or eighteen years of age. I have known him for upwards of a year past, and have known of him for some years. His reputation for honesty and industry has been of the very best, and it would seem that his character heretofore has been above reproach. I always believed him to be a very promising young gentleman, of excellent habits, good morals, gentlemanly in his manner, modest, industrious and honest; hence it was a great shock to me to learn

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of this crime which he has committed.
Since his arrest, I have personally
investigated his antecedents, and
have found them to be of the best.
His family are respectable, hard
working ^{people} and his mother, is an esti-
mable christian woman, as in-
deed are many of his relatives.
He is an only child, and his
mother is naturally very much
prostrated over this sad occurrence
and it is feared by the physician
that her mind may become unbal-
anced by it. I understand
that this is the first offense with
which he has been charged, and
from what I have learned of

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the whole case, and the attendant facts and circumstances, I do not hesitate to say, that I do not believe, that any habit of stealing had become confirmed in him. If I did, I certainly should not say a word, asking that he be mercifully dealt with. I know I am actuated by a desire, that only that be done, which will be helpful to the boy, and show due and proper regard for the law and order of society. I firmly believe, that this boy can be saved and grow up a good citizen. He has now been in the Doomb some three weeks. He was not

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I advised, on my advice, to let him remain there, believing that the experience of being there for a short time would be beneficial to him. It has been, and I believe that this severe experience will make a man of him. He is very penitent of his crime, as indeed he has been since his arrest, when he made a full confession of the theft. If then, I may venture to offer a suggestion, I would conscientiously recommend suspension of sentence, upon his pleading guilty, believing that, to be altogether the wisest course, and if such a course was adopted

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by your Honor in his case, and in
the future there should be any lapse
from the path of rectitude, by
him. I certainly should be among
the first to recommend immediate
improving of the suspended
sentence;

Truly yours,
James W. Perry

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Dated _____ *188* _____ *Police Justice.*

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18 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss. In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County of New York, or any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York:

Whereas, Complaint on oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police Justices in and for the said City, by Timothy S. Galvin

of No. 94 Watts Street, that on the 5 day of June 1884 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article to wit:

One gold watch

of the value of one hundred and fifty Dollars,

the property of Complainant w. as taken, stored, and carried away, and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and believe, by William E. Hudgins

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

These are, Therefore, in the name of the PEOPLE of the State of New York, to command you the said Sheriff, Marshals and Policemen, and every of you, to apprehend the body of the said Defendant and forthwith bring him before me, at the 18 DISTRICT POLICE COURT, in the said City, or in case of my absence or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to be dealt with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this 26 day of June 1884

William E. Hudgins
POLICE JUSTICE.

POLICE COURT. DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Timothy S. Galvin
vs.

William E. Hudgins

Warrant-Larceny.

Dated July 26 1884

William E. Hudgins Magistrate

William E. Hudgins Officer

The Defendant William E. Hudgins taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer the within charge, pursuant to the command contained in this Warrant.

William E. Hudgins Officer.

Dated July 26 1884

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at night.

Police Justice.

REMARKS.

Time of Arrest, 12:11

Native of MD

Age, 17

Sex

Complexion,

Color W

Profession, Clerk

Married

Single, Yes

Read, Yes

Write, Yes

576 Grant St. New York

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

William E. Hudgins 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.

William E. Hudgins

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

17 Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

U.S. City

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

Answer.

506 West 49th St. 5 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Clerk

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

William E. Hudgins

Taken before me this

26
July 1888
Charles Smith

Police Justice.

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Police Court—18 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

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

Timothy S. Galvin

of No. 94 Watts
occupation Clerk

Street, aged 45 years,

being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 5 day of June 1887 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 :

One Gold watch of the value of
one hundred and fifty dollars

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 William E. Hudgins

from the fact that deponent missed
said property from the pocket of a vest
which was hanging on a hook in a closet
at deponent place of business 12490
Broadway subsequently said defendant

acknowledged and confessed to deponent
in the presence Walter H. Sykes that
he said defendant did steal and
carry away said property and pawned
the same

Timothy S. Galvin

Sworn to before me, this
26 day of
June 1887
at New York
City
Notary Public

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
on the complaint of

1. *Samuel S. Galvin*

vs.
2. *William C. Hudgins*

Offence—LARCENY.

Date *26 July* 188
S. B. Smith Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witness,

No. street,

No. Street,

No. Street,

No. Street,

\$ to answer Sessions.

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.

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

Dated 188 Police Justice.

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New York August 7th 1884

Hon Rufus B. Caring

Dear Sir: The case of William E. Higgins for stealing a watch and chain, is about to come before you for such disposition as your judgment may deem proper. Having been his teacher in Sunday School with which I am connected for upwards of a year past, and having known him much longer, and always believed him to be a conscientious, faithful boy of good habits and morals, I naturally am much interested in his future welfare, & I have ventured, not without hesitation, to respectfully address you a few words in his behalf. I know I am deeply desirous that in the disposition of his case a full consideration shall be given to the claims of society for a prompt and effective punishment of criminals, and yet after careful and mature thought over the circumstances of this case I sincerely believe that the spirit of best justice will be wisely met, by such an exercise of leniency, as your honor may feel is your

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Judgments you can use in order that this
 boy may grow up to be a respected citizen,
 as a result of his present serious experience -
 From my personal relations with Young
 Higgins, who is about 17 or 18 years old
 I have known him to be industrious and
 faithful in his duties, punctilious in
 his deportments, modest and quiet in his
 manners, and appeared to be strictly honest,
 and of good morals and habits, certainly
 that has been his reputation, hence it was
 a great shock to me to learn of this crime
 of which he confessed himself guilty -
 I have conversed with him since he
 has been in prison, he is fully penitent
 and I believe realizes the gravity of the
 offense he has committed - I have not
 failed him as I intended, believing that
 to remain in confinement for a shorter
 time would be beneficial in its results
 to him, and it has been -

I have personally investigated his antecedents
 his home influence, and his family, and
 this is the first cloud that has come
 upon their good name - His family
 and relatives are excellent people, for
 to be sure, but honest and of good
 reputation - His Mother is an estimable
 Christian woman, and this being her only

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son, she is almost prostrated by his unhappy
 affliction - His associations have always been
 of the best - I sincerely believe that the
 disposition to steal has not become
 confirmed in this boy, if I had any
 such idea, or that it was likely to be, then
 I could be the last to urge any money
 in his case, but on the other hand from
 my knowledge of his previous life and
 from my interviews with him since his
 arrest, and from my personal knowledge
 of his family and associates I believe that
 if money is exercised with him now
 he will grow up an honest and
 useful citizen - If then with no desire
 or intention of being officious I may
 respectfully make a suggestion to your honor
 I conscientiously recommend that sentence
 be suspended in his case, fully believing
 that such a course with young Hudgins
 would be wise and helpful not only
 to this boy but to Society - And if such
 a course should meet your honors approval
 and at any time in the future he should
 commit any unlawful act I should
 be among the first to ask that sentence
 be at once imposed

Very Respectfully Yours
 Thomas A. Harris
 110 to 111 Berkman St

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E. H. VAN INGEN & CO.
NEW YORK.

W. J. Aug - 14/84

My Dear Judge

A young man Wm E. Huggins
late in my employ
comes before you today for stealing a
watch from a yellow clerk in the Tomb
about a month. His mother is a
worthy woman - his father's influence
has not been good. The mother is broken-
hearted over her ^{only} child & begs
for leniency.

I have thought carefully
over the subject & I believe substantially
that justice will not be violated if
you will suspend sentence in the case.
I should be glad to hear you had consented
to do so - from your truly
Judge R. B. Corning