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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Wallack, John

DATE:

07/03/89



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Witnesses:

John Cameron

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

3 July 1889

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R

John Wallack

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Fourth in the THIRD DEGREE
(Section 498, 106, 124, 132)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

May 1889

Foreman.

July 1889

Pleader July 1889

Re 2 1/2 yrs.

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Police Court—4th District.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

of No. 100 East 41st St. Sam. Hammeron Street, aged 30 years,

occupation Amr being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No. 100 East 41st St. 19th Ward

in the City and County aforesaid the said being a five story flat

house and which was occupied by M. F. Delac. a residence

and in which there was at the time no human being, by name

were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly opening a

door leading from the hallway of

on the 28th day of June 1889 in the day time, and the

following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

One pair of Plated Sleeve Buttons

and One Soup Ladle together

the value of ten dollars.

the property of M. F. Delac. and in deponent's care and charge

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

John. Wallace

for the reasons following, to wit: That at or about the hour

of 3 P.M. on said date deponent heard

a noise in said flat, and on going

to said flat, deponent discovered that

said flat had been entered as aforesaid

and in attempting to enter deponent was

prevented by some persons pushing

in the door from the inside. Deponent

remained in the hallway & hearing

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to said flat and in about three minutes
afterwards the said Walluck left said
flat and ran away followed by deputies
that deponent caused the arrest of the
said Walluck by Officer Collins of the Paris
Police. Deponent further says that from the
time the said Walluck left said flat until
arrested he did not lose sight of said
Walluck. Deponent therefore prays that
the said Walluck may be deemed guilty as
the law directs.

Sir, I beg to be sure me
this 29th day of June 1889

Don Cameron

Wm Mahon

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 1889
I have admitted the above named
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.
Dated 1889
There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named
guilty of the offence mentioned, I order he to be discharged.
Dated 1889
Police Justice.

Police Court, District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
on the complaint of

OFFENCE - BURGLARY.

1.
2.
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Dated

1889

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

\$ to answer General Sessions.

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Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

District Police Court.

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 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.

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.

taken before methis

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day of 11/20/1997

Police Justice

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Time
Office
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 Legendau

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Twenty-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 June 29 188 R. M. Mahon 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 he to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Police Court

961 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Benjamin
John Hallen

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Dated

June 29

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M. Mahan

Magistrate

Collins

Officer.

Park

Precinct.

Witnesses

Amie Harrington

No.

265. Grand

Street.

No.

August Bertram

Street.

No.

265. Grand

Street.

Christopher Collins

No.

Park

Street.

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to answer

Om

*Bury 5th
P.H.*

BAILED.

No. 1, by

Residence

Street.

No. 2, by

Residence

Street.

No. 3, by

Residence

Street.

No. 4, by

Residence

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 Wallack

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

John Wallack

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

The said

John Wallack

late of the *19th* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York
aforesaid, on the *twenty eighth* day of *June* in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, with force and arms, in the
day - time of the same day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, the
dwelling house of one *M. F. Delac*

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 *M. F. Delac*

in the said dwelling house then and there being, then and
there feloniously and burglariously to steal, take and carry away, against the form of
the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the
State of New York, and their dignity.

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SECOND COUNT—

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

John Wallack
of the CRIME OF *Petit* LARCENY —————, committed as follows:
The said *John Wallack*

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, in the *day* —
time of said day, with force and arms,

*two sleeve buttons
of the value of two dollars
each, and one saddle of the
value of six dollars*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one

in the dwelling house of the said

M. F. Delac
M. F. Delac —
there situate, then and there being found, from the dwelling house aforesaid, then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

John R. Bellows
District Attorney

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DESCRIPTION:

Williams, David R.

DATE:

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Witnesses:

D. W. Brown

J. H. Bennett

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

day of

1889

St. Louis

THE PEOPLE

vs.

David R. Williams

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Wm. H. Hays, Esq.
Foreman.

July 8/89.

James J. Corcoran of
St. Louis

Pen Bond.

Grand Larceny Second degree.
[Sections 528, 531, 532 Penal Code].

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The People

vs.

David R. Williams

Court of General Sessions Part I
Before Judge Cowing.

July 8. 1889. Indictment for grand larceny

George W. Brown sworn and examined. I am Superintendent of the ~~Armory~~ building of the Seventh Regiment. I live at 36, East Sixty Ninth Street. On the 21st of June at a quarter to nine I saw the defendant; he was coming out of the building with a brown parcel tied up. I said, "What have you got there?" He said, "uniform to be cleaned. I says, "Have you got an order for it?" He says, "yes." He went through his pockets to get it. Nobody could take anything out of the building without an order. He said, "Probably it is up stairs." He went up stairs and could not find it in the Tenth Co. room. He does not do anything about the building. His father is servant for the Tenth Co, and he assists his father when he is busy. He did not have anything to do with the rooms of Co. B. I wanted to retain the bundle and he refused to give it to me. I had a tussle and I took the

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bundle away and tore the paper off the bundle; it was heavy, and I found it was a bronze statuette of Co. B, the property belongs in their rooms. It was about 30 inches high and had a tag on it: "Team of five Co. B." It was won in a rifle gallery by five members of the Co. I sent one of the employees over to the Police Station for an officer, and he came back with one. The officer asked the defendant what he was going to do with it, and he said he was taking it home to show it to the children, to his sister. He said it was the property of Co. K, that his father was servant for that Co., and he very often done such things as that. He was arrested, and the officer took the statuette. Cross Examined. I know the defendant had no business in Co. B's room because I am Superintendent of the building, and he has no right to go into the rooms. I have seen him in the building and never saw him in any room but Co. K's. I know his father who is servant for the 10th Co.; the boy comes into the building frequently. He first told me that the package was clothing to be cleaned.

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Stephen W. Merritt sworn. I am a member of Co. B. Seventh Regiment; the statuette described by Mr. Brown belongs to that Co. I bought it, and it cost fifty dollars at Tiffin's. I bought it as Chairman of the Prize Co. of the Rifle club of the 7th regiment; it was contended for by Co. B among others and they won it. It had a tag, a silver plate "Team Five trophies."

George W. Brown recalled. I had charge of the property in the Armory, it was in my custody, and nobody assisted me. I do not live on the premises but I carry the keys.

David R. Williams, sworn and examined in his own behalf testified. I live at 174 East 77th St. with my mother and father. I help my father round the Armory; he cleans belts, carries water and runs errands. He is ~~at~~ work now in the State camp at Peekskill with the 9th regiment. I had that statuette in my hand. I was going to show it to my sister. I did not intend to steal it. I never stole anything in my life. I was hurt about two years ago. I was getting some wood and a man ~~through~~ a piece

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offrozen water at me and struck me and took a big piece out of my ear. I have suffered ever since; it did not knock any of my brains out but it troubles me. Cross Examined. I have only one sister. I was going to show her the statuette and to bring it back. My father often sent me from my house to the Armory with overcoats to have them pressed and I had taken them and brought them back to the Armory. I did not tell Mr. Brown that I had often taken things to show the children. I told him I was going to show the statuette to my sister. I did not tell Mr. Brown that it was clothes that was in the package which I was going to clean. That is false. He wanted me to say that it was white belts that was in the package. He asked me if I had an order and I said no, but I showed him the paper that was sent to my father on the 11th of the month to get ready for Peekskill, and he did not come home that night and I went down to the Armory. I did not tussle with Mr. Brown at all. I

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wrapped up the statuette in paper. I did not like to bring anything through the street unless I had it wrapped up.

Mary Williams sworn. The defendant is my brother. I had a talk with him about the statuette; he has always lived home and he is a good boy; he never was arrested before for anything. He is now arrested for taking that statuette to show it to me. I have never seen it.

Margretta Williams sworn. I am the mother of the defendant and of the last witness. I never had a day's trouble with him until now. He was hurt two years ago with a piece of mortar and it broke a tissue in the ear, it keeps issuing all the time and every now and then troubles the brain.

The jury rendered a verdict of guilty of petty larceny. He was sent to the penitentiary for six months.

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Testimony in the
case of
David R. Williams
filed July
1899.

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Police Court—14 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

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

of No. 301 East 104th Street, aged 31 years,
occupation Ammer and supt being duly sworn
deposes and says, that on the 21 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 bronze statue (Trophy)
of the value of fifty dollars
(\$50.00)

the property of in the care and custody
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 Darius Williams for

(nowhere), from the fact that defendant
had access to the room of Company
B Seventh Regiment N.Y.
Army at 104th Street and Park
Avenue, where said property
was located, that deponent
caught deponent with said
property in his possession
in the act of leaving said
Army of about 8 o'clock
A.M. of the above date

George W Brown

Sworn to before me, this 21 day
of June 1887
W. M. McAdams Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

11 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

David R. Williams Jr. 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.

David R. Williams Jr.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

16 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Amherst City

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

Answer.

No 174 East 77th St One month

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Water Boy

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
David R. Williams

Taken before me this

day of

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Amherst

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 Fifty 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 June 11 1889 N.T. McMahon 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 he to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Police Court

92nd District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Geo. W. Brown
301 East 69
Daniel Williams

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Grand Juror
Officer

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street.

Dated June 21 1889

Stephen W. Martin Magistrate

Martin Officer.

25 Precinct.

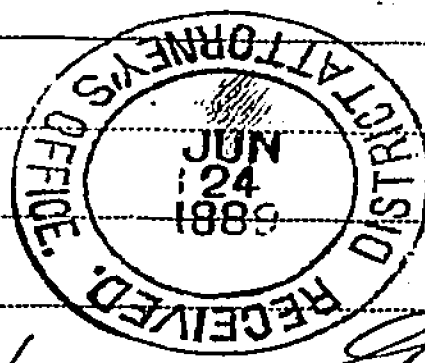
Witnesses *Stephen W. Martin*

No. 222 W 23 Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ 1500 to answer



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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

David R. Williams

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment,
accuse *David R. Williams,*

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

The said

David R. Williams,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty first*
day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand eighty hundred and
eighty-*nine*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one statue of the value of
fifty dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

George W. Brown

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

David R. Williams

of the CRIME OF CRIMINALLY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY committed as follows:

The said

David R. Williams

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,

*one statue of the value of
fifty dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

George W. Brown

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

George W. Brown

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said

David R. Williams

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.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Williams John Jr.

DATE:

07/03/89



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Witnesses:

Wm. B. L. L. L.
C. W. Miller
C. J. May & Co.

Counsel,

Filed

day of

1888

Pleads

John Williams, J. J.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Foreman.

July 17/88
Wm. B. L. L. L.
Reads J. J. L. L.
City Prison 30 days
July 17/88

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New York General Sessions.

PEOPLE ON MY COMPLAINT,
VERSUS

John Williams Jr.

As the owner of the property involved
~~in complaint~~ 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; and are controlled
only the fact that the defendant was in my employ
for sixteen years. John H. Miller

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NEW YORK GENERAL SESSIONS.

The People

--vs--

John Williams, Jr.

City and County of New York, ss:

Frederick Flaccus, being duly sworn says-

I am a dealer in hardware and stoves at No. 102 First Avenue, New York- I am well acquainted with John Williams, Jr. and know him for the last ten years and upwards and have always found him to be an honest, reliable and trustworthy young man. Am acquainted with his parents and brothers- they are all honest and hard working people.

Sworn to before me this

17th day of July 1889

Frederick Flaccus

102 - First Ave

Port. Steinmuller
Comm. of seeds
W. G.

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NEW YORK GENERAL SESSIONS.

The People

--VS--

John Williams, Jr.

City and County of New York, ss:

George Little

being duly sworn says:

I am well acquainted with the defendant John Williams, Jr.
and have known him for the past 5 years. He has
always been an honest and trustworthy young man and of good
character. I never knew of his ever being arrested before

Sworn to before me
this 16th July 1889
Geo A. Steinhilber
Commissioner of Deeds
City

George Little
Ex Sergeant of Police
47-7th Street
City

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NEW YORK GENERAL SESSIONS.

The People

--VS--

John Williams, Jr.

City and County of New York, ss:

being duly sworn says:

I am well acquainted with the defendant John Williams, Jr.
and have known him for the past years. He has
always been an honest and trustworthy young man and of good
character. I never knew of his ever being arrested before.

*Sworn to before me
this 16 day of July, 1914
Geo. H. Stemmler
Clerk of the Court*

dealer in shoes

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N.Y. General Sessions

People

vs
John Williams Jr

City & County of New York

George A. Stemmler, being duly sworn says

I am an Attorney & Counsellor at Law. I know the defendant and have known him and his family - father & mother for about 15 years.

They are respectable and honest people. The defendant has always bore a good character.

I never knew of his being arrested before.

The defendant is a married man with 2 children

Sworn to before me

this 17th July 1889

Frederick Augustin

Notary Public
(98) N.Y. Co.

George A. Stemmler

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My General Sessions

People

vs

John Williams Jr

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New York, Sept 21st 1888.

Mr W. H. Coder

Bought of J. H. Miller,

Merchant & Tailor,

Terms Cash.

699 BROADWAY, COR. 4TH ST.

May 1888. To Gray Mix Ch Suit

Fancy Waist, Vest

Dea Pay J. H. Miller

\$65.00

J. H. Miller Jr

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New York, Mch 21 1889.

Mr. W. H. Coder

Bought of J. H. Miller,

MERCHANT TAILOR,

Terms ~~Cash.~~

699 BROADWAY, COR. 4TH ST.

Nov	13	To Blue Thru Cass Coat	14	00
"	"	" " " Blue Beaver		
q 889		Outer Coat Velvet Coll & cuffs	8	00
Jan'y	31	" " " Rpt & Press g Light O Coat	2	00
Feb'y	29	" " " Rpt & Press g Light O Coat	15	00
Mar	11/2	" " " Altering & Pressing Coat vest	8	00
"	"	" " " Rpt & Press g Light O Coat		

James H. Miller
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Police Court

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

Charles W Miller

of No. 699 Broadway Street, aged 19 years,
occupation Clerk being duly sworndeposes and says, that on the 21 day of September 1888 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:

Good and lawful money of the United States
of the amount and value of Sixty five
dollars

the property of John H. Miller deponent's Father

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 John Williams (written here)

Deponent says that said defendant was a
Book Keeper and collector in his Father's
Employ and by virtue of such Employment
did receive and have in his possession the
aforesaid sum of money and having so
received and taken it into his possession
for and on account of his Employer did
unlawfully and feloniously appropriate
the same to his own use with intent to
deprive his Employer of the same. Deponent
further says that he is informed by William
Mc. Gedy that he paid said defendant the aforesaid
sum of money on said date and the further sum of
\$47 - on Nov 21 - 1889

Chas W Miller

Sworn to before me, this 26 day of
Sept 1889

W. J. McQuinn
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY {
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 30 years, occupation Book Dealer of No. 38² 40 Thomas Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this 26 day of June 1889 } Wm. H. Codey

L. J. Coffey
Police Justice.

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Sec. 151.

Police Court Furs/- District.

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

Whereas, Complaint in writing, and upon oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police
Justices for the City of New York, by Charles W. Williams

of No. 699 Broadway set, that on the 21 day of September
1888 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article to wit:

Good and lawful money of the United States

of the value of Sixty five Dollars
the property of John Stiller Complainant's Father
w as taken stolen and carried away, and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and
believe, by John Williams Jr

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 1st 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 1889

John Williams Jr POLICE JUSTICE.

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Police Court 1st District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

John Williams

Warrant-Larceny.

Dated June 26 1889

D. O. Reilly Magistrate
Dolan ^{Officer} Heidelberg ^{Officer}

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

Officer.

Dated _____ 188

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at
night.

D. J. McHenry Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188

Police Justice.

The within named

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Sec 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

District Police Court.

John Williams Jr 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.

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.

I am guilty of the charge
John Williams Jr

Taken before me this

day of

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Ed. J. 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

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

Dated July 27 188 9 La. C. F. Hall 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 he to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Police Court--- /s/ 950 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Charles W. Miller
vs. 699- Bivay

John Williams Jr

Offence *Drunken*

Felony

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street.

Dated June 26 1889

Daniel O'Reilly Magistrate.

Dolan ^{my} Heidelberg Officer.

C. O.

Witnesses William J. Cody

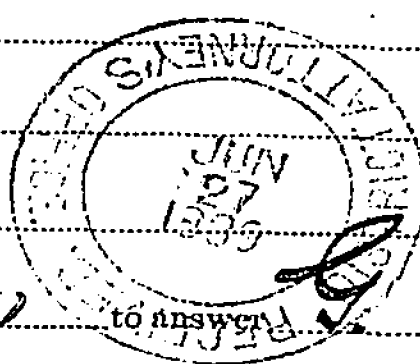
No. 38 & 40 Thomas Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ 1000 to answer

Committed *to*



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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 younger

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse
John Williams, the younger
of the CRIME OF *Grand* LARCENY, in the *second degree* committed
as follows:

The said

John Williams, the younger

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
twenty first day of *September* in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, at the City and County aforesaid, being
then and there the clerk and servant of

one John H. Miller

and as such clerk and servant then and there having in his possession, custody and control
certain moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said

John H. Miller

the true owner thereof, to wit:

the sum of sixty-
five dollars in money, law-
ful money of the United States
and of the value of sixty five
dollars,

the said

John Williams, the younger afterwards, to wit:
on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,
did feloniously appropriate the said *sum of money*

to his own use, with intent to deprive and defraud the said

of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof; and the same moneys, goods, chattels and
personal property of the said *John H. Miller*

did then and there and thereby feloniously steal, against the form of the statute in such case
made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and
their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Williams Maria

DATE:

07/19/89



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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Pierce, Annie

DATE:

07/19/89



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Witnesses:

Joseph Bennett
J. R. Rogers
Off. Thos. J. Conklin
19th Street

From the evidence which appears on the trial of Maria Williams and from the examination which I have made of the case I am satisfied that it would not be possible to obtain a conviction in the case of Anne Pierce. I therefore recommended that she be discharged. I have been over and over again recognizing and part 1 Aug. 12 1889

W. J. Leonard
Ralph Nash

Counsel,

Filed

19 day of

July 1889

Pleas,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Maria Williams

and

Annie Pierce

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Foreman.

Aug 12 1889
No. 1. tried & convicted thereby
Plea: Discharged by the Court
No. 2. Discharged by the Court
for her own recovery.

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Court of General Sessions

The People etc.

vs.
Maria Williams and
Annie Pierce

City and county of New York, ss:
Annie Pierce, being duly sworn,
says, she is one of the above defend-
ants. That about one week after
her committal to the Tombs, I
said to the defendant Maria Williams:
"You know that you cut this man
for Rose (a woman who was in
said Maria's company, when the
assault took place) told me that
you did cut him, and the police
have your knife." Said Maria
thereupon replied: "That is not
my knife, for I threw my knife
down, when I ran." I asked her:
"What did you run and throw
your knife down for?" She re-
plied that she did it, because
there was blood on it. I then
told her that I would state her
said remarks to the court, when

See also from
Maria Williams
from Rose

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upon she asked me not to do it, because my said testimony would hurt her. She also told me that her husband had paid the complainant a sum of money to induce him, not to come to court.

Sworn to before me
this 8th of August 1889

Annie Pierce
XXX
her marks.

Edward Grosse,
Notary Public
City and county of New York.

City and county of New York, ss:

Bella Walker, being duly sworn, says that on the 7th of August, 1889, on the second tier of the Tombs, I overheard the following conversation between the two defendants herein: Annie Pierce said: "I shall tell the truth in court, and get out of here. You have ^{kept} me now six weeks here." Maria Williams replied: "Annie do not say anything, you will give me the worst of it." In the latter part of June, 1889, I fell into a

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quarrel with said Maria Williams
and on that occasion I remarked
to her: "Everybody says that you
cut that man in the street, but
you will not cut me," whereupon
she did not make any reply, in
any way denying the said
charge.

Sworn to before me.
this 8th of August 1889 } Bella Walker

Edward Grosse
Notary Public
City and county of New York.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

THE PEOPLE, &c.

vs.

Maria Williams
et al.

Affidavits of
BRIEF OF FACTS.
Mary George & Dallas
W. H. H. H.

For the District Attorney.

Dated *August 3* 1888
Edward Groves

Deputy Assistant.

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Police Court 2 District.City and County } ss.:
of New York,of No. 96 Monroe Joseph Bennett
occupation Conductor Bkn & R.R. Street, aged 23 years,
being duly sworndeposes and says, that on the 21st day of June 1889 at the City of New
York, in the County of New York, on 4th Avenue or 5th St.

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Maria Williams
and Annie Pierce. (Both known here),
the defendant Maria Williams wilfully
and maliciously cut and stabbed
deponent on the right side of the neck and
made several plunges at deponent's body
with a pocket knife which she the said
Williams then and there held in her hand.
While the defendant Annie Pierce struck
deponent several violent blows on the head with
her fists.

Deponent further says that from the effects
of said assault his neck is severely cut and
his coat is cut in three places and his
head is bruised, and that such assault
was committed

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 21st day }
of June 1889. } Joseph Bennett

G. Humphord Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

2 District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Maria Williams

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

37 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

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Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

House keeper.

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

Answer.

I am not guilty
and demand an examination

Maria Williams
mark

Taken before me this

day of March 1889

Police Justice

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

District Police Court.

Amie Perce being duly examined before the undersigned 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 h see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h that h 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.

Amie Perce

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

22 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New Orleans

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

Answer.

52 N 47 Street 3 mos

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

House work

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

Answer.

I am not guilty and demand an examination

Amie Perce
(mark)

Taken before me this

day of

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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 Maria Williams and Annie Perce guilty thereof, I order ~~that~~ he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars, each and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated June 21 1889 J. H. Thompson 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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\$1000. bail for by
June 23rd 9.30 am

Police Court---

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District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Joseph Bennett
~~Robert S. Bennett~~
Mama Williams
Annie Pierce

Attence
Cassault
pelny

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street

Dated June 21 1889

Magistrate.

Thos L. Coker Officer.

19 Precinct.

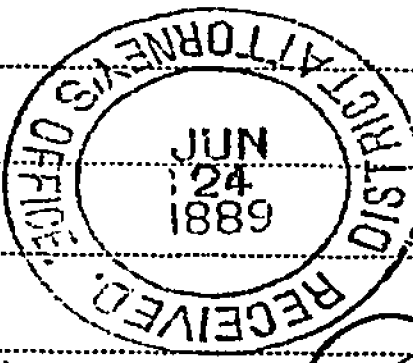
Witnesses

No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ 25.00 to answer



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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against
Maria Williams
and
Annie Pierce

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse
Maria Williams and Annie Pierce
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said Maria Williams and Annie
Pierce, both

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
twenty-first day of June in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, with force and arms, at the City and
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one Joseph Bennett
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault,
and the said Joseph Bennett
with a certain knife

which the said Maria Williams and Annie Pierce
in their 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 the said Joseph Bennett
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
Maria Williams and Annie Pierce
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said Maria Williams and
Annie Pierce, both

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 Joseph Bennett

in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and
wrongfully make another assault, and the said
Joseph Bennett

with a certain knife

which the said Maria Williams and Annie Pierce
in their 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.

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THIRD COUNT—

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said
Maria Williams and Annie Pierce
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Maria Williams and Annie Pierce*, both —
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 said
Joseph Bennett in the peace of the said People then
and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make another assault, and
him the said *Joseph Bennett* —
with a certain *knife* —
which *they* the said *Maria Williams and Annie Pierce*
in *their* right hand then and there had and held, in and upon the *neck*
— of *him* the said *Joseph Bennett*
then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat, stab, cut, bruise and
wound, and did then and there and by the means aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully and wrong-
fully inflict grievous bodily harm upon the said *Joseph Bennett*

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,
District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Williams, William B.

DATE:

07/10/89



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Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

1889

day of

July

1889

THE PEOPLE

vs.

William B. Williams

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Wm. B. Williams

Foreman.

Dec 19/89

*Wm. B. Williams & Co. requested and
the grand jury of the
County of San Francisco
at the time of the
trial of the offense of
State, for the purpose of
the crime of murder*

Witnesses:

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Sullivan & Cromwell

ALGERNON SULLIVAN;
WM. NELSON CROMWELL;
WILLIAM A. CURTIS;
GEORGE H. SULLIVAN.

Law Offices

United States Trust Company Building

45 & 47 WALL ST.

Cable Address:
"LADYCOURT"

New York

June 17th, 1889.

Hon. Andrew J. White,

Dear Sir:-

Proceedings have been instituted to have William Bradford Williams adjudicated a lunatic. The trial will take place on the 25th instant, at four o'clock. In the meantime, if any complaint is made by Mrs. Williams, will you kindly advise us, so that we may protect Mr. Williams' interests, and oblige,

Yours very respectfully,

Sullivan & Cromwell

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MANHATTAN DISPENSARY AND HOSPITAL

131ST STREET AND 10TH AVENUE

J. HOOD WRIGHT, PRESIDENT
CHARLES BROOK, SECRETARY
BYRON S. COTES, TREASURER
E. R. SAMPSON, SUPERINTENDENT

NEW YORK, June 5th, 1889.

To Police Magistrate,
Fifth District Court:-

Sir:- At request of Officer Hunt, I would state that Mrs. Bessie Williams, now lying at Manhattan Hospital, suffering from stab-wounds, inflicted on June first, is in a condition by no means critical. Unless some unforeseen complication occurs, she will be up and about in ten or fourteen days.

Very Respectfully,

Francis F. Root.
acting House Surgeon.

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MANHATTAN DISPENSARY AND HOSPITAL

131ST STREET AND 10TH AVENUE

J. HOOD WRIGHT, PRESIDENT
CHARLES BROCK, SECRETARY
BYRON S. COTER, TREASURER
E. R. SAMPSON, SUPERINTENDENT

NEW YORK, *June 3rd* 1889

To Police Justice:-

Mrs Williams' injuries are not such as ordinarily prove fatal and I have little doubts of her recovery.

W. H. Smith M.D.
House Surgeon

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Police Court— District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

of No. 171 St. Auburn Ave Street, aged 69 years,

occupation He does being duly sworn, deposes and says, that

on the 10 day of June 1889 at the City of New York,

in the County of New York,

and testifies that he was violently ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Bessie Williams

and that he is in depression because

and might die at any time

and that he is in depression because

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Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
on the complaint of

May Schwaab
Wm B Williams
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Offence-Assault & Battery

Dated

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James J. White
Magistrate.
Arthur H. Hunt
Officer.
J. Clerk
Clerk.

Witnesses,

No. Street,

No. Street,

Alfred B. Arnold
Assault & Battery
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.

Dated 188 Police Justice.

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

Dated 188 Police Justice.

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

Dated 188 Police Justice.

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Police Court— District.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

Bessie Williams
 of No. *ms. 171 St. 1 door east of* Street, aged *31* years,
 occupation *charmaid* being duly sworn
 deposes and says, that on the *1st* day of *June* 188*9* at the City of New
 York, in the County of New York,

She was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by *William B. Williams*
(deponent's husband now here)
 who put and started deponent
 with a dangerous knife then and
 there held in his hand wounding
 deponent seven times once in the
 neck, once in the back, once in the
 breast, three in the right arm and
 once in the left arm.

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 *1st* day of *June* 188*9* *Mrs Bessie Williams*

A. White Police Justice.

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Sec. 193-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss.

William B. 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.

William B. Williams

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

33 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

70 W 85th St.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Docenturist

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 -
W. B. Williams

Taken before me this

day of

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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 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 July 6th 1889 [Signature] Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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For appeal
Quilliam & Finnell.
45 & 47 Wall St.

BAILED,

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

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Police Court--- 991 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Bessie Williams
vs. 522 W. 159 St.
William B. Williams

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3 _____
4 _____

Dated June 21 1889

White Magistrate.

Livingston Hunt Officer.

35 Precinct.

Witnesses Mary Schwallb

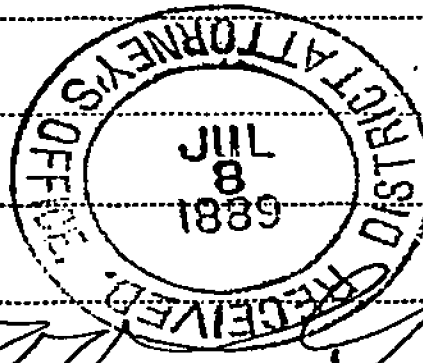
No. 522 W. 159 Street.

No. _____ Street.

No. _____ Street.

\$ _____ to answer

June 29 1889
July 6 1889



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SUBPENA FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE.

In the Name of the People of the State of New York.

To Mr. Hammond
of No. N. W. Cor. 143rd Street, 78th Ave

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the City and County of New York, at the Sessions Building, adjoining the New Court House in the City Hall Park in the City of New York, on the 5 day of September 1889, at the hour of 11 in the forenoon of the same day, as a witness in a criminal action prosecuted by the People of the State of New York, against

William B. Williams

Dated at the City of New York, the first Monday of September in the year of our Lord, 1889.

JOHN R. FELLOWS, District Attorney.

Witnessed by me
Sept 1st
He
PART II
THE COURT ROOM IS IN THE THIRD STORY AND FRONTING THE PARK.
This Subpoena is served on an attachment will immediately issue.
[SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER INSTRUCTIONS.]

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District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

William B. Williams

Opunt

Whoever tries this case,

Be me first,

ADP

By 29/29,

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District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

for

Before Court
for

Marie Schmitt

Son

Mrs. Marshall

to 1790 10-4
and 1790 1714 10-4

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District Attorney's Office.

Here 1401 15th Street

PEOPLE

vs.

(Saloon)
Hammond
432 1/2 8th St
(Butcher) Brown (Is)
124 1/2 15th St

① (Green) O'Connell
167 1/2 10th St
(Thurs 11th St)

3 (Butcher) Brown
157 1/2 15th St

② (Butcher) Gunningham
153 1/2 15th St

4 (Printer) Lafeta
128 125th St

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District Attorney's Office.

Part 2
for Sept. 5th/89
PEOPLE

UN.

William B. Williams,

Defendant.

Mr. McCabe,

Will you please inform
Mr. H. C. Studdah, of
No. 33 Chapin St., of any
placing of this case upon the
calendar, or any arrangement
for day, show it or as
early as possible?

W.B.W.

Aug 30/89.

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The People
vs.

William B. Williams.

Court of General Sessions, Part I.
Before Judge Gildersleeve.

Thursday, December 19, 1889.

Indictment for assault in the first degree.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Parker for the People.

Mr. Delancy Nicoll for the Defendant.

A Jury was empannelled and sworn..

Mr. Parker: It is admitted by Counsel for the Defence that the Defendant herein William B. Williams on the first day of June, 1889, in this city and county, assaulted his wife Bessie Williams with a knife and inflicted eight stab wounds upon her with said knife without provocation or justification. The People rest.

The Case for the Defence.

Mr. Nicoll: Gentlemen of the Jury: The defence in this case is that at the time the Defendant committed the assault which is not disputed was insane within the meaning of the law which defines insanity as such an irresponsible condition of mind as not to know the nature and quality of the act he was doing or to know right from wrong. So I will call my witnesses to establish that fact.

Charles Corey sworn and examined.

By Mr. Nicoll. Q. Where do you reside, Doctor.

A. No. 23 South Oxford Street in the city of Brooklyn.

Q. How long have you been a resident of that city.

A. Twenty-three years.

Q. What is your occupation.

A. I am a physician.

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Q. How long have you been engaged in the practice of medicine in the city of Brooklyn or elsewhere.

A. Thirty-three years.

Q. During that time have you devoted yourself to any special branch or department of medical science.

A. I have.

Q. What branch or branches.

A. Mental and nervous diseases largely.

Q. Mental and nervous diseases.

A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you held any positions in any institutions and asylums.

A. Formerly I was assistant physician in the Asylum upon Blackwell's Island and subsequently for ten years I was at the Bloomingdale Asylum and after that for a time the supervising physician of the Kings County Asylum. Since retiring from the hospital in connection with general practice I have had a pretty large and continued experience within insane people.

Q. Do you know the Defendant in this case, William B. Williams.

A. I do.

Q. How long have you known him.

A. I knew him many years ago when quite a young lad but more intimately since the early summer of 1887.

Q. Have you been consulted by his relatives with regard to him during the past two years.

A. I have, he was under my immediate supervision and care during the summer of 1887.

Q. During the summer of 1887.

2 A. Yes sir.

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Q. And after that period have you been consulted by his people with regard to him.

A. I have.

Q. And have you had opportunities of examining him yourself since the summer of 1887.

A. I have.

Q. How often.

A. I have seen him only once since he was under my immediate care and that was in prison in Harlem subsequent to this attack upon his wife.

Q. Now Doctor, when he was under your care as a physician what was his mental condition.

A. He was suffering from other diseases and was under my care particularly for them and as a result of other diseases he was very nervous. At one time he was excited particularly upon religious matters, at another time he was very much animated and excited in reference to professional work, which was that of a public reader, and at other times his excitement would take the form of a disposition to drink probably to excess and almost continuously he was very irritable. While under my care he certainly on one occasion, I think on two occasions, he disappeared from his home without cause that I know of and was away for a long time. If I remember right it was just prior to a 4th of July excursion which he was to attend, and on his way to the boat, I was informed and believe, he had a convulsion; I did not see him in the convulsion but I saw him very soon afterward while he was in a state of great mental excitement and confusion. My belief at the time was that he had at that time a well marked epileptic convulsion.

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Q. Now did you discover during the course of your treatment of him the existence of any organic troubles affecting the mind.

A. I am quite certain that at the time there was organic disease of the brain which affected the mind of course.

Q. As to the existence of epilepsy.

A. My opinion at the time was, and that opinion has been strengthened by subsequent events and subsequent experience with him, that he was at that time an epileptic.

Q. An epileptic. A. Yes sir.

Q. Now have you examined him since then, since the commission of the assault in this case.

A. Only on one occasion as I said a moment ago and that was while he was in prison at Barlem; I saw him and had a protracted interview with him. In some respects his excitement was moderated and his condition was not as well marked as when under my immediate care, and yet at that time he presented the evidences of epileptic stupor.

Q. Now from your knowledge of him and from your treatment of him since 1887 what is your professional opinion as to the condition of his mind in respect to sanity on the first day of June, 1889.

A. I believe he was insane and that his insanity took that form of epilepsy from which he had been suffering for two years before.

Cross Examined by Mr. Parker.

Q. Doctor, when did you have this protracted interview with him of which you speak, after the commission of the offence.

A. It was subsequent to his arraignment at the Court but the

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date I do not remember.

Q. About how long after.

A. It would be only a surmise, I should think within three or four weeks after the attack, I have no means of knowing except as I have an impression now.

Q. Have you been made acquainted with the circumstances of the assault, Doctor.

A. I was at the time, yes sir.

Q. And as his family physician you are I presume more or less familiar with his past physical history.

A. Perfectly, yes sir.

Q. And is your conclusion as to his insanity at the time of the commission of the assault based upon all those facts.

A. Yes sir.

Q. Doctor, is he still afflicted with these physical troubles which in your opinion have created his mental condition.

A. Of course I could not speak with as much assurance not having seen him, but my knowledge of the history of his malady is such as to lead me to believe that he is still of unsound mind -- that under given circumstances he might again -----

Q. That he would still be subject to these insane impulses.

A. I think he would.

By the Court. Q. Is it your opinion that at the time of the assault in June last the Defendant was laboring under such a defective reason as not to know the nature and quality of the act he was doing.

A. Oh, I have no doubt of it.

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Q. He did not know it was wrong.

A. I do not think he had the least idea about it.

Q. Doctor, one other question, it was substantially answered in reply to the inquiry of the District Attorney, is it your opinion that the insanity still continues.

A. I intended to convey the opinion that I believed he was still of unsound mind, I could not speak with so much assurance ----

Q. Is it a chronic case.

A. Yes sir.

Andrew J. Richardson sworn and examined.

By Mr. Nicoll. Q. Where do you reside, Doctor.

A. No. 39 East 83rd Street, this city.

Q. How long have you been engaged in the practice of your profession in this city.

A. Nineteen years.

Q. Have you had in the course of your practice cases of nervous disease and nervous troubles to attend to.

A. I have had those cases, yes sir.

Q. Do you know the defendant William B. Williams in this action.

A. I do.

Q. How long have you known him.

A. About one year.

Q. During that period has he been under your professional care and treatment.

A. He has.

Q. Did you in that way become acquainted with his general physical and mental condition.

A. I did.

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- Q. From your treatment of him can you state whether or not you discovered the existence of any organic trouble.
- A. I did, yes sir, at times.
- Q. What was it.
- A. He was very irritable, loss of memory, etc.
- Q. Is it not true that you treated him also for a syphilitic disease.
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. Was that so far progressed as to be liable to affect the brain.
- A. It was.
- Q. Did you discover also in the course of your treatment of him symptoms of an epileptic condition.
- A. I did.
- Q. Now from your experience and acquaintance with the physical and mental condition of the Defendant are you able to express an opinion as to whether or no on the first day of June 1889 he was sane or insane.
- A. I should say that he was insane.
- Q. That is your professional opinion.
- A. My professional opinion, yes sir.
- Q. And was he in such a condition of irresponsibility as not to know the nature and quality of the act, the assault committed then or to know that it was wrong.
- A. I so considered him.
- Q. And do the conditions which you discovered in him and which produced the irresponsibility of which you speak still continue.
- A. It does.
- Q. So that he would be liable possibly to repeat some such

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act.

A That is my opinion of his case.

Mr. Parker: No question.

Mr. Nicoll: Now I have the testimony of Dr. Hamilton concerning whom I spoke to your Honor before we empanelled the Jury and the District Attorney desires Dr. Hamilton's evidence to be given; so I have no more witnesses until he arrived. If your Honor will take a recess I will have him here, I have sent for him.

The Court: You ask for a continuance of the case in order that Dr. Hamilton might be examined.

Since you are able to say that you have conversed with Dr. Hamilton and know that his testimony will be in corroboration of the evidence already given by Drs. Corey and Richardson I do not think it is worth while to postpone the matter for a few hours in order to have him here, although his evidence would be very satisfactory since he is a well known expert. Dr. Corey is not unknown to the Court as an expert in cases of mental alienation, and I think this case may safely rest upon the evidence now in.

Mr. Parker: The prosecution has nothing to offer.

The Court: You have nothing to offer in rebuttal?

Mr. Parker: No sir.

The Court: Gentlemen of the Jury: The crime charged against this Defendant is that of assault in the first degree. The indictment alleges that in June last he wilfully and feloniously assaulted his wife with a knife with the intention of taking her life. He inflicted upon her serious injuries and grievous bodily harm. It is not

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denied that the acts charged in the indictment were committed by the Defendant and under the circumstances set forth. You have heard the admission at the opening of

the case. The answer to this charge is this, that at the time of the commission of these acts, he was insane.

Now the Code provides that where proof is given, satisfactory proof, that at the time of committing the alleged criminal act the Defendant was laboring under such a defect of reason as either not to know the nature and quality of the act he was doing or not to know that the act was wrong, he is excused from criminal liability.

That is a good defence to a criminal charge. You have heard what these physicians have said. Dr. Corey has known him for a long time. He is clearly of the opinion that he was insane at the time of the commission of the act, and Dr. Richardson corroborates the statement of Dr. Corey. From the statements of these physicians if you are satisfied that that was his condition at the time your verdict should be not guilty. You will say by your Foreman, "we find the Defendant not guilty on the ground of insanity." The case is now with you.

A lady in the court-room said: Your Honor, can I say something?

The Court: You may come around here and make any statement to me you like; it is a little out of order.

The lady went around and had a private interview with the Judge.

The Clerk: Have you agreed upon a verdict, gentlemen?

The Foreman: Not guilty on the ground of insanity at the time of the commission of the offense.

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The Court: The Defendant will be committed for the present.

Let him be remanded to have him further examined with reference to his mental condition.

Mr. Nicoll: What is that?

The Court: The Defendant will be remanded. I shall have him further examined by other physicians with reference to his present condition. I think Dr. Hamilton can be here tomorrow morning; I would like to see him before I commit the Defendant.

Friday, December 20, 1889.

William B. Williams
acquitted in the case

The Court: In the case of William B. Williams acquitted yesterday of the crime of assault in the first degree on the ground of insanity, after an interview with Dr. McLane Hamilton and Dr. Houghton with reference to his present condition and these physicians being of the opinion that he is at present insane and that he was insane at the time of the commission of the act charged in the indictment, the Court now commits him to the State Homeopathic Asylum for the Insane at Middletown in this State.

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Testimony in the case
of
William B. Williams

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Part one
PEOPLE

vs.

William B. Williams

Dec 16th 89

Issued Dec 12th 89

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20 Feb 29th
Nov 10 1889

My dear Colonel Fellows.

I examine Wm. Mc-
Lain at the Tomb. - I do
not consider him "mad" but I very
much question his ~~ability~~ ^{acumen}
at the time he assaulted
his wife. In making this report
I do so with no information other
the story of his father, and the
statements of the prison - & the
reports of the physician who has
treated him. He is an epilep-
tic, & the crimes of persons af-
fected with this disease, ~~are~~ al-
most without habitually dis-

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laced responsibility -

I would if I were you
have him committed to an
asylum, for I don't think
him safe if turned loose - It
is better off or imprisonment.

Yours by mail.

Alfred L. Lunt & Lunt

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Morie Schwalb —

Jan 27th 89. — was in my parlor
with complaints. My daughter came
into the par. & walked past her
& my daughter said "Moll where
do you come from?" he said "I come
from the yard" "Oh no" my
daughter lifted his hands. He
then advanced on her with a knife
in his hand, & rushed on her
& knife fell from his hands. My
daughter stopped for the knife
my daughter was held from the ground
the knife & stabbed my daughter while
on the floor 8 times on her ~~back~~
left side on her left shoulder
blade & across both of them
the left of daughter on 10 April without
support. & on 20 of April my daughter
from brother's body: My daughter

156th St.
W 104th St. N.Y.C.
Ans. where
I lived

Bessie Williams

the left me 10 April. my son
on 20 April. Several persons came
& saw him about forged checks.

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[Handwritten notes in Arabic script, mostly illegible due to cursive style and fading.]

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Mr. James Benson, Undertaker, Fulton
St. Bet. Clinton & Vanderbilt Aves.
Bklyn.
Mr. Crawford, Engineer, Cor. Spence
Place & Fulton St., Bklyn.
Mr. Vagstad, Printer, 1314 E. 123rd St.
New York.
There are the above addresses:
Mr. Rodenstein, Cor. 153rd St. & St.
Nichols Ave., New York.
Mr. Jacoby, 100 E. 58th St. New York.
There are all we need & thank
Although Mr. & Mrs. Chapman
of 415th St. Bklyn. when
we lived before we came to New
York, offered to testify to what
I said while living there.
Hoping we will get at our point
without much trouble & remain
your truly Mrs. Beane Williams.

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Aug. 31, 1889.

Wm. E. Williams

Mr. Rudlick,

Yours of the
30th just received. I wrote
a letter to Mr. Parker yester-
day. Have you the letter
Mr. Jacoby sent me in
which he says he wants
to examine Williams again
about two days before
trial? I sent it to you.
As soon as you hear de-
finitely from Mr. Parker
the day of the trial you
had better inform the Dr.

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Mr. L. Brewer, Butcher, 141st & 140th
& 5th Av., New York.

Mr. O'Connell, Grocer, 161st St. & 10th
Av. New York

Miss Cunningham, Butcher Store,
155th & 156th St, 10th Av, New York.

Mr. Byrne, Butcher, 154th & 155th St.
10th Av. New York.

Mr. Charles Holland, Tailor Store,
155th & 156th St. 10 Av. New York.

Brooklyn Witnesses (checks)

Mr. Hagadorn, Stationery Store,
1576 Fulton St., opp. Summer Av.

Mr. Kreitzer, Druggist, 13 Chauncey St.
opp. Troy Av.

Mr. Guick, Cor Summer Av. & M^c.
Donough St.

Mr. Murray, Avon Hall, Bedford Av.
near Fulton St.

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I think you had better
notify Mr. Barker of this
fact if you have not done
so yet, so as to give Mr
Jacoby ample time.

The witnesses who can testi-
fy to his actions only a few
moments before the assault
was made on me, are

Mrs. McIntyre, 2nd house
east of Boulevard, north
side of St. 171st St., New York.

Mrs. Marshall, 1st house east
of Boulevard, north side
of 171st St., New York.

Witnesses concerning checks:

Mr. Hammond, N. St. Cor. 143rd St.
& 8th Av. (Saloon-Keeper)
New York

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Mr. James Benson, Undertaker, Fulton
St. Bet. Clinton & Vanderbilt Av.
Bklyn.

Mr. Crawford, Druggist, Cor. Spencer
Place & Fulton St., Bklyn.

Mr. Lafetra, Printer, 134 E. 125th St.
New York.

These are the Doctors' addresses:

Dr. Rodenstein, Cor 155th St. & St
Nicholas Av., New York.

Dr. Jacoby, 100 E. 58th St. New York.

These are all we need I think
Although Mr. & Mrs Chapman
of 485 Herkimer St. Bklyn where
we lived before we came to New
York, offered to testify to what
I suffered while living there.

Hoping we will get at our point
without much trouble I remain
Yours truly Mrs. Bessie Williams.

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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 B. Williams

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

— *William B. Williams* —
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

William B. Williams

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
first day of *June* in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*June* with force and arms, at the City and
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Bessie Williams*
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault,
and *her* the said *Bessie Williams*
with a certain *knife*

which the said

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

her the said *Bessie Williams*
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

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

The said

William B. Williams

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 *Bessie Williams*

in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and
wrongfully make another assault, and *her* the said

with a certain

which the said

William B. Williams

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.

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THIRD COUNT—

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

— *William B. Williams* —
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

William B. Williams

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 said

Bessie Williams in the peace of the said People then
and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make another assault, and
her the said *Bessie Williams*

with a certain

which

he the said

William B. Williams
in his right hand then and there had and held, in and upon the *neck, back*
breast and arms of her the said *Bessie Williams*

then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat, stab, cut, bruise and
wound, and did then and there and by the means aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully and wrong-
fully inflict grievous bodily harm upon the said *Bessie Williams*

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.