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Conroy, Thomas

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Counsel, 13 day of Dec 1887

Pleads, Chapman (14)

THE PEOPLE

vs. 109 vs. RI

1 Thomas Conroy RI

1 and RI

2 Patrick Conroy

Dec 1907 A.D.P.  
RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

17 Dec 1907  
of Butthead Dr.

each Pen 6 in encls.

A True Bill.

Chapman

Foreman.

Witnesses:

On examination of complainant's testimony as to value of the goods taken; I recommend that plea of petty larceny be taken in case of defendant Thomas Conroy.

Dec 1907 U. M. Davis.  
Asst.

Grand Larceny second degree [Sections 528, 581, 582, Penal Code]

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Police Court—

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County of New York, ss.

of No. 230 East 75<sup>th</sup> Street, aged 28 years,

occupation Dressmaker being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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:

Two Cloth Skirts and One Cloth Jacket together of the value of thirty 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 Thomas Curry & Patrick Curry (both known) from the fact that deponent left said property in a room in premises No. 155 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street where deponent was boarding thus deponent is informed by Samuel Crane that he saw the said Patrick Curry in the room where deponent left said property on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1887. He having no signs therein. Deponent is further informed by Henry Anderson that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November the said Thomas Curry gave to her a brown dress to mend. Sent her to the person the same. Thus deponent is further

Sworn to before me, this 1887 day of December 1887 Police Justice.

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informed by the said Court that she  
brought the said dress in the pawn  
office of Brockburn in East 108th St,  
N.Y. Department. has since identified  
the dress. Furner by the said Court.  
As a portion of the property taken  
from and carried away from  
deposits for sale. At present.  
The Court charges that the said James  
Cahoon and James Cahoon were  
acting in concert to prevent and says  
that they may be held to answer the  
same.

Brought before me  
this 9th day of December 1887 } Francis Coburn  
H. H. H. }  
District Justice

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 8 years, occupation Mary Custro of No. 157 East 109th Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this 9th day of December 1883 } Mary Custro

M. J. [Signature]  
Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 28 years, occupation Partner of No. 157 East 126th Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this 9th day of December 1883 } Timothy J. Crane

M. J. [Signature]  
Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Sec. 198-200.

✓ District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Thomas Curry* 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. *Thomas Curry -*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *34 Years -*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Ireland -*

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

Answer. *105 East 109 Street 2 Weeks -*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Laborer -*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty of the charge -*

*Thomas Curry*  
*sworn.*

Taken before me this

*day of* *Sept* *1888*

*M. J. Field*

Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Sec. 198-200.

1 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK } ss.

Patrick Conroy 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. Patrick Conroy

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 29 Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Ireland

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

Answer. 155 East 109 Street 2 Flurs

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Laborer

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

Answer. I am not guilty of the charge

Taken before me this

Day of July 1888

M. J. [Signature]

Police Justice.

Patrick Conroy

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BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

Police Court- No. 2044 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Thomas J. ...  
230th Street

Dated Dec 9 1887

Justice

Justice

Justice

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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

Thomas J. ... & Thomas J. ... guilty thereof, I order that they be held to answer the same and they be admitted to bail in the sum of

Five Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Dec 9 1887 Police Justice.

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

Dated 1887 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 1887 Police Justice.



**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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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

*Thomas Rowley and  
Eliza Rowley*

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

*Thomas Rowley and Eliza Rowley*

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

The said *Thomas Rowley and Eliza*

*Rowley, both* —

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

*two pairs of the value  
of ten dollars each, and one  
pair of the value of ten  
dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Francis Edmund,*

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.

SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said

*Thomas Conway* —

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

The said *Thomas Conway*

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, with force and arms,

*Two shirts of the value of ten dollars each, and one jacket of the value of ten dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Frances Adams,*

*Angene Patricia Conway, and* —

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

*Patricia Conway,*

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

*Thomas Conway,*

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.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

**District Attorney.**

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Cooper, George

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Rower, Edwin

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Witnesses :

Counsel, *[Signature]*  
Filed, 16 day of *Dec* 1887  
Pleads, *Abjunctly (9)*

Grand Larceny *Second* degree  
[Sections 528, 581 and 550, Penal Code]

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*George Cooper*

*and*

*Edwin S. Romer*

~~by~~  
RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
*Jan 4 1888*  
District Attorney.

*M. J. [Signature]*

*Pr Aug 10 88*  
*Both tried & acquitted*

A True Bill.

*[Signature]*

Foreman.

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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

*Figueroa Cooper and Edwin S. Bomer*

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

*Figueroa Cooper and Edwin S. Bomer*

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

The said *Figueroa Cooper and Edwin S. Bomer*, both —

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

*two finger rings of the value of fifty dollars each, twenty silver coins of the United States, of the kind called dimes, of the value of one dollar each, and four silver coins of the United States, of the kind called half dollars, of the value of fifty cents each,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Stena Fowler,*

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

*Fitzgerald Hoover and Edwin S. Romen*

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

The said *Fitzgerald Hoover and Edwin S. Romen*, both —

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, with force and arms, *Three*

*finger rings of the value of fifteen dollars each, twenty silver coins of the United States, of the kind called dollars, of the value of one dollar each, and four other silver coins of the United States, of the kind called half-dollars, of the value of fifty cents each*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Steno Bender*,

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

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said *Fitzgerald Hoover and Edwin S. Romen*

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.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

**District Attorney.**

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Corell, Henry

DATE:

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*Handwritten initials*

WITNESSES:

*237 Debono*

Counsel,

Filed *16* day of *Dec* 188*7*

Pleads *Ad Quality (19)*

ADULTERATED MILK.  
(Chap. 183, Laws of 1885, Section 1, as amended  
by Chap. 577, Laws of 1886, Section 1; Section 186,  
Sanitary Code, and Section 575 of the N. Y. City  
Consolidation Act of 1882.)

THE PEOPLE,

vs.

*B*

*Henry bowll*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*District Attorney.*

*At Office*

**A True Bill.**

*Alfred Chinn*

Foreman.

*Feb 17 Part I. Sec 1  
Part III May 10. 1887  
On motion of defendant by  
counsel of Dist. Ctty.  
Complaint read & Special Sessions*

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

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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*

*Henry Corell*

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

*Henry Corell*

of a MISDEMEANOR, committed as follows:

(Chap. 183, Laws of 1885, § 1, as amended by Chap. 577, Laws of 1886, § 1.)

The said *Henry Corell*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*fifteenth* day of *September* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the City and County aforesaid,  
did unlawfully expose for sale three quarts of unclean, impure, unhealthy, adulterated  
and unwholesome milk, (the same not being skimmed milk produced in the said County)  
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: (§ 186, Sanitary Code.)

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

*Henry Corell*

of the CRIME OF VIOLATING THE SANITARY CODE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, committed as follows:

The said *Henry Corell*,

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to-wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, did unlawfully keep, have and offer for sale, three quarts of milk which had been and was then and there watered, adulterated, reduced and changed by the addition of water and other substances to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, and by the removal of cream, against and in violation of the Sanitary Code of the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, duly adopted and declared as such at a meeting of the said Board of Health, held in said city on the second day of June, 1873, as amended in accordance with law, and particularly in violation of a certain ordinance thereof, to-wit: the one hundred and eighty-sixth section of said code, which is as follows, that is to say:

“No milk which has been watered, adulterated, reduced or changed in any respect by the addition of water or other substance, or by the removal of cream, shall be brought into, held, kept, or offered for sale at any place in the City of New York; nor shall any one keep, have or offer for sale in the said city any such milk.”

Which said section and ordinance above set forth was, by a certain resolution duly passed and adopted by the said Board of Health and by said Health Department, at a meeting thereof duly held in said city on the twenty-third day of February, 1876, added to and made a part of the said Sanitary Code aforesaid, and adopted and declared to form a portion thereof, pursuant to the authority and power conferred by law upon the said Board, and which said ordinance was thereafter duly published once a week, for two successive weeks, in the *City Record*, a daily official newspaper and journal published in the said city, to-wit: in the issues of such newspaper of the twenty-fourth day of February, 1876, and also of the second day of March, 1876, and which said Sanitary Code so amended and altered was then and there, at the time of the committing of the offense hereinabove alleged, in full force and operation, and was by law declared to be binding and in force in said city, and which said section and ordinance above set forth was then and there in full force and virtue, having been in nowise altered, amended or annulled by said Board of Health: 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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*District Attorney.*

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Cotter, William

DATE:

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Witnesses:

Counsel,

Filed, 22 day of Dec 1887

Pleas, *Chiquity (vs)*

Grand Larceny second degree [Sections 528, 581, 540, 550, Penal Code].

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*William J. Cotter*

*(2 cases)*

*Jan 22 1888*  
RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*At Law* District Attorney.

*Pleas Guilty*

A True Bill. *Sens was paid*

*See within app hands*

*Alfred M. ...*

Foreman.

*Jan 22 1888*

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**POOR QUALITY  
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PRIVY VAULTS, SINK-  
DRAINS, & CESSPOOLS  
CLEANED WITHOUT  
ANY OFFENSIVE  
ODOR  
IN THE DAY-TIME.

**P. J. Quigley,**  
164 BUNKER AVE.

THE BEST GRADES OF  
DISINFECTANTS  
FOR SALE BY THE  
PINT OR QUART.  
APPROVED BY THE  
BEST PHYSICIANS  
IN THE CITY OF  
MERIDEN.

Meriden, Conn. Dec 27 1887

Mr Wm G. Cutler has worked  
for me and I found him  
true and honest Obedient  
and worthy of his tier  
and has bore a good character  
while in Meriden I have  
known him from a small  
Boy I think he must have  
fel in with some very Bad  
Company in N. Y.

Respt.  
P. J. Quigley

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JOHN BARRETT,  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
5 1-2 Colony St. Rooms 9 & 11.  
OFFICE HOURS:  
9 to 12 A. M.; 2 to 6 P. M.  
and Saturday Evenings.

Meriden, Conn. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1887.

James M. Brady Esq:  
Counselor at Law.

Dear Sir. Enclosed  
find affidavit in re. Wm. F. Cotten  
I failed to find the parties whose  
signatures are missing. Though their  
signatures are not called for by the  
forms, yet, I thought it better to  
have them sign. If a certificate of  
the fact of me being a Justice is  
necessary let me know & I will  
write you further.

Respectfully,  
John Barrett

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WILLIAM C. MUELLER,  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

Deutscher-Notar.

Meriden, Conn. December 22, 1887

To whomsoever these presents come,  
This is to certify that all the  
documents in relation to the character  
of William F. Cotter, who is now  
in New York City are true, being  
the genuine signatures of the Mayor,  
Selectman, Town Treasurer and  
Chief of Police etc.

William C. Mueller,  
Notary Public.

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CHAS. H. S. DAVIS, Mayor.

HERMAN HESS, City Clerk.

**CITY OFFICES,**

CITY HALL BUILDING.

Meriden, Conn., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1887

To whom it may concern.

This certifies that I have known Wm. D. Catter for some ten years or more and his parents for some twenty-five years. Wm. D. Catter has always had the reputation in Meriden as a strictly upright and honest young man.

Chas. H. S. Davis,  
Mayor.

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LEGRAND BEVINS,  
GEO. O. HIGBY,  
ISAAC B. HYATT,  
Selectmen.

HERMAN HESS,  
Town Clerk.

WM. LEWIS,  
Treasurer.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
meet every Wednesday evening  
at 7.30 o'clock.

OFFICES OF

## SELECTMEN & TOWN CLERK,

TOWN HALL BUILDING

Meriden, Conn. Dec 21 1887

To whom it may concern  
This is to certify that I have known  
Wm J Cotter since he was a child  
and have always considered him  
an honest-upright young man  
His Parents have lived in this <sup>Town</sup> for  
more than 30 years and they  
as well as all their Children  
are considered honorable upright  
Citizens

Le Grand Bevins  
1<sup>st</sup> Selectman  
Town of Meriden

**POOR QUALITY  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT,  
COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN.

CITY \* OF \* MERIDEN



OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

Meriden, Conn., Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1887

R. M. FORD  
CHIEF OF POLICE

This is to certify that as far as I know, and I believe that William F. Keotter while living in Meriden was a good honest young man, we have never had occasion to arrest him, or have the least suspicion of his honesty.

Roger M. Ford  
Chief of Police

Merriden Conn Dec 21/87

To Whome it may concern  
This is to certify that I have  
known Wm <sup>my</sup> Hatten since  
was a child and have always  
considered him an honest  
upright young man  
his Parents have been in  
this town for 30 years and  
they as well as all the children  
are considered honorable  
upright Citizens

Yours  
Lecois

<sup>my</sup> Town Treasurer  
<sup>my</sup> Town of Merriden

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Meriden, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1884  
To Whom it may Concern  
This certifies that I have  
known Wm J Cotter for some  
several years has always  
had a reputation in Meriden  
a good falling man

John J. Anderson  
City Sheriff

Meriden Ct Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1887  
To Whom it May Concern  
This is to certify that I have  
known Geo. F. Potter and his  
Parents for the last 3 years  
and during that time I  
have always found him  
an honest upright young  
man and trustworthy in  
every respect

John W. Parry  
Constable  
Town of Meriden

**POOR QUALITY  
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GEORGE W. SPRAGUE,  
DEALER IN  
**HARDWARE,**  
*Seeds and Agricultural Implements.*  
\*27\*MAIN\*STREET,\*

TELEPHONE  
CONNECTION.

*Meriden, Conn. Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1887*

To whom it may concern

I have known W & P Colter from  
a small boy as well as his  
brother & sisters all of whom  
are industrious and honest and  
dutiful to their parents whom  
I have known for years and have  
always found them strict in  
every transaction I have with them  
which has been over 15 years on  
my own account and before that with  
the firm I succeeded they are  
all well thought of here

Respectfully  
Geo W Sprague

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CURTIS & COOK

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

AND DEALERS IN

Domestic Fruits & Produce,

No. 32 East Main Street.

Meriden, Conn. Dec 19 1887

To whom it may  
concern this is to  
certify that I have  
known W. F. Potter  
from a small boy and  
thought him to be  
a fine honest young  
man have also known  
his parents whom  
everybody respects

R. T. Cook

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Meriden Conn Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>

To whom it may concern  
I have known William  
Coffey for 14 years as a respectable  
librarian in my community and  
his son William I have known  
for seven years as a young  
man of steady habits and whose  
reputation is beyond reproach  
I have the pleasure to  
remain yours truly

J. O'Callaghan

President 1st Div. A.O.H.  
Meriden Conn

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**STEVENSON  
& CO.**

Reliable Clothiers

AND FURNISHERS,

Established 1869.

Removed to corner under  
Meriden House.

Meriden, Conn., Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1887

To whom it may concern  
This is to certify that I have  
known of W H Letter and his  
family for the past Eighteen  
years and have considered  
them honest and upright with  
no leaning towards the bad

Francis Stevenson Jr

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Meriden, Conn. Dec 21 1887

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Bought of M. AHERN,  
—DEALER IN—  
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS,  
Flour, Feed, Etc.  
TERMS CASH. No. 160 Pratt Street.

This is to certify that  
I have known William  
Fibotte since he was a  
child and always knew  
him to be of the best  
behavior & industrious of  
young men in the place

M. Ahern

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ORIGINAL

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Meriden, Conn. 1871  
To the Hon. Secy of the  
War Dept. This is to  
certify that I have  
known the above named  
person a small time  
and never knew  
anything about him

Wm. H. Bell

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

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Office of  
**A. C. MARKHAM.**  
No. 7 Crown Street,

Meriden, Conn. Dec 25 1887

Gents

I have known Mr J  
Cotton for some time and have  
always thought him honest  
and reliable. His parents are  
worthy people.

Respectfully  
A. C. Markham

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OFFICE OF

O'BRIEN & LANE,

\* ❧ CITY MEAT MARKET. ❧ \*

Meriden, Conn. Dec 22 1887  
To Whome it may  
Concern This is to  
certify that I have  
known William D. Catter  
since a small boy and  
always considered him  
an honest and faithfull boy  
Respectfully  
Wm. O'Brien.

TORN PAGE

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Dear Sir

This is to Certify that <sup>H. P.</sup>  
Cotter worked for me 9 months  
& I found him to be a  
faithfull & honest boy. I have  
known him over 14 years  
H. P. Cotter

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

THE PEOPLE & C.,

vs.

WM. F. COTTER.

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AFFIDAVITS.

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James M. Brady,  
Att'y for Defendant,  
No. 280 Broadway,  
New York City.

District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

*Quintan*

*Tracy*

*This appears to be proper case for Reformatory, Nov 17/87 R.B.M. To Mr Davis -*

District Attorney's Office.

*Part 3*

PEOPLE

vs.

*Nov. 17*

*These papers go to 193 on the 17th. ASD*

Court of General Sessions.

The people etc }

vs  
Wm F. Cotter }

State of Connecticut  
County of New Haven  
City of Meriden

John Barrette being duly sworn says that  
he is an attorney and Counselor at Law and  
Justice of the Peace for said New Haven County  
State of Connecticut that he has known the  
defendant Wm F. Cotter for more than ten  
years past and that he can bear testimony to  
the fact that he was always honest, sober and  
frugal and that he regarded him in every way  
as an exemplary young man.

Sworn to before me this }  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1888

John Barrette

Geo. W. Smith  
Judge of Meriden District  
Probate Court

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0752

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

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 T H E P E O P L E & c . :  
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 v s . :  
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 W M . F . C O T T E R . :  
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 .....X

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
 :  
 COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
 :  
 CITY OF MERIDEN. :

CHAS. H. S. DAVIS, being duly sworn, says, he is Mayor of the City of Meriden, Connecticut, that he has known the defendant for ten years or more, that Wm. F. Cotter has the reputation in Meriden as a strictly upright and honest young man. Deponent has known the defendant's parents for some twenty-five years, and they and all their children have the reputation of being honorable, upright citizens.

Sworn to before me, this :  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1888. :

*Chas. H.S. Davis*

*John Barrett Justice of the Peace*

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0753

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

.....X  
 T H E P E O P L E & c . , :  
 vs. :  
 W M . F . C O T T E R . :  
 .....X

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
 COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
 CITY OF MERIDEN. :

LEGRAND BEVINS, being duly sworn, says he is select-  
 man of Meriden, Connecticut, that he has known Wm. F. Cot-  
 ter the defendant since he was a child, and has always con-  
 sidered him an honest, upright young man, he has the repu-  
 tation here of being honest and industrious. His parents  
 have lived in Meriden, for more than thirty years, and they  
 as well as all their children are considered honorable cit-  
 izens.

Sworn to before me, this :  
 3rd day of January 1885. :

*LeGrand Bevins*

*Herman Hess*

*Notary Public*

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0754

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

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 T H E P E O P L E & c . , :  
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 v s . :  
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 W M . F . C O T T E R . :  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
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 COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
 :  
 CITY OF MERIDEN. :

ROGER M. FORD, being duly sworn, says he is Chief of Police of Meriden, Connecticut, that he knows the defendant, William F. Cotter, that deponent believes that said defendant while living in Meriden, Connecticut was a good, honest young man, and we have never had occasion to arrest him or have the least suspicion of his honesty.

Sworn to before me, this : *Roger M. Ford*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day of *January*, 1888.:  
*John Barrett*  
 Justice of the Peace

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0755

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

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 T H E P E O P L E & c . , :  
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 v s . :  
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 , W M . F . C O T T E R . :  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
 :  
 COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
 :  
 CITY OF MERIDEN. :

WM. LEWIS, being duly sworn, says he is Town Treasurer of Meriden, Connecticut, that he has known the defendant Wm. F. Cotter, since he was a child and has always considered him an honest, upright young man, he has the reputation of being an honest, industrious, upright young man with all who know him in Meriden. His parents have lived in this town for about thirty years and they as well as their children are considered honorable, upright citizens.

Sworn to before me, this  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1888 : *Wm Lewis*  
*John Barrett*  
 Justice of the Peace

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0756

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

.....X  
 THE PEOPLE & c ., :  
 vs. :  
 W M. F. C O T T E R . :  
 .....X

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
 COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
 CITY OF MERIDEN. :

JOHN J. BARRY, being duly sworn, says, he is Constable of the Town of Meriden, Connecticut, that he has known the defendant Wm. F. Cotter for three years, and during that time he always found him and honest, upright young man and trustworthy in every respect. That defendant has an excellent reputation in the Town for honesty and industry. The defendant's parents and their children have always been considered as honorable, upright citizens.

Sworn to before me, this :

3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1888. : John J. Barry

John Barrett  
Justice of the Peace.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0757

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

.....X  
 T H E P E O P L E & c . , :  
 vs. :  
 W M . F . C O T T E R . :  
 .....X

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
 COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
 CITY OF MERIDEN. :

GEORGE W. SPRAGUE, being duly sworn, says, he is a dealer in hardware at No. 27 Main Street, Meriden, Connecticut, that he has known Wm. F. Cotter, the defendant since childhood, as well as his brothers and sisters, all of whom are industrious and honest and dutiful to their parents, whom he has known for years and has found them straight in every transaction he has had with them, which has been for over fifteen years on my own account, and before that with the firm he succeeded. The defendant has an excellent reputation in the community. The parents as well as all the children are considered honorable, upright citizens.

Sworn to before me, this : *George W Sprague*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 188<sup>7</sup>. :  
*John Barrett*  
 Justice of the Peace

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0758

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

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 T H E P E O P L E & c . , :  
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 W M . F . C O T T E R . :  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
 :  
 COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
 :  
 CITY OF MERIDEN. :

M. AHERN, being duly sworn, says, that he is a dealer in groceries and provisions at No. 160 Pratt Street, Meriden, Connecticut, that he has known the defendant, Wm. F. Cotter since he was a child, and have always known him to be of the best behaved and most industrious in the place, and that the defendant has an excellent reputation in Meriden for honesty and industry. *M. Ahern*

Sworn to before me, this :  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day of *January*, 1888. :

*John Barrett*  
 Justice of the Peace

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

.....X  
 THE PEOPLE & c ., :  
 vs. :  
 W M. F. C O T T E R . :  
 ..... X

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
 COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
 CITY OF MERIDEN. :

ANDREW FITZGERALD, being duly sworn, says, that he is a farmer at Middlefield, Connecticut, that he has known the defendant for over fourteen years, that defendant has been in the employ of deponent and, always found him to be a faithful, honest boy, and that defendant has an excellent reputation in the community, that deponent knows the defendant's parents and their children and they are all considered honorable, upright citizens.

Sworn to before me, this : Andrew <sup>his</sup> Fitzgerald,  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day of *January*, 1888. : *Witness John Barrett.*  
*John Barrett,*  
*Justice of the Peace,*

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0760

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

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 T H E P E O P L E & c . , :  
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 W M . F . C O T T E R . :  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
 :  
 COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
 :  
 CITY OF MERIDEN. :

MAURICE O'BRIEN, being duly sworn, says, that he is doing business at the City Market in Meriden, Connecticut, he has known the defendant William F. Cutter, since he was a small boy, and always considered him an honest and faithful boy, that defendant has always had the reputation of being an honest, industrious young man.

Sworn to before me, this : *Maurice O'Brien*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1888 :  
*John Barrett*  
*Justice of the Peace*

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

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THE PEOPLE & c ., :
vs. :
W M. F. C O T T E R . :
.....x

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
CITY OF MERIDEN. :

R. T. COOK, being duly sworn, says, that he is a commission merchant doing business at No. 32 East Main St., Meriden, Connecticut, that he has known defendant, Wm. F. Cotter since he was a small boy, and always thought him a fine honest young man. That defendant has the reputation here of being an honest, industrious young man, that deponent has known the parents of Wm. F. Cotter for many years and they and their children have the respect of the community.

Sworn to before me, this : *R T Cook*  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1888. :

*John Barnett*  
Justice of the Peace

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0762

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

.....X  
 THE PEOPLE & c ., :  
 vs. :  
 W M. F. C O T T E R . :  
 .....X

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
 COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
 CITY OF MERIDEN. :

FRANCIS STEVENSON, JR., being duly sworn, says, he is in business as a clothier under the Meriden House, Meriden, Connecticut, that he has known of Wm. F. Cötter for about eighteen years and the defendant has the reputation of being an honest, upright young man, that he also knows the reputation of defendant's parents and their children and they all have the reputation of being honest, upright, good citizens.

Sworn to before me, this : *Francis Stevenson Jr.*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day of *January* 1888. :  
*John Barrett of the Peace*

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0763

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

.....X  
 THE PEOPLE & c ., :  
 vs. :  
 W M. F. C O T T E R . :  
 .....X

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, :  
 COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN, : SS.  
 CITY OF MERIDEN. :

M. J. O'CALLAGHAN, being duly sworn, says that he lives at Meriden, Connecticut, that he has known the defendant, Wm. F. Cotter for seven years as a young man of steady habits and whose reputation is beyond reproach, every one here giving the defendant a good character as being an honest, industrious young man, that he <sup>has</sup> known William Cotter the father of the defendant for fourteen years and he is considered here as an honorable, upright citizen.

Sworn to before me, this : *M. J. O'Callaghan*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1888. :  
*John Barrett Justice of the Peace.*

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0764

PRIVY VAULTS, SINK-  
DRAINS, & CESSPOOLS  
CLEANED WITHOUT  
ANY OFFENSIVE  
ODOR  
IN THE DAY-TIME.

**P. J. Quigley,**  
164 BUNKER AVE.

THE BEST GRADES OF  
DISINFECTANTS  
FOR SALE BY THE  
PINT OR QUART.  
APPROVED BY THE  
BEST PHYSICIANS  
IN THE CITY OF  
MERIDEN.

Meriden, Conn. Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1888

Mr Wm Cotten  
when you get out of your  
trouble come and see me and  
I will give you a job for one  
year. full charge of the same  
team you had when with me  
before I will trust you now  
as I have before I know it  
was bad company led you in to  
your present trouble donot forget  
to come and see me  
yours truly

P. J. Quigley

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0765

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

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 W M . F . C O T T E R . :  
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 .....X

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. : SS.

WM. F. COTTER, being duly sworn, says, that he is the defendant above named, that he was born in Meriden, Connecticut, twenty-one years ago that deponent went to school until he was fifteen, that from that time until he was eighteen deponent worked for his father, then he was employed by Pecks, Stowe, Wilcox & Co., Kensington for one year, Andrew Fitzgerald, Middlefield, Connecticut, P. J. Quigley, Meriden, Conn., and others and that deponent has been out of employment, up to the time of his arrest, that deponent has never been arrested for any offense up to the time of the arrest on this complaint, that deponent petitions the Court for a suspension of sentence and that deponent will make amends by a life of usefulness, honesty and for the crime to which he has pleaded guilty.

Sworn to before, me :  
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 this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Janu- :  
 :  
 ary, 1888. :



**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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**BEEKMAN'S EXPRESS,**  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE,  
778 SIXTH AVENUE, bet. 44th & 45th Sts.

RECEIVED OF

Articles or Checks  
numbered as below

*Handwritten signatures and numbers:*  
W. J. C. Co  
M. J. C. Co  
7750  
J. B. Beekman

This Company is not to be held liable for any loss or damage of any box, package or thing, for over Fifty Dollars, or upon any property or thing, unless properly packed and secured for transportation, nor upon any fragile fabrics, nor upon any fabrics consisting of, or contained in glass. The party accepting this receipt hereby agrees to the conditions herein contained.

**SEWING MACHINES AT OWNER'S RISK ONLY.**

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Police Court—First District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County of New York, } ss.

Alfred Seton

of No. 79 Cedar Street, aged 37 years, occupation Real Estate Broker being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 City and County of New York the following property, to-wit:

the following trunk containing a quantity of wearing apparel at the value of about four hundred 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 J. Cotten (now here)

from the fact that on said date deponent checked the aforesaid trunk containing said wearing apparel on the New York Lake Erie and Western Rail Road for New York at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Depot and deponent failed to receive said trunk.

Deponent is informed by Officer Edward Grady of the 24<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police that he found a ticket representing the aforesaid trunk which was on storage at Beckmans Express office no 98 Sixth Avenue in the defendant's possession. Deponent has since seen said trunk and identified the said trunk as the property taken, stolen and carried away as aforesaid.

Alfred Seton

Sworn to before me, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1888  
J. M. Wick  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0769

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Edward Gray*  
*Police Officer*  
*48* years, occupation *The 9th Street Police* of No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *Alfred Seton*  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this  
day of

*19th*  
*Dec* 188

*Edward Gray*

*J. H. [Signature]*

Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Sec. 198-200.

102 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

*William F. Cotter*

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *William F. Cotter*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *21 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Connecticut*

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

Answer. *Peridan Conn all my life*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Laborer*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty*

*William F. Cotter*

Taken before me this

day of

*Dec*

188

*1911*

Police Justice.

*William F. Cotter*

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

07771

BAILED,  
 No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court District 1st 2089

THE PEOPLE, vs.,  
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
Alfred Nelson  
179 East 64th St  
William S. Coates  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Offence Grand Larceny

Dated Dec 19 188

Edwards Magistrate.  
Frank A. Allen Officer.

Witnesses  
Mrs. Elvira Nelson  
281 - 5th Avenue Street, Precinct.  
Mrs. William S. Coates  
1112 5th Avenue Street, Precinct.

No. 477-100 Street  
Call the City News  
Open with the police  
to answer by



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

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

Dated Dec 19 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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John E. Wissmann  
Real Estate & Insurance  
79 Cedar St.

New York, May 7, 1888

Dear Sir, I have had a number of affidavits submitted to me testifying to the former good character of Wm. F. Cotter, against whom I lodged a complaint for the theft of my trunk some time since, and as I have no wish to blast the young man's chances for a fresh start in life, I should be happy to have the Court extend any leniency in their power to him

feeling that as it is his first offense he ought to have any possible opportunity offered him to retain his good name.

I have spoken to the Secretary of the Taxico Club (whom Employer Cotter was) & he concurs in my desire for leniency.

Respectfully Yours  
John E. Wissmann

To  
Hon. Rufus B. Cowing  
City Judge

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

New York, .....188

*Mr. [unclear] & Co  
111 N. 2nd St. [unclear]*

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

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SETON & WISSMANN,  
79 Cedar Street,  
N. Y.

To  
Hon. Rufus B. Cowing  
City Judge

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

POLICE COURT, 1 DISTRICT.

*Michael Larkin*  
 of No. *28<sup>th</sup> Prince* Street, aged *42* years,  
 occupation *Police Officer* being duly sworn deposes and says,  
 that on the *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* 188*7*  
 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, *he arrested*  
*William F. Cotten (hon frowns)*  
 and found in his possession  
 a number of pawn tickets  
 which represent stolen  
 property as deponent  
 believes.  
 Wherefore deponent  
 prays that the said *William*  
*F. Cotten* be held to enable de-  
 ponent to secure the owner  
 of said property. *Michael Larkin*

Sworn to before me, this *16<sup>th</sup>* day  
of *December* 188*7*

*[Signature]*  
Police Justice,

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Police Court 1 District.

THE PEOPLE, - & c.

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs. *William J. Collins*

AFFIDAVIT.

Dated *Dec 17* 188

*W. J. Collins* Magistrate.

*W. J. Collins* Officer.

Witness, \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition, *24 for*  
*sec 18 at 10*  
*19 " 10*

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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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 F. Potter*

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

*William F. Potter*

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

The said *William F. Potter,*

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

*Three pairs of the value of one hundred and fifty dollars each, four pairs of buttons of the value of twenty five dollars each, one watch chain of the value of forty dollars, one watch chain of the value of forty dollars, one watch box of the value of thirty dollars, two rings of the value of twenty five dollars each, one other ring of the value of two hundred dollars, one overcoat of the value of eighty dollars, and two hair brushes of the value of ten dollars each,*  
of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*William M. Havemeyer,*

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.

SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said

*— William F. Potter —*

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

The said *William F. Potter,*

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, with force and arms, *three rings of the value of one hundred and fifty dollars each, four pieces of the value of twenty five dollars each, one watch chain of the value of forty dollars, one watch chain of the value of forty dollars, one watch of the value of thirty dollars, one watch of the value of thirty dollars, two finger rings of the value of twenty five dollars each, one other finger ring of the value of two hundred dollars, one watch of the value of eighty dollars, and two chain fobs of the value of ten dollars each.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*William M. Havemeyer.*

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

*William M. Havemeyer.*

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

*William F. Potter —*

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.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

District Attorney.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed, 22 day of Dec 1887  
Pleads, *Ch. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17*

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*R*  
William J. Cotter  
(2 cases)

Grand Larceny *1st* degree  
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RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

*M*

A True Bill.

*Alfred Murray*

Foreman.

*Jerry 9th*  
*19. S.A.*

Witnesses:

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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0780

Police Court - 15th District.

Affidavit - Larceny.

City and County of New York, ss.

of No. 15 East 19th Street, aged 22 years, occupation Sugar Refiner

deposes and says, that on the 15th day of November 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 time, the following property viz

Property viz: One Horse Shoe pin Tubys & Diamonds One Emerald pin surrounded by Diamonds one pair of sleeve Buttons and Pins one gold Watch Chain and an Owl Charm and two gold rings one emerald Watch box one Ruby Ring one pair of steel buttons with stones one large Ruby Ring with two Diamonds one black overcoat & one pair of hair brushes amounting to the value of about One Thousand 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 F. Potter from the fact that on or about said date deponent missed the aforesaid property from deponent's room in the Club House at Coney Island Park, and deponent is informed by Officer Michael Laykin of the 20th Precinct Police that he found in the defendant's possession a quantity of pawn tickets representing a portion of the above described property which deponent has since seen in Court and identified by deponent as a portion of the property taken stolen and carried away as aforesaid

W. M. Havemeyer

Sworn to before me, this 18th day of November 1888, at New York City, Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0781

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Michael Larkin*

aged *42* years, occupation *Police Officer* of No

*28<sup>th</sup> Precinct*

Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

*William M. Harsany*

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

Sworn to before me, this

*20*

day of *December* 188

*Michael Larkin*

*J. Williams*

Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0782

Sec. 198-200.

12th District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*William F. Cotter*

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 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. *William F. Cotter*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *21 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Murdan Connecticut*

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

Answer. *Murdan Connecticut*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Labour*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty*

*William F. Cotter*

Taken before me this

day of *December* 188*8*

*[Signature]*  
Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0783

BAILED,  
 No. 1, by .....  
 Residence ..... Street.  
 No. 2, by .....  
 Residence ..... Street.  
 No. 3, by .....  
 Residence ..... Street.  
 No. 4, by .....  
 Residence ..... Street.

Police Court District 2089

THE PEOPLE, A.C.,  
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
 William J. ...  
 115 East 19th St.  
 William J. ...  
 4th Precinct

Dated Dec 20 188

Magistrate  
 Precinct Officer

Witnesses  
 No. Street.  
 No. Street.



No. Street.  
 \$ to answer  
 No. 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.....

*Clyde ...*  
 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 *Dec 20* 188 *[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.

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. Potter*

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

*- William E. Potter -*

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

The said *William E. Potter,*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *25th* day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one bundle of the value of ten dollars, and divers articles of clothing and wearing apparel, the number and description of the goods and chattels aforesaid, the value of four hundred dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Alfred E. Lee,*

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.

SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said

*— William E. Potter —*

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

The said *William E. Potter,*

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, with force and arms,

*one bundle of the value of ten dollars, and divers articles of clothing and wearing apparel, of a number, ~~kind~~ and description to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of four hundred dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Alfred Seton.*

by a certain ~~person~~ of persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said *Alfred Seton.*

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

*William E. Potter,*

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.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

**District Attorney.**

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

2739

DESCRIPTION:

Cross, Joseph

DATE:

12/20/87



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BOX:

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FOLDER:

2739

DESCRIPTION:

Schero, Adolph

DATE:

12/20/87



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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0788

Counsel, *Deo* day of *Dec* 1887  
Filed

Pleads *Not Guilty*

Sections 416, 506, 528, 550  
Everyday in the  
Degree

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
Joseph Cross  
and  
Adolph Schero

*Janet B. Martin*  
RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

*7<sup>th</sup> day 9/88*  
*has been requested.*

A TRUE BILL.

*Replied*

*Dec 21/87*  
*No. 1. Jury*  
*Plaintiff*  
*NO. 347*  
13.

Witnesses:

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0789

Police Court 3 District:

City and County of New York, ss.: Albina Knapp

of No. 61 Marton Street, aged 53 years, occupation Married woman being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No. 61 Marton Street, 9 Ward in the City and County aforesaid the said being a four story brick dwelling

and which was occupied by deponent as a dwelling and in which there was at the time a human being, by name Albert D. Knapp.

were **BURGLARIOUSLY** entered by means of forcibly breaking open the front basement window of said premises

on the 5 day of December 1887 in the night time, and the following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

two miniature pictures  
one pocket book, eleven spoons, one knife,  
ten salt cellar, four nut pickers,  
and a quantity of trinkets of the value in  
all of about sixty dollars (\$60)

the property of deponent and members of her family 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 Joseph Cross, and Adolph Schers

for the reasons following, to wit: The said premises were securely locked and closed on said night in deponents presence. In the morning the place was found broken open and the said property was missing and deponent is informed by Policeman Michael J. Deap that he found the said property in possession of defendants on December 13, 1887 at 145 Eldredge Street N.Y.  
The defendant Cross had on his finger in Court a silver ring a present to Albina Knapp

*Deposited to before me this 15th day of December 1887*  
*Police Justice*

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0790

Sec. 198-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Joseph Cross 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. Joseph Cross

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 21 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. N.S.

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

Answer. 145 E. 4th St. 2 weeks

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. None

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. Nothing to say.

Joseph Cross,

Taken before me this

day of

December 1888

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[Signature]  
Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0791

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Michael J Reaf

aged 31 years, occupation Police of No.

11th Street Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Albin Kueft

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

Sworn to before me, this 15  
day of December 1887

Michael J. Reaf

P. J. Duffy  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0792

Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Adolph Seher* 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.

*Adolph Seher.*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*27 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*U.S.*

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

Answer.

*645 Allen 2 weeks*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*None.*

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.

*nothing - I know nothing about it.*

*Adolph Seher*

Taken before me this

day of

*December 1887*

*Wm. R. ...*

Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0793

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

POLICE COURT, 3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT.

*Metropolitan*

of *Henry A. Brown* Police Officer Street, aged 30 years,

occupation *Police officer* being duly sworn deposes and says

that on the 13 day of December 1887

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

*Joseph Gross, Adolph Schero, Alice*

*Burham, Margaret Waters and*

*Josephine Wadsworth* (all read here)

as the complainant of *Samuel Abraham*

charging said defendants with Burglary,

deponent found part of the property stolen

from said complainant in the possession

of each of said defendants,

Deponent prays that said defendants

be committed for Examination to enable

deponent to produce the proper

*Henry A. Brown*

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0794

Evidence to sustain said charges  
and to make proper complaint

Sworn to before me by Michael J. Reape  
14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1889

*[Signature]*  
Magistrate

Police Court, District,

1973

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

AFRIDA VIT.

Joseph Thomas  
George Thero.  
Miss Buchanan  
Margaret Mulet  
Josephine Harrover

Dated Dec 14 1889

*[Signature]* Magistrate.  
*[Signature]* Officer.

Witness,

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

Disposition,  
Complaints  
taken for burglary  
and Grand Larceny

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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191 32079  
Police Court District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Albina Knapp  
61 Madison St  
Brooklyn  
A. J. Adams

1  
2  
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5  
Offence Burglary

Dated December 15 1887

Butler Magistrate  
Beck Officer

Witnesses  
Call the Officer

Bring from City Prison as witness  
No. Alce Dinkham  
Street.

No. Alce Dinkham  
Street.



No. 1000  
TO ANSWER 92  
Street.

[Signature]

7. bail \$100  
N.B. See Complaint  
Several Names  
Alce Dinkham  
Margaret Watson  
Mary Wiled

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 Dec 15 1887

[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 he to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0796

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Joseph Ross and  
Addie Edens*

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

*Joseph Ross and Addie Edens*

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

The said *Joseph Ross and Addie Edens*

*Edens, both*

late of the *Fourth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York  
aforesaid, on the *12th* day of *December*, in the year

of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, with force and arms, about the  
hour of *twelve* o'clock in the *night* time of the same day, at the Ward,  
City and County aforesaid, the dwelling house of one *Alvin Sharp.*

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, there being then and there some  
human being, to wit: *one Alfred Q. Sharp.*

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

in the said dwelling house then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to steal,  
take and carry away; *(made by them the said*

*Joseph Ross and Addie Edens  
being then and there assisted by  
a confederate actually present,  
to wit: each by the other)*

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,

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said

*Joseph Cross and address Schenck*

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

The said *Joseph Cross and address Schenck, West* —

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 *night* time of the said day, with force and arms,

*Two miniature pictures of the value of five dollars each, one pocket watch of the value of one dollar, seven pieces of the value of one dollar each, one pair of the value of one dollar, two sets of the value of twenty cents each, four sets of the value of twenty cents each, one finger ring of the value of five dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Alvin Knapp*.

in the dwelling house of the said *Alvin Knapp*.

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.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0798

THIRD COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said

*Joseph Brown and Adolph Scher*  
of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:

The said *Joseph Brown and Adolph Scher*, both —

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, with force and arms,

*two miniature pictures of the value of five dollars each, one pocket watch of the value of one dollar, eleven spoons of the value of one dollar each, one tin of the value of one dollar, two salt cellars of the value of twenty cents each, four nut picks of the value of twenty cents each, and one finger ring of the value of five dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Albina Knapp*.

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

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said *Joseph Brown and Adolph Scher*,

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.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**  
District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

2739

DESCRIPTION:

Cully, William

DATE:

12/13/87



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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Counsel,  
Filed 13 day of Dec 1887  
Pleads City July 7/14

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

THE PEOPLE

vs.

William Cully

Dec 16/87  
RANE PHO MARINE,  
District Attorney.

McJury Pres. Dec 23/87  
A True Bill.

Dec 21/87 Foreman.

Dec 23/87  
Dec 23/87

Depp has been  
in the C. P. for  
Witness: J. Meekins  
JA

In view of the recom-  
mendation made by Compt.  
heir I doubt if a con-  
viction could be had  
and recommend that  
within indictment be  
dismissed and that  
bail be discharged.  
Dec 16/87

Randolph B. Muckline  
Dist. Atty.

I do not con-  
in their recom-  
depp has a license  
present in his  
possession  
JA

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Police Court— District.

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

of No. 166 Washington Street, aged 21 years,  
occupation cab-driver being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 2 day of December 1887 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED ~~and BEATEN~~ by William Cully

whom, after breaking  
the window glass in the cab  
of which deponent was in charge  
and threw and aim a  
loaded revolver at the body  
of deponent

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 2nd day  
of December 1887 } X John J. Heuston

J. J. Heuston Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Sec. 198-200.

1st District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*William Cullig*

.....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 Cullig*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*26 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New Jersey*

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

Answer.

*Trouton New Jersey All my life*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Tradesman*

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty  
William Cullig  
 sworn*

Taken before me this

day of

*December 1889*

*H. H. ...*  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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BAILIED,

No. 1, by

Residence

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

Police Court District

2004

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*John J. Macfarlane*  
*William Smith*

1  
2  
3  
4  
Dated Dec 5 1888  
Dec 14 1888

Dated Dec 5 1888

*Edmund Magistrate*

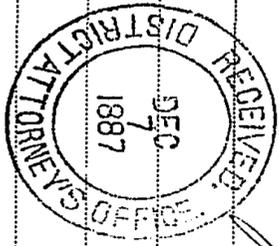
*Officer*

*12 Precinct*

Witnesses

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

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



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

\$ 1000 TO ANSWER *Q. S.*

*Committed*

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 10 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..... 1888..... *Police Justice.*

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

Dated..... 1888..... *Police Justice.*

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

Dated..... 1888..... *Police Justice.*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0804

District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

*J. C. [unclear]*  
*vs.*  
*[unclear]*

*Friday* -

*off work please  
if possible can  
go on Friday*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0805

C. T. 406.

Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

Houston Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1887

R. B. Martine -  
Dist Atty

Dear Sir -

The William Conlin is confined in the "Coke" under \$1000 bail, the charge being "Assault with intent to kill". This young man has worked for me a long time and has always given strict attention to business, his habits have always been good. Last week I sent him to the Dept office to get his monthly pay, after getting it he went to New York City and got into the trouble for which he is now confined. The young man is only 23 years of age and this is the first difficulty he has ~~any~~ ever been in, and I feel satisfied the cause of it has been by getting in company with some unknown parties in the City who have purposely got him intoxicated, he being entirely unaccountable for his actions when in that condition. His poor record with me and on account of his wife, Child, and Parents cause me to state the above facts to you, Hoping you will do what you can to get the young man released and cause his folks as little expense as possible as they are very in ordinary circumstances. The young man worked every day for several months past to give his family support his pay being small only \$1.20 per day.

Yours truly - D. E. Dale  
Superintendent P. R. R.

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0806

*Kniffin & Tucker,*

*Office and Warerooms:*

*No. 18 Murray Street.*

\* Importers of and Dealers in \*  
*Hotel China, Glass*  
\* and other Hotel Sundries \*

*New York, Dec 6" 1887*

*R. B. Martin Esq*

*Dist Atty Dear Sir*

*I find that a Mr John J. Houston of 166 Washington st this City cab driver has made a charge against a certain Mr Cully for breaking a window of his cab and afterward pointing a loaded revolver at him, and that Cully is now locked up in the Tombs awaiting trial in default of bail, and the papers in the case are now on file in your office and will be presented to the Grand Jury, I wish to say in behalf of this young man, that that he is from Trenton N. J. has a wife and child depending on him, who are nearly distracted in acct of the trouble he is in, as well as are his aged father and mother. I have known the young man from a small boy up and know him to have a good reputation, and steady, not at all vicious or disposed to be unruly, and this is the very first time he has ever got into any trouble, I am sure his employer will when I get back to Trenton send you a good record of him. I am inclined to think the young man has fell into a snare in some way has been drugged, as he certainly could not have acted that way otherwise, he is perfectly unsophisticated, knows nothing about the ways of the world, and never intended to do any wrong or harm anybody. I ask you to kindly hold his case from the Grand Jury until I can get your word from his employer, and also appeal to you in behalf of his distracted wife and aged father and mother to have his case dealt with as leniently as possible it being as I said before his first offense.*

*I am Very Respectfully Yours*

*Geo. F. Butlerworth*

*representing the  
Greenwood Pottery Co  
Trenton N. J.*

*Over*  
*I desire to say in addition that any damages incurred by complainant will be made good*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0807

Mr Geo F Butterworth is a gentleman ~~in a~~  
gentleman, we have known and had business  
relations <sup>with</sup> for many years, and you may depend  
what he has set forth in this letter is entirely reliable.  
His reputation for veracity being unquestionable.  
We join in asking your merciful consideration  
of the case referred to in this letter.

Respectfully

Konffin Baker

48 Murray St N.Y.C

I take pleasure in endorsing the above statements  
made regarding Mr Geo F Butterworth

Wm H. Cross

with Geo F Bassett Jr

49 Barclay St  
N.Y. City

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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C. T. 406.

Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

Houston Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1888

Mr Ruddy  
Asst Dist Atty.

Dear Sir-

Mr Wm Buckley worked for me several months and while in my employ gave his duties strict attention and gave me entire satisfaction. He was in my employ at the time he got into the trouble for which he is now held in New York City. This is the first trouble the young man has ever had and I am satisfied the whole trouble is a mistake and was entirely unavoidable. His family is here & in want and I do hope you will get his release as soon as possible. I was greatly surprised when I heard of his getting into trouble and went to New York the next day to see him in regard to it but got there after visiting hours at the Jail since then I have had no chance to come over, I write this to show you the interest I have in his case knowing he should not be punished as he is not a bad man. The young man has a great many friends here who feel a great interest in his ~~and~~ welfare & sincerely hope you will do all you can to secure his release.

Yours Respect

D. E. Dale

Supervisor Penn RR.

New York General Sessions.

PEOPLE ON MY COMPLAINT,  
VERSUS

*William Fuller*

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. The act of which I complained was the renting of a room at me on the 2nd inst. The rent was not paid and I cannot say it was paid. The defendant was for some time as I believe to have had any felonious intent in his act.

He has a family to which he is the only support. He was not to this affair a stranger to me and had no ill will toward me, or any reason for the act.

Before renting the room he had looked the affairs in the case in which I was driving him. He has promised to make good my loss and I believe he intends to make every amount he can for his conduct.

W. J. Dec 13, 1887.

In presence of  
*Wm. J. Anderson*

*John J. Hewston*

District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

William Buckley

James Warren  
withdrawal herein  
according to your  
direction.

The Grand Jury  
have already found  
an indictment.

Upon the facts  
the only offense  
which could be  
proved in my  
opinion would be  
assault in the  
3<sup>d</sup> degree - possibly  
assault in 2<sup>nd</sup> - in  
any event there  
would have to be  
proof of intent to  
give the result which  
is very doubtful  
J. W. Lindsay

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0811

**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 Ruddy*

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

*William Ruddy*

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

The said *William*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *second* day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~seven~~, with force of arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *John J. Newton* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and to, at and against *him* the said *John* a certain  *pistol* then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said *William* 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 <sup>aim, point and present, with intent to</sup> shoot off and discharge <sup>the same,</sup> with intent *and* *him* the said *John* 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

*William Ruddy*

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

The said *William*

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 one *John J. Newton* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make an assault, and to, at and against *him* the said *John* a certain  *pistol* then and there charged and loaded with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said *William* in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully <sup>aim, point and present, with intent to</sup> shoot off and discharge <sup>the same,</sup> 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.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

**District Attorney.**

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DESCRIPTION:

Cummings, Owen

DATE:

12/19/87



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**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0013

Witnesses:

*Wm J. O'Korman*  
Counsel,  
*200 Bldg*

Filed, *19* day of *Dec* 188*7*

Pleads, *Guilty-1/21*

THE PEOPLE,

vs.

*B*

*Owen Cummings*

VIOLETION OF EXCISE LAW  
(Keeping Open on Sunday.)  
(III Rev. Stat., 7th Edition), page 188, Sec. 6)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*District Attorney.*

*Pr July 29/88*  
*Transferred to Ct of S.D.*  
*for trial by check*  
**A True Bill.**

*Alfred Cummings*

*Foreman.*

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

08 14

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*Plaintiffs*

*against*

*Owen Cummings*  
*Defendant.*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York. by this indictment accuse the above named defendant of the CRIME OF KEEPING OPEN ON SUNDAY a place licensed for the SALE OF STRONG AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, WINES, ALE AND BEER, committed as follows:

The said defendant late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *eleventh* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, the same being the first day of the week, commonly called and known as Sunday, being then and there in charge of, and having the control of a certain place there situate, which was then duly licensed as a place for the sale of strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, the said place, so licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did not close, and keep closed, and on the said day, the said place so licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did open, and cause and procure, and suffer and permit, to be open, and to remain open; 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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE, District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Curtin, James

DATE:

12/22/87



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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0816

Witnesses:

*Ed. J. [Signature]*

*See Dept. of Justice  
Communication by  
Dee. ex. office  
on February.*

372 *Envelope 1788*

Counsel,

Filed, 22<sup>o</sup> day of Dec 1887

Pleads,

*Specifically Jan 11/88*

THE PEOPLE,

vs.

B

*W. W. 343*

*James S. Swinton*

VIOLATION OF EXCISE LAW

(Keeping Open on Sunday.)  
(III Rev. Stat., 7th Edition, page 1889, Sec. 6)

*Filed Jan 3 1888*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*County Clerk District Attorney.*

*77 Apr 17/88*

*Yelch's guilty*

A True Bill.

*Alfred Cameron  
off. pro. marsh. for*

*John A. Lynch  
Foreman.*

*Wm. H. Smith  
J.D.*

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0817

Excise Violation-Keeping Open on Sunday.

POLICE COURT- 4 DISTRICT,

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

*Samuel J. Campbell*  
of No. the 25 Precinct Police Street,

of the City of New York, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on SUNDAY the 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1887, in the City of New York, in the County of New York,

James F. Curtin (now here)  
being then and there in lawful charge of the premises No. 340 East 75  
Street, a place duly licensed for the sale of strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, to be  
drunk upon the premises DID NOT KEEP SAID PLACE CLOSED contrary to and in violation of  
the statute in such case made and provided.

WHEREFORE, deponent prays that said James F. Curtin  
may be arrested and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 12 day } S. J. Campbell  
of December 1887 }  
[Signature] Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0818

Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

H. District Police Court.

*James J. Curtin* 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.

*James J. Curtin*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*27 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*This City*

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

Answer.

*343 E 75<sup>th</sup> Street*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Liquor Dealer*

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty and I demand a jury trial if held after examination  
James J. Curtin*

Taken before me this

day of *December* 188*8*

Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0019

BAILED,  
No. 1, by *E. E. Sheehy*  
Residence *411 E 88th St*  
Street

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

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

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

*2063*  
Police Court - *1*  
District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*William J. O'Rourke*  
*25 West*  
*James J. O'Neil*

Offence, *Dis. Case*

Date *December 12* 188

Magistrate, *Murray*  
Officer, *Sheehy*  
Precinct, *25*

Witnesses

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

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

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



\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to answer

*Boyle*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

*James J. O'Neil*

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 *Dec 12* 188 *Wm Murray* Police Justice.

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

Dated *December* 188 *Wm Murray* 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.

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0820

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*Plaintiffs*

*against*

*James F. Curtin*  
*Defendant.*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York. by this indictment accuse the above named defendant of the CRIME OF KEEPING OPEN ON SUNDAY a place licensed for the SALE OF STRONG AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, WINES, ALE AND BEER, committed as follows:

The said defendant late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *eleventh* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *eighty-seven*, the same being the first day of

COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

In the Name of the People of the State of New York, To any Sheriff, Constable, Marshal or Policeman in this State, GREETING:

An indictment having been found on the *25* day of *Dec* 188*7*, in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, of the County of New York, charging *James F. Curtin*

with the crime of *Violation of Excise Law*

You are therefore Commanded forthwith to arrest the above named *defendant* and bring him before that Court to answer the indictment; or if the Court have adjourned for the term, that you deliver him into the custody of the Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, or if he require it, that you take him before any Magistrate in that County, or in the County in which you arrest him, that he may give bail to answer the indictment.

City of New York, the *17* day of *April* 188*8*.

By order of the Court,

*M. J. [Signature]*  
Clerk of Court.

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# CORRECTION

0822

COUNTY OF NEW YORK, SS.

In the Name of the People of the State of New York, To any Sheriff, Constable,  
Marshal or Policeman in this State, GREETING:

An indictment having been found on the 25 day of Decr  
1887, in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, of the County of  
New York, charging James T. Hunter

with the crime of Violation of Excise Law

**You are therefore Commanded** forthwith to arrest the above named defendant  
and bring him before that Court to answer the indictment; or  
if the Court have adjourned for the term, that you deliver him into the custody of the Keeper of the  
City Prison of the City of New York, or if he require it, that you take him before any Magistrate  
in that County, or in the County in which you arrest him, that he may give bail to answer the  
indictment.

City of New York, the 17 day of April 1888.

By order of the Court,

W. H. M. [Signature]  
Clerk of Court.

0023

N. Y. General Sessions of the Peace

THE PEOPLE  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

*against*

*James Hewitt*

Bench Warrant for Misdemeanor.

*Issued April 17. 1888.*

The defendant is to be admitted to be bail  
in the sum of .....dollars.

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

*Plaintiff's*

*against*

*James F. Curtin*

*Defendant.*

**The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York.** by this indictment accuse the above named defendant of the CRIME OF KEEPING OPEN ON SUNDAY a place licensed for the SALE OF STRONG AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, WINES, ALE AND BEER, committed as follows :

The said defendant late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *eleventh* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, the same being the first day of the week, commonly called and known as Sunday, being then and there in charge of, and having the control of a certain place there situate, which was then duly licensed as a place for the sale of strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, the said place, so licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did not close, and keep closed, and on the said day, the said place so licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did open, and cause and procure, and suffer and permit, to be open, and to remain open ; 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.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE, District Attorney.**

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DESCRIPTION:

Curtiss, Charles

DATE:

12/22/87



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**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0826

Witnesses:

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*30/88*  
*[Handwritten notes]*

Counsel,  
Filed *24* day of *Dec*, 1887  
Plead *Guilty*

Grand Larceny *second* degree  
[Sections 528, 531 Penal Code]

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*P*  
*Charles A. Curtis*  
*(5 cases)*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
*[Signature]*  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.  
*[Signature]*  
Foreman.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0027

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*against*

*Charles A. Rudin*

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

*Charles A. Rudin*

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

The said *Charles A. Rudin*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *23rd* day of *November*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*the sum of Twenty seven dollars in money, lawful money of the United States, and of the value of Twenty seven dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Louisa Mitchell,*

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.

*Handwritten signature*

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0020

*3rd Floor*  
*Ad Dec 22*  
*29*  
*88*

Counsel,  
Filed *23* day of *Dec*, 1887  
Pleads *Chygnally Jan 6/88*

Grand Larceny *second degree*  
[Sections 528, 581 Penal Code]  
THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*P*  
*NA*  
Charles A. Curtis  
(5 cases)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.  
*Alfred Cannon*  
Foreman.

*Robert P. ...*  
*...*  
*Louise Nuttall*

Witnesses:  
*John Nuttall*  
*Louise Nuttall*



**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

New York, .....188

*Paid in Dist. Attys office*

*\$16.50*

*25,*

*27,*

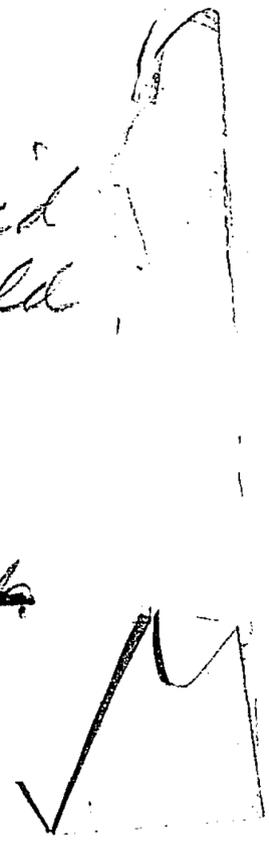
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*Claimed to have been paid  
to Asst Dist Atty Fitzgerald*

*Rev. J. B. Mc's  
417 Clinton St.  
Brooklyn N.Y.*



**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0830

*Paid in Dist. Attorney office*

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*25 00*  
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*8 00*  
*52 00*

*\$128 50*

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0031

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*against*

*Charles A. Furtiss*

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

*- Charles A. Furtiss -*

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

The said *Charles A. Furtiss,*

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

*the sum of fifty two dollars*  
*in money, lawful money of the*  
*United States, and of the value*  
*of fifty two dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Sonia Mitchell,*

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.

*Charles A. Furtiss*  
*[Signature]*

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DESCRIPTION:

Curtiss, Charles

DATE:

12/22/87



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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Witnesses:

John Nuttall  
Louise Nuttall

Counsel,

Filed, 22 day of Aug 1887

Pleas, *Ch. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*P*

*#*

Charles A. Curtis  
(5 names)

PETT LARCENY.

[Sections 528, 532, Penal Code.]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

*M*

A True Bill.

*John J. Martin*

Foreman.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0034

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**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0036

<p><u>Apr 3/88.</u></p>	<p>h (cc)</p>

Court of General Sessions,  
City and County of New York.  
The People, etc. }  
Against: } Motion for a New  
Charles H. Curtis } Trial and in ar-  
rest of Judgement.

The defendant moves for a new  
trial on the minutes.

I.

That the verdict is against the  
weight of evidence.

II.

That the verdict is not supported  
by the evidence, and is rendered upon  
insufficient evidence.

III.

One each and every one of the ex-  
ceptions taken during the trial.

IV.

That the verdict is contrary to law.

V.

In arrest of Judgement.

By Blake & Sullivan  
Defendants Attys.

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0838

*Court of General Sessions*

*The People et al.*  
*against -*

*Charles A. Curtis.*

*Motion for New Trial  
and arrest of Judgment*

BLAKE & SULLIVAN,  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,  
No. 71 CENTRE STREET, N. Y.

*Filed July 3/87*

Opening - how I am here - lucky for the deft -  
 else capacity learning, instead of audacity & inexperience  
 But case don't need that - numerous resistant  
 ant witnesses for the prosecution - respectable, & interested -  
 + Deft himself confirms them by the breaking down of  
 his story, & the disclosure of his evasions of falsehoods - skill-  
 fully constructed edifice comes tumbling about his ears.

What is charge? That deft is of poor birth?  
 or mean education? or of ungentlemanly habits? One would  
 think so, from Counsel's remarks, since he tries so strenuously  
 to disprove them. - not question whether deft rendered services to Atwell, & sent  
 him from prison.

What charge is - that deft, having, as agent of  
 Mrs. At, rec'd money for a specific purpose, thereafter felon-  
 ously appropriated same to his own use, instead of that purpose.

What we must prove - receipt of money, agency  
 of deft, for specific purpose, & diversion therefrom, & approp-  
 riation to his own use.

Question practically narrowed down to existence  
 of purpose. For deft admits receipt ~~and~~ of money, & the  
 appropriating - if specif. purpose be proved, agency of course fol-  
 lows, & case proceed.

Since case turns on this, let us examine proof  
upon it, & all the facts which show his good faith or duplicity:

On such a day, Atwell in Tomb - circumstances of his offence - <sup>if counsel want evidence to learn that</sup>  
 Atwell was lawyer

Visit of deft to him - conversation - deft's offer -  
 what Blake says - what I believe his offer & in-  
 tention was - He

Atwell's story - Mrs Atwell's story - Dr. Nies' story -  
 Fanny Stevens - what they all say more was fact

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~~Why~~ Why wd. they swear falsely — only def. & vic.  
Are you satisfied on this point — the central  
point ?

What each of direct witnesses + witnesses as to  
"Counsel" has said.



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Why did he have to go to Dist Atty's office  
for certified copy of judgment?  
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Then if he intended to disguise, dilemma  
why would he disguise if he ~~intended~~ started to  
sign with his own name?

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His libel - how of talk - disquisitions  
instructing court in law - etc - etc.

Deft's testimony -

He says he didn't do it free -

Muttall says he did - Mrs Muttall says  
he did - Devoy says so - Kane says  
he did - Miss says he did - Miss Nevins says so.

What motive have they to swear falsely?

Albion of pretence - never fed Muttall - never heard of his  
telling Mrs N. anything of suspension of sentence - Specific  
question asked as to his defence "not being bound" etc.

Cots of Court -

Says he didn't says so -

Muttall, Mrs M, Devoy, Kane, Miss  
& Miss Nevins say Yes.

His letter to Fitzmaurice - "surprise & gratifica-  
tion" - Fitz - denies.

What motive all these to swear falsely?

Dismissing of one charge

Strange explanation - confused -  
shifting - but let it go by -

Refraining to P.S.

He denies - Mr & Mrs N say yes -  
What motive to lie?

Cots of Court (more cots & more cots)

Emphatically "cots of court" - He denies.  
N. Mrs W Miss Nevins Devoy & Kane  
affirm. What motive to lie?

His silly talk all gives witness 'fies' to Miss  
'General statement' only.

"Counsel"

Dayke never said he was -

Druttall - Fitzgerald - Curry - Walsh

all say he did -

What motive to lie?

And there's documentary evidence -

"your counsel, Mr. Curtis,"  
"some time client,"

*Anti-fraud more than  
can be proved*

*Senator*

*Mark the decision of  
conscience of the  
Attorney*

*Blake's own admissions with regard to  
"Nichols letter"*

Blake admits dis-  
guise - why  
then attempt  
to disguise  
He started  
with his own name

his own admissions - why there? Can  
influence be resisted?

"Delaney Nicoll"  
we don't care for.

Chies' capacity to -

Why didn't Curtis try to collect delts  
afterwards, if due him?

Disguised handwriting - he denies  
it - but can't be doubted - point out  
radical differences - differences in  
nature.

Agst such formidable proof, from  
our witnesses, & his own admissions,  
what can stand?

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*Rev. James B. Van.*

*417 Clinton St.  
Brooklyn.*



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See nichols - find out what he testified to.

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Then character - for deft

know what Edwards says -  
Poor Rock - don't know anything -  
Mother

Sister -

Mother -

my feelings - expect I guess  
remember -

But if consideration of pain to connected  
controls, great proportion of unwieldy of just

And those most dangerous criminals -

Why? Lots of these fellows burn lawyers around.

Sympathy for them they depend on poor people - to get people  
Tury can with their finding recommendation to mercy -  
Connection of client

Then character - best deft

Dallon - Bacon - Dodge -

Why should they lie? From every walk  
of life.

I need not comment more on text -

many +c.  
Tufel's remarks

Fitzgerald's Connection - imputation  
on him - etc - etc.

Close

~~Close~~

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District Attorney's Office,  
City & County of  
New York.

1887

James J. Finnegan  
75.

John Nuttall

Offense - Larceny

Magistrate - Gorman -

Date of Complaint. Oct. 19-1887

Compl. Received " 24 - "

Indictment Found Nov. 2 - "

Pleads Guilty Nov. 22. "

Sentence suspended Judge Smith  
p. 2

Bailed by Peter E. Dondolan  
348 W. 17 St.

Surrendered & Fined - by Court.

Nov. 3-1887

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The People  
vs  
Curtis -  
S.L.

229 N. 42<sup>nd</sup> St.

Hon. R. B. Martin  
Dear Sir

I called at  
~~your office~~ this day to  
ask you to use your influence  
to prevent my being called as  
a witness in the case of the  
man Curtis who has defrauded  
John Nuttal out of money. I  
have tried my hard to do the  
good work I can accomplish  
without the publicity so distressing  
to a lady - and as this affair  
seems to be more than usually  
brought before the public I try  
to be spared the newspaper  
notice which would mortify

Other guides myself.

I have no knowledge  
of either of the men previous  
to the time when I assisted  
in raising a sum of money for  
Nuttall whom I believe to be  
a man of honest intention. I  
am willing to make any  
affidavits that would be of  
any use - All that I can  
say will be in corroboration  
of Mr. Niers' statements - which  
I emphatically state, are  
intended in no wise to reflect  
upon Mr. Fitzgerald. It was  
never even hinted in my presence  
that that gentleman had received  
in his own behalf the smallest sum  
I am, Sir, Yours truly  
Samuel Niers -

City and County of New York, SS:

John Nuttall, residing at 413 Van Brunt Street, Brooklyn, being duly sworn deposes and says; that he was indicted in November of the present year for the crime of Grand Larceny in the second degree, the said indictment charging him with stealing the sum of \$136,66 in money from one James J. Finnegan; that he was guilty of the said charge, and that a plea of guilty of petit larceny was made by him and accepted in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace of the City of New York; that upon affidavits and other evidence of former good character submitted to the Court, together with making full restitution of the whole of said amount of \$136,66 to the said complainant, sentence was suspended upon him; that subsequent to his arrest, and while he was a prisoner confined in the city prison, one Charles A. Curtiss, a lawyer, called upon him; that he had known the said Curtiss personally for about a period of over two years; that said Curtiss expressed sympathy with him, stating that he wished to help him out of his trouble, and that in doing so he was merely performing an act of friendship and would not make any charge for his services or require any pay; that during said interview the wife of this deponent called to see him in prison, and he introduced her to the said Curtiss; that Curtiss and she left together. That this deponent is informed by his wife Louisa Nuttall, that said Curtiss informed her that there were two charges against

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her husband, and that he, Curtiss, if he were paid the sum of \$16,50, could have one of the said charges dismissed. Said Curtiss represented that one of the charges was for larceny, and the other for receiving money under false pretenses. This deponent is informed by his said wife, that relying on the said statements of Curtiss, she paid him the amount of \$16,50, and that subsequently he informed her that one of the said charges, to wit: the charge of receiving money under false pretenses, had been dismissed. That on a subsequent occasion, whilst the defendant was in the prisoners' box of the Court of General Sessions, the said Curtiss came to him and informed him, in the presence of W.T. Dower, John Kane and John Devoy, that upon the payment of certain fees to the Clerk of the said court, he would have this deponent paroled in his, the said counsel's, custody; that thereupon the said Dower, Kane and Devoy between them handed Curtiss the sum of eight dollars; that said Curtiss stated that the full clerk's fees was twelve dollars, and that he would pay the balance, and come to the Tombs that afternoon, and have this said deponent released. That said Curtiss stated on another occasion to this deponent, in the Tombs, that the sum of twenty-seven dollars was necessary in order to reduce the offense charged from grand to petit larceny, and this deponent is informed by his wife Louisa Nuttall, that she paid the said amount to said Curtiss, said Curtiss stating to her that he handed the said amount to Assistant Dis-

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District Attorney Fitzgerald.

This deponent is informed further by his said wife, Louisa Nuttall, that subsequently she procured for said Curtiss the sum of fifty-two dollars, which he stated to her that he required as part of the \$136, 66, the property of the complainant, Finnegan. Afterwards, he informed her that he had deposited the said money with the court, and on the day of her husband's discharge, the amount in full having been paid to complainant, and she, said Louisa Nuttall asked him for the said amount of fifty-two dollars, he stated to her that that was kept by the court for costs, and that if it was taken from the court, her husband would be detained in prison. That the further sum of twenty-five dollars was obtained from the wife of this deponent by the said Curtiss, he claiming that the said amount was necessary to pay the costs of court.

That about a week after this deponent's discharge, he received a letter of which the following is a copy:

" District Attorney's Office

"City & County of New York

" The People

vs

"John Nuttall

"You will present yourself at this

"office on Friday morning at 12 o'clock, December 9th,

"together with your counsel Mr. Curtiss.

"Yours etc.

"J.H. Nichols

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"Bring this notice with you"

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That this deponent came to the District Attorney's Office, at said time, and showed said letter to Mr. Parker, who informed him that the letter was a fraud, and did not emanate from the District Attorney's Office. That deponent then waited in the hallway for the said Curtiss, and that after a few minutes, the said Curtiss came, and immediately asked deponent if he had that letter; that this deponent having become suspicious of Curtiss, stated that he had not. Curtiss then said to him: "I must have that letter; you must give it to me, or we cannot get along without it". That then deponent stated to Curtiss that he had lost it. That said Curtiss then brought deponent and one Mr. Newsen, who accompanied him, into the court room of Part Three General Sessions, and said Curtiss talked with some one in the said court room, who he informed this deponent, was the Clerk of the Court; that he then took deponent and Newsen into the hallway of the General Sessions building, and stepped into the District Attorney's Office, and came out with a paper in his hand which he said was a statement of the costs; that deponent was familiar with the handwriting of the said Curtiss, and the said paper appeared to be in his handwriting; that deponent asked him for the said paper, saying he wanted to look over it, and that said Curtiss refused to give it to him, stating that he must give it back to the clerk; said Curtiss stated to said deponent that there was still thirty-one dollars due for costs and that he must pay it.

That said Curtiss left deponent, saying that he was going to his office at 71 Broadway, and that deponent would have to get another lawyer if he was not satisfied with him.

That this deponent never had any conversation at any time heretofore with Assistant District Attorney Fitzgerald, nor did he ever see him anywhere, except in the Court of General Sessions, on days when he was brought down for trial; that he never, on any occasion received any intimation from any one connected with the District Attorney's Office, about his case; that the only person by whom representations were made was the said Curtiss.  
Sworn to before me this

21st day of December, 1887.

*John A. Tuttle*  
*Henry Herzbach*  
Notary Public  
N. Y. Co.

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City and County of New York, SS:

Louisa Nuttall, aged 29 years, of No. 413 van Brunt  
Street, Brooklyn, being duly sworn deposes and says:  
that she has heard read the foregoing affidavit of John  
Nuttall, and that the facts stated therein on information  
of deponent, are true of deponent's own knowledge.

Sworn to before me this

21st day of December, 1887.

*Henry Mergbach*

*Louisa Nuttall*  
*Notary Public*  
*N. Y. Co.*

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK,

*against*

*J. ...*

*(5 pages)*

*Applicants*  
*John M. ...*  
*Louisa ...*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

DISTRICT ATTORNEY,

No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,

NEW YORK CITY.

*Subscribed and sworn to*  
*Elizabeth Louisa ...*  
*John ...*

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1	1	John Stuttall	413 Van Buren St., Bklyn
2	2	Louisa Stuttall	" " " "
5	5	<del>_____</del> Kane	
6	6	<del>_____</del> Dewoy	
		<del>_____</del> Dower	
3	3	James B. Sties	
4	3	Rev. Ch. Stues	417 Clinton St., Bklyn
	3 1/2	Jimmy C. Higgins	229 W 4 <sup>th</sup>
	7	James Fitzgerald	
		<del>_____</del> Dawson	
	4	<del>_____</del> Mrs. Moore	174 Conover St., Bklyn
		Quarantine Commissioner Nichols	
		Lawrence Curry	



**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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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*

*Rhodes A. Perkins*

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

*- Rhodes A. Perkins -*

of the CRIME OF PETIT LARCENY, committed as follows:

The said *Rhodes A. Perkins,*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*7th* day of *December*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms,

*The sum of Twenty five dollars*  
*in money, lawful money of the*  
*United States and of the value of*  
*Twenty five dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Sandra Mitchell,*

then and there being found, then and there unlawfully 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.

*Randolph Smith,*  
*District Attorney*

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20/88

Counsel,  
Filed, 23 day of Dec, 1887  
Pleads, *Charles A. Curtis*

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
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[Sections 528, 532. Penal Code.]

*Charles A. Curtis*  
(vs. removed)

*Randolph B. Martine*  
RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.  
*Alfred J. [Signature]*  
Foreman.

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Witnesses:  
*John Nuttall*  
*Ernie Nuttall*

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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  
*Charles A. Rindress*

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

*— Charles A. Rindress —*

of the CRIME OF PETIT LARCENY, committed as follows:

The said *Charles A. Rindress*,

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

*the sum of fifteen dollars  
in fifty cents in money, lawful money  
of the United States, and of the  
value of fifteen dollars and fifty  
cents,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Lois Mitchell*,

then and there being found, then and there unlawfully 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.

*Charles A. Rindress*  
*Attorney*

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No 137  
20/288

Counsel,

Filed, 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Dec 1887

Pleas, *Chrymley*

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*Charles A. Curtis*  
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PETIT LARCENY.  
[Sections 528, 532. Penal Code.]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*District Attorney.*

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**A True Bill.**

*Alfred Cannon*

*Foreman.*

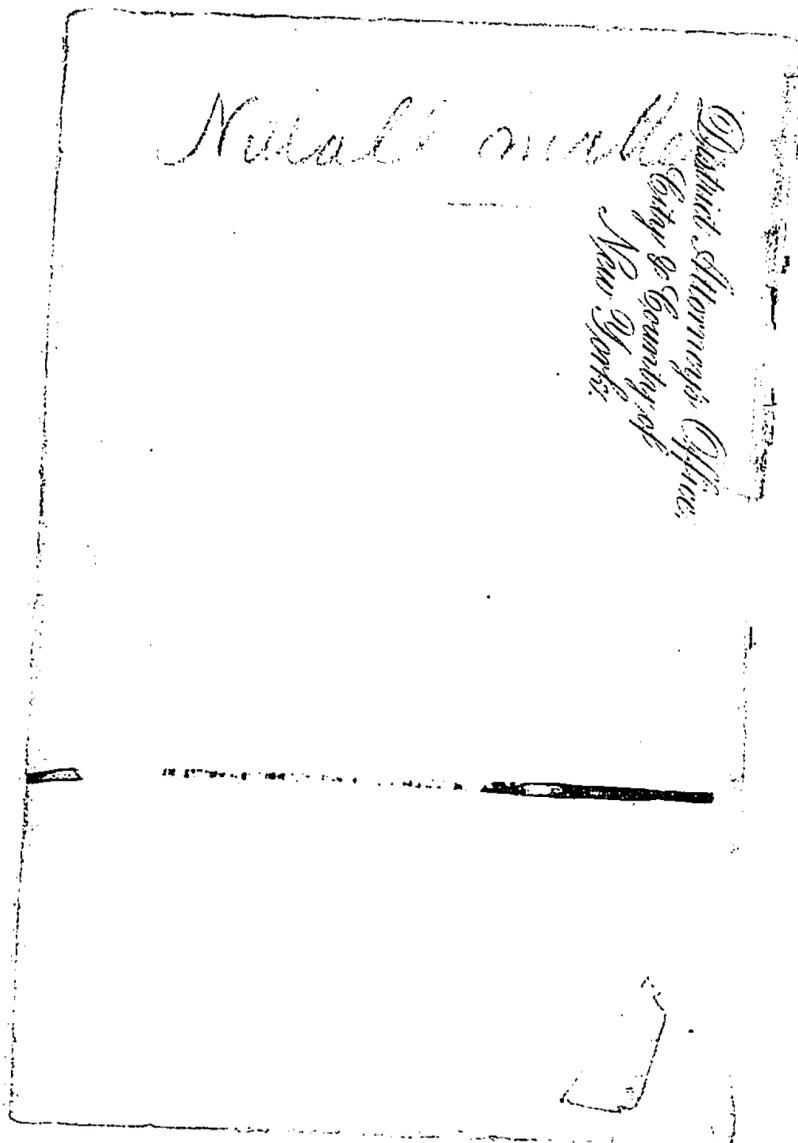
Witnesses:

*John Nuttall*  
*Louise Nuttall*

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00666

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*Charles A. Furbur*

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

*Charles A. Furbur*

of the CRIME OF PETIT LARCENY, committed as follows:

The said *Charles A. Furbur*,

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

*the sum of eight dollars in money, personal property of the United States, and of the value of eight dollars, of the goods, chattels and personal property of one W. B. Dancy, the sum of eight dollars in money, personal property of the United States and of the value of eight dollars, of the goods, chattels and personal property of one John Stone, and the sum of eight dollars in money, personal property of the United States, and of the value of eight dollars, —*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *John Dancy*

then and there being found, then and there unlawfully 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.

*Randolph Brewster*  
*Attorney General*