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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Abrahams, Morris

DATE:

12/21/83



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Witnesses:
Louis J. Estlin
Eda Perlman
J. Wallerstein

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Counsel,

Filed 21 day of Dec 1883

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THE PEOPLE

vs.
69 Norfolk St.
Morris
Donaldson

INDICTMENT,
Grand Larceny in the
(MONEY)
[52600 530]

PETER B. OLNEY,
JOHN MCKEON

District Attorney.

Jan 23 P 2 Jan 24/84

Indis - charged

A True Bill.

M. O. L. Wilson
P 2 Jan 26, 1884.
New trial ordered.

Pleads guilty & L. has
Alpa. to pay 11. 50 a month of \$16.
Jan 3/84

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Ida Perlman
aged 10 years, occupation School Girl of No.

28 Orchard Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Louis Perlman

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

Sworn to before me, this 18 }
day of December 1883 } Ida Perlman

J. M. Patterson
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

13 District Police Court.

Morris Abraham 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. *Morris Abraham*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *57 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Poland*

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

Answer. *64 Norfolk Street, 8 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Glaizer*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty there were about 20 persons in the Saloon, playing cards, and they were fighting, I left when the fight was gone on, I had been in the Saloon, about 12 o'clock and passed through the bed room to the Rear Room to eat a plate of Soup, I was not in the bed Room after that, and never came near the bed*

Morris Abraham
(Mandy)

Taken before me this 16 day of *March* 1883
William J. ...
Police Justice.

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

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 18 1883 J. M. Patterson 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.

0500

BAILED,

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

Police Court 3 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Louis Perlman
28 Orchard St.
1 Morris Abraham

2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

Offence Murder

Dated Dec 18 1883

Patterson Magistrate.

William Linn Officer.

10 Precinct.

Witnesses _____

No. _____ Street.

No. Ida Perlman Street,

28 Orchard St.

No. P. Singer 146 B'way Street.

Shirley Perlman Street.

\$ 1000 to answer _____ Sessions.

Joseph Edelgou

68 Wall

Committed

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
against

Morris Abrahams

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

Morris Abrahams
of the crime of GRAND LARCENY IN THE *First* DEGREE, committed as follows:
The said *Morris Abrahams*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid,
on the *Sixteenth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and eighty-*three* at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, *in the*
night time of said day
three promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the
kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of twenty dollars, and of the value of twenty dollars
each; *six* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and
unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of ten dollars, and of the value
of ten dollars *each*; *three* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due
and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of five dollars, and of the
value of five dollars *each*; *ten* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and
there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of two dollars,
and of the value of two dollars *each*; *ten* promissory notes for the payment of money, being
then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination
of one dollar, and of the value of one dollar *each*; *three* promissory notes for the payment of
money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of twenty
dollars *each*; *six* promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank
notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of ten dollars *each*; *ten* promissory
notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of
the value of five dollars *each*; *one* promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind
known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of two dollars *and*; *one*
promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and
unsatisfied, of the value of one dollar

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one *Samuel Perlman*, in the dwelling
house of the said Samuel Perlman, there situate, then and there being found,
in 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.

PETER B. OLNEY,

~~JOHN MCKEON~~, District Attorney.

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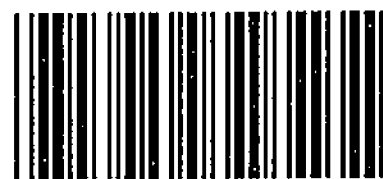
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DESCRIPTION:

Aiken, William

DATE:

12/11/83



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Counsel,

Filed // day of

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

Robbery in the 2nd Degree

~~W~~

JOHN McKEON

District Attorney

Dec 12, 1893

A True Bill. Hundreds quick!

M. L. Dickhaut

Foreman.

State Laboratory

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CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss.

POLICE COURT—FOURTH DISTRICT.

Katherine Ormsby aged 17
of *South East Cor. of 8th Ave. & 132nd Street,*
being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that on the *3* day of *December*
18*83* at the *22nd Precinct to be* Ward of the City of New York, in the
County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, from the person of deponent,
by force and violence, without his consent and against his will, the following property, viz:

*One Pocket Book Containing
Good and Lawful money of
the United States of the Amount
and Value of about Fif Dollars
in all*

of the value of *Seven* Dollars,
the property of *deponent's father Leonard Ormsby*
and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property
was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, by force and violence as aforesaid, by

William J. Atkins (now present)
from the fact about the hour of
five o'clock as this deponent was
passing *West 43rd St. on 6th Avenue*
she had said pocket book in her
her right hand and the said defendant
Atkins attempted by force and violence
to take the above pocket book from
deponent, by seizing a belt of it and
throwing her down on the sidewalk
deponent therefore charges the said
Atkins with ~~feloniously~~ feloniously attempting
to take money by force and violence
from the possession of this deponent

K. Ormsby

Sworn to before me, this *4*
day of *December* 18*83*
C. J. Carson
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss.

District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *William J. Aiken*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *18 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Ireland*

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

Answer. *542 W. 44th St 3 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *I work in the Carpet Factory*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty
of the charge*

William J. Aiken

Taken before me this *1*
day of *December* 188*3*
W. J. Aiken
Police Justice.

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

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and ~~he be admitted to bail in the sum of~~ Thirty
~~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. he legally discharged therefrom

Dated Dec 4 1883 M. J. Owen Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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BAILED.

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

Police Court-- 4th District. 918

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Latharine Ormsby
South West Co. 8th Av
7 132nd St.
William J. Atkins

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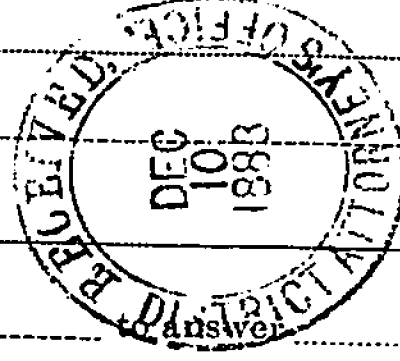
Office *Attempstine*
Roberts

Dated *Dec 4th* 1883
Mr. J. Power Magistrate.
Gas. H. Riley Officer.
Charles B. B. B. Precinct.

Witnesses *Ruby Ormsby*
No. *8th Av 132* Street.

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,



\$ *Committed G.S.*

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State of New York.

Executive Chamber,

Albany, N.Y. 15 1884

Sir: Application having been made to the Governor for the
pardon of Wm. J. Liker, who was
sentenced on Dec 18 1883, in your County,
for the crime of Asst. Rob. Theft for the term
of years and to the State Prison
Reformatory you are respectfully requested (in pursuance of
Chapter 310, Laws 1849) to furnish the Governor with a concise
statement of the case as proven on the trial, together with any other
facts or circumstances which may have a bearing on the question of
granting or refusing a pardon. Be pleased, also, to state the previous
character of the convict See previous report

Each letter of inquiry from this Department should be answered on
a separate sheet.

Very respectfully yours,

To Am. C. Oliver

District Attorney, &c.

67 Godwin
Exet to the

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Received
Dec 26th 1884
J. H. D.

Original

22. 1884
J. H. D.

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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 J. Aiken

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

William J. Aiken of the
Crime of Attempting to commit
the CRIME OF ROBBERY IN THE Second DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said William J. Aiken

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
third day of December in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force
and arms, in and upon one Katharine Omsky
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and
one pocket book of the value of
one dollar, and promissory notes
for the payment of money of a
number, kind and denomination
to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown,
of the value of five dollars, and
and coins of the United States
of America of a number, kind
and denomination to the Grand
Jury aforesaid unknown, of the
value of two dollars.

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Leonard
Omsky
from the person of the said Katharine Omsky and against
the will and by violence to the person of the said Katharine Omsky
then and there violently and feloniously did rob, 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,

~~WHEELER H. PECKHAM~~

~~JOHN MCKEON~~, District Attorney.

Peter B. Orney

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Anderson, John

DATE:

12/20/83



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Day of Trial,

Counsel,

Filed

day of

1883

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

vs.

BURGLARY—Third Degree, and
Receiving Stolen Goods.

PETER B. OLNEY,
~~JOHN M. OLNEY~~

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

M. L. Oliver

Foreman.

James G. Day

S. P. 4 years.

Witnesses:
Off Wade Central

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POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

Police Court First District

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

of No. 21 Avenue 18 Street, aged 23 years,
occupation Gent's furnishing goods being duly sworn

11: deposes and says, that the premises No. 21 Avenue 18 Street,
in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a Gent's furnishing
store

and which was occupied by deponent as a clerk
and in which there was at the time no human being, by means

were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly removing
an iron bar from a grating leading
to the cellar of said premises

on the 10th day of Decr 1887 in the night time, and the
following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

A quantity of buckskin and fur gloves
About twenty dozen silk handkerchiefs
Three large albums three dozen silk
mufflers and other valuable property
including about two dozen suspenders
collectively of the value of ten hundred dollars and more
the property of deponent

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

John Anderson now present
for the reasons following to wit: That on the morning following
said night deponent found the grating
which had been previously secured & fastened
removed from its place and discovered
that said property had been taken stolen
and carried away and a portion of the
property which deponent identifies was
found in the defendant's possession by Officer
Wade as deponent is informed & further the defendant
now admits that he is guilty of the commission of
of the aforesaid burglary & carried away
Simon Strauss

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

John Wade
aged 34 years, occupation Police Officer of No. the Central Office Street, being duly sworn/depotes and
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Sam Strauss
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this

day of

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Solomon D. Smith
Police Justice.

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Sec. 199, 200

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

1st District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

I am guilty of the charge
John Anderson

Taken before me this 1st day of Dec 1887
John Anderson
1887
John Anderson
John Anderson

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

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

Dated

Dec 18

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J. Solouto Smith
Police Justice.

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

Dated

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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

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Police Justice.

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BAILED.

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Simon Strauss
21 St. B.
John Anderson

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3 _____
4 _____

Dated *Dec 18th* 188 *3*

Smith Magistrate.

John Wade Officer.

Office Precinct.

Witnesses *Capt. the officer*

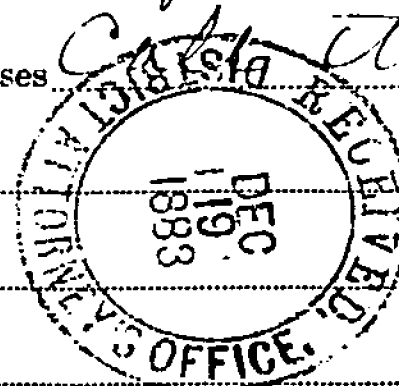
No. _____ Street.

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,

\$ *500* to answer *Yes*

(Qm)



Office of Magistrate
Laurel

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

John Anderson

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

John Anderson

of the CRIME OF BURGLARY IN THE THIRD DEGREE,

committed as follows:

The said

John Anderson

late of the ~~Eleventh~~ Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the ~~twelfth~~ day of ~~December~~ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty ~~three~~ with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, the ~~store~~ of

Simon Strauss

there situate, feloniously and burglariously, did break into and enter, the same being ~~a part of~~ a building in which divers goods, merchandise, and valuable things were then and there kept for use, sale and deposit, to wit: the goods, chattels, and personal property hereinafter described, with intent the said goods, chattels, and personal property of the said

Simon Strauss

then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to steal, take and carry away, and ~~one hundred~~

~~pairs of gloves of the value of~~
~~two dollars each pair, two~~
~~hundred and forty handkerchiefs~~
~~of the value of two dollars each~~
~~three albums of the value of~~
~~five dollars each, forty mufflers~~
~~of the value of five dollars each, and~~
~~thirty pairs of suspenders of the value of~~
~~one dollar each pair~~
of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said Simon Strauss

so kept as aforesaid in the said ~~store~~ then and there being found, then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

Peter B. Olney

District Attorney

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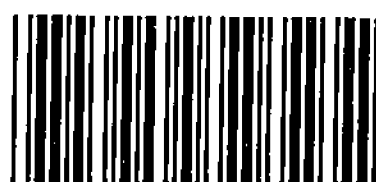
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Armstrong, Alexander

DATE:

12/28/83



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Witnesses:
Vernon H. Holland
Frederick H. Holland

Counsel *W. C. Edwards (Georgetown)*
Filed 28 day of Dec 1883
Pleads *W. C. Edwards (Georgetown)*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

P
Alexander
Armstrong

*Order in the Court
disregard
[Section 486]*

PETER B. OLNEY,

~~JOHN C. OLNEY~~

District Attorney

A True Bill.

W. C. Edwards

Foreman.

*March 20th 1884
Frederick H. Holland*

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

POLICE COURT, 2nd DISTRICT.

Sarah Holland

of No. *456. 9th Avenue* Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,
that on the *24th* day of *December* 188*3*

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, *Alexander Armstrong*

(now here) did unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously set fire to and attempt to burn premises No. 456. 9th Avenue the same being a dwelling house at or about the hour of six O'clock P. M. in the night time on said date, from the facts set forth in the annexed Affidavits. The said premises being occupied by several persons. Sarah Holland
mark

Sworn to before me, this *24th* day of *December* 188*3*
[Signature]
Police Justice.

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Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No. _____

New York, Dec 21st 1883. 9⁵⁵/₁₂
456. 9th Ave. ~~near~~

City of New York,
of New York.

Sarah Holland of 456 -
9th Ave being duly sworn deposes
says - I live on first floor -
I know Alexander Armstrong
he is a neighbor of mine lives next
door on same floor - The building -
is frame. I have lived there about
seven months, & Armstrong about
three months - My husband has
been at home sick for about 3
weeks - Last evening I had some
friends there. Mr. Brown & Miss Brown
& Mr. Brown. About six o'clock
Mr. Armstrong came in my home
tired but language. I asked
him to go out. He went out. He
came back & insulted the ladies -
I ordered him away & he got mad
& was very abusive. He then went
to his own home. I got a chair &
began to break down the door
between my room & ^{his} this ant-
while doing this he said he would
go in there & burn the door down
down - he was very disorderly for

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Mr. Hollister -

Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No.

New York, 188

Some time, and finally I saw
him knock a lighted lamp off
the table ^{in his room} with a chair. I do not
know what time in the evening
this was. An alarm of fire
was given & the engine came
there. After Armstrong started the
fire, he jumped out of his bedroom
window & ran away. I did not
see him come back again.
Mr. Henry Berkeley who lives in
our house put the fire out. Mr.
Armstrong's wife & daughter were
in the house when he started
the fire &

Subscribed & sworn
before me this 25th
Dec 1883,

Samuel ^{his} Hollister
(mark)

Edw H. Shelden
His Marshal

Sporn Beigne me
this 26th day of Dec 1883

Police Justice

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Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No. _____

New York, 456 9 Ave 88

City of New York (George Buckley of 456
 9 Ave New York being only known
 deponent says - I live next door
 to Armstrong - I know him
 Last Evening he came to my home
 to get my guitar. I refused it to
 him, then he came again to get
 my accordion I refused that
 he went away angry - I then
 went out with my wife to buy
 some Christmas things, when I
 came back Armstrong's place
 was on fire - I got some ~~things~~^{things}
 in a tub & threw on the fire, the
^{table} carpet was on fire & the edge of
 the bedroom door and something
 was burning on the floor - There was
 a lot of straw just inside the bedroom
 door, close to where the fire was
 burning - It had not yet caught fire
 but was very near it - the straw
 appeared as though it was spread
 there for some particular purpose
 It attracted my attention, it was
 not a straw bed - A short time

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ago. Armstrong was notified by the
landlord that he must move
out of the building. Afterwards he
said in my hearing that if he had
to go Every body in the building
would go where he did -

George Berkeley

Subscribed & sworn
before me this 25th
Dec 1883

Geo A. Sheldon

Dist. Marshal

Sworn before Me
this 26 day of December 1883

J. H. Draper
Police Justice

0530

Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No.

New York, 456, 9th Ave 188

City & County
of New York. Guy. D. Holland
of 456, 9th Ave. am being duly
sworn depon & say. I live at
above named premises, and am
familiar of the building. There are
four tenements in the building - it is
a 2 story frame building, and
no partition between the upper
floors. Last Evening some friends
were visiting me. A man too
came in there & made some
troubles & insulted the ladies
he went out & I told my wife
not to let him in, he then began
to make troubles in his own room.
I told my wife to go for an officer.
He said "You may send your
where for an officer, but I will
come in & burn the house down."
Then he began to break in the
door between our rooms, just
as he had broken the panel
out I heard Mr Armstrong
scream "Oh my God he is going
to set the house on fire." Directly

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after that I heard a crash & jumped
out of bed. I looked through the
broken panel of the door & saw
his room in a blaze. Berkeley
put the fire out - There was steam
steaming on the floor, & if the fire
had got into that the whole
building would have gone.
Armstrong has lived there about
2 1/2 months, he has no relations
Ever since he has been there -
He has repeatedly threatened to burn
the place - whenever he quarrelled
with his wife, or got on a spree
After he started the fire, Armstrong
Escaped out of the back window.
There is an alley way into 36th
he made no effort to put out the fire

Geo. H. H. H. H.

From the Suburban
before under 25
1883

To H. H. H. H.
I am to sign me this
26th day of November 1883

J. G. H. H.

Justice

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Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No. _____

New York, 456. 9 Ave 88

City & County
of New York, Fred A. Keck of 452.9 +
Ave being only from depositions &
App. I know Alexander Aron-
=strong I saw him last night
about 9 o'clock, at 355 St 9 Ave
The Eyewitness were just going home
I asked him where the fire was
he said he did not know, then I
asked him did he set the place on
fire - I asked him this because
I had heard of his trying to set the
place on fire twice before & got
caught each time - he then told me
that he had some straw in the
place, & fixed a known lamp
up against the ceiling so that
it would fall in the straw &
set the whole room on fire -
When he left me he said he was
going to his brother, he went down
355 St towards 8th Avenue

Subscribed Keck
Lieutenant Dec 25,
1883

Fred A. Keck

Wm. J. Sheridan

Nichols

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Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No. _____

New York, 456-9 Ave 988

Lizzie Louisa Armstrong ^{456-9 Ave} makes the following statement: I am ten years old. I go to school. I know if I do not tell the truth I will go to a bad place. I live at 456-9th Ave in the rear. My father's name is Alexander Armstrong. He was at home last night because he could not go in Mr Hollins' house next door. She would not let him in. There is a door between our room & Mr Hollins'. My father tried to break it down. Then he knocked a lighted Kerosene lamp, a big high lamp off the table & set the carpet on fire. Then my father ran & jumped out of the window & went away. and some one came in & put out the fire. My mother and my two little sisters were in the room when my father threw the lamp down.

In presence of Lizzie L ^{her} Armstrong
 Wm H. Hudson
 Finckland ^{mark}

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Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No. _____

New York, 456. 9 & 488

City of New York -
 of New York. Many statements
 of 456. 9 & 488 being duly
 sworn depon, that my husband
 name is Alexander Armstrong.
 I have three children and
 expect soon to have another.
 My husband is a Kalsomian
 Carpet Cleaner & Chimney Sweep.
 Last Sunday afternoon & being they
 had a picnic in Mr. Hall's
 room - my husband was in
 there & came home & went in
 again - it seems they had some
 misunderstanding, did not work
 him there - he came home and
 knocked a hole in the door
 between my room & Mr. Hall's
 because he was angry. I did
 not hear him make any threats
 from the place
 & I stumbled against the table
 & upset the lamp on the floor - the
 Kerosene blazed up & he ran away
 jumped out of the window. I was
 in the next room when the lamp
 fell over - My children were home

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at the time, we occupy three
rooms - A neighbor came in &
put out the fire - his name is
Charles Beckley -

Subscribed to them Mary Armstrong
before this
20th Dec 1883

Geo W. Sheldon
Hillman

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Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No.

New York, 188

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Sec. 198-200

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Alexander Armstrong 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.

Alexander Armstrong

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

36 Years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Hartford.

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

Answer.

406. 9th Avenue. 14 Months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Whitewasher

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

Answer.

I am not guilty - I was drunk and upset the table and the lamp. fell and broke. and was a pure accident.

Alexander Armstrong

Taken before me this

day of

Police Justice.

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

Dated Dec 21 1880 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Witnesses.
Frank Moore 340 W. 38 near top fl
Mary Pearson 155 W. 31
Katherine Brown 155 W. 31
Allen Banks 155 W. 31

BAILED,

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____ Street,

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____ Street,

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____ Street,

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

Police Court-- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Sarah Holland,
456 9th St.

Alexander Armstrong

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3 _____
4 _____

Dated December 26 1893

Quiffy Magistrate.
Francis M. Taggart, Officer.

20 Clerk.

Witnesses George L. Holland

George Buckley Street,

Louise Armstrong

No. Mary Armstrong Street

456 9th Avenue Rear

No. 452 9th Avenue Street,

to answer

George H. Sheldon

155 Mercer Street

\$1500 to Geo. L. over

Offence, CROWN.

PEOPLE'S COURT

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City & County
of New York

456. 9th Ave

~~Wm. J. Sullivan~~
~~res. 456. 9th Ave~~

Frank Moore

of ~~340~~ 340. W. 38th St near
top floor, being only brown
deposits. On the evening
of Dec 24. I was visiting at
Wm. J. Sullivan 456. 9th
Ave near. Mr. Moore & his
daughter were visiting there &
some others. Shortly after I
arrived. Alexander Armstrong
knocked at the door & was
refused admittance. He afterwards
broke ^{piece out of} a panel in the door
between the rooms, & then went
outside & turned the room & used
vile language, and said
if he could not come in, then
would he us further, that he
would burn the place
down. Directly after that
he smashed the entire panel
of the door in, & then I saw
through the broken door a section
of his arm & then the fire flashed
up -
Frank X Moore

This 31. Decr. 1883

Subscribed & sworn before me

Geo. P. Sullivan
Notary Public

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City & County
of New York - Mary Brown of 155 W
31st being duly sworn depose
that - I was visiting Mr Holland
on Christmas Eve. I saw
Mr Armstrong there, he went
out & tried to come in again
& Mr Holland said ~~that~~
he could not come in any
more. After that he broke in
the panel of the door between
his room & Mr Holland's,
then I saw a flood of fire
through the broken panel &
heard Armstrong's wife say
"Oh my God he is setting the
house on fire".

Subscribed & sworn Mary Brown.
Before me Dec 31

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Geo H. Sheldon.

Not a Notary

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456-9 + Ave

City & County
of New York. Catherine Brown
of 155 W. 31st St being duly
sworn depone says. That
on the 31st of Dec. 1883
at New York. I saw Armstrong
there. He was ~~deposed~~ ^{kind of} ~~there~~
there. & then went out. He
afterwards tried to get in &
Mr Holland would not let
him in. After that he broke in
a panel of the door between
his room Mr Holland's &
then I saw a light & heard
Armstrong say "Oh my
God - he has set the house
on fire!" Catherine ^{has} Brown

Subscribed & sworn ^{made}
before me this 31st
Dec 1883

Geo A. Tuckman
Notary Public

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City & County

456-9 + Ave

of New York. Allen Banks of
 155 W. 31st being only storm
 depose to say. I saw at
 W. Hallam's on Christmas
 Eve. Saw Armstrong there
 he was insulting my
 mother & sister. ~~After~~ he went
 out. Afterwards wanted to
 come in but was refused.
 He cursed & swore outside &
 then went into his own
 house & tried to break the
 door down between his room
 & Hallam's. He was quiet
 for a few minutes, then he
 went at the door again &
 broke in the panel. Directly
 after that I heard the crash
 of a lamp & saw the fire &
 heard his wife say "Oh my
 God he has set the house
 on fire."

Subscribed to from Allen Banks

before on Dec 31 -

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Geo. A. Sheldon

Min. Sec. of Court

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See 24/83.

Affidavit of

Frank Moore,

Mary Brown

Catherine Brown

William Banks,

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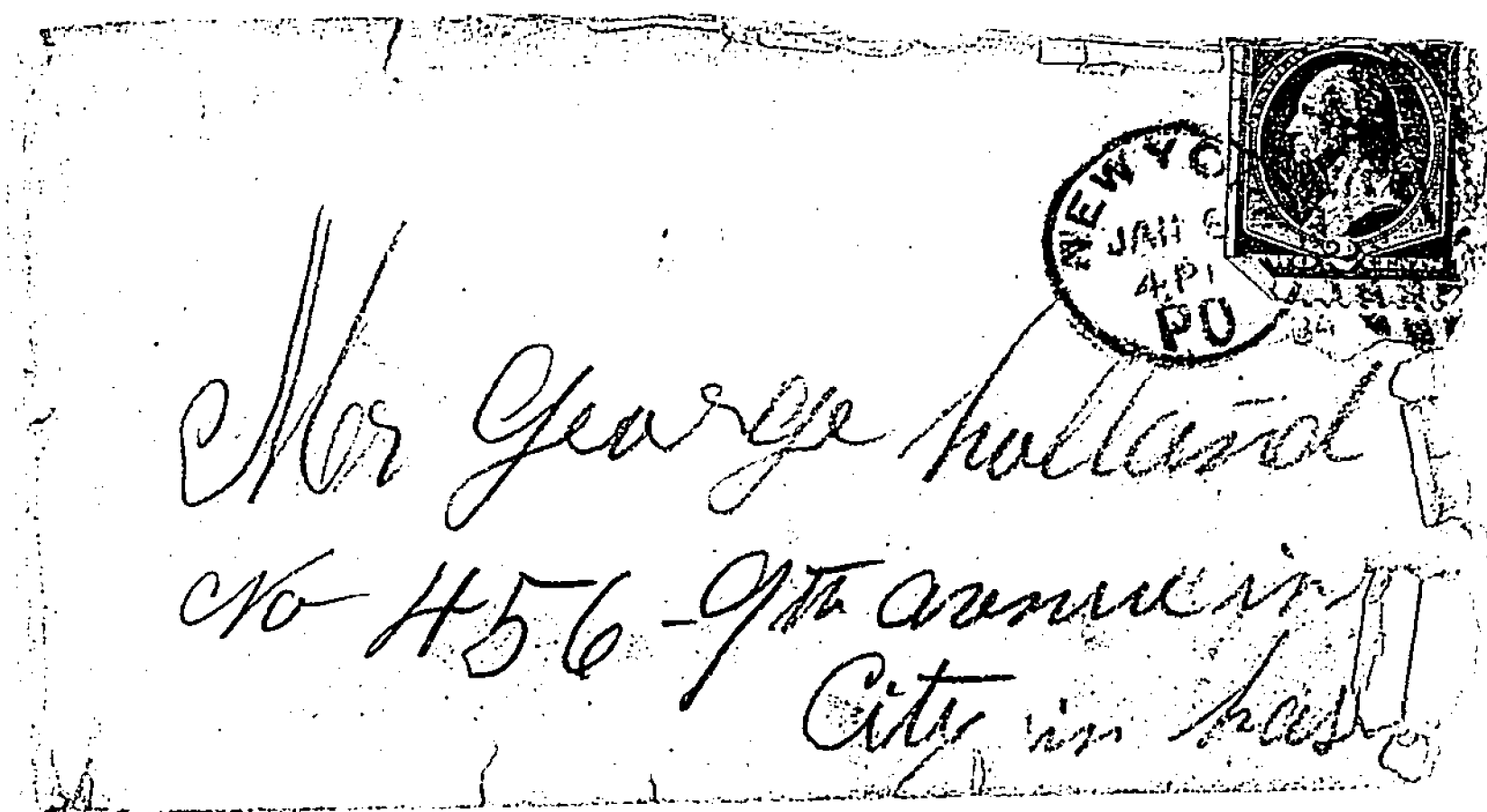
My husband
Mr. Sir I am writing
to you as your husband
be sent to prison and I
always will help him
when I could do so I was
abuse that man and
did not know what I
was doing you have been
in the same condition
and you must give
and take if Mrs. Hall
want revenge. She ought
to take it easy & have
that have done something
to her and not me
it seems as if she is
doing this to please
happy Williams
I am guilty of

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What she says
I done and she
ought to be ashamed
of her self in the sight
of God and man
here I am in prison
and my wife expects
to be left at arm
length have mercy
on her as she is a
warmer like yourself
I am sorry for what
I done friend

Alexander Armstrong
in Texas

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HEADQUARTERS

Fire Department City of New York,

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL,

(155 and 157 MERCER STREET.)

New York, Aug 3 1884

Mr Donnelly

Dear Sir-

*Please add to list
of witnesses to be subpoenaed in arson
Case of Alex Armstrong the following*

<i>Frank Moore:</i>	<i>340 W. 38th St near top floor.</i>
<i>Mary Brown</i>	<i>155 W. 31st</i>
<i>Catherine Brown</i>	<i>" "</i>
<i>Allen Banks,</i>	<i>" "</i>

*Resptd
J. H. Muldoon*

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Fire Dec 24th 1883 9⁵⁵ PM.
456. 9th Ave near building
a two story frame building
occupied by various parties as
dwelling.

The prisoner Alex. Armstrong
occupied an apartment on 1st
floor, and the adjoining
apartment was occupied
by Geo. L. Holland & wife;
a door separating the two
apartments.

On Christmas Eve, Holland
had some visitors, & Armstrong
went in there. he had been
drinking & was disorderly. he
went out & on again attempting
to enter was refused admittance.

He insisted upon entering
& threatened in case he was
not admitted to "brown the S— &
d—n Crib down".

He then began to break
down the door between his
apartment & that occupied
by the Hollands; & after smashing
the panel out of the door with
a chair he knocked a lighted

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lamp from the table setting
the place on fire, and made
his escape through his bedroom
window.

The building was
somewhat damaged & furniture
burned.

The prisoner afterward
admitted having set the place
on fire & told how he did it.

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Witnesses -
all - Sarah Holland as to being
at home -

Armstrongs Conduct & threats.
She sees him knock the lamp
over - & then escape by the window.
making no effort to put out the fire -

Geo L Holland.

As to Armstrongs disorderly
insulting Conduct, his being
forbidden to enter the premises -
His threats to burn the house
if not allowed to enter. His
escape after starting the fire.
His previous threats to burn
the place.

Frank Moore, a visitor at the
Hollands on Evening of fire.
Armstrongs Conduct & threats
to burn the place. his breaking
the door. Seen through the broken
door a motion of prisoners arm
as if throwing something & then
the fire -

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Mary Brown
Catherine Brown &
Allen Banks. visitors at Holland.
as to prisoner conduct &
hearing Mr. Armstrong scream
"Oh, my God he is setting the
house on fire."

George Berkley - as to putting out
the fire - Armstrong notified
a short time before he laid out
to move out of building. This
afterwards saying - that if he (Armstrong)
"had to go" Every body in the
building would go when he did"

Fred Ackers as to seeing Armstrong
on 9th Ave just as Elgin were
going home from fire - Armstrong
denies all knowledge of fire
& afterwards admits that he
did it & telling how he did it.

Officer M^o Taggart as to search for
harvest of prisoner. ~~this previous~~
knowledge of him - bad reputation -
Examined premises. Knows what
was there.
Prove the worst?

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vs.

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Manu. of Endunth
for L. L. Holloway.

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Court of General Sessions

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Alexander Armstrong

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

Alexander Armstrong
of the CRIME OF Arson in the first degree

committed as follows :

The said Alexander Armstrong

late of the Twentyeth Ward of the City of New York, in the County
of New York aforesaid,

on the twenty fourth day of December in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty- three at the Ward, City and
County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the night time of the said day, the
dwelling house of one George C. Drolland
then and there situate, there being then and there within the said dwelling
house some human being, to wit : the said George
C. Drolland

feloniously, wilfully and maliciously, did set on fire and burn, 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

Alexander Armstrong
of the CRIME OF Arson in the first degree

committed as follows :

The said Alexander Armstrong, 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, in the night time of the said day, the
dwelling house of the said Alexander Armstrong
then and there situate, there being then and there within the said dwelling
house some human being, to wit : one

Mary Armstrong
feloniously, wilfully, and maliciously did burn, against the form of the Statute in such
case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New
York and their dignity.

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Third COUNT.

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

_____ Alexander Armstrong _____
of the CRIME OF Arson IN THE First DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said Alexander Armstrong _____

late of the Trenton Ward of the City of New York, in the County
of New York aforesaid, _____

on the twenty fourth day of December in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty- three at the Ward, City and
County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the night time of the said day, a certain
Building of one William C. Sessler
then and there situate, there being then and there within the said Building
_____ some human being, to wit: one George C.

Dorland _____

feloniously, wilfully and maliciously, did set on fire; 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.

Fourth Count.

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

_____ Alexander Armstrong _____
of the CRIME OF Arson in the First degree _____

committed as follows:

The said Alexander Armstrong, 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, in the night time of the said day, a certain
Building of one William C. Sessler
then and there situate, there being then and there within the said Building
_____ some human being, to wit: one Sarah Dorland

feloniously, wilfully, and maliciously did burn, against the form of the Statute in such
case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New
York and their dignity.

PETER B. OLNEY,

~~DANIEL G. HOFFENS~~, District Attorney.