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*Geo Combs  
Rock on  
Hudson  
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*W. V. Koller*

Counsel,  
Filed 14 day of Aug 1884  
Pleads Not Guilty

INDICTMENT.  
Grand Larceny in the  
degree.  
(MONEY)  
[See above]

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*R*  
William Nelson

PETER B. OLNEY,  
~~JOHN W. OLNEY~~  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*W. V. Koller  
Red Apple  
on the  
1884 Aug.  
K.S.*

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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 Nelson*

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

*William Nelson*  
of the crime of GRAND LARCENY IN THE *Second* DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *William Nelson*

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

*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*; *two* 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*; *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 five dollars, and of the value of five dollars *each*; *thirty* 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*; *thirty* 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*; *two* 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*; *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 two dollars *each*; and *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 one dollar *each*.

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of *the State Steamship Company* 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,

~~JOHN McKEON~~, District Attorney.

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FREIGHT DEPARTMENT



GLASGOW OFFICE,  
65 GREAT CLYDE STREET.

The State Steamship Company

Weekly Sailings <sup>BETWEEN</sup> New York, Glasgow & Belfast

Austin Baldwin & Co. Genl Agents.

53 Broadway.

New York, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1884

To the  
District Attorney  
State of New York.

Sir

In the case at my instance  
against A. W. Nelson coming for trial today  
I am willing to withdraw the case  
as complainant if such is in accordance  
with the laws of the United States.

Your obs. servt

Alex. Kitchin

Master S. State of Indiana

I agree to the above statement

Kadeffe Baldwin  
of Customs & Excise Co

Court of General Sessions  
 The People }  
 vs. }  
 William Nelson }

Deposition taken conditionally  
 pursuant to an order made by  
 Hon. Frederick Smyth Recorder, dated  
 24<sup>th</sup> September 1884.

Alexander Ritchie being  
 duly sworn and examined as follows

Q.

What is your name?

A.

Alexander Ritchie.

Q.

What is your residence

A.

Scotland.

Q.

Are you the Captain of the ship  
 known as the "State of Indiana" and  
 where you so on August 7. 1884?

A.

Yes.

Q.

Did you make the complaint  
 in this action charging Wm Nelson  
 with Grand Larceny?

A.

Yes.

Q.

Have you since that time found  
 reason to believe that you were mis-  
 taken or that Wm. Nelson did not  
 take that money as charged in  
 the complaint with the purpose of

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stealing the same, and appropriating it to his own use.

A. I believe he did not.

Q. What do you believe the facts to be in regard to the loss of that money?

A. I understand that he got the money and spent it on a spree.

Q. After your investigation of this matter do you believe he meant to steal that money?

A. I don't think he did.

Sworn to before me } Alex Ritchie  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1884 }

J. H. Rees

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Police Court - 1st District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

1530  
1st District

Alexander Ritchie  
Thomas's Block of Commerce  
Street & Canal St. N.Y.

William Nelson  
1st District



Offence

Dated

Magistrate

Witnesses

No. 1

Richard Aldwin  
53 Broadway Street

No. 2

John Peterson  
16 Exchange Place Street

No. 3

to answer Sessions

No. 4

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 William Nelson

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 7 Aug 84 1884 Lucio J. Gold 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.

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Sec. 198-200

12 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

William Nelson 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 Nelson

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 31 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Sweden

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

Answer. 96 Washington St. about 2 months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Bookkeeper

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  
Wm Nelson

Taken before me this 17th day of January 1887  
Charles P. ...  
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 42 years, occupation Agent of No. Ralph Baldwin

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

Sworn to before me, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1884 Ralph Baldwin

Andrew Smith  
Police Justice.

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Police Court— First District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

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

of Steamship State of Indiana living at Foot of Canal Street + North River  
occupation Captain of said steamship Alexander Ritchie  
Street, aged 39 years, being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 28 day of June 1884 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent, in the daytime, the following property viz :

Good and lawful money of the United States to the amount and value of one hundred dollars

the property of a Company known and doing business under the name of "State Steamship Company"

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 K. Nelson (now here) from the fact that deponent was informed by Radclif Baldwin one of the agents of said Steamship Company that on said day said defendant came to said Baldwin's place of business N<sup>o</sup> 53 Broadway where said Baldwin gave said defendant the aforesaid money to pay the crew of said steamship State of Indiana at the time said defendant was the Purser of said steamer. Deponent further says that since that day defendant has failed to return to said steamer and failed to pay the crew said money.

Wherefore deponent charges said defendant with taking, stealing and carry away said property and appropriating the same to his own use  
Alex Ritchie

Sworn to before me, this 19 day of August 1884  
Alexander Ritchie  
Police Justice.