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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Breen, James

**DATE:**

12/15/80



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Day of Trial,

Commenced,

Filed 10<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1880

Pleaded

THE PEOPLE

vs.

207 E. Broadway  
J  
Jesse Brown

BENJ. K. PHILIPS,

District Attorney

Filed Dec 10, 1880

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Wm. de H. Cooper

Notary

Attest of R. J. ...

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Police Court—Third District.

CITY AND COUNTY, <sup>in</sup>  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

James Brown being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he was  
at liberty to answer, or not, all or any questions put to him, states as follows, viz.:

Question.—What is your name?

Answer.—James Brown

Question.—How old are you?

Answer.—14 years

Question.—Where were you born?

Answer.—New York City

Question.—Where do you live?

Answer.—287 East Broadway

Question.—What is your occupation?

Answer.—Sell papers

Question.—Have you anything to say, and if so, what—relative to the  
charge here preferred against you?

Answer.—I am guilty

James Brown

Taken before me, this

John J. [Signature]  
1st  
[Signature]  
Police Justice

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

Frank Ferris

of ~~the~~ House of Detention Street,  
being duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 10 day of Novbr  
1880, at the City of New York, in the County of New York

James Brown (now here)  
did upon the person of deponent  
commit the abominable and detestible  
crime against Nature  
that said Brown  
in a water closet on the corner of Henry  
and Governor Street insert his penis  
into deponent's pants.

Frank Ferris  
mark

Sworn to this  
before me

18 Aug of 1880  
J. H. Mack  
Police Justice.

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POLICE OFFICE, THIRD DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Frank Ferris*  
~~*H. J. Ferris*~~

*James Brown*

*Sullivan*  
Affidavit

Dated *Nov 18* 18*86*

*W. Hillborn* JUSTICE.

*Lawrence del* OFFICER.

WITNESSES:

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*500 toms*  
*Clay*

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City and County  
of New York ss

The jurors of the people of the State of  
New York in and for the body of the City and  
County of New York upon their oath present

That James Brown late of the seventh  
Ward of the City of New York in the County of New  
York aforesaid on the sixteenth day of November  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty at the Ward City and County aforesaid  
with force and arms in and upon one Frank Ferris  
then and there feloniously did make an  
assault and then and there feloniously wickedly  
diabolically and against the order of nature with  
the said Frank Ferris had a venereal affair  
and then and there carnally knew the said  
Frank Ferris and then and there feloniously  
wickedly diabolically and against the order  
of nature with the said Frank Ferris did commit  
and perpetrate that detestable and abominable  
crime of buggery not to be named among  
Christians, to the great displeasure of All-  
mighty God, to the great scandal of all  
human kind and 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

Benj. K. Phelps  
District Attorney

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DESCRIPTION:

Breinkheimer, Henry

DATE:

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Filed 8 day of Dec 1880  
H. S. Shultz

Assault and Battery.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Henry Breakhorne

B. K. PHELPS,  
District Attorney.

Dec 9, 1880  
Spencer J. Fitzgerald.

A True Bill.

Marshall W. Cooper

Foreman.

Henry H. H. H.

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Form 11.

Police Court—First District, Halls of Justice.

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

of No 2 Greenwell George Miller Street,  
being duly sworn, deposes and says, that

on Sunday the 18 day of November  
in the year 1880, at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Henry Breinkheimer  
(in presence) who struck deponent  
with his clenched fist on the  
back of the head knocking deponent  
down and then kicked deponent  
about the head knocking his teeth  
out and bruising his body  
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 the above assault, &c., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of November 1880 }

[Signature]  
POLICE JUSTICE.

George Miller

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Form 11.

Police Court, Halls of Justice.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

George Miller  
2 Greenwich St  
vs.

Henry Brinkbecker

AFFIDAVIT - A. & B.

Dated Nov 29 1880

Justice.

Muller Officer.

Witness Michael Callahan

17 Washington Street

Kate Miller

2 Greenwich St

Subscribed to Ans. Sess

Bailed by DEC 3 1880

No. 1170

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

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*in and for the body of the City and County of New York,*  
*upon their Oath, present:*

That

*Hewey Breinkhimer*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid  
on the *eighteenth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy~~ *eighty* at the Ward, City and County  
aforesaid, in and upon the body of *George Keller*  
in the peace of the said people then and there being, with force and arms unlawfully  
did make an assault and *kill* the said *George Keller*  
did then and there unlawfully beat, wound, and ill-treat, to the great damage of the  
said *George Keller* and against the peace of the  
People of the State of New York and their dignity.

**BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Bromberg, Barney

**DATE:**

12/21/80



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147 Broadway

Counsel,  
Filed Dec. 1880,  
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*Larceny and Receiving Stolen Goods.*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Sup. de*

*Barney Bromberg*

BENJ. K. PHELPS,  
District Attorney.

A True BILL.

*Marcus H. Cooper*

Foreman.

*Dec. 21/80*

*D. H. [Signature]*

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FORM 112

Police Court—Third District

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

Maggie McLean

of No. 243 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street, being duly sworn, deposes

and says that on the 18 day of December 1880

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away from the possession of deponent and from the person of deponent

the following property viz: one Pocket book containing gold and lawful money of the issue of the United States consisting of three Treasury notes of the denomination and value of two dollars each and three silver coins of the value of ten cents each and three copper coin of one cent each said property being in all

of the value of Six <sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars

the property of Margaret McLean deponent's mother

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 Bernard Bronberg (now here) and another person not arrested and who is unknown to deponent, for the reasons following to wit: Deponent was standing in Grand Street between Forsyth and Chryste Street and there missed her pocket book which was in the pocket of the cloak then worn upon her person deponent was informed by some person to her that said Bernard and said unknown person who is not arrested had stolen her pocket book deponent followed said Bernard, and he was caught by

Sworn to before me this  
day of  
1880

Richard Ferguson

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William Eidman of No. 267 Grand  
who found the above described Pocket Book  
containing cash money in his  
possession

Sworn to before me this }  
19<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1880 } Magistrate McLean  
J. W. [Signature]  
Police Justice

City & County }  
of New York } 55

William Eidman of No.  
267 Grand Street being duly sworn says  
he caught Bernard Bromberg (written)  
in Grand Street with the Pocket  
Book described in the within affidavit  
of Magistrate McLean in his possession

Sworn to before me this }  
19<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1880 } William Heintzman  
J. W. [Signature]  
Police Justice

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Police Court—Third District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK.

*Bernard Bromberg* being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he was at  
liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to *him*, states as follows,  
viz:

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Bernard Bromberg*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *Eight years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

Question. Where do you live?

Answer. *15 Duane St*

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer. *Peader.*

Question. Have you anything to say, and if so, what—relative to the  
charge here preferred against you?

Answer. *The other boy stole it and put  
it in my pocket*

*Barney Bromberg*

Taken before me, this *19* day of *March* 18*90*  
*P. J. Williams*  
POLICE JUSTICE.

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COUNSEL FOR COMPLAINANT.

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, \_\_\_\_\_

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT.

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, \_\_\_\_\_

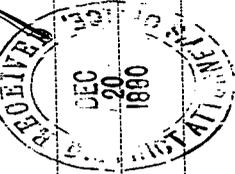
POLICE COURT—THIRD DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, & c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Maggie McLean*  
vs.  
*1243 E 29th St*

*Bernard Rosenberg*



AFFIDAVIT—LARCENY—*from Police*

BAILED.  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 5, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 6, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Dated *Dec 19* 18*90*

*Philbert* Magistrate.

*Coyd* 10 Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\$ *5.00* to answer \_\_\_\_\_  
at *Philbert* Sessions *Coyd*

Received at Dist. Att'y's Office,

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
in and for the body of the City and County of New York, upon  
their Oath, present:

That

*Barney Bronberg*

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            at the Ward, City and County aforesaid  
with force and arms,

*three* Promissory Note \$ for the payment of money, the same being then and there  
due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as            United States Treasury Note \$ of the  
denomination of *two* dollars and of the value of *two* dollar *each*

*Three* Promissory Note \$ for the payment of money, the same being then and there  
due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as            Bank Note \$ of the denomination of  
*two* dollars and of the value of *two* dollar *each*

*Three coins (of the kind commonly called dimes)*  
*of the value of ten cents each -*  
*Three coins (of the kind commonly called cents)*  
*of the value of one cent each*  
*One pocket book of the value of fifty cents*  
*of the goods chattel and personal property of*  
*one Maggie McCann, on the person of*  
*one Maggie McCann then and there being*  
*found, from the person of the said Maggie*  
*McCann*

~~of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one~~

there ~~being found~~, 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. then and

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And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present  
That the said

*Barney Bromberg*

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

*Three* Promissory Notes for the payment of money, the same being then and there  
due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as United States Treasury Note of the  
denomination of *Two* dollar and of the value of *Two* dollar each

*Three* Promissory Notes for the payment of money, the same being then and there  
due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as Bank Note of the denomination of  
*Three* dollars and of the value of *Three* dollar each

*Three* coins (of the kind commonly called dimes)  
of the value of ten cents each  
*Three* coins (of the kind commonly called cents)  
of the value of one cent each  
*One* pocket of the value of fifty cents

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of the said *Maggie McLean*  
by a certain person or persons to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously  
stolen of the said

*Maggie McLean*  
unlawfully, unjustly, and for the sake of wicked gain, did feloniously receive and have (the said  
*Barney Bromberg*  
then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels, and personal property, to have been feloniously  
stolen,) 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.

**BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Bryant, Virginius

**DATE:**

12/08/80



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Filed *8* day of *Dec* 188*0*  
Pleads *Not Guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Virginus Bryant* }  
*P.*

Felonious Assault and Battery.

*8/15/80*

BENJ. K. PHELPS,

*District Attorney.*

**A True Bill.**

*Marshall W. Cooper*

Foreman.

*Dec 17. 1880.*

*John W. ...*  
*24. 6 ...*

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Police Court, Fourth District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

*Virginus Bryant* being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he was at liberty to answer, or not, all or any questions put to him, states as follows, viz:

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Virginus Bryant*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *24 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Virginia*

Question. Where do you live?

Answer. *815 1/2 Avenue*

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer. *Waiter*

Question. Have you anything to say, and if so what,—relative to the charge here preferred against you?

Answer. *I picked a knife up on the street while the complainant and I were scuffling - the knife was open, and as I cut the complainant it was not intentional.  
Virginus Bryant*

Taken before me this 3 day of December 1890

*Marcus Clark*  
Police Justice.

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**ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL,**

59th STREET & NINTH AVENUE.

New York, Dec 1st 1880

Albert Bowser was admitted  
to Roosevelt Hospital  
Nov 30th suffering from  
a stab wound of the  
chest wall. His injuries  
are probably not serious  
in character

J. M. Ambrose, M.D.  
House Surgeon

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

Police Court—Fourth District.

Samuel Soule  
of No. the 32<sup>d</sup> Precinct Police being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
that on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of November 1888  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

Albert Bowser was feloniously  
assaulted and beaten by Virginus Bryant  
(now here) who stabbed said Bowser  
in the left breast with a pocket knife  
as this deponent is informed by said  
Bowser who is now confined in the  
Roswell Hospital in consequence of the  
injuries inflicted by said Bryant.  
That deponent confronted said  
Bryant with said Bowser who  
identified him as the person who stabbed him  
Samuel Soule

Sworn to before me, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of

November 1888  
of December  
New York City, Justice.

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Police Court—Fourth District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Samuel Soule*

vs.

*Abner Brown*

AFFIDAVIT.

Date *Dec 12* 188*8*

*Osterburg* Magistrate.

*Soule* Officer.

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

Disposition, \_\_\_\_\_

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Police Court—Fourth District.

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

Albert Bowser

of No. 149 West 52<sup>d</sup> Street

Street,

on Tuesday the ~~thirtieth~~ day of November  
in the year 1871 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that

and feloniously he was violently ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Virginia Bryant (nowhere) who stabbed this deponent with the blade of a Knife, which Knife was then held in the hand of ~~the~~ said Virginia Bryant and wherewith he wounded this deponent in the left breast. That said Virginia Bryant did so feloniously by beat and assault this deponent as aforesaid

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him 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, &c., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn before me, this third day  
of December 1871

McCrear Otterboer : Albert Bowser  
Police Justice

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Police Court—Fourth District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.  
vs.  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Robert F. Smizer  
No. 149 N. 52nd St.

Regina M. Boyard

David L. Coombs, J.P.  
1887

Alfred Magistrate

Saul Officer

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Louis Hill 872 1/2 5th Avenue (arrested)  
Frank W. Wray, No. 369 West 52nd Street  
Robert Smith 884 6th Avenue  
Henry Ellis 872 1/2 5th Avenue  
Patrick Donnelly 872 6th Avenue

1500 Ave. G. S.

Comm

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The People  
vs  
Virginia Bryant  
Indictment for felonious assault and battery  
Court of General Sessions Before Recorder  
Loring the Friday, December 17 1880  
Albert Bowers sworn and examined, testified  
I am a carpet layer, I live at 119 West 45th Street  
St. I have known the prisoner about three years  
he used to come to my house once in a while.  
I never had any hard feelings against him,  
never had any words with him. On Tuesday  
30th of November I charge that he stabbed me  
with a knife, it happened in front of 887  
Sixth Avenue near 45th St. it is a boot  
blackening establishment kept by Will and  
Johnson in a basement, it was about 7  
o'clock in the evening I was out I was not  
in the presence of the prisoner more than  
five or six minutes before I was stabbed there  
were several others in the basement when  
I went in getting their boots blacked and three  
or four more in there. As soon as I opened  
the door Bryant said "Hallo, here is Bowers"  
I said, "Bowers is not going to do anything  
of the kind." then he says "I have got half a  
dollar, how much will you put up?" I say  
"I won't put up anything." He says "Damn you  
I bet you have a dollar you aint got a  
dollar." I say "Never mind what I have got,  
I aint going to the trap if you want to heat

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you can do so the idea, he says you told  
me the other day you could not spell  
Massachusetts I says no more than you  
did. ~~you~~ have not spelled it yet. let me  
see you spell it now. He said some words,  
abusive language. I contradicted him and  
said he had not spelled it yet. He said,  
you are a God damned fool anyway. I  
said, you are another? Lewis Hill said,  
"Gentlemen, we want have any muss." I  
said, I am not making any muss. That  
man wants to have a muss; he kept  
cursing me, and finally I asked him,  
what do you mean? "what are you trying  
to get at? It looks as if you wanted to kick  
up a muss." Hill says, "you will have to go  
out there." I said, "All right, I can go out,  
I am not making a muss; why dont  
you talk to that man? He went out before  
me. He said before he went out "Damn  
you, I will whip you." I said, I will <sup>let you</sup> whip  
me." I saw him put his hand in his  
pocket and put his hand back. I  
got out on the sidewalk and I said to the  
prisoner, "That is the matter? It looks as  
if you wanted to kick up a muss. I believe  
you have got a knife in your hand  
He said, "It is none of your business what

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I have got," I said, "you are talking about  
whipping me, I want let you whip me," I said  
Bill came out of the basement and said,  
"Don't you all be making no snass and  
fighting," I said, "There is nobody making  
any snass but Bryant. At that time a  
man came up to me and spoke about  
laying some carpets. I turned round to give  
him an answer, and as I turned round  
Bryant said, "you are a damned son-  
of-a-bitch," I says, "you are another," as soon  
as I said that, he jerked his hand out  
of his pocket, he held in to him, he jabbed  
the knife in my left side, I jumped back  
and said he stabbed me. Bill reached  
between him and me, he jerked to get at  
me again and he got excited. All at once  
he ran across the street, and as he  
was running away I shouted "Police," the  
officer arrested him on the other side of the  
street, and as the officer arrested him,  
he threw the knife on the sidewalk. I  
was struck on the left breast, between  
the two first ribs. I had a rest on and  
it went through my overcoat. I was taken  
to the hospital. I did not fall down. I  
told the officer he stabbed me. I was at  
the Roosevelt hospital two days and a half.  
I went back once to have the wound dressed.

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I am pretty near well now, only a little sore I never saw the knife until he threw it out of his hand after he stabbed me. Cross-examined. The officer had the knife last. The knife was open. I never saw the knife before. I did not use profane or insulting words to the prisoner. There was in the place at the time Henry Ellis, Louis Hill, Frank Morby and some others. Mr. Hill drove the prisoner and myself out of the place; the prisoner went ahead of me, he struck me on the sidewalk in front of the door. Before he used the knife on me I did not make an attempt to strike him. I did not take my hands out of my pockets. I did not see him pick something off the street. I work almost every day. I am not doing much business now. I am not in the habit of getting intoxicated every day. In Louis Hill, sworn and examined. I keep this boot-shacking place. When I ordered the complainant and the prisoner to go out they went. I afterwards went out myself. Both were standing together Bryant had his back leaning against the Elevated Railroad post on the sidewalk. Brewer called Bryant a damned liar. Bryant

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made a lick at him with something and Bowser jumped back. He said, "I believe the damned nigger stabbed me," he fell back and found that it was cut. At that time he halloed for police. I did not see the cut until he came back from the hospital. Bowser halloed for the police after he was stabbed. Cross examined. When Bowser came into my place, Bryant said, "Hallo, here comes Bowser," and then they commenced cursing about spelling Massachusetts. Bowser said to Bryant, "Can you spell Massachusetts and Baltimore at the same time?" Bryant said, "You would not know it if I did it." They commenced cursing then, and I said, "All go out of here, gentlemen." Bryant took the first oath and then I ordered him out. I went up stairs about a minute after they did. I do not remember that Bryant was smoking a cigar leaning against the post. I don't know what happened between the prisoner and the complainant before I got up stairs, they were both standing together face to face when I got up. I got in between them and told them to go away to not stand in front of my door making a noise; they were about a yard apart. I did not catch hold of either one. Bryant went around me on the elevated part of the

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second time and Bowser said "I believe I am cut; that damned nigger stabbed me." I went between them because Bowser was going back towards Bryant. Samuel Sole, Swain and examined testified I arrested the prisoner. I heard a little noise on the opposite side of Sixth Avenue. I thought there was some edgling, and pretty soon I saw a man running down the Avenue on the opposite side. Immediately after there was another fellow hallooing "Police". So I ran down and headed him off (Bryant) at Forty ninth St. he came from fiftieth St by the Elevated railroad steps. As I came up near him I saw him throw something out of his hand. I grabbed him. Bowser came up and said, "This man stabbed me." He opened his coat and showed where he was bleeding pretty freely. So I commenced to look to see if I could find anything. I know he threw something away. A citizen came up Forty ninth St. and said, "Here it is. It was ten or twelve feet from where I got Bryant. That the knife was found. How was it then? It was closed. Cross examined you just arrested the man and found the knife and that is all you know?" "Yes sir. I heard a little noise, that is all."

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Lewis H. Hill sworn and examined I work  
in a glass house 108 and 110 Duane St. I have  
known Bryant for two or three years, I have seen  
him very often. I know the complainant to the  
reputation of Bryant has always been very  
good in my estimation and in the estimation  
of others as a quiet and peaceable man.  
Virginia Bryant sworn and examined in  
his own behalf testified. I am a married  
man and live with my wife. I am a waiter  
by trade. I have kept a barber shop. I was  
employed by Judge Van Vorst of the Supreme  
Court last winter. I have never been arrested  
before for anything. One evening I came  
by the complainant's house about 9 o'clock  
and he was drinking liquor, he asked me  
to have some and I had a glass. This was  
not the time of the cutting. On the evening  
of the cutting I was doing at this gentleman's  
boot blacking establishment. I sat down  
and Brewer came in and he commenced  
about spelling Massachusetts, and he told  
me that I never had spelled it. I told him  
I had I divided each syllable as I went  
along he was not satisfied, we had some  
words. The gentleman who kept the store  
said if you and Brewer are going to  
quarrel go out in the sidewalk. My  
nastie always is when I get with a crowd  
and me in the evening from me

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and find that they are quarrelsome I always leave them. I was smoking a cigar at the time. I walked down in front of the shop and leaned against the lamp post. This man got up right behind me this way after me with his hand in his pocket. He said, "Here I am, Bryant. If you want to whip me now, do it." I said, "I don't want to whip you." He said, "Why should you keep spelling Massachusetts that way?" "You are a damned liar," I says, "you are another." He struck me in the forehead with his left hand. Mr. Bill came up and got between us, he had a brick trying to get after me, and at that moment some thing fell against the lamp post at my feet. I stopped down and picked it up and as I picked it up, I showed both hands this way (showing) It was a knife that I picked up, a light handled knife. I had not a chance to look at it, it was open when I picked it up. I never carried a knife. When Bowser was cut, if he was cut by you, it was when he came at you. Yes sir, he came after me as I picked up the knife. Before you did anything to him he began the

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attack on you? Yes. I had no intention of hurting him. Cross Examined. I did not expect there was going to be a quarrel inside of the saloon, but the proprietor told us both to go out. I went out to get rid of the complainant. I knew he was a quarrelsome man. Hooper C. Van Vorst, <sup>sworn and</sup> examined. I know the prisoner, he was employed in my family as a waiter; we all thought his character good. He was a peaceable man and attended to his duties. I have got the impression it was about two years ago. Mrs. Van Vorst thinks very well of him according to her statement with regard to the matter. Virginia Bryant examined. Tim recalled. I did not know that I cut the complainant at all. I ran away and the crowd all ran when he called a policeman. When I saw the policeman coming on the corner I stopped. I did not tell the policeman right away that the complainant was chasing me. I threw the knife away before he commenced to run. I have not carried a knife since I was in New York last. I came here the 9th of March. I was with Judge Van Vorst during the winter four or five months. The knife fell at my feet right by a lamp post; the knife was open already.

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I did not have any intention of using it when I picked it up, he made for me, I did not intend to use it, he made for me as soon as I picked up the knife. I do not recollect the way I did strike. You had no intention of doing him any harm, had you all feeling against him? No sir. By the Court. You did not strike him, but he ran against you, is that what you say? Yes sir. When I held the knife up he was making for me and he ran against the knife. You did not run the knife against him? No sir. As I straightened up with the knife he was right upon me. You went to shove him off? Yes sir. You could not help striking him? No sir.

Frank Mosby, sworn and examined, testifies I am a carpet shaker and chimney sweeper I know Bryant and Bowser. I was down in the basement that day and I was up on the sidewalk. I went down behind Mr. Bowser and Bryant said, "there is Bowser." Two or three gentlemen were getting their feet blocked at the time he came in. Bryant was speaking to him in regard to some words he had up town. Bowser said, "you did not spell Massachusetts right, you are a damned ignorant nigger." Bryant said

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if he did spell it. Bowser could not understand it. Bryant spelled "Massachusetts". Bowser said he left out one letter and that he did not spell it at all, that he was a damned liar. Mr. Hill ordered Bryant out on the sidewalk and Mr. Bowser followed him out. Bryant had his back against a lamp post smoking a cigar. Bowser said, "I am up here now, if you want to whip me you can." Bryant said, "I don't want to mess with you, you are a bigger man than I am." Bowser would insist on fighting him. Mr. Smith came up at the time and spoke to Bowser in regard to carpet cleaning. Then that Bowser turned his attention again to Bryant and said, "Do you want to fight me now?" I don't know the reply Bryant made, it was to the effect that Bowser struck at him. I seen that, and he was separated by Lewis Hill, and when they were separated Bryant stooped down and whether he picked up anything or not I know not. When Bowser came for him again he ran on the curb stone and said he was cut and he hallowed "Police". Bryant walked a little way as far as the corner. I suppose when he seen the officer he

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Testimony in the  
Case of  
Virginia Bryant  
Filed Dec. 3.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
in and for the body of the City and County of New York,  
upon their Oath, present :

That *Virginias Bryant*  
late 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 ~~with force and arms, at the City and~~  
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of *Albert Bowser*  
in the peace of the said people then and there being, feloniously did make an assault  
and ~~him~~ the said *Albert Bowser*  
with a certain *knife*  
which the said  
*Virginias Bryant*  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and  
dangerous weapon, willfully and feloniously did beat, strike, stab, cut, and wound  
with intent *him* the said *Albert Bowser*  
then and there, feloniously and willfully 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 Jurors aforesaid, upon their Oath aforesaid, do further present : That  
afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County  
aforesaid, the said *Virginias Bryant*  
with force and arms, in and upon the body of *Albert Bowser*  
then and there being, willfully and feloniously did make an  
assault and ~~him~~ the said *Albert Bowser*  
with a certain *knife* which the said  
*Virginias Bryant*  
in *his* right hand, then and there  
had and held, the same being then and there a sharp, dangerous weapon, willfully  
and feloniously, and without justifiable and excusable cause, did then and there beat,  
strike, stab, cut, and wound, with intent to then and there willfully and feloniously  
do bodily harm unto *him* the said *Albert Bowser*  
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.

THIRD COUNT.

And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their Oath aforesaid, do further present : That  
afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County afore-  
said, the said *Virginias Bryant*  
with force and arms, in and upon the body of *Albert Bowser*  
in the peace of the said people then and there being, feloniously, did make another  
assault and ~~him~~ the said *Albert Bowser*  
with a certain *knife*  
which the said  
*Virginias Bryant* in *his* right  
hand then and there had and held, willfully and feloniously did beat, strike, stab, cut,  
and wound, the same being such means and force as was likely to produce the death  
of *him* the said *Albert Bowser* with intent *him* the

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said *Albert Bowser* then and there feloniously and willfully 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.

FOURTH COUNT.

And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their Oath aforesaid, do further present: That afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, the said

*Virginus Bryant* with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said *Albert Bowser* then and there being, willfully and feloniously, did make another assault and the said *Albert Bowser* with a certain *knife* which the said in *his* right hand, then and there had and held, the same being then and there a deadly weapon, willfully and feloniously did then and there beat, strike, slash, cut and wound, with intent to then and there willfully and feloniously maim *him* the said *Albert Bowser* 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.

BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.

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*Wm. H. P.*

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Dec. 17. 1880

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*W. H. P.*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Virginus Bryant*

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FELONIOUS ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

BENJ. K. PHELPS,  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*Wm. H. P.*

Dec. 17. 1880  
DOVER, N. H.

*Wm. H. P.*

*Wm. H. P.*

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Buckley, Edward

**DATE:**

12/27/80



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Filed 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Dec 1878

Pleas, not Guilty 28.

ROBBERY—First Degree.  
THE PEOPLE  
13 number '08.  
140 prison  
I.  
Edward Buckley

BENJ. K. PHELPS,  
District Attorney.  
Part in Law 5:187  
pleas PL

A True Bill.  
Mamtha Wooten  
Foreman.

Sentence suspended

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

Police Court--First District.

of No. 83 East 2<sup>d</sup> Street, being duly sworn, deposes  
and says, that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1880  
at the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of New York, in the  
County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, from the person of de-  
ponent, by force and violence, without his consent and against his will, the following property viz:

One pocket-book containing gold and  
lawful money of the United States, consisting  
of silver coins and one paper coin, and  
being in all of the amount and

of the value of One 75<sup>00</sup> Dollars,  
the property of deponent and his partner Jacques  
Schmitz, deponent being of the age of 18 years,  
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

Edward Buckley, now here, aged 18 years,  
for the reasons following, to wit: That said  
Buckley and another boy chased deponent  
up the stair way of a building on the  
corner of Grand and Mulberry Streets. That  
they ran up the stairs after deponent, and  
the said Buckley caught hold of deponent  
and forcibly inserted his hand into the  
right side pocket of the coat then worn  
upon deponent's person, in which pocket said  
property then was, and by means of force and  
violence stole and carried away said property  
and ran away into the same as his partner  
Leo Jacques Schmitz.

Sworn to, before me, this

16

day

of December 1880

J. J. [Signature]  
Police Justice.

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Police Court--First District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK.

*Edward Buckley* being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he was at  
liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him states as follows,  
viz:

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Edward Buckley*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *Fifteen years of age*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

Question. Where do you live?

Answer. *140 Mulberry St.*

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer. *I sell papers*

Question. Have you anything to say, and if so, what—relative to the charge  
here preferred against you?

Answer. *I am not guilty. I took  
the pocket book in. I am.*

*Edie Buckley*

Taken before me this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 18*80*  
*John W. Smith*  
Police Justice.

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COUNSEL FOR COMPLAINANT.

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, \_\_\_\_\_

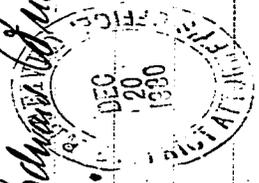
COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT.

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court--First District.

THE PEOPLE, & c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Leo Schmitz*  
13 E 2nd St  
*Thomas Buckley*



AFFIDAVIT--ROBBERY.

BAILED.

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence, \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

No. 5, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence, \_\_\_\_\_

No. 6, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence, \_\_\_\_\_

Dated *December 16* 18 *30*

*Murray* Justice  
*Hamley* 14 Officer  
*McH* Clerk

Witness:  
*Oliver Hamley*  
*14 1/2 West. Police*

\$ *5.00* to answer  
*Glenn* Sessions  
Received at Dist. Atty's office

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
in and for the body of the City and County of New York,  
upon their Oath, present:

That

*Edward Buckley*

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 ~~seventy~~ *eighty*, at the Ward, City, and County  
aforesaid, with force and arms, in the night time of said day, in and upon one

*Leo J. Schmitz*  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and

*One pocket book of the value of twenty-five cents  
Divers coins of a number, kind and denom-  
ination to the jurors aforesaid unknown and  
a more accurate description of which cannot  
now be given of the value of one dollar and  
seventy-five cents*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Leo J. Schmitz*  
from the person of said *Leo J. Schmitz* and against  
the will and by violence to the person of the said *Leo J. Schmitz*  
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.

**BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.**

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Wm Hall  
Dec 14

The person whose name was changed to the present is dead. See within within what I have been brought by office books of that office. It was claimed by Capt. James that he had authority to copy James' name and had done so in other records. It was also empowered by James - James claims to see that he had made authority, that he had done so in or was receiving before. If such records James (at any) in connection should be had. For these reasons and for the reasons stated in the letter of 4 Dec. 1891. J. H. Harper and J. H. Thompson I think the case should be ruled DEC 6 1891 J.H. Harper

Counsel,  
Filed by day of Dec. 1891  
Plends

INDICTMENT  
FORFEIT IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

To  
William P. Buckner

BENJ. K. PHELPS,  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

M. C. Cooper  
Foreman.

Dec 14

Wille persequi intend.  
(Rec'd on record)

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Police Court—First District.

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

Richard J. Scott  
of No. 55 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street,  
being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 22<sup>d</sup>  
day of December 1880, at the City and County of  
New York, William P. Buckmaster,  
now here, did feloniously make,  
forge and utter the annexed  
false forged and fraudulent  
instrument in writing, purporting  
to be a check or order for money  
on the "Manhattan Company" of  
the City of New York for the sum  
of Seventy (70) dollars, and dated  
December 21<sup>st</sup> 1880, and did write  
and forge to and upon said  
instrument, as the maker thereof,  
the name of "A. C. Davis" with  
the intent to cheat and defraud.  
That said check was presented for  
payment on said day at the Bank  
of said Company, No. 40 Wall St.  
to deponent who is Paying Teller  
of said Company. That deponent  
refused payment believing the  
same to be a forgery, and there-  
after said A. C. Davis informed  
deponent that said check was a  
forgery and deponent heard the

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Said defendant, Beckmaster,  
admits and confesses in the  
presence of Officer Lodge of  
the Special Police Squad that  
he, Beckmaster, had committed  
the forgery aforesaid.

Sworn to before me this } Richard S. [unclear]  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1880

J. W. Patterson, J. Police Justice

City and County of New York, St.  
Anthony Beckman, of No. 290  
Seventeenth Street, South  
Brooklyn, being duly sworn  
deposes and says that the  
check and note hereto  
attached, said check being on  
the Manhattan Company of  
the City of New York, for the  
sum of seventy dollars, dated  
December 21, 1880 and signed

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A. C. Davis, was handed  
to deposit by the prisoner  
William P. Buckmaster, New  
York, on the afternoon of the  
22<sup>nd</sup> instant, with directions  
to take the same to Hussey's  
Post No. 54 Pine Street and  
have them send paid check  
to Bank of Manhattan Co.  
for collection or Certification.  
That deposit did as directed  
and left paid check and note  
at Hussey's Post, and paid  
twenty-five cents to said Hussey's  
Post for collecting said check, which  
money was given deposit by  
said Buckmaster.  
Given to the said Anthony Beckman  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1880

J. W. Parsons, U.S. Marshal

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COUNSEL FOR COMPLAINANT.

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, \_\_\_\_\_

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT.

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, \_\_\_\_\_

# Police Court—First District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

**BAILED,**

No. 1, by W. H. [unclear]  
Residence, [unclear]

No. 2, by [unclear]  
Residence, [unclear]

No. 3, by [unclear]  
Residence, [unclear]

No. 4, by [unclear]  
Residence, [unclear]

No. 5, by [unclear]  
Residence, [unclear]

No. 6, by [unclear]  
Residence, [unclear]

Offense, \_\_\_\_\_

Date, 187  
Magistrate, \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer, \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses, \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to answer  
at \_\_\_\_\_ Sessions,  
Received in Dist. Atty's Office,

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POLICE COURT—FIRST DISTRICT.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK }

*William P. Buckmaster* being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge, and being informed that he was at liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him, states as follows, viz:

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *William P. Buckmaster*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *Fifty-four years of age*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

Question. Where do you live?

Answer. *No. 209 East 30<sup>th</sup> St.*

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer. *Insurance Broker*

Question. Have you anything to say, and if so, what—relative to the charge here preferred against you?

Answer. *I do not desire to say anything at present.*

*Wm P. Buckmaster*

Taken before me this *23<sup>rd</sup>* day of *September* 188*8*  
*John J. O'Connell*  
POLICE JUSTICE

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COUNSEL FOR COMPLAINANT

Police Court - First District

Name  
Address

THE PEOPLE, &C.,  
OF THE COMPLAINANT

*Richard S. Field*  
Washington American Company  
40 West 42nd Street  
New York City

*Wm. Halladay*  
*309 E. 11th St.*

FILED  
No. 1, by  
Residence

No. 2, by  
Residence

No. 3, by  
Residence

No. 4, by  
Residence

No. 5, by  
Residence

No. 6, by  
Residence

No. 7, by  
Residence

Office

Dated *September 23* 1880

*Richard S. Field*  
Ligate C.O. Office, Clerk

Witnesses,  
*Ubergard Ligate*  
Office Central Office

*Anthony Beckman*  
290-17th St. South Brooklyn

*A. C. Davis*, Opening Post Office

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT

Name  
Address

to answer

*General Sessions*  
Received in Dist. Atty's Office, August 1871

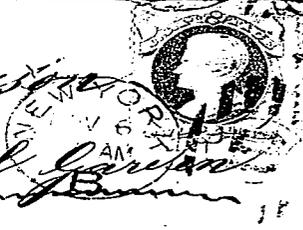
*George W. ...*  
Name is ...

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William F. Buckmaster

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To the Commissioner  
of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey  
New York City

A circular postmark from New York City is stamped over the address. The text within the postmark includes "NEW YORK", "JAN 6", and "AM". To the right of the postmark is a postage stamp featuring a profile of a man, likely a historical figure, with the word "POSTAGE" visible above it.

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Book No. 313  
Folio No. 373

Castle Garden, N. Y., Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1878

Elizabeth Schneider, birth-place Germany age 21 yrs  
arrived per S. Donau from Bremen July 27 1874  
and is correctly reported on Manifest.

Bond No. 5

Cause, 5

Wm. Quade

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

New York, .....188

Mr. Alson C. Davis -  
206 Broadway  
First Building.

Alson C. Davis,  
Died July 1887  
L. W. Harmon is atty  
for the estate.

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Capt Bull Esq  
West Dist City  
New York

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New York Dec 27/1900

My dear Mr

If you can consistently  
bring your sense of duty  
into a favorable view  
of W.P. Mackintosh case  
I beg you will do so

I know him in his  
prosperous days and I  
know a good deal of  
his adversities. They  
have been enough to over-  
throw many men of much  
stronger make than his  
the circumstances attending

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are friends who will help for Mr  
Mekmont a fresh start, and to save  
all this. I can't see any possible  
good to come from a further  
now, and I hope and believe that  
parties who have made the Communist  
will agree with me

Joseph Bell Esq  
West End City

Very truly  
Yours  
Edwin Hoffmann

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The act for which she  
has been arrested, as I  
have heard them, are such  
as to make me doubt  
the soundness of her  
mind. He has a lovely  
daughter, and a more  
on the son, just fairly  
started in life. His  
for the present will  
I fear utterly ruin the  
lives of both, and in  
both I take a great  
personal interest. Mine

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From Bill  
Jim Allen &c

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535 Fifth Avenue.

My dear Xmas  
Mr Kelly 1950

When I first  
knew Mr Buckmaster  
before these sad days  
had come upon  
him his social position  
was most excellent  
all that could be  
desired and men  
of great prominence  
were glad to greet him  
and found in him  
a most gentlemanly  
upright man —  
I knew him from  
my business relations  
with him to be a  
man of great integrity  
over

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He such as I have  
told you a dreadful  
blow in the temple  
was he lost his wife  
and her was still  
further stricken  
with intense grief  
by the loss of his  
child - Thus brought  
down from affluence  
to poverty by the  
loss of 200,000 \$ -  
It is hard for me  
to realize that I  
should find this  
man in the tomb  
for the crime of  
forgery - If justice  
will allow in God's  
aid this man to go  
forward again in life  
I will <sup>be glad</sup> to see  
him <sup>again</sup> -

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Evening Post Building.

Rooms 88 & 89.

Take Elevator.

New York, ~~Sept 3~~ 18 81

A. H. Buckmaster Esq

My Dear Sir

Your is received  
and contents noted. I must see  
your father at once. This  
is the last request I  
shall make. Unless he  
responds to it I shall un-  
doubtedly to find him my-  
self, and I shall not feel  
my patient in being put  
to trouble and expense in

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A. C. DAVIS,  
*Attorney and Counsellor at Law,*  
Rooms 88 and 89.  
EVENING POST BUILDING.  
206 Broadway, NEW YORK.  
Return as above if not delivered within ten days.

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A. H. Ruelhuster  
Print

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155 Broadway

July 7. 1851

My dear Mr

I enclose the two  
letters. The second one  
called forth by the answer  
to the first. is not quite  
as savage as the first.  
perhaps because there  
had been "a long  
time between drinks"

Very truly  
Yours  
Wm. Westcott  
Dreppslee

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HARPER & BROTHERS.

325 TO 337 PEARL STREET,  
FRANKLIN SQUARE, NEW YORK CITY.

December 30, 1880

Dear Sir,

I wish to intercede with  
you for one W. P. Buckmaster re-  
cently indicted for forgery, said  
Buckmaster comes of good stock,  
has been a successful merchant  
and for years a member of the  
firm of Pease & Murphy.

Drinks seem to have impaired  
his mind to so great an extent  
that at present I do not think  
him responsible for his acts.

Yours

Joseph Bell, Esq  
of District Attorney  
32 Broadway St

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Mr Buckminster has a very worthy family who have nothing left them but a good name and if he is sent to prison their prospect would indeed be gloomy.

I trust you may be enabled to see that justice would not be departed by omitting to bring the fellow to trial.

Respectfully yours  
John Harper.

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Personally

Joseph Bell, Esq

Asst. District Attorney

32 Chambers Str.

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A. C. DAVIS,  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,  
Rooms 88 and 89,  
EVENING POST BUILDING,

Madway, NEW YORK.

Return as above if not delivered within ten days.

A. Buckmaster Esq  
Bank of Commerce  
Nassau & Liberty Sts  
City

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LAW OFFICES

—OF—

A. C. DAVIS,

206 BROADWAY,

Evening Post Building.

Rooms 58 & 59.

Take Elevator.

New York, *Feb 2. 1881*

A. Buckmaster Esq;

Dear Sir;

Your father has some of my papers in his possession. I have taken some steps in business matters affecting my interests, which render it necessary that I should see him. I have covered in this matter until my patience is exhausted.

I am willing to meet him at Taylor's Hotel Jersey City, if he is afraid to come to this State, but if he does not come to me immediately either there, or here, I will take steps to ~~visit~~

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LAW OFFICES

—OF—

A. C. DAVIS,

208 BROADWAY,

Evening Post Building.

Rooms 58 & 59.

Take Elevator.

New York, *July 2. 1881*

*A. Buckmaster Esq*

Dear Sir,

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I have ceased in this matter until my patience is exhausted.

I am willing to meet him at Taylor's Hotel Jersey City, if he is afraid to come to this State. but if he does not come to me immediately either there, or here, I will take steps at what

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LAW OFFICES

—OR—

A. C. DAVIS,

206 BROADWAY,

Evening Post Building.

Rooms 88 & 89.

Take Elevator.

New York,

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ever sent to bring him  
here, and put it on  
I can see this when  
ever I please.

I must see  
him in the course  
of the day tomorrow  
without fail

Respectfully yours

A. C. Davis

(p.H)

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Brella and other novel effects.

**The Death of Col. A. C. Davis.**

Col. Alson C. Davis, a well-known Brooklyn lawyer, died on Tuesday last at Long Meadow, near Springfield, Mass. He was a graduate of Union College, and was in 1855 appointed by President Buchanan United States District Attorney for Kansas. He resigned his office when the war broke out and raised the Second Kansas Cavalry, of which he was appointed Colonel. He served through the war, and then came to New York to practise his profession. In 1872 and 1873 he was conspicuous in Brooklyn in connection with the reform movement and the Committee of Fifty.

**Father Flemming Boycotting a Butcher.**

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No. 40 WALL STREET.

No. 157 : New York, December 21 - 1880

**MANHATTAN COMPANY,**

Pay to the Order of *J. C. Harris or Bearer*

*Seventy* Dollars,

*\$ 70.00*

*A. Le Duris*

Robt. & Co., Printers, N. Y.

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~~Ed~~

57.61

Liberty

J. C. Harris

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JOHN T. HOFFMAN,  
155 BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK.

NEW YORK  
FEB 7  
2:30 PM  
PO

10c  
PO



*Joseph Ball Esq*  
*District Atty Office*  
*N Y City*

0200

Mr Eussen

get check cashed  
or certified & enclose it  
and give to the boy -

Henry  
10 Division St

Dec 22, 1880



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And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their Oath aforesaid, do further present :

THAT the said

*William P. Buckmaster*

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit, on the day and year last aforesaid, with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, feloniously and falsely did utter and publish as true, with intent to injure and defraud the said

*The Manhattan Company*  
*A. C. Davis whose real name is to the Jurors aforesaid unknown but who is here designated as A. C. Davis*  
and divers other persons, to the jurors aforesaid unknown, a certain false, forged and counterfeited *Bank check*

which said last-mentioned false, forged, *instrument and writing commonly* and counterfeited *called a bank check*

is as follows, that is to say :

*2c  
res  
stamp*

*No. 159*

*New York, December 31 1880*

*Manhattan Company,*

*Pay to J. C. Harris or bearer*

*Twenty*

*Dollars*

*\$ 20.00*

*A. C. Davis*

*cto. to Hall check.*

the said

*William P. Buckmaster*

at the same time *he* so uttered and published the last-mentioned false, forged, and counterfeited *bank checks*

as aforesaid, then and there well knowing the same to be false, forged, and counterfeited, 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.

BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Burke, Michael

DATE:

12/23/80



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Counsel  
Filed 20<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1880  
Pleas Not Guilty

Larceny, and Receiving Stolen Goods.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

To wit 7. 1881.

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Michael Burke

BENJ. K. PHELPS,

District Attorney.

Attorneys for the

Nov 7. 1881.

State, for the purpose and contents  
A True Bill.

Manville W. Cooper

Foreman.

Jan 11. 1881.

Frederic A. Aquid

Rail

Richd Polin

1 Rutgers st

Real 1,000

Jan 4. 1881

0205

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

Form 112.

Police Court—First District.

of No. 7 Bowling Green Street, being duly sworn, deposes  
and says, that on the 15 day of December 1880  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried  
away from the possession of deponent,

the following property, viz:

Sixty five fathoms rope

of the value of Thirty five Dollars,

the property of Crutcher Line Steamship Co  
and in complainant's care and  
charge

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 Michael Burke

(now present) from the fact  
that deponent saw the  
rope in said Burke's possession  
and the boat which Burke  
was in, which contained the  
rope was along side of  
the vessel Devonia which was  
lying at pier 20 North River  
Deponent further says that he  
saw the said Michael Burke take  
the rope from the said vessel,

John P. Woolley

Sworn to, before me, this

of December 1880

day

W. J. [Signature]  
Police Justice

0206

Police Court—First District.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Michael Burke being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he was at liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him, states as follows, viz:

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Michael Burke

Question. How old are you?

Answer. Thirty Five years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Ireland

Question. Where do you live?

Answer. 50 West Street

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer. Keep a fruit cart

Question. Have you anything to say, and if so, what—relative to the charge here preferred against you?

Answer. I am not guilty  
Michael Burke

Taken before me this

16 day of November 1898  
James J. Conroy  
Police Justice.

0207

COUNSEL FOR COMPLAINANT.

Name, .....  
Address, .....

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT.

Name, .....  
Address, .....

Police Court—First District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Affidavit Larceny.

John P. Wooley  
7 Bowdoin Street  
1. *[Signature]*  
20  
1980

2 .....  
3 .....  
4 .....  
5 .....  
6 .....

Dated Dec 16 1980

Murray Magistrate.

*[Signature]* Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses *[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

1. Herman Meyer  
Car Day & West St

Capt. Joe Martin  
Dept. Prec. 10

\$ 1000 to answer

at Sessions Court  
Received at Dist. Atty's office

This case was postponed  
last Monday at 10:00  
because  
principal witness had left  
for camp in the area of  
which the wife was  
BAILED  
alleged to be a  
No. 1, by  
No. 2, by  
Residence,  
No. 3, by  
Residence,  
No. 4, by  
Residence,  
No. 5, by  
Residence,  
No. 6, by  
Residence,

*[Signature]*  
Residence,  
No. 2, by  
Residence,  
No. 3, by  
Residence,  
No. 4, by  
Residence,  
No. 5, by  
Residence,  
No. 6, by  
Residence,

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*in and for the body of the City and County of New York, upon  
their Oath, present:*

That

*Michael Burke*

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

*Three hundred and ninety feet of rope  
of the value of ten cents each foot*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one

*John D. Wooley*

then and  
there being found, 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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*And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present*  
That the said

*Michael Burke*

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

*Three hundred and ninety feet of rope of the  
value of ten cents each foot.*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of the said

*John P. Wooley*

by a certain person or persons to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously  
stolen of the said

*John P. Wooley*

unlawfully, unjustly, and for the sake of wicked gain, did feloniously receive and have (the said

*Michael Burke*

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

**BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Burke, Thomas

**DATE:**

12/08/80



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THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
Thomas J. [unclear]

Larceny, and Receiving Stolen Goods.

BENJ. K. PHILIPS,  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL,  
J. Maudie W. Cooper  
Deputy  
November

[Signature]

Jan 6 1888  
[unclear]  
[unclear]

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FORM 112.

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

Police Court—Third District.

*Solomon Linde*

of No. *24 East Broadway* Street, being duly sworn, deposes  
and says that on the *25<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* 18*80*  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried  
away from the possession of deponent.

the following property viz: *One roll of cloth and a bundle  
containing jackets, all of the*

of the value of *fifty* Dollars  
the property of *the 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 Burke*  
*(now here)* for the reason that deponent is informed  
by *Reuben Gersberg* that he saw the accused  
*take and carry away the aforementioned*  
*property from the premises 24 E. Broadway*

*J. Smith*

*State and County of New York ss. Reuben Gersberg*  
*of No 28 E. Broadway being duly sworn deposes and*  
*says that he saw the accused Thomas Burke take*  
*and carry away the aforementioned property, that from*  
*the premises No 24 E. Broadway that when deponent pursued*  
*the accused he ran away and threw a part of the above mentioned*

Sworn to, before me this *4<sup>th</sup>*

day of *December* 18*80*

*J. W. [Signature]*  
Deputy Justice

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property into an express wagon on E. Broadway  
and a fruit report the sidewalk. Defendant  
identifies the said Thomas Burke as the  
same who took plate and carried away the  
defendant's property.

Shore to before me this  
the day of ~~the month~~ December 1880

*J. H. [Signature]*  
Police Justice

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Ruben + Goldberg  
manly

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Police Court—Third District.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK. ss

Thomas Burke being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he was at  
liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him, states as follows,  
viz:

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Thomas Burke

Question. How old are you?

Answer. Twenty eight

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

Question. Where do you live?

Answer. 22 Madison st

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer. Blacksmith

Question. Have you anything to say, and if so, what—relative to the  
charge here preferred against you?

Answer. I have nothing to say at present

Thomas Burke  
1880

Taken before me, this 14th day of December, 1880  
J. J. [Signature]  
POLICE JUSTICE.

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COUNSEL FOR COMPLAINANT.

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, \_\_\_\_\_

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT.

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, \_\_\_\_\_

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POLICE COURT—THIRD DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Norman Kudd*  
24 E Broadway

*James Burke*

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3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
5 \_\_\_\_\_  
6 \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT—LARCENY.



Date *December 4th* 1880

*W. Swanwick* Magistrate.  
*W. Swanwick* Officer.  
*W. Swanwick* Clerk.

Witnesses  
*Richard W. Coy*  
*H. Jefferson*  
*Richard Goldberg*  
*24 E Broadway*

Received at Dist. Att'y's Office,  
at *NY* Sessions  
to answer *Sum*

BAILED.  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 5, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 6, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*in and for the body of the City and County of New York, upon  
their Oath, present:*

That

*Thomas Burke*

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

*One piece of cloth of the value of fifty dollars  
Fifty yards of cloth of the value of one dollar  
each yard  
Ten jackets of the value of five dollars each,*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one

*Solomon Linde*

then and  
there being found, 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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And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present  
That the said

*Thomas Burke*

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

*One piece of cloth of the value of fifty dollars  
Fifty yards of cloth of the value of one dollar  
each yard.  
Ten jackets of the value of five dollars each)*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of the said

*Solomon Rinde*

by a certain person or persons to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously  
stolen of the said

*Solomon Rinde*

unlawfully, unjustly, and for the sake of wicked gain, did feloniously receive and have (the said

*Thomas Burke*

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

**BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Burke, Thomas

**DATE:**

12/08/80



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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Peters, Leroy

DATE:

12/08/80



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DISTRICT POLICE COURT—

AFFIDAVIT—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Solomon Davis*

of No. *201 Division*

Street.

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the *3rd* day of *Xber* 1880

*in front of the*  
*the above premises*

City of New York,

in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent,

the following property, viz.: *One Ulster overcoat of the*  
*Value of nine dollars.*

the property of *the 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 Burke and Leroy Peters*

*(now here) for the reason that George Nathols informed this deponent that he saw the said Burke and Peters take and carry away the aforesaid property.*

*Solomon Davis*

*City and County of N.Y. S.S. George Nathols*  
*of No 182 Division Street being duly sworn deposes and*  
*says that he saw the said Thomas Burke take and*  
*carry away from the front of the premises, No 201 Division*  
*of the aforesaid Cox and gave it into the possession of*  
*Leroy Peters. And they the said Thomas Burke and*  
*Leroy Peters came away therewith *George Nathols**

*Personally*  
*Sworn before me this*  
*3rd*  
*day of Xber*  
*1880*  
*P. W. McCallister*  
POLICE JUSTICE

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DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

AFIDAVIT—Larceny.

Shmuel Davis  
201 Division St.  
vs.

James Burke

Leroy Brown

DATED

31 Dec 1880

MAGISTRATE.

W. Greening

OFFICER

WITNESSES:

George Rabholz  
201 Division St.

20  
1880

DISPOSITION

20 Greening  
W. Greening

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*in and for the body of the City and County of New York, upon  
their Oath, present:*

That

*Thomas Burke and Leroy Peters each*

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 \_\_\_\_\_ at the Ward, City and County aforesaid  
with force and arms,

*One coat of the value of nine dollars*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one *Solomon Davis.*

there being found, 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. then and

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*And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present*

That the said

*Thomas Burke and Henry Peters each*

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

*One coat of the value of nine dollars*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of the said

*Solomon Davis*

by a certain person or persons to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously stolen of the said

*Solomon Davis*

unlawfully, unjustly, and for the sake of wicked gain, did feloniously receive and have (the said

*Thomas Burke and Henry Peters*

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

**BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.**

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Byrnes, Harry

DATE:

12/03/80



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No 284

Counsel,  
Filed 3 day of Dec 1880  
Plends

INDICTMENT—Larceny from  
the Person.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

I

Harry Byrnes

BENJ. K. PHELPS,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*[Signature]*

Foreman.

*[Signature]*

C.P. 3 years.

0227

Form 712.

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

Police Court—First District.

of No. 8 Rector Annette Miller Street, being duly sworn, deposes  
and says, that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1880

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried  
away from the possession of deponent, And from deponent's

person  
the following property, viz:

Good and lawful Money  
Contained in a pocket book and  
consisting of Silver and Nickel  
Coins of the value of fifty cents  
and one silver coin of the value  
of sixty cents Collectively

of the value of One <sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub> 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 Harry Byrne  
now present from the fact that about  
two o'clock on said day deponent was  
passing along New Church Street  
when the prisoner suddenly appro-  
ached her and thrusting his hand  
into an outside pocket of the saccus  
then worn by deponent and which  
contained said property took therefrom  
the above described property and  
ran away

Annette Miller

Sworn to, before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1880  
Police Justice.

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Police Court—First District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK. }

*Harry Byrnes* being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he was at  
liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him, states as follows,  
viz:

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Harry Byrnes*

Question. How old are you?

Answer,

*18 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Jersey City*

Question. Where do you live?

Answer

*102 Washington Street*

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer.

*Work along shore*

Question. Have you anything to say, and if so, what—relative to the charge  
here preferred against you?

Answer.

*I am not guilty*

*Harry Byrnes*

Taken before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_  
*[Signature]*  
Police Justice.

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930 No 284

Police Court—First District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Amelia Fuller & Rector & Co*

vs.  
*Danny Cypres*

BAILED

No. 1, by

Residence,

No. 2, by

Residence,

No. 3, by

Residence,

No. 4, by

Residence,

No. 5, by

Residence,

No. 6, by

Residence,

Affidavit—Larceny.

Date

*Nov 22 1890*

Magistrate.

*John W. ...*

Clerk.

Witnesses:

*John W. ...*

NOV 22 1890

\$ 5.00 to answer

at Sessions

Received at Dist. Atty's office

COUNSEL FOR COMPLAINANT.

Name, .....

Address, .....

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT.

Name, .....

Address, .....

0230

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*in and for the body of the City and County of New York,*  
*upon their Oath, present:*

That

*Harry Byrnes*

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

on the *Nineteenth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and eighty — at the Ward, City, and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms

*Gives value of a number Knit and de-*  
*nomination to the jurors aforesaid unknown*  
*and a more accurate description of which*  
*cannot now be given of the value of fifty*  
*cents -*

*One ring of the value of sixty cents*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one *Annette Mueller*  
on the person of said *Annette Mueller* then and there being found,  
from the person of said *Annette Mueller* 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.

**BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.**