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DESCRIPTION:

Weldon, Thomas

DATE:

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After a very careful investigation I am satisfied that no connection can be had on any evidence in the possession of the prosecution. The cause of the death of the victim could be traced to the agency of the poison. I think he may be discharged in his own - being innocent.

Wm. H. Mumford
R. 4 Oct 25. 08

Counsel,
Trial,
Filed 13 day of Aug 1880
Pleads Not Guilty

THE PEOPLE
vs.
P.
Thomas Meldon.
Beating—Homicide of the degree of Man-
slaughter in the
1st degree

BENJ. K. PHELPS,
District Attorney.

A True Bill
J. P. Meldon

Oct 26. 1880 Foreman.
The Defendant Meldon on
this day
discharged

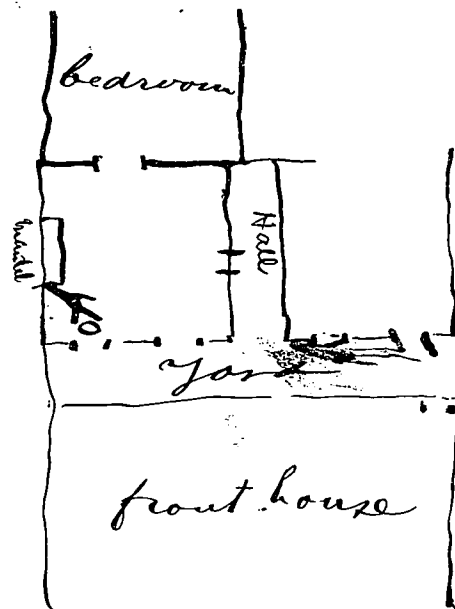
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An inquest was held to-day in the case of Julia Weldon, a diseased and sickly woman, who, on the 21st ultimo, was found dead in a pool of blood at her residence, 224 West Thirtieth street. A post-mortem examination revealed a tumor of the brain and incipient Bright's disease. It is failed to explain the blood on the floor. It is now believed that the husband, finding his wife dead, and, feeling guilty because he had often beaten her, procured blood from a slaughter-house, deluged the floor with it, and then said that his wife had died of a hemorrhage. He was arrested at the time, and to-day evidence was given that some time ago he struck her with a bottle, and that ever since she had suffered from attacks of paralysis. The medical testimony went to show that the blow caused a tumor on the brain, and that the tumor, probably, caused death. The husband, Thomas Weldon, who is a shoemaker, was sent to the Tomb.

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ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
NEW YORK.



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People
 agt
 Thomas Julia (Weldon)

Moses W. Waterman M.D. says
 that about 1 1/2 mil. of the morning
 on which deceased was found dead
 I viewed the body at No 204 W 30th
 St where she lived. Am Deputy
 Coroner. It was a double tenement
 rear house with a hall through the center
 and her apartment was on the
 ground floor on left hand side
 entering the door. She was lying
 in a half reclining position
 on the floor of the front
 room facing with her head at
 the East wall of the room and the
 mantel with her face upward.
 She had on a chemise and I think
 a night gown and also a skirt.
 her hands lay by her side. Her legs, I
 think were ^{exposed} by the thighs. There was
 a slight stain on the left thigh. The
 skirt was rolled underneath her buttocks
 and a small clot of blood upon it
 there was a ~~pool of blood~~ about
 a foot from the extremities of the
 legs. There was no apparent con-
 nection between the body and the

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that is there was no drops nor clots of blood between this pool & the body. This pool was clotted & was about 2 feet in diameter & about 1 to 1 1/2 inch in thickness & no surrounding agglutination of the clot. I examined it spectroscopically & found it to be blood but whether human or not I could not tell. I had a flashlight with me. I looked from its coagulated state as if some time had elapsed since it was separated. I should judge the deceased was about 12 hours dead when I saw her assuming that she was dead 12 hours, I should think from the appearance of this pool that if it came from deceased, it should have been in a more contracted coagulation. Anterior hemorrhage coagulation. It was smooth in the surface I often would make an autopsy the next day at 9 am & ~~did not~~. I noticed ~~when~~ before the body was removed to the morgue a discoloration of the left eye & no other indication or mark whatever. From the autopsy there was I am satisfied her death did not result from hemorrhage.

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and that this blood did not come from her body. The only lesions found were those of the kidney indicating Bright's disease of long standing and a tumor of the dura mater which depended upon brain. This tumor was of some years standing. Her death ^{was} ~~may have been~~ ^{in my opinion} occasioned by either one or both of these lesions. ^{From} By my examination I could not attribute it to any other cause. A blow on the head or any ^{moderate} ~~moderate~~ excitement would under the conditions present by reason of the tumor have ^{been} ~~been~~ ^{likely} to shorten life. Found normal ^{quantity of blood in body for one who had been subject to poisoning she had.}

Ana Ginsbach No 204 W 30th St.
Lives in same house with died on the floor above died. I have known person & died by light ~~to~~.
Never saw than ~~in~~ arriving & lifted up voice as if quarreling Sunday evening being Night before died died about 7 or 8 P.M. ~~after~~ the woman I saw occurred their last good drinking beer. They were alone. About 1 A.M. next Monday, I heard dead

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If say "Oh Tom you must not do that." This was said in a pleading or pitiful tone. I heard no other voice. I was ~~going to~~ ^{going} ~~head~~ ^{head} alone and heard nothing more. Never saw the prisoner after this only with policeman & had no talk with him. I saw the prisoner going to door about 9 PM & he was staggering & was drunk. I heard dad speaking to prisoner about 8 PM & she spoke of drunk. I passed by the door & I saw dad & heard dad talk. I don't understand English & paid no attention to them because they were drunk. I judge she was drunk from the tone of her voice. I note the dad was sane. She was not troublesome to any body.

Ophelia Bender 207 W 29th I live in the rear house looking toward 29th & looking toward rear of dad's house. I live on 2nd floor.

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I lived there since the 11th of this year and never saw the prisoner or did until after this trouble. From my room I could not see into these rooms or even into their windows. I recalled on Sunday about 10 o'clock after 12 m. of night preceding day on which died was, found dead, I heard someone say "John, open the door" then some appeared to answer by a groan or grunt like as if the person was too drunk to speak. The voice said "John" he was good and strong. The same voice also said "John you are not so drunk that you can't open the door" I think it was a woman's voice. The grunting was by another voice. Never before heard any trouble or quarrelling in dead apartment. Didn't see the parties who spoke.

Mrs Alice Murphy 208 E 7th I knew the deceased before 23 years and her husband the prisoner since his marriage to her. I think it was about 4 years ago.

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Never saw him strike her. I saw
him throw a glass with beer in it
at her about 2 years ^{last Dec} ago. He wanted
her to drink the beer and she said
she didn't want it & he said "God
damn you then take it this way"
& he threw it & struck her on the
chest. This was in 28th near 7th Ave
where they then lived. About two
years last winter I saw her with
two black eyes and a lump on her
head. I saw her with a black
eye other times about 3 months
ago and prisoner then lived in
7th Ave. In 28th near 7th Ave
about 2 years ago last March
I was at her house and prisoner
came into her dinner which was
on the table. He sat down to
dinner. She then beat
these two black eyes and the
lump on her head. I said to
him "How are you proud
of your handy work - I thought
you'd be more of a man
than to beat your wife" & he
said "Oh well where there's too
much drink there'll be a

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scuffle" I said anything
shouldn't induce a man to
leave his wife in that condition
He said "Drunk or sober"
You are treacherous Tom.
He said "A few thumps
now & then ~~does~~ does no
harm." She took up a
heavy green glass bottle like
a Weiss beer bottle ~~from~~ and
said "Tom that's what you
thump with" He took her
to shut up or he'd put all
his teeth down her throat
for her. I then said Supposing
you had fractured her skull
what a fix you'd be in &
he said ^{"a sneering way"} "That's nothing
to kill a woman & he would
only get a few years for it - they
are too plenty anyway. I didn't
visit them often - I visited about
3 times or 4 times in 28th. I
visited her 3 times in 7th & he
I visited her in 27th where
she lived Once before being paroled
& after that very often at 27th
I visited her once in 30th where
she died about 3 weeks before

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her death. He was ~~was~~ under in-
fluence of liquor this day. I saw
5 times under influence of liquor
the dec'd I never saw under in-
fluence of drink. I have seen her
drink a glass of lager is all
at different but never to excess.
Dec'd got a paralytic stroke about
~~two years ago~~ ^{this} Dec. Her
right side was paralyzed & this
continued in the leg. in a mild
form she limped or dragged her
foot along. This continued to her
death. She ~~was~~ ~~could~~ worked
up to time of paralysis for one Madame
Gee & before she worked for her she
took in washing

Elizabeth Dowd 205 W 27th St New
York Mother of dec'd she was married about
4 years ago to the prisoner. She had lived
with me for 4 years before he living at
where she died. About 8 years ago or
205 W 27th St when she was living with
me. He paid her rent there & I was taking
care of her. He didn't pay for her board
He slept there too, but boarded elsewhere.
I never saw my daughter under the

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influence of leeches. I saw her
 once in a while ^{take} a glass of lager.
 She used to go to work for Chodan
 Gee and this day she remained
 home to wash her own clothes.
 He came in ~~at~~ about 10 PM &
 she was sitting on a chair in the
 kitchen and I was lying in the
 bed & could ~~hear~~ ^{hear} them ~~there~~
~~in talk~~. He came in & went to
 the sofa in the kitchen, where
 the bed was made and sat down
 on it. in a few moments she
 said "Tom what did you
 strike me for?" - ~~that was~~
 I didn't hear any more. I said
 "Tom what make you quarrel
 why don't you go to bed." they
 then went to bed. About 4 mos.
 before her death, he went with
 prisoner to live at where she
 died. I ~~never~~ saw any other
 quarrel between them before one
 just stated before while ~~she~~ ^{he} died
 & her husband lived in No 205 to
 27th St. & after the above occurrence
 about 8 am, the prisoner having
 then come back to board with ~~her~~
 I never saw or heard any other quarrel.

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Julia is dead. Will you come over?" I said "No" I went over & I saw her lying in bed sitting position dead. The nurse was there and I said to him: You gave her the fatal blow at last. Why didn't you let her come to me. He said: Hush or I'll be taken up. I said: Taken up you ought to be long ago. He said nothing.

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Officer Stephen Barnick, 22nd Precinct.

On the 21st of June, 1880, I was attached to the 20th Precinct. The prisoner Thomas Melden came to the station house on the 21st of June between 9 & 10 a.m. and said that his wife was dead and asked to have the Coroner notified. He had been at the Precinct before that ~~that morning~~ and had a conversation with the Sergeant and asked for a doctor's certificate. I accompanied the prisoner to his house 204 West 30th Street, and on the way conversed with the prisoner about the case. He told me that he had gone to bed the night previous at about 11 o'clock, with his wife; that he had drank some beer and slept very heavy; that he awoke about seven in the morning and found his wife was not in bed with him; that he got up and went into the other room and found her on the floor dead, in the position she was when I got down there. I cannot remember now that he said anything else in reference to her death. When we reached the house I went to the bed and

I saw some blood on the sheet, about four or five spots about an inch in diameter on the front ^(outside) part of the bed - he said that she lay in the front ^(outside) part of the bed, this blood was on the sheet they lay on. I noticed blood on the floor near the body and in front of it. The deceased was sitting on the floor, her head resting against the East wall and her legs apart. Most of the blood, being a puddle of about 15 inches in diameter, about two inches from the line of her feet and in front of the center of her body. It seemed to me that the blood had run from the woman's privates - but I did not see any blood on her legs or privates - I did not take particular notice. The prisoner said he did not know where the blood came from - my impression is that he said he thought it came from her body. The prison said that she was after having her menses. He talked and acted like a rational man, but there was an odor of strong liquor

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about him. His mother-in-law said to him "ah, you gave her the blow at East; didn't you?" I didn't hear him make any reply. On the way to his house from the station house I asked him if he had had any quarrel with his wife and he said no. He also said that he had had a doctor attending her for paralysis but that he had not called for about a year but that some other doctor had made one visit. On the way to the Jumbos from the house he reiterated the statement hereinbefore given. I think the deceased had on ^{only} a petticoat and chemise when I saw her at this time. I told the prisoner to raise her clothes and I looked and saw what I have stated - I was then standing about five feet from her. A little after one o'clock p.m. the same day I called again with the doctor but I did not make any closer examination than before. There was no appearance of disorder in the room.

Adam Rhein 204 West 30th Street.

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I am the landlord of these

premises in which the prisoner and deceased lived - they moved in on the 8th of December 1879. I have seen the prisoner and his step-son carry beer to this room. I heard them quarreling three or four times, but not loud enough to disturb the neighbors. About 8 o'clock p.m. on the 20th of June they had a quarrel but afterwards about 9 p.m. they sang together. I went to bed about 10 o'clock and did not hear anything afterwards. I did not hear any blows struck - did not hear any noise at all that night. Between 7 & 8 o'clock the next morning the prisoner came to my store and said "my wife is dead". I said "You didn't have a doctor?" He replied "no." I said "Then you must go to the Coroner's office." He said "Where is that?" and I told him. I told him he could go to the Station house in 37th St. between 8th & 9th Aves and they would telegraph to the Coroner's office and save him the trouble of going down. I did not see the deceased dead.

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Alice Murphy continued

I reached the rooms of the deceased about 3 p.m. She was lying on the floor near the window on her right side with her head towards the fire-place - she was entirely in the space between the window and the fire-place. She had on a balneal skirt and a chemise - nothing else. She lay upon her right side and her balneal skirt was wet with blood. There was a width of Brussels carpet right under her wet with blood - and her chemise was wet with blood, that part of it under her right side. There was blood on her privates - the hair was matted with it. I noticed what I supposed to be the neck of the womb protruding, and out of the rectum was something protruding about two inches with blood on it. I did not notice any bruises upon her legs or on her body - there was a black discoloration as big as my hand on her belly left of the navel. There was no sign of blood about her face.

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nose or mouth. Her left arm was black from the shoulder to the elbow. There was a discoloration on her forehead over her left eye, which was swollen. I saw blood on the white moulding about one and a half feet from the window, and on the woodwork of the window between the two fastenings. On her left hand there was blood. There was no blood in the bed-room. It was a very hot day.

Elizabeth Dowd continued—

I went to the rooms of the deceased about half past eight a.m. and found her sitting on the floor near the window, with her head resting on her hand, her elbow resting on the floor and her back against the wall. There was no one there but the Groundsman. There was a large quantity of blood upon the floor and upon the carpet which was partly under her feet — there was blood all around her. There was one stocking on her and one in the bed. I shovelled

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the blood up after she was taken away. There was a little blood on her thighs. I saw something protruding from her rectum, which looked like her intestine. Her forehead was black and one side of her ~~face~~ belly was black as large as my hand. There was one spot of blood about the size of half a dollar piece on the ~~floor~~ on which she had lain. There was blood on the white ~~mantle~~ on the wall back of where she was lying and on the woodwork of the windows between the fastenings. The lamp chimney was broken and lying on the floor near the ~~deceased~~ the better dish was broken and lying in the yard on the footing.

George Heubich 205 West 27th St.

I am a son of the deceased and step-son of the prisoner. I have lived with the prisoner and deceased since they were married four years ago. The first place they lived was 131 West 28th Street, where they lived about two years. The prisoner was always abusing

my mother, knocking her about and kicking her. He was in the habit of getting drunk about twice a week, and was arrested about five months ago for raising a disturbance in my grandmother's house. While living in 28th Street he has beaten my mother from twenty to twenty-five times - usually because his supper was not ready; sometimes he could not find his tools and he would beat her for that, giving her black eyes and marks all over her body. He knocked her down on three different occasions. He next moved to 133 West 28th Street and lived there about a year and a half. While living here he was in the habit of coming home drunk and beating the deceased in the same way. He beat her here from 15 to 20 times. One night while living here he put my mother and me out of the house and we had to stay out all that night fearing he would kill us if we returned. My mother never gave him any occasion to

to beat her and never would answer his angry words in like manner. My mother worked for Madame Eugene, landress, in 26th Street between 7th & 8th Ave. I never saw my mother under the influence of liquor - she sometimes would take a glass of beer with him. We next moved to 311 7th Ave. ~~She sometimes would take a glass of beer with him~~ They were put out of that house for fighting. We only lived there only two months. During that time I saw him strike my mother about five times. I never heard him make any threats against my mother while living there. He was in the habit of getting drunk while we lived there. He moved from there to 205 West 27th St. between 7th & 8th Ave. He behaved a little better here for about four or five months - but drank all the same. Then my mother was struck with paralysis on her right side and laid up for nearly a year before she was able to leave her bed. He never abused her during her sickness. Then she got

a little better my grandmother came there sick. He said he would ~~use~~ my grandmother to hell before he would pay rent for her. Then my grandmother said "all right, you need not pay rent" and she went down stairs on the 1st floor and took apartments there, and my mother went with her, and he left altogether. He staid there about two months and he was in the habit of coming to the door every night wanting to see my mother. She never went out to see him but once. Then they took up rooms again at 204 West 30th Street. The day she went there she was in good health, and about two weeks afterwards on coming home one night I noticed she was not well and took these paralytic fits; lasting about a half an hour each day. I did not see him but her here but once - and that was because I was away one night working and my mother told him I was working over time and he said

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she lied and struck her with his hand in the face. I never noticed marks on her there, but I did in all the other places. While in 30th Street he used to work all the week and drink all day Sundays — sometimes he would come in so drunk that he would not be able to stand on his feet. I never saw my mother under the influence of liquor. He used to make her drink a glass of Lager-beer about three times a day — once at dinner and twice at supper. On Sunday the day before her death I left the house at 9 a.m. and the prisoner was then eating his breakfast — sober. I returned about 12 m. to have my dinner and he was there eating his dinner about half drunk and half sober. He was not quarrelsome then. I remained in for about an hour. Then I went out and returned about 3 p.m. and saw him and my mother and two boys who lived in the house drinking beer. My mother was as sober as she could

he; the prisoner was drunk. He was not quarrelsome then. I remained in until about a quarter past four p.m. Nothing occurred while I was in there.

I went out & came in again about 9 p.m. He and my mother were there. She was sitting at a window reading a paper. I asked her to lend me the paper. He was sitting at a table drinking beer. I read till about a quarter of ten and told my mother I was going to bed. He said "I want you to give me a song." I said "I can't sing - I have to go to work early in the morning." He said "If you can't sing, get out of here." So I put on my coat and went to my grandmother's. Then he asked me to sing he was angry. I staid at grandmother's all night.

The next morning about 7 o'clock he came around to my grandmother's and told me another was dead. I went around to see my mother - it was about

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half past seven - there was nobody there but my dead mother. She was lying between the mantel and the window. There was blood under her. Her limbs were exposed up to about her knees. There was blood between her legs - there was blood all around her legs - she was sitting right in it. There was a black mark on the left side of her forehead. That mark was not there the night before. There were marks of fingers on the window in blood. One of her stockings was in the bed-room and the other was on her. The furniture was in great disorder - it was in order the night before. There was a chair now in the middle of the floor and one over by the door. The table was in the usual place, but the plates, knives and forks were on it. I picked a knife up from the floor. After he told me that my mother was dead, I did not see my step-father again until the Coroner's Inquest. He never ordered me out of the house before this. I cannot

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sing and never pay for him. When I left the house at this time my mother was crying because he put me out. On New Year's Day about two years ago he struck my mother once. This day the prisoner brought two men into the house and went out into the yard with them and began to wrestle. My mother came out and said "Do you want to disgrace yourself" when he struck her and knocked her down. Before the coroner I was asked if I ever saw him strike mother and I began by saying I saw him strike her once at 133 West 28th Street on a New Year's Day. I was asked no more questions in reference to this. I did not mean to be understood before the coroner that I saw him strike her only once. He was a shoemaker. Other times when I did not see him beat her I did see black and blue marks on her. I have often heard him say to her

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while drunk when she was doing nothing to cause the remark, "If you don't get that for me, I will knock the damn head off you. I never heard him make any other threats.

Mrs

Rhein 204 West 30th St.

I am the wife of the landlord in whose premises the deceased lived. He did not know these people before they moved into these premises on the 8th of November last. They did not quarrel and she never complained that the prisoner beat her. I have seen him drunk but not so drunk that he did not know what he was doing. He would work through the week and sometimes Sundays get drunk. I never saw her drink or drunk. About half past ten p.m. of the 30th June the prisoner went out - I did not see him but I knew him by his step. He returned in a few minutes. I then went

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to sleep and that is all I know about it. The next morning he came into our store and said "Good morning". I said "Good morning". He said "my wife is dead." I told him he must go and tell his mother-in-law. Then he went out and came back again, and I told him he must go and report it to the station house. So he went off to the station house and returned with an officer. He told me that when he got up in the morning he found her on the floor dead. I asked him what was the matter, and he said he did not know, that he did not do anything to her.

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The People

VS

Thomas Holden

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STATE OF NEW YORK.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, SS.

AN INQUISITION,

Taken at the house of *Coroners Office*
 No. *110 E. 10th Street*, in the *13* Ward of the City of
 New York, in the County of New York, this *14* day of *July*
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *1880* before
E. N. Struman Coroner,
 of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the Body of *Julia Wedder*
 lying dead at

Upon the Oaths and Affirmations of
six good and lawful men of the State of New York, duly chosen and
 sworn, or affirmed and charged to inquire, on behalf of said people, how and in what manner the said
Julia Wedder came to her death, do,
 upon their Oaths and Affirmations, say: That the said *Julia Wedder*
 came to her death by

Compression of the
brain, from injuries received at the
hands of her husband Thomas
Wedder from which she died
at her residence 204 W 30, June
21st 1880.

In Witness Whereof, We, the said Jurors, as well as the CORONER, have to this Inquisition
 set our hands and seals, on the day and place aforesaid.

JURORS.

F. Arnheim.
Amos T. Schupp
William Strube

Samuel Goodman
James J. Mait
J. Trock

202 Eldridge St.
285 Bowery
192 E. 11th St.
193 Grand St.
181 Bowery
35 Bowery

E. N. Struman CORONER, I. S.

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The People of the State of New York, on the
Complaint of

vs.

List of Witnesses.

Thomas Halden

NAMES.

RESIDENCE.

Elizabeth Derby Dowd	203 or 205 West 27th St
Ophelia Bender ✓	207 West 29th "
Anna Gunsback ✓	204 " 30th "
Mrs Alice Murphy ✓	218 East 76th "
George Street Klebasch	205 West 27th "
Julia Kull	Springfield Mass "
Off Carmichael	207 Police Precinct
Dr Waterman ✓	Coronore Office
Mr + Mrs Rhein	204 W 30
Miss Mayo	do

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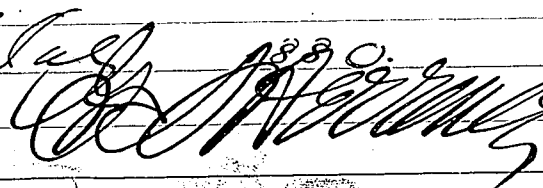
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TESTIMONY.

George Kuebsch 205- W 27th St -
 being sworn up I am a son of the
 deceased. Mother is my Step Father -
 I lived with Mother before her death.
 She was all right ^{and well} when I left the
 house at 10.30 PM before her death.
 My Step father was there; all was friend-
 ly while I was there - after I went out the
 Landlady's son came another boy up
 stairs came in; don't know how long
 they staid; they had a pint of beer while
 I was there; My Step father told me to get
 to bed ^{here} out, because I would not sleep. I told
 him I wanted to go to bed - I went to my
 grandmother's house 205 W 27th St -
 this is the 1st time I left. he was not
 much excited - never ordered me out be-
 fore. I was working in a Chocolate factory
 gave my money \$2.50 a week to my Mother.
 Step father knew it - she had a paralytic
 stroke for nearly a month - they would
 last 1/2 hour at a time - Step father did
 not go for a doctor - not for 4 months -
 they did not grow well; he only struck her
 once that I see; 2 years ago - on a
 New Year's Day Step father worked every day -
 He was a shoemaker - did not work
 at home - Heard next morning of her death

Taken before me,

this 14 day of July



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TESTIMONY.

I do not know that he hit her with a bottle - mother attended to her household affairs. was sober woman

George Herbiach
 Officer Stephen Carnier 20th fresh
 my sworn ago. on the morning
 of June 21st at 8 o'clock Meldon came to
 station and reported his wife died
 and he found her dead at 7 A.M.
 I was sent down to investigate, and
 went there to 204 N 30th St. on opening
 the door of the front room. I saw
 the woman lying on the floor against
 the ~~mantel~~ ^{wall} between the Mantel and
 window, her legs apart, and a pool
 of blood a little way from her on
 the floor. I examined the bed saw
 slight marks of blood on the sheets.
 He (Meldon) stated to ^{me} that he went
 to bed the night before, & awoke 7 o'clock.
 saw she was absent. found her in the
 other room. He said she had her ears
 before I left, her mother came in and
 said you have given her her final blow

Taken before me,

this 14 day of July 1880.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

at last; I then took him in custody -
Coroner was notified

Stephen Garrison

Mrs. Alice Murphy, 218 & 76th St.
being sworn says I was acquainted
with Trisner and wife - knew her
23 years - she was a good woman
until she married him; I know he
has ill treated her; saw marks of violence
did not see him strike her; March
2 years ago, they were to be put out on
account of failure to pay rent; I went
there at request of her mother; she
was weeping, had two black eyes and
a large bump on her head; she said
her husband beat her - I asked why
not have him arrested; she said she was
afraid, as he would murder her if
he got out - just then Nelson came to
dinner - she gave it to him - I told him
about his handy work; he acknowledged
it and said a few thumps once in a
while can do no harm - she picked a
bottle up and showed me with which
she was struck; a ~~dark~~ green
glass bottle; heavy - I remarked he
might have fractured her skull; he made
a sneering remark; Oh that's nothing to tell.

Taken before me,

this 14 day of July 1880.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

a woman; I told her I would call next day because she had to come - I went to her mother, who gave me money to pay for cartage and storage for furniture; also that she could go to her daughter; she did not move then; they lived together again - a week after she came to me for money which I had from her mother, to help pay rent - He had taken the pledge and promised to do better - I went to see her in 9th Ave. bet 27 & 28th St. I saw she had a black eye - about 3 months after the other (newly made one) she told me she got it from him - did not see her for over 6 months after; she was paralyzed; while in 28th St I was present when he threw a glass of beer at her, because she would not drink it - I saw her last 3 weeks before her death; she said she wanted to get away from him, as she was afraid he would murder her - my sister (Mrs Reed) was there also; I wanted to take her to a Hospital and came for that purpose; I never saw her the worse for drink; knew her former husband; he was a hard drinker and died of Cholera - they had no quarrel; Nelson, is married 4 years - She kept a Laundry and got along well; //

Taken before me,

this 14 day of July 1888

J. M. Murphy

CORONER.

If Martha Cooper - 20 West near the bar, keeping a board house
 knowing all about Nelson's habits his wife &
 Mrs Murphy

Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Anna Gonsbach 204 N 30th St
being sworn says, I live in the house
of deceased at time of her death -
I live over their room; the night
before the death of the woman they
were both drunk; I was afraid they
would knock over the lamp; they made
no noise; I understood and her her
say, you must not do that I heard
no fall - This was June 20th I live
there 7 years.

Amey Ginstberg
Ophelia Bender 207 N 29th St being
sworn. I live in the rear house the
deceased's rooms front mine; I
heard in the night after 12 o'clock
I heard some one Holler Open the
door Tom - never saw the parties -

Mrs Ophelia Bender
Elizabeth Derby being sworn says I
reside 205 N 29th St deceased was
my daughter; she lived with me
last July for 8 months; she was
sick; he boarded some where else
when she got better; they hired a room
after wards; I went to see her, and he said
he would not pay any more rent - He said
he would knock her two eyes into one if.

Taken before me,

this 14 day of July 1880.

CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

She asked him for money for rent
~~about a week before~~ On Saturday
 before her death I saw her. She
 was in good health - On Monday
 morning she came over and told me her
 wife was dead; he asked me to
 go over; I told her son; I went
 over and saw her on the floor in
 a big pool of blood - My daughter
 did not complain to me for fear of
 fretting me; Julia lived well with
 her first husband; I asked them
 once why they quarrelled; he did not say
 much; Dr Hunter attended her during
 her sickness.

her
 Elizabeth + Wm
 work.

Thomas Weldon being sworn says
 I am the husband of deceased; been
 married 4 years; on June 20th she was
 in good health. we had 5 or 6 fruits of
 beer; for 5 of us; she felt just splendid;
 she had complained the morning previous;
 When her son came home she chastized
 him for being out late - I never moved
 out by the window; he said you have
 been arguing again; she denied it -

Taken before me,

this 4th day of July 1880.

CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

I was singing a little song; by and by a knock on the door, no one was there - looked for George could not find him; I said I would go to bed she could not find the key of the door lock it - so put a chair against it & returned at 11 P.M. at 7 A.M. I awoke; called her twice; she did not answer; got up and found her on the floor - she had her legs slightly apart, her head to one side; and a pool of blood in front of her. I saw the Landlady of her death; also her mother. When I went to the Station and reported the case - Afterwards I was arrested - after her mother came in and declared that I killed her - I do not remember that I ever hit her with a bottle; I hit her once in the presence of her daughter - she was under the influence of liquor; she pulled me by the hair twice and I hit her. We went to bed together - I took off her stocking; she did not want the other removed as her feet felt cold - I never had said a wife must get a beating once in a while; never spoke but once to Mrs Murphy - Thomas Weldon

Taken before me,
this 14 day of July 1880.

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TESTIMONY.

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Julia Kall living sworn says I
 reside at Springfield Mass. I
 am the daughter of the deceased;
 I was with Mother about a
 year ago - I saw her last July
 21st 79 - I have heard that
 Mother was sickly & late; from
 weakness; she had a stroke
 of Paralysis February ~~last~~ 1879 -
 Dr Hunter 276th 6th Ave -
 Mrs Murphy 218 E 76th St was
 present one time when he hit her
 with a bottle some years ago, from
 which time she has been frequent-
 ly attacked by Paralysis -
 My Brother knows the party that
 heard my Mother call out Open
 the Door Tommy and heard her say -

Julia Kall

Taken before me
 this 23 day of

June 1880
 [Signature]
 CORONER.

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TESTIMONY.

At M.M. Museum being shown up
I have viewed the body of deceased and
from Autopsy I am of opinion Death was
caused by compression of the Brain (Tumor)
and Bright Disease.

77777 Atman Sad.

Sworn to before me
this 13 day of Aug 1880

CORONER.

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MEMORANDUM.

AGE.			PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.	DATE, When Reported.
50 Years.	Months.	Days.	Ireland.	204 W 30 th St.	1

H. July 14, -9

Mr. St. 1

And. Jan. 1880

AN INQUISTION

On the VIEW of the BODY of
Julia Melan

whether it is found that he came to
a Death by

Ofquest taken on the
of 18 day
before

GERSON N. HERRMAN, Coroner.

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July 14 - 9
H.

Ind. Quar. 1880
No. 861

AN INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of
Julia Wilson

whereby it is found that he came to
his Death by

Inquest taken on the day
of 18
before

GERSON N. HERRMAN, Coroner.

AGE.	PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.	DATE, When Reported.
50 Years. Months. Days.	Ind. Quar.	204 West 4th St.	1

MEMORANDUM.

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Coroner's Office,

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

Thomas Weldon 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.—

Thomas Weldon

Question.—How old are you?

Answer.—

Thirty two (32) years

Question.—Where were you born?

Answer.—

Ireland

Question.—Where do you live?

Answer.—

204 West 30th St

Question.—What is your occupation?

Answer.—

Shoe maker

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

Not Guilty

Taken before me, this

14 day of *July* 18*87*

[Signature] CORONER.

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MEMORANDUM.

AGE. 50 Years. - Months. - Days.	PLACE OF NATIVITY. Ireland	WHERE FOUND. 204 W 50 St.	DATE, When Reported.
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Although there is evidence of Quaker testimonial & previous to the time of disappearance and that in regard to living for so long a period in a foreign country a person was heard coming from New York, the cause of death of the man is attributed to the fact that he was a natural cause in the manner of the brain of long standing, the cause of death is attributed to the fact that he was a natural cause in the manner of the brain of long standing.

204 W 50 St.

HOMICIDE.

AN INQUIRY

On the VIEW of the BODY

John W. Menden

whereby it is found that he came to death by the hands of John W. Menden

John W. Menden

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Committed July 14, 1880

Discharged

Date of death June 21, 1880

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MEMORANDUM.

AGE.	50 Years. - Months. - Days.	PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.	DATE When Reported.
		<i>Ireland</i>		<i>204 N 3rd St.</i>

Although there is evidence of Quaker's last seen dead & previous before the time of shooting does and that on - signs, including her death - Campaign in carrying a - peace war, heard Com. - my farm New Rooms, the Cause of death of dead is attributed to Dr who made the poor woman's to what causes my tumor of the frame of long standing Bright's disease of the kidneys - Dr. V. L. Zing

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HOMICIDE.

AN INQUISTION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

Julia Wilson

whereby it is found that he came to
Death by the hands of - her

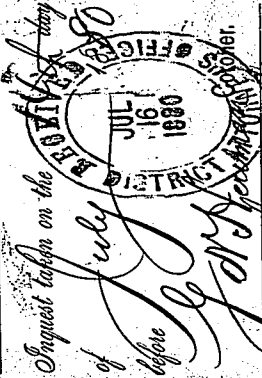
husband *Thomas*

Wilson at their re-

idence 204 N 3rd

Street June 21

1880 murder 1880



Committed July 14. 1880

Bailed

Discharged

Date of death June 21. 1880

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

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 Weldon

late of the City of New York in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the
twenty-first day of June in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy~~ eighty with force and arms, at the City and
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of Julia Weldon
in the peace of the said people then and there being, feloniously and wilfully did make
an assault, and that he the said Thomas Weldon

then and there feloniously and wilfully did with great force and violence pull, push,
cast and throw her the said Julia Weldon
down unto and upon the ground then and there, and that he the said
Thomas Weldon

with both the hands and feet of her the said

Thomas Weldon
said Julia Weldon then and there, and whilst she the
her the said Julia Weldon was so lying and being upon the ground,
head, stomach, breast, belly, back, and sides of her the said Julia Weldon
then and there feloniously and wilfully, divers times, with great force and violence, did
choke, strike, beat, kick, and wound, and that he the said

Thomas Weldon with both the hands, feet, and knees of
him the said Thomas Weldon

and whilst she the said Julia Weldon was so lying
and being upon the ground as aforesaid, her the said Julia
Weldon in and upon the neck, breast, belly, head, stomach, back, and
sides of her the said Julia Weldon then and there
feloniously and wilfully did, with great force and violence, choke, strike, push, press,
and squeeze, giving to her the said Julia Weldon
then and there, as well by the choking, pulling, pushing, casting, and throwing of
her the said Julia Weldon down
unto and upon the ground as aforesaid, and by the choking, striking, beating, and
kicking of her the said Julia Weldon whilst she was so
lying and being upon the ground as aforesaid, in and upon the neck, head, stomach,
breast, belly, back and sides of her the said Julia Weldon

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as aforesaid, and also by the choking, striking, pushing, pressing, and squeezing of *her*
the said *Julia Weldon* whilst *she* the said
Julia Weldon was so lying and being upon the ground as aforesaid,
in and upon the neck, head, belly, breast, back, stomach, and sides of *her*
the said *Julia Weldon* with the hands, knees, and feet of *him*
the said *Thomas Weldon*

in manner aforesaid, several mortal bruises, lacerations, and wounds in and upon the
neck, head, belly, breast, stomach, and sides of *her* the said *Julia*
Weldon of which said several mortal bruises, lacerations, and
wounds, *she* the said *Julia Weldon* ~~from the said~~ *then and there died*.
~~in the year~~ *in the year* at the said *Ward*
~~City and County last mentioned, did languish, and languishing did live; on which last,~~
~~mentioned day~~ the said
~~of the said several mortal bruises, lacerations, and wounds, did~~
~~then and there die~~

And so the Jurors aforesaid, upon their Oath aforesaid, do say: THAT *he*
the said *Thomas Weldon*

Weldon *her* the said *Julia*
in manner and form and by the means aforesaid, feloniously
and wilfully did kill and slay, 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.

BENJAMIN K. PHELPS, District Attorney.

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~~CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK~~

And ^{*aforsaid*} THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
~~in and for the City and County of New York,~~
upon their Oath, *aforsaid do further present*

That

Thomas Weldon

late of the ~~City of New York~~ *Ward* City of New York, in the County of
New York, *aforsaid*, afterwards, to wit: on the *twenty-first* day of
June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
seventy-eight at the City and County *aforsaid*, with force and arms, in and upon

Julia Weldon

in the peace of the People of the State then and there being, wilfully and
feloniously did make an assault.

And that he the said *Thomas Weldon*

her the said *Julia Weldon*

with a certain *bottle*

which he the said *Thomas Weldon*

in his right hand then and there had and held *her* the said *Julia Weldon* in and upon the *head*

of *her* the said *Julia Weldon*
then and there wilfully and feloniously, did strike, stab, cut and wound, giving
unto *her* the said *Julia Weldon*
then and there with the *bottle*

aforsaid, in and upon the *head*

of *her* the said *Julia Weldon* one mortal wound of
the breadth of *two* inches and of the depth of *three* inches of which
said mortal wound *she* the said *Julia Weldon*
at the ~~City and County~~ *aforsaid*, from the day first *aforsaid*, in the year
aforsaid, until the *then and there died*
in the same year *aforsaid*, did languish, and languishing did live, and on which
day of

~~In the year~~ *aforsaid*, the said *at the Ward*
~~City and County~~ *aforsaid*, of the said mortal wound did die.

And so the Jurors *aforsaid*, upon their oath *aforsaid*, do say that *he* the said

Thomas Weldon

her the said *Julia Weldon* in the manner and form, and by
the means *aforsaid*, at the Ward, City, and County *aforsaid*, on the day and the
year *aforsaid*, wilfully and feloniously, did kill and slay 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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After a very careful investigation I am satisfied that no connection can be had on any evidence in the proposition. The cause of the death of the child could be traced to the agency of the poison. I think he may be discharged on his own responsibility.

W. J. M. 25.00 results

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W. J. M.

Counsel,
Trial,
Filed 13 day of Aug. 1880
Pleads Not Guilty

THE PEOPLE
vs.
P.
Thomas Nelson.
Beating - Homicide of the degree of Man-
slaughter in the
4 by the jury attached

BENJ. K. PHELPS,
District Attorney.

A True Bill
J. P. M.

Oct 26. 1880 Foreman.
The Jurors
Discharged

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BOX:

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DESCRIPTION:

Woods, James

DATE:

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Counsel,

Filed 15 day of July 1850

Pleas, *Not Guilty*

BURGLARY—Third Degree, and
Grand Larceny.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

P
James Wors

BENJ. K. PHELPS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Foreman.

Chas. M. ...
July 16 1850
Pleas, Not Guilty

Verdict of Guilty should specify of which count.

July 16

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Police Office, Fourth District.

City and County }
of New York, } ss.

Christian Ohler
of No. *1293 - 3rd Avenue* Street, being duly sworn,
deposes and says, that the premises No. *1293 - 3rd Avenue*
Street, *19th* Ward, in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a *Building*
and which was occupied by deponent as a *dwelling house*
was attempted to be BURGLARIOUSLY broke
and entered by means *of unlocking the door of*
a room on the second floor of said
building with intent to enter and commit
a crime
on the *day time* of the *3rd* day of *July* 18*80*
and the following property feloniously taken, stolen and carried away, viz:

the property of
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 *James Woods (nowhere)*
and another person unknown to deponent
for the reasons following, to wit: *That said premises*
were securely locked and fastened
by Frederick Ludwig as deponent
is informed and believes, on the
said 3rd day of July at about

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a quarter to one o'clock in the afternoon. That at about one o'clock deponent saw said James Woods together with another person in the hallway close by the door of the rear room on the second floor. Deponent asked them what they were doing there when they replied they wanted to see a dressmaker. That deponent called to deponents son to lock the hall door and not let said Woods and other person out. When they forced their way out and went away. Deponent then tried the door of said room and found that it had been unlocked.

Deponent then went after said Woods and other unknown man, and arrested said Woods. Said Woods struggled with deponent and escaped when deponent called Officer George Reid of the 28th Precinct who arrested said Woods.

Christian Celler
Sworn to before me this 3rd
day of July 1880
W. Morgan District Justice

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State of New York }
City of New York }

Frederick Ludwig
of No 1293-3 Avenue being
duly sworn deposes and says
that he is in the employ of
Christian Oehler of the said No
1293-3 Avenue; that he (deponent)
occupies the room on the
second floor rear of said premises
that on the 3 days of July 1888
at about a quarter to one o'clock
he (deponent) securely locked and
fastened said room, and did not
unlock the same again, before
said room door was found un-
locked by said Christian Oehler.

Sworn to before me this Frederick Ludwig
3 days of July 1888
R. L. Morgan
Notary Public

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Police Court, Fourth District.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

James Woods 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.

James Woods

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

27 years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York.

Question. Where do you live?

Answer.

135 E. 4th St. 3rd fl. New York

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer.

Machinist

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

Answer.

I am not Guilty.

James Woods.

Taken before me this

3d day of *July*

1880.

A. J. Morgan
Police Justice.

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Police Court—Fourth District.

THE PEOPLE &c.

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Christian Cehlen

1293 3rd Ave
98.

1 *James Woods*

2 *Another*

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No. 2, by

Residence,

No. 3, by

Residence,

No. 4, by

Residence,

No. 5, by

Residence,

No. 6, by

Residence,

Dated *July 3rd* 1880

Morgan Magistrate.

755 *Reidy* Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

Frederick Ludwig
1293 3rd Ave 98.



Received in District Atty's Office,

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK.

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 Woods

late of the *nineteenth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of
New York, aforesaid, on the *third* day of *July* in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~eighty~~ *eighty* with force and
arms, about the hour of *one* o'clock in the *day* time of the same day, at the
Ward, City and County aforesaid, ~~the dwelling house of~~

Christian Oehler

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter ~~by means of forcibly~~

he the said

James Woods

then and there intending to commit some crime therein, to wit: the goods, chattels, and
personal property of

Christian Oehler

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

~~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 Ward, City and County
aforesaid, the said~~

~~late of the Ward, City, and County aforesaid,~~

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

~~in the said dwelling house then and there being, 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.