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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Ward, John

DATE:

09/23/87



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Witnesses:

Mary Ward

Mrs Mary Ward

Off. Over Italy-Cens Office

#217

Counsel.

Filed, 23 day of Sept 1887

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

John Ward

ABDUCTION.

[Section 282, Sub. 1, Penal Code.]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE.

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Chas. R. Jones

Foreman.

Plends Guilty

S. W. of apd.

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

POLICE COURT, 2

DISTRICT.

Mary Ward

of No. 85 North Avenue Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says that on the about 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 1887

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, at premises No. 85

North Avenue in said city of New York one John Ward did unlawfully and wilfully take a certain female (now present) called Mary Ward, said female then and there being under the age of sixteen years, to wit: Of the age of fifteen years for the purpose of prostitution and sexual intercourse without the consent of defendant who is mother of said Mary Ward.

That defendant is informed <sup>said</sup> by Mary Ward the daughter of defendant that on or about the afore mentioned date in the night time the said John Ward entered her bedroom in premises 85 North Avenue and then and there had sexual intercourse with her said Mary.

Wherefore defendant prays that said John Ward may be arrested and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1887 } her  
J. G. Duffy } Mary Ward  
Police Justice mark

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 15 years, occupation School girl of No. 85  
Smith avenue Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this 30  
day of August, 1887 } Mary Ward  
P. M. Luff  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 188-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name.

Answer.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty*

*John Ward*

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice.

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Sec. 151.

Police Court 2 District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss. In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County  
OF NEW YORK, } of New York, or to any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York, GREETING :

Whereas, Complaint in writing, and upon oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police  
Justices for the City of New York, by Mary Ward

of No. 85 North Avenue or about that on the 27 day of February  
1887 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

at premises No. 85 North Avenue in said  
City of New York and John Ward did unlawfully  
and wilfully take a certain female, called  
Mary Ward a female under 16 years of age  
to work as a female under 16 years of age  
for the purpose of prostitution and  
sexual intercourse in violation of the Statutes in such  
Cases made and provided and especially of Section 282  
of the Penal Code of the State of New York

Wherefore, the said Complainant has prayed that the said Defendant may be apprehended and bound to  
answer the said complaint.

These are, Therefore, in the name of the PEOPLE of the State of New York, to command you the said  
Sheriff, Marshals and Policemen, and each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant, and bring him  
forthwith before me, at the 2 District Police Court, in the said City, or in case of my absence  
or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to  
be dealt with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this 20 day of August 1887

P. H. Duffey POLICE JUSTICE.

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

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

Dated *Sept 16* 188*7* ..... *John J. ...* Police Justice.

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

Dated ..... 188 ..... Police Justice.

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

Dated ..... 188 ..... Police Justice.

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Police Court 2 District. 1510

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Mary Ward*  
*85. 9th ave.*  
*John Ward*  
1  
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Offence *Abduction*

BAILED.

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

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

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

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

Dated *August 30* 188 *7*  
*Onffey* Magistrate

*Allen Haley* Officer.  
*C. O.* Precinct.

Witnesses *Mary Ward*  
No. *85. 9 ave* Street.

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

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

\$ *1000* to answer *SH*

*Allen*

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

John Ward

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

John Ward —

of the CRIME OF ABDUCTION, committed as follows:

The said John Ward, —

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the

27<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord one

thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, at the City and County aforesaid, did

feloniously take, receive, harbor, employ and use one Mary Ward

who was then and there a female under the age of sixteen years, to-wit: of the age of

fifteen years, for the purpose of sexual intercourse, he, the

said John Ward, — not being then and there

the husband of the said Mary Ward, —

against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace

of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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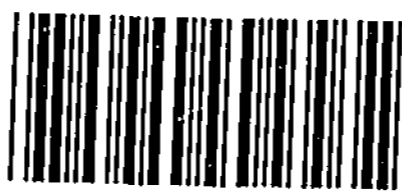
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DESCRIPTION:

Warner, Charles

DATE:

09/19/87



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Witnesses:

Fred Miller  
Off. pro J. Clark & Sons

#158

Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed, 19 day of Sept. 1887  
Pleads, *Indictment* (20)

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*Charles Warner*  
Grand Larceny, second degree  
(From the Person).  
[Section 628, 63 & Penal Code].

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Charles T. De Forest*  
Foreman.  
*W. P. 2 1/2 yrs.*

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Police Court—1st District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.  
of New York, }

of No. 342 East 21st Street, aged 32 years,  
occupation Waiter being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 13th day of September 1887 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession and person of deponent, in the day time, the following property viz:

One single cased Silver Watch  
of the value of Five 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 Charles Warner

(nowhere) from the fact that at about  
the hour of twelve o'clock mid day  
while deponent was standing in front  
of premises no 17 Park Row the defendant  
snatched hold of the chain attached  
to said watch and worn in the left hand  
side pocket of deponent's vest and  
did bring the watch from said chain and  
ran away pursued by deponent and  
deponent saw the said defendant throw  
the said watch into the street while being  
pursued by deponent and deponent  
identifies said watch as the property taken  
stolen and carried away as aforesaid

Friedrich Mittler

Sworn to before me, this  
1887

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

1<sup>st</sup>  
District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer

Charles Warner

Question. How old are you?

Answer

27 Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Ireland

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

Answer.

203 Pearl St 3 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer

Bar tender

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

Answer.

I am not guilty

Chas Warner

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice.

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

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

Dated Sept 11 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

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

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

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

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Police Court--

18<sup>th</sup> 1485 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Frederick Metter  
vs. Charles Warner

Offender - an entry from the Prison

Dated

Sept 13

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Magistrate.

Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

No.

Street

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to answer

John I. Blackman

John

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

Street.

No. 2, by

Residence

Street.

No. 3, by

Residence

Street.

No. 4, by

Residence

Street.

0400

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

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

*Charles Warner*

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

*Charles Warner*

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

The said *Charles Warner*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the

*thirteenth* day of *September*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~seven~~, at the City and County aforesaid, in the

*day* time of the same day, with force and arms, *one watch*

*of the value of five dollars.*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one *Fredenda Mitter*

on the person of the said *Fredenda Mitter*, then and there being

found, from the person of the said *Fredenda Mitter*, 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.

*Henry W. B. Smith*

District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

2658

DESCRIPTION:

Weber, Joseph

DATE:

09/29/87



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WITNESSES:

*Off. Courtney Rothman*

*289*  
Counsel, *J. H. Stinner*

Filed *29* day of *Sept* 1887

Pleads *Not Guilty ver 3,*

THE PEOPLE,

vs.

*Joseph Weber*

Violation of Excise Law.

[(III Rev. Stat. (7th Edition), page 1983, Sec. 21, and page 1989, Sec. 5.)  
(Selling on Sunday, &c.)]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*72 Aug 24/88* District Attorney.  
*Transferred to Ct of S. S. for trial*  
**A True Bill** *by consent.*

*Chas. W. Lovelock* Foreman.

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**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

*Plaintiffs*

*against*

*Joseph Weber*

*Defendant.*

**The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York**, by this indictment, accuse the above named defendant of the CRIME OF SELLING INTOXICATING LIQUORS AND WINES AS A BEVERAGE ON SUNDAY, committed as follows:

The said defendant, late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *fourth* day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven* at the City and County aforesaid, the same being the first day of the week, commonly called and known as Sunday, with force and arms, certain intoxicating liquors and certain wines, to wit: One gill of wine, one gill of brandy, one gill of rum, one gill of gin, one gill of whiskey, one gill of cordial, one gill of bitters, one gill of ale, one gill of porter, one gill of beer, one gill of lager beer, and one gill of a certain intoxicating liquor to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, unlawfully did sell as a beverage to one

*- William Adams -*

and to certain other persons whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT:

**And the Grand Jury aforesaid**, by this indictment, further accuse the said defendant of the CRIME OF KEEPING OPEN ON SUNDAY a place licensed for the SALE OF STRONG AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, WINES, ALE AND BEER, committed as follows:

The said defendant, late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, the same being the first day of the week, commonly called and known as Sunday, being then and there in charge of and having the control of a certain place there situate, which was then duly licensed as a place for the sale of strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, the said place, so licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did not close, and keep closed, and on the said day, the said place so licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did then and there open, and cause and procure, and suffer and permit, to be open, and to remain open, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

**District Attorney.**

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FOLDER:  
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DESCRIPTION:  
Weeks, Edward

DATE:  
09/23/87



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**Witnesses:**

*J. H. Bailey*

Off. Jno S Sullivan 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

Counsel:

Filed

(day of

Pleas.

# THE PEOPLE

25.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS

Edward Weeks

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*District Attorney.*

# A True Bill

Charles F. Jones

*Foreword.*

Hand, Guedy

5. 12. 1902

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Edward Wedder

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

of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:

The said Edward Wedder,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the 27th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one watch of the value of one

hundred and sixty dollars,

and one chain of the value

of forty dollars,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one James H. Reddy,  
by one Agnes Redmond, and -

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

James H. Reddy -

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

Edward Wedder -

then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have been feloniously stolen, taken and carried away; against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

2658

DESCRIPTION:

Weldon, Patrick

DATE:

09/23/87



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Witnesses:

Patrick Connel

Off Mc Mahon

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Counsel,

Filed, 23

day of

Sept. 1883

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Patrick Weldon

By Weldon

Grand Larceny, 1st degree  
(From the Person)  
[Sections 528, 53 Penal Code]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Wm. J. DeForest

Foreman.

Sept. 23, 1883

Heard G. J. 24 day

S. P. H. 4 y 2 d.

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Police Court— District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.of No. 221 Cherry Street, aged 22 years,  
occupation Truck driver being duly sworndeposes and says, that on the 17 day of September 1887 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
and from of deponent, in the night time, the following property viz:one pair of  
shoes of the value of a dollar and  
seventy five cents (\$ 1.75-)the property of Deponentand that this deponent  
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen,  
and carried away by Patrick Weldon (nowhere) for the reason that deponent  
was sitting on a stoop in front of  
204 South street when, as deponent  
is informed by policeman James  
McMahon of the 7th Precinct,  
the defendant frumbled about  
deponent's person and was caught in  
the act of taking off deponent's  
shoes above mentioned, and was  
searching deponent's pocketsA brokenSuborn to before me, this 18 day of September 1887  
of Patrick Weldon  
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 35 years, occupation

James McLeahon  
Policeman

of No.

Seventh Street

Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

Patrick Crake

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

Sworn to before me, this

18

day of

September

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James M. Sullivan

H. A. Duffy

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK } ss.

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

Question. What is your name.

Answer.

*Patrick Weldon*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*37 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Ireland*

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

Answer.

*83 - Market St. 4 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Laborer*

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

Answer.

*I was not trying to take the man's shoes. I was only sitting alongside of him. I am not guilty.*

*Patrick Weldon*

Taken before me this

day of

*September*

1887

Police Justice.

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

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

*Dated* *Sept 18 7* *188* *7* *Police Justice.*

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

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

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

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

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Police Court-- 3 District. 1576

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Patrick Corken  
221 Cherry St.  
Patrick Weldon

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3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

*Office Attorney at  
Lawrence from Corken*

Dated Sept 7 1887 188 7

Duffy Magistrate.

W. Mahon Officer.

7 Precinct.

Witnesses Call the officer

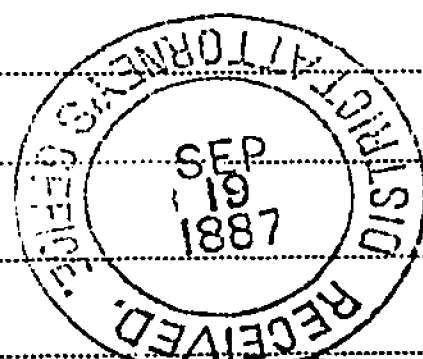
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No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

\$ 700 to answer G. S.

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BAILED,

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*Estimada Wilson*

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

*Estimada Wilson*

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

The said *Estimada Wilson,*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*seventeenth* day of *September*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the City and County aforesaid, in the  
*night* time of the same day, with force and arms, *two shoes*  
*of the value of one dollar each,*

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

*Richard J. Smith*

District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

2658

DESCRIPTION:

White, Thomas

DATE:

09/12/87



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Witnesses :

Counsel, *[Signature]*  
Filed, *[Signature]* day of *[Signature]* 1886.  
Pleads, \_\_\_\_\_

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*[Signature]*

*Thomas White*

INJURY TO PROPERTY.

[Sec. 651, Penal Code.]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*District Attorney.*

A True Bill.

*Chas J. De Groat*

*Foreman.*

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

POLICE COURT, 2 DISTRICT.

of No. 401 ~~City Avenue~~ Street, aged 28 years,  
occupation Clerk, being duly sworn deposes and says,  
that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1887

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Thomas White  
(now here) did willfully and maliciously  
break and destroy a large pane of  
plate glass in the window of Regan  
Street at No 401. City Avenue the property  
of Schulle Brothers of the value of  
One hundred dollars, by striking  
said window with a brick which  
he the said defendant then and  
there threw from his hand.  
And deponent further says that  
said pane of glass was repaired.

Sworn to before me, this

1887

day

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entirely worthless by the injury done it  
in the manner and at the time  
aforesaid.

Wherefore I pray the said  
defendant may be held and dealt with  
according to law.

Sworn to before me  
this 30th day of Aug 1887

Joseph Will

Police Court, \_\_\_\_\_ District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

1887

Witness,

Disposition,

AFRIDA VIT.

Police Justice

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Sec. 108-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Thomas White*

Question. How old are you?

Answer

*29 years old*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer

*New York*

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

Answer.

*338 W 25th St 10 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Waiter*

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

Answer.

*I have nothing to say*

*Thomas White*  
*Mark*

Taken before me this

day of

*Dec 18 1888*  
*[Signature]*  
Police Justice.

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

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

*Dated* *Aug 20* 188 *Police Justice*

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

*Dated* ..... 188 ..... *Police Justice.*

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

*Dated* ..... 188 ..... *Police Justice.*

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Witness

J. Hill

Off McCool 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct

BAILED.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

#53 Bail order

Police Court 2 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Joseph Hill  
404 - 6 Ave  
Thomas White

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

Offence Murder  
Magistrate McCool

Dated Aug 30 1887

W. C. Cool Magistrate

W. C. Cool Officer.

19 Precinct.

Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_

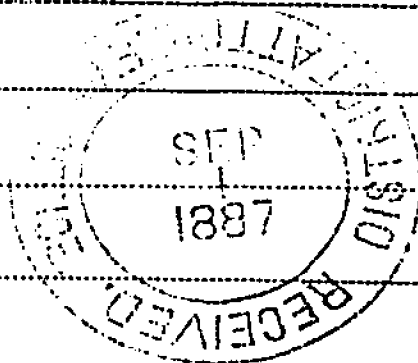
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**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

IN AND FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Thomas White*

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

*- Thomas White -*

of the CRIME OF UNLAWFULLY AND WILFULLY *destroying* -  
PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER, committed as follows:

The said *Thomas White*, -

late of the *16th* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York  
aforesaid, on the *29th* day of *August*, - in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~nine~~, at the Ward, City and  
County aforesaid, with force and arms, *one year & date*  
*ago*, -

of the value of *one hundred dollars*, -  
of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *William Schulte*,  
then and there being, then and there feloniously did unlawfully and wilfully *steal*  
*and destroy*, -

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

**SECOND COUNT:**

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

*- Thomas White -*

of the CRIME OF UNLAWFULLY AND WILFULLY *destroying* -  
REAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER, committed as follows:

The said *Thomas White*, -

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

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aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, a certain  
*piece of State Lands, —*

of the value of *one hundred dollars, —*

in, and forming part and parcel of the realty of a certain building of one

*William Schulte, —*

there situate, of the real property of the said *William Schulte, —*

then and there feloniously did unlawfully and wilfully *break and destroy*

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

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

**District Attorney.**

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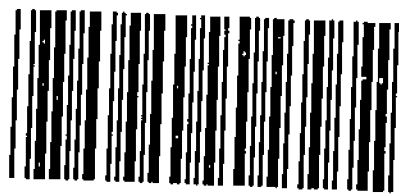
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DESCRIPTION:

Wilson, Frank

DATE:

09/27/87



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Witnesses:

*Off Reap*

Counsel

Filed

day of

Pleads

1887

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*R*

*Frank Wilson*

Grand Larceny in the  
(MONEY)  
(See Sec. 528 and 530, Penal Code.)

RADOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Char. W. Lombardy* Foreman.

*Rep. 28/87*

*Off Reap*

*S.P. 27/87*

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Police Court— District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.Patrick Langan  
of No. 1894 Second Ave Brooklyn, N.Y. 26 years,  
occupation Carpenter being duly sworndeposes and says, that on the 20 day of August 1887 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
of deponent, in the night time, the following property viz:Good and lawful money of  
the United State Consisting of  
Bankbills of divers denominations  
of the amount and value of twenty  
five dollars and One double  
Eagle gold watch of the value of  
Seventy five dollars all together of the  
value of One hundred dollars (\$100.00)

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 James Wilson now here,from the fact that at about 2 O'clock  
A.M. of the above date deponent met  
said Wilson in the Barroom at No  
15 Bowery and had several drinks  
together, that at about 4 O'clock  
A.M. of the same date deponent  
went into the Water Closet and fell  
asleep and when he awoke about  
a half hour later he missed the  
above described property, and the  
said deponent Wilson had gone  
away and deponent did not  
again see said Wilson until  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1887 when he came of

Sworn to before me, this

1887

day

Police Justice.

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his account. The said defendant Wilson then admitted and confessed to deponent in the presence of Officer Michael J. Reap of the 11<sup>th</sup> Precinct that he took said property and sold the said watch to Julius Robinson of No 22 Division Street for the sum of thirteen dollars. That deponent in company with said Officer went to said Robinson's place of business and there obtained the watch here shown which deponent positively identifies as his property.

Therefore deponent prays that said defendant Wilson be held to answer and be dealt with as the law demands.

Sworn to before me  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1887

P. A. B.  
Police Justice Patrick Lindgren

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Sec. 198—200

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

3 District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Frank Wilson

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

28 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer,

Newt Vermont.

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

Answer.

No 3 James St. Greenwich

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer,

Carriage Painter

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

Answer.

I have nothing to say at present

Frank Wilson.

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice.

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

Frank Wilson  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 500 Hundred Dollars, \_\_\_\_\_ and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Sept 11 188

W. J. Caffery Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188

\_\_\_\_\_  
Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188

\_\_\_\_\_  
Police Justice.

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Police Court-- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Patrick Langin*  
*1894, Lane Bridge*  
*Frank Wilton*  
*Offence*  
*Barren*  
*Yelony*

BAILED,

No. 1, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 2, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 3, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 4, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

Dated *Sept 24* 1887

*Duffy* Magistrate.

*Reap* Officer.

*11* Precinct.

Witnesses .....

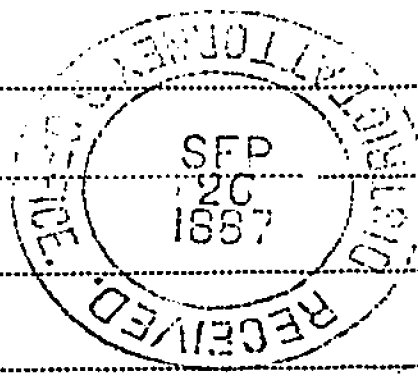
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\$ *500* to answer

*Cotton*



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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Franka Wilson*

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

*Franka Wilson*

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

The said *Franka Wilson*.

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

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Wolf, George

DATE:

09/19/87



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Witnesses:

Matthew Horner

#1744 \*

John C. Horner  
Counsel,

Filed 19 day of Sept. 1887

Pleads *Guilty* (21)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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

*George L. Wolf*  
(Scared)

H.D.

RANDOLPH E. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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A True Bill. P22

*Alfred J. De Vries*

Foreman.  
December 15, 1887.

*John W. De Vries*  
Deputy Foreman.  
December 15, 1887.

*De Vries*

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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. 67 Park Row Street in the 4 Ward of the City of  
New York, in the County of New York, this 26 day of March  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and 87 beforeFerdinand Levy, Coroner,  
of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the Body of Adam Finbach  
lying dead atEleven 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  
Adam Finbach came to his death, do  
upon their Oaths and Affirmations, say: That the said Adam Finbach  
came to his death byHemorrhage from incised  
stab wound of the heart inflicted with a knife in the hands  
of some person unknown to the jury at 335 W. 39<sup>th</sup> St. on the  
morning of March 20/87 between 12 and 1 A.M.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.

Thomas Keenan 128 Charlton	Edward Hughes 303
Julius Fleischer 424 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> St.	Wm. H. Spry 254 Spring St.
Ernst Meyer 355 E 6 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Waters 266 Bow
John Hoeller 107 Spring St.	Wm. Carstens 303 Spring St.
John Gill 97 Warren	John Britton 325 Spring St.
Oliver C. Ayres 304 Spring	

Ferdinand Levy  
CORONER, L. S.

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## CORONER'S OFFICE.

## TESTIMONY.

Officer Jacob W. Feess 20th Precinct being  
 sworn says: On March 20<sup>th</sup> 1887 about 3 am  
 I was called out of bed and went with  
 Officer Dumbach to 425 W. 39<sup>th</sup> St where  
 Dumbach was lying dead in the kitchen.  
 I was informed by Charles Tallman  
 that Wolf done the stabbing. There  
 were two walfs but the little fellow  
 with the black mustache did the  
 stabbing. I arrested Frederick Wolf  
 at 444 W. 35<sup>th</sup> St. about 6 am. After  
 that we went to Geo. L. Wolf's house 415  
 W. 41<sup>st</sup> St and arrested his mother. I informed  
 me that he had not been home all night.  
 I then arrested him at 526-10th Ave.  
 When arrested both of them admitted  
 that they had been in the fight but  
 did not do the stabbing. I took them  
 to the Station House & after to the Court  
 where they were held. I have known the  
 prisoner Louis Wolf for 8 or 9 years & the  
 other for 5 or 6 years.

Jacob W. Feess.

Taken before me

this 26 day of March 1887

Frederick H. Feess

CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

Officer Frank H. Ivanhoe 20th Precinct being  
sworn says: I have heard the testimony of  
Officer Dees which I corroborate,

Frank H. Ivanhoe

Taken before me

this 26 day of March 1887

Friedman & Levy

CORONER.

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## CORONER'S OFFICE.

## TESTIMONY.

John Gambert being sworn says: I reside at 338 W. 38<sup>th</sup> St. And a Coach Painter. I was in the Saloon of M<sup>r</sup> Ross 335 W. 39<sup>th</sup> St. on Saturday night March 19<sup>th</sup> 1887, I saw a pair of them fighting inside in the dance hall, I did not know who they were. This was about 11.30 P.M. I saw the two prisoners there. I can't say if they were in the fight. I entered the place about 11.15 P.M. I started to dance, the first thing I knew I saw a fight over in the corner. That was quieted for about 1/2 an hour, then there was another fight about 12 P.M., that was quieted too and the music went on again. After that there was a fight in the front room of saloon. Then I got my hat & wanted to go home. I found the doors locked I could not get out. That was about 12.15 P.M. I saw one fellow getting hit, I saw one of the wolves hit him and saw Firnbach when he came in about 12 P.M. Can't say if he was engaged in the fight. It was a general fight in the saloon. The saloon was crowded. There were at least 40 people. The Wolf Brothers were there. Can't say if Firnbach was there. I was sober. I did not see any knives used in the saloon. I did not

Taken before me

this

day of

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CORONER.

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## CORONER'S OFFICE.

## TESTIMONY.

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see either of the prisoners use a Knife in saloon. I saw a bowie knife in one of their hands. <sup>(Geo. L. Wolf)</sup> I was kneeling beside Jimbuck on the floor. I saw ~~see~~ where he was cut. When the fight occurred in the Saloon the Wolfs brother among others were pushed out into the hallway. A short while after that the deceased entered the saloon again and cried "For God's sake take my clothes off". He fell on the floor. I unbuttoned his vest & had his head among my knee. A young man beside me took out his watch & said it was 1.30 am. He asked Jimbuck who ~~stabbed~~ it. He was a stranger to me. I did not see anyone stab Jimbuck. I saw Jimbuck after he was stabbed. I did not know he was stabbed till he told me himself. I did not know the Wolf Brothers before Saturday night. I did not see either of the Wolfs stab any one. Geo. L. Wolf picked up a chair which was taken away from him. I did not see him strike Jimbuck with it. I do not know who stabbed Jimbuck.

Taken before me

this 26 day of

March 1887

Friedrich Grof

CORONER.

John Gombert

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

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George Schick being sworn says: I reside at 510 W 43<sup>rd</sup> St. Am a barber I was in Ross' Saloon on Saturday night March 19/87. I saw Geo. L. Wolf dancing After the dance he came over and struck me, & I struck back, Then I saw the crowd coming on top of me & I ran out and went home. I did not see the stabbing. I came to 42<sup>nd</sup> St & 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. there I met John Stout & Matthew Kohler who told me they were stabbed, & I would not believe it till I got home.

George Schick

Taken before me

this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1887

Ferdinand Levy

CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

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Ernst Pittman being sworn says I reside at 335 W. 39<sup>th</sup> St. Am a silk dealer I was in Ross' Saloon on Saturday night I helped to tend the bar that night I saw the two Wulfs there. I saw a fight ~~in the~~ or pushing in the saloon, I did not see any one use a knife or dagger I did not see the Wulfs with a knife I saw Fimback in his house. Did not see any one stab Fimback, I put 4 or 5 people out. Some ones <sup>(4 or 5)</sup> Came back with Fimback after he was stabbed, Mr Ross said he did not want anything like that in his saloon, he advised that he be taken to Hospital I saw a man unbutton the vest of deceased The Wulfs did not come back with the deceased.

Ernst Pittmann.

Taken before me

this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1887

Ferdinand Levy

CORONER.

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**CORONER'S OFFICE.**

## TESTIMONY.

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Charles Thalman being sworn says: I reside at 432 W. 4th St. I was in Ross' Saloon on Saturday night March 19/87. I was in the Ball room about 11 P.M. I was at the door where they took the tickets. I saw the deceased & the two Wolfs at the pool table fighting. One of the Wolfs commenced to strike Firibach. They fought for a long time, from there they went to the entrance door & were fighting there. I saw one of the Wolfs with something in his hand - it had a blade on it - it looked like a knife. It was George Wolf had it. Mr. Ross saw the fighting & put them all out <sup>the bartender</sup> & hollared for help. I was not outside, I remained inside. The fighting occurred in the Saloon. There was also a fight in the Ball room. I saw people carry some one into the Saloon. I learned that it was Firibach. I did not see Wolf use the knife but he had it in his hand during the fight. Did not know deceased was stabbed till he was carried into the Saloon. Did not see any one but Wolf having a knife in his hand.

Charles Tholmann.

Taken before me

this 26 day of March 1888

Ferdinand Levy

**CORONER.**

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## CORONER'S OFFICE.

## TESTIMONY.

William White being sworn says: I reside at 424 W. 36<sup>th</sup> St. I was at Ross Saloon March 19/87, as a butler. I saw the Wolfs Brothers & Timbuck standing at the Pool table about 12 PM. Timbuck asked G. Wolf in good words the reason why he struck a friend of his, with that G. Wolf turned toward the doorway & struck Timbuck. Then Timbuck to defend himself got ahold of Wolf & they had a tussle & both fell to the floor. Wolf was under, & I think he struck his eye against the bar as it was bleeding when he got up. Then the Wolfs pushed to the front of the saloon & G. Wolf put his hand into his pocket & pulled out something which snapped. Then the proprietor Ross pushed them outside. Then I went inside to the ballroom. I did not see any one stabbed that night.

Wm Weick

Taken before me

this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1887

Frederick L. Wolf

CORONER.

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## CORONER'S OFFICE.

## TESTIMONY.

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John Stoudt being sworn says: I reside at 530 W. 47<sup>th</sup> St. I was at Ross Saloon on March 19/87. I saw a fight while I was dancing. I went outside and was standing at the door when a young man said to me "John I'm going home" so I said "Wait a minute" I got stabbed by ~~Frederick~~<sup>George</sup> Wolf at the ~~door~~<sup>hallway</sup>. Rushing Wolf was rushing through the hall when I was stabbed by him. I knew him by the pea jacket and mustache. I did not speak to him nor he to me. He stabbed me three times. I went to Roosevelt Hospital to get <sup>my wounds</sup> dressed. This was at 1:15 A.M. I could not see who commenced the fight. I did not see Firmbach there, did not know him, I saw him when he was dead. I did not see the Wolf Brothers stab any one but myself. I met M. Kohler who told me he had been stabbed also. Did not know the Wolf Brothers before. I don't know if Firmbach was in the fight or not.

John Stoudt

Taken before me

this 26 day of March, 1887

Friedman Levy

CORONER.

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## CORONER'S OFFICE.

## TESTIMONY.

John Ross being sworn says: I reside at 335 W. 39<sup>th</sup> St. Am a Saloon Keeper have meeting Room for Societies. On March 19/88 there was a ball at my place. About 11<sup>pm</sup> or a little after a disturbance occurred at the pool table. The Wolf Bros. & Finbach and others were fighting in a bunch. It was a kind of a scuffle. I gave orders to push them out. Did not know the deceased before. Finbach was brought back after being stabbed. There were about 1/2 a dozen pushed out the side door. After that I locked the door about 11.40 PM. I next saw the Wolf in Court. Finbach was brought back about 1/2 hour afterwards I am not sure about the time. If I did not see any stabbing in my place that night. I only saw the fight at the pool table. Did not see any one use a knife. Did not know the Wolf before that night.

John Ross

Taken before me

this 26 day of March 1888

Ferdinand Levy

CORONER.

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## CORONER'S OFFICE.

## TESTIMONY.

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> 1887 at 5 P.M.  
At 425 W. 39<sup>th</sup> St.

Adam Turnback age 20 years, single  
said to have died March 20<sup>th</sup> between 2 & 3 A.M.  
Rigor mortis well marked, body that of a well  
nourished healthy young man

There are six wounds stab and incised  
of the body as follows:

- (1) On lower lid of right eye there is a slight  
superficial wound about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  an inch in length  
beginning at the inner angle and extending hori-  
zontally outwards. (2) On the inner surface  
of left thigh there is an incised wound  
through skin 5 inches in length beginning at  
the root of testicle direction downwards & outwards.
- (3) On the outer posterior aspect of thigh there  
is a stab wound entrance opening of which  
is horizontal in ~~long~~ diameter &  $3\frac{1}{4}$  an inch  
in length direction inwards and forwards  
depth about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. (4) On the  
outer surface of left hip 2 ins. below the anterior  
superior iliac process of the ilium there  
is a horizontal stab wound  $3\frac{1}{2}$  an inch in long  
diameter, about 2 inches in depth direction in  
wards and backwards. (5) On left side of  
thorax in axillary line is a stab wound whose  
long diameter is vertical  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in length and  
penetrates the left pleural cavity slightly.

Taken before me & viewing the outer surface of the  
this day of 188

CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

(21)

left lung, direction inward.  
 5<sup>th</sup> On the anterior chest wall two (2) inches  
 above the 4<sup>th</sup> nipple and in the mammary  
 line there is a stab wound, vertical in  
 its long diameter and 1 inch in length.  
 It penetrates the Thoracic cavity between the  
 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> ribs and its direction backward  
 & slightly inward. Upon opening the Thoracic  
 cavity this wound is found to involve the  
 pericardium and the left ventricle of heart.  
 The pericardial sac is well left plu-  
 ral one is filled with clotted  
 fresh blood.  
 Organs normal.

Cause of death: Hemorrhage into the  
 pericardium and left pleural cavity  
 from stab wound above described as  
 number 5 involving the heart.  
 Contributing: The other stab wounds above  
 described

W. J. Casper, M.D.

Taken before me

this

day of

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Frederick L. Levy CORONER.

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**Coroner's Office,**

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*George L. Wolf* 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— *George L. Wolf*

Question—How old are you?

Answer— *26 years*

Question—Where were you born?

Answer— *New York City*

Question—Where do you live?

Answer— *526-10<sup>th</sup> Ave*

Question—What is your occupation?

Answer— *Driver*

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

against you? *I am not guilty of the charge*

*George L. Wolf*

*Taken before me, this 26 day of March 1887*

*Friedman Levy*

CORONER.

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MEMORANDUM.

AGE.	PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.	DATE, When Reported.
20 Years. - Months 15 Days.	New York	425 West 39 <sup>th</sup> St.	March 20 <sup>th</sup> 1887

1st. Quar 870. 1887  
HOMICIDE.

AN INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

Adam Jimi Esch

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

Some person

unknown

Original taken on the 26<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1887

by  
Jerdinand Leary Coroner.

Witnessed  
by  
J. J. Esch

Deceased  
Date of death March 20<sup>th</sup> 1887.

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AN INQUISITION  
On the VIEW of the BODY of  
Adam Fimbach  
whereby it is found that he came to  
his Death by the hands of  
Some person  
unknown  
Inquest taken on the 26th day  
of March 1887  
before  
Jerdinand Leary Coroner.  
Admitted  
Bailed  
Discharged  
Date of death March 20/87.

MEMORANDUM.

AGE.	PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.	DATE, When Reported.
20 Years. - Months 15 Days.	New York	425 West 39th St.	March 20/87

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The People  
vs.  
George F. Wolf.

Court of General Sessions, Part I.  
Before Recorder Smyth.

December 15, 1887.

Indictment for assault in the first degree.

William Weick sworn and examined. I am a butcher and live 424 West 36th Street: on Saturday, the 19th of March of this year I was at a ball at 335 West 39th Street, there is a saloon<sup>and</sup> in the back of it is a singing hall and you get into the hall by going through the saloon. I saw Wolf the defendant first when he struck Firnbach, I knew Firnbach but did not know Wolf: when I seen Firnbach talking to him he asked him what for did he hit a friend of his and with that Wolf turned around and went toward the door and he struck Firnbach,, then he went after him to defend himself and they got tusseling and they both fell on the floor and when Wolf rose he had a cut over his eyes, Wolf struck Firnbach first with his fist, then when he got up he was kind of wild and Wolf run toward the front of the saloon, put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a knife and then the proprietor told us to run and then after the crowd was pushed out that is all I saw of it, I saw him open the knife and he held it in his hand and the crowd was all put out, I went back to the dance hall, I did not see what he did with the knife; they both fell flat on the floor, the soda water box was right in the corner, Wolf was bleeding when he got up, no instrument was used at that time, I do not know whether he got that cut on the eye from the blow or came in contact with the soda water box; the knife looked to me as if it was a jack knife, I saw no knife in

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Firnbach's hand.

Mary Stuhlmeier sworn. I am a widow and live at 437 39th Street, I attended a ball on the 19th of March at Ross's saloon, 335 West 39th Street, I saw Wolf there and he asked me to have a square set and there was another young man came along when I went to take position on the floor, Wolf said he wanted to dance and the other fellow said no, I was here before you, I said to Wolf, "come on, never mind", so the other young fellow went away and we took this set; so after the square set was over Wolf went over and had some words and hit this young man, so after that the young man went out and I did not see him any more after that. Wolf said to his brother that he had something in his pocket, after he struck the young man, that would stick him that night, he said, "I have something in my pocket that will kill that son of a bitch", that is the last I saw of him. I was dancing about fifteen minutes.

Cross Examined. I never saw Wolfe before that night, the young man said he wanted to have that dance, he was there before Wolf was, he did not mean that he wanted to dance with me but wanted the position which Wolf and I occupied: there was a crowd in the room when we were dancing of men and women, the young fellow walked over about twenty or thirty feet and hit him, Wolf struck him with his open hand but the young man did not strike back, they did not take hold of each other and did not fall to the ground, I do not know who the man was that he struck with his open hand, he was no friend of mine, I know Firnbach

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from a little boy and it was not Firnbach, I did not see this man strike Firnbach and did not see Wolfe on the floor, I saw him leave the ball-room and I did not see anything about the fight, I did not notice his face, I did not see any blood on his face, Wolf said good-night but I do not know who he meant, I never answered back, he walked right out of my sight and I did not see him again that night, he said he was going home to his brother who was standing near me, he said, "I have something in my pocket that will kill that son of a bitch to-night", referring to the young man whom he hit, he said it in such a tone that everybody in the ball-room could hear it and then he went out, I did not see him strike that young man again, I have never seen him since that night, I staid in the room maybe about one or two dances and then went home, I did not see this young man who was struck in the face by the Defendant try to trip him when he was dancing the lancers, I did not see the young man who was struck dance after that, I was not examined at the Police Court or at the Coroner's office in this case, a policeman left a subpoena for me, Mr Firnbach asked me to come, he is a relative of the dead man.

Charles Thalmann sworn. I am a silk finisher and on the 10th of March was at this ball, I was standing at the ticket table and I saw the prisoner first about half past ten, dancing with a young girl, I did not see what he was doing after that until about half an hour afterwards when I saw Wolf fighting with Firnbach who is the deceased man, he must have been fighting with

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about fifteen or twenty minutes, there was a ring around the men, Firnbach was lying on the floor and Wolf had him down and punched him, then Wolf and Firnbach got up and Wolf got down and Firnbach hit him and after that they got as far as the door where the soda water box is, Wolf walked from the corner where he was fighting over to the door and he put his hand in his pocket and took a knife out, I suppose it was a knife, I saw a blade about an inch over his hand, Mr. Ross and his bar-tender opened the door to put the party out, they put Wolf and Firnbach out, I was in the saloon and in about half an hour after that some men brought Firnbach in, they carried him back and laid him between the hall and the saloon on the floor, there were parties around there and I did not see what they were doing to him, all I saw was one man took the coat off him, I saw blood on the man from where I was standing, I could not tell whether Wolf came back or not when they brought Firnbach in.

Matthew Koerner sworn. I reside 513 West 43rd Street, I have been in the House of Detention eight months, I attended the ball on the 19th of March last at Ross's saloon, I got there at half past ten and saw Wolf there; a friend of mine and I went into the saloon to get a drink, there was a lady companion of my friend in there and she asked me to go in, my friend's name is George Sheick, he went into the ball-room and I stayed outside in the saloon, after a while a young man came out and gave me a ticket to go in also, I went in and the first thing I saw was Wolf striking George Sheick, he came up to him and struck him in the mouth; so me and two other young

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men who was in the ballroom, we parted two of them from fighting, we went on the side and after that the dance was called up and everything went all right until about an hour afterwards, Wolf went down to the end of the hall and started a fight with another young man, I do not know who he was, so at last they all ran out of the bar-room. A young man named John Stout said, "I guess we had better go out of here"; we went outside and stood at the door and somebody halloosed inside, "Oh, he is stabbed", Wolf came running out with a knife in his hand and stabbed this young man Stouty twice in the side and then he stabbed me once in the stomach; with that he went to run towards Ninth Avenue and I went to run away and Wolf and I ran against each other, he caught me around the neck and said, "I will do away with you", and with that he struck me three times more. I had never seen him before that night. He stabbed me in the stomach and gave me three cuts, one on the hip and twice on the leg. I went up 38th Street to a drug store on Eighth Avenue and the druggist told them to take me to a doctor, I said, "No, take me home", I was going down 42nd Street and there was some policeman on that patrol said, "take him to the 37th Street Station House", I said, "no, take me home", I went home and the next morning John Stout and I went to the Hospital, I was in the Roosevelt Hospital two weeks and four days, my wounds were dressed in the hospital, I was let out of the hospital and put in the House of Detention and staid there until to-day.

Cross Examined. I work at the Manhattan Shade Cloth Company, 133rd Street, I do not know the

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young lady who was at the dance, I did not know Firnbach or any of them, Wolf was dancing the first time I saw him, then one of the young men wanted to dance and Wolf shoved him out and they got arguing about something and then Wolf went over and hit him, the young man said that he had that place before him, Wolf said, "I will smash you in the mouth", and the young man did not make any reply, Wolf did smash him in the mouth with his fist, that was Mr. Sheick, I have not seen him here to-day, he was standing right along side of me when he was struck, it was a violent blow but it did not knock him down, he staggered back, I did not take notice to Miss Steuhlmeier. The bar-tender told all the people to go out of the ball-room, I could not tell how many went out, I should think at least twenty or thirty went out: there was a light in the saloon but none in the hallway, it is dark in that hallway. There was another fight at the other end of the ball-room from the door but I did not see who was in that, I do not know what happened there, it was after that fight that the proprietor put everyone out, I did not do anything to this man at all, I had no quarrel with him, I only talked to him that time of fighting, I saw two or three of the men in there wearing pea jackets. Wolf stabbed me in the hallway outside of the door leading out of the saloon, John Stout and I were standing together, Wolf came right up to me and run the knife into my stomach without saying a word, I had no trouble with him, there was nobody around at that time, it was after every one had gone that he stabbed me, I was talking with John

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Stout alone in the street and while I was talking with him this man came running through the hallway out of the saloon and stabbed me in the stomach, we were right near the door as you go down the step on the sidewalk; there is no mistake about that, we were only out there about two minutes; after he stabbed me I ran away and did not say anything to him, I could not tell you whether Stout said anything to him or not; Stout and I started to run away from the prisoner in the same direction and ran up against one another, I wanted to get away from him and ran about eight or nine feet; then he caught me around the neck and said, "I will do away with you" and then he stabbed me in the stomach and three times in the leg, Stout was leaning over against the railing and he was badly stabbed himself at that time, I do not think he could move, he was wounded. When I was ordered out of this saloon I came right out, I did not notice Firnbach, I did not notice whether there was any light in that hallway.

John Stoudt sworn. I am the man alluded to by the last witness and attended the ball on the 19th of March at Ross's saloon, I was there with Koerner, I saw the prisoner there, I did not see him do anything only what he done to me. I got to the ball at half past nine, I danced and I saw Wolf dancing, I did not know Firnbach, the deceased man, I did not see a fight with Wolf and Firnbach, I was not ordered out, I went out of the ballroom and met Koerner coming out, I got my hat and came out, I know Koerner two or three years, I stood about four feet from the door and was talking with Koerner, I did

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cry out somebody was stabbed, I was standing at the door and it was pushed open and Wolf came out, he caught hold of me, he had hold of my coat and I got cut in my back, I turned around and got two cuts, one across the stomach and two cuts between the legs, he cut me, he made a couple of stabs and I stepped out to the railing and leaned over, I put my hand down and I felt kind of wet, I walked up the street and after that Koerner came up and I stood at the lamp-post, I did not see him stay Koerner, I went up the street and saw Ernest Myer come up, I did not see where Wolf went after he stabbed me, he turned towards the corner of Ninth Avenue.

Cross Examined. I did not see Wolf in any fight that night with any person, only inside the ball-room I heard some talking and cursing, I did not see any blows struck in the ball-room. When I went up to the drug store the man said it was half past one, the drug store is 38th Street and Eighth Avenue, I think I was cut about one or ten minutes past one; from half past nine until about one o'clock I saw no blows struck in the ball-room and saw no fight, I was dancing there the same as others, I was not standing at the door more than five minutes before I was cut. There was fighting in the ball-room but I did not take any notice of it, I kept on dancing, I thought I would let them fight while I danced. I was a stranger to Wolf and never talked to the man, I was not put out, I walked out, I did not hear Mr Ross order anybody to leave, I was about twenty-five feet from the ball-room door and four feet outside of the hall door leading from the street when I was stabbed; the ball-room is even with the street

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and you walk right in off the street into the saloon, there is a hallway between the ball-room and the saloon; there is a hall door leading into the saloon from the street and a hall door for the people to go upstairs, I met Koerner as he was coming out but I did not leave the room with him, there was nobody behind me, we stood outside the hall door four feet on the sidewalk on the street.

Jacob W. Feess sworn. I am an officer of the 20th precinct and know the premises where this trouble occurred, No. 335 39th Street. The diagram now shown me of the premises is correct. (The witness described the diagram in detail, to the jury: I arrested the prisoner Wolf and had a conversation with him at the time. I asked him, what did you do that cutting for?" He says, "I did not do it, I was in the fight but did not cut him", he did not say much more, he admitted he was there, he said he did not go home that night, he slept in his sister's house, I got him in his sister's house in the morning and his mother told me he did not go home. I asked him why he did not go home and he said the door was locked and he went to his sister's house.

Matthew Koerner recalled by Mr Purdy. The Witness was shown the diagram and he pointed out upon it where Wolf struck the man in the face. The spot was marked A, and where Wolf was dancing was marked B. The Witness said that the fight between Wolf and Firnbach took place at the lower end of the ball-room, marked F, near the platform. After that they came into the saloon and

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the second fight took place down at the end of the bar-room; we were ordered out of the room and we came out of the side door, I went outside in front of the hall door in the street; I did not notice whether the lamp was burning or not. The prisoner was standing when he hit the man a smash in the mouth with his fist right there (Pointing to A on the diagram.) When I saw the second fight I was standing between the piano and the end of the ball-room, I did not know the young man whom he was fighting with.

John Gumbert sworn. I am a coach painter and live at 338 West 38th Street, I have been in the House of Detention over eight months, I attended the ball at Ross's saloon on the 19th of March last, I arrived there at a quarter past eleven and I saw Wolf at the ball, the first I took notice of him he was in the fight at the lower end of the ball-room, I don't know the party he was fighting with; it was near the platform, I saw him strike Shieck with his fist near the piano and Shieck returned the blow; they were going to clinch and were prevented by parties on both sides, that passed off and the next disturbance I saw I should judge it was about a quarter past one, in the front part of the saloon; the fight took place right against the door going out into the street, that door was locked; I saw the prisoner and several others fighting there, I do not know who they were, I know Firnbach and he was not there at the time; as far as I could see I saw the prisoner raising a chair over his head and it was wrenched from his hand by some person, I do not know who; Mr. Ross and his assistant bar-keeper shoved them out in

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the hallway; after they were put out I went up, to the counter and had a drink and then I backed up against the door leading into the hall, I stayed there about two minutes and this man Firnbach fell in the door onto me, he threw his arms around my neck, he says, "For God's sake take my clothes off", I laid him down on the floor and unbuttoned his vest and pulled up his shirt and I saw he was stabbed in the breast, Mr Ross, the proprietor of the place ordered them to be taken out, he says, "this is no place for a man to die", I saw several young men pick him up and take him out and in the meantime I got my hat and went home. I do not know where the young men took him to, I saw them out on the street when I went out to go home.

Cross Examined. I saw the fight in the saloon and during that time there were between thirty and forty people in there, I saw the chair raised and taken from him, Mr Ross shoved them out into the hallway with his hand, I am positive they did not walk out but were pushed out. I know the witness Koerner, I did not see him in this crowd that got put out, I saw him there that night the first part of the evening and saw Stout but I did not see Stout put out but Wolf and his brother were among the number who were put out; the front door of the saloon leading into the street was barred so that they had to be pushed out into the hallway and from the hallway they could go into the street. When I went to the bar to get a drink I did not hear any noise in the hall because there was loud talking and the music was playing in the dance hall, after they were pushed out; the next thing I knew was that Firnbach fell in the doorway and he

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put his arm around my neck. When I went outside into the street I saw a crowd. When he put his arms around my neck and said, "For God's sake take my clothes off", I asked him who cut him and he says, Wolf, I asked him which one and he said, "the one with the pea jacket." Wolf was not there at the time.

The Case for the Defence.

John Stout recalled by Mr Howe. I am not near sighted but I am weak in the eyes, I can see back as far as the end of this room clearly but I have watery eyes. In Jefferson Market I said that I did not know Wolf's brother; I did not tell a policeman that a brother of the prisoner was the man who had done the stabbing, I did not tell Koerner so. I am sure that the prisoner is the man who did the cutting. I am just now reminded that in Jefferson Market I said it was the prisoner's brother but made a mistake, I came right back and testified, they were both put together and I could not tell them but I am dead sure it was this prisoner.

William M.K.Olcott sworn and examined. I am a lawyer and know the prisoner about four years, he worked for me, he was the captain and general care-taker of a pleasure yacht that I own with some others, on the Hudson River; he worked for me three years I think prior to the fracas you are investigating, he ceased to work for me the time he was arrested. His reputation for peace and quietude is entirely good, there never was a person in my employ that was more satisfactory, I have seen him at all times of the year and all times of the day and evening

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when I have been out in my yacht, he has always been sober and when I returned sometimes late at night, always kept his engagement with me, I have found him to be perfectly orderly and faithful and he had that reputation at our club house about three years, I recollect the morning after his arrest, he sent to my house and told me he was in trouble and wanted to see me, I saw him about half past nine at the Jefferson Market Police Court, down stairs in the cell. There were a great many marks of violence upon him, he had a very much swelled and blackened face as I remember it, his left eye was very back and entirely closed and over his eye was quite a deep cut, appearing to be very serious; his coat was cut in numerous places, I think his pantaloons were either torn or cut, his face was terribly bruised, he presented a shocking spectacle when I saw him; the length of this cut over the eye I should say was half to three-quarters of an inch, it was a sharp, narrow cut and looked as if it might have been and probably I judge was made by stabbing, a straight cut in by some sharp instrument. The coat now shown me is like the coat I saw, I remember the cuts in just those positions, it was that kind of a coat.

Louis Endres sworn and examined. I am a barber and carry on business at 451 53rd Street for the last ten years in the neighborhood where the prisoner resides, I have known him about five years and always found him a perfect gentleman in every respect, a quiet and orderly young man. I never heard anything wrong about him and I have often been in his company. I would be

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surprised to hear of his being in a free fight on three different occasions at the same ball. I heard that he was in a fight at a ball and a man was killed, I do not think he ever did it, he may have been there, any man might get in a fight.

William Ewert sworn. I am in the dying business 336 West 41st Street and have been in business twenty-eight years; the prisoner worked for me about two months before the arrest and he worked for me up to the last night before his arrest, he left my place of business the day the trouble occurred, about six o'clock; I can only give him the very best of character, he was going around about a hundred customers every day and he was liked by everyone.

Edward J. Newell sworn. I reside 140 W. 21st St. in this city and am a journalist, I have known the prisoner about four years and have been with him every often until the last year, I always considered him a perfectly peaceful, honest young mechanic.

Philip Brendel sworn. I live 448 W. 36th St. and work in the chandelier shop of Mitchell & Vance, I have lived in this city twenty years and am a man of family, I was at the ball-room with my wife the night that this trouble occurred, she belonged to that society and so I went there with my family, it was a ladies' society, I saw the brothers Wolf there that evening, I came out of the water closet and I saw them standing in the door and as soon as they saw me they said, "Hello, Brendel," <sup>Said</sup> do you want to go in"; they said, "yes"; I said, "I have got two

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tickets left, I have got no use for, my wife will have to pay for them anyhow, each member had to take so many, I gave them two tickets and that is all I know about it: they went to the check clerks and went into the ball-room. I saw none of the trouble, I was sitting with my family with three or four other families back at the table, I went to the ball about nine o'clock and I guess it was between twelve and one when I left: up to that time I saw no trouble or fighting.

John Ross sworn and examined. I keep a saloon at 335 39th Street where this trouble occurred, I was behind the bar in the front room and at the pool table they started a fight, I did not see anything in the hall, I saw no fight in the ball-room, the first I saw of any trouble was fighting in the saloon by the pool table and that was about half past eleven o'clock. I guess about six was in one lump together, fighting and hitting each other, they moved near to the door and I told the man I had to help me to try to push them out and so we did, we opened the door and pushed them out and locked the door again, we forced them out into the hallway, I did not see any knives used in the saloon at all, the hall was lit, the front door leading from the saloon was locked and the door which those men were pushed out of was the side door leading out into the hall near the stairs, there was a hat-box right near the door, they were pushed out about half past eleven and after that trouble I locked the door. I could not tell what time I locked the front door but it was just before that trouble commenced. The side door was the family entrance for people had to pass upstairs. This

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was Saturday night and I knew it was near twelve o'clock and that the place should be closed, I saw both of the Wolf brothers in the fight and Firnbach too, my bar-tender put them out, we pushed them out but not very hard, I did not see that any of these men were drunk, Wolf was not drunk when I saw him; the gaslight was burning in the hallway, I saw it burning when they were put out. When I saw these men fighting they were using their fists but I saw no knife. I kept behind the bar all the time they were fighting, I did not go from behind to hustle them out. I saw Gumbert, Stout, ~~Koerner~~, Thalman there, I cannot remember Koerner. I cannot remember that Gumbert came and took a drink at the bar but I am sure Thalman was inside, I do not know where Stout was. I remember that Firnbach came into the saloon after he was cut, I think it was about half an hour after they were shoved out into the hall, I did not hear any noise in the hall; a young man brought Firnbach in and laid him on the floor between the door and the hallway, I do not know who it was, I picked him up and I said, "I don't want that man here, ring him to the Station House or Hospital," I picked him up and he could walk with me out to the sidewalk and the young man took him and brought him away; he was bleeding from his breast, I heard afterward that the young man who took him to the Station House was Hofmann, I did not see the other two young men who were cut, I did not see the two Wolfs after Firnbach was brought back out; they did not come back after they were put out.

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Dora Wilby sworn. I live 408 54th Street, am married, my husband's name is John and he has been Foreman on the Hudson River Railroad nine years; the prisoner is my brother, I remember his coming home the night of the ball at one o'clock; that time we lived at 526 8th Ave. between 39th and 40th Sts. I have seen Mr. Ross's place, it was close to where I then lived, it is between 8th and 9th Ave. and I lived on 10th Avenue between 39th and 40th Sts. My brother unlocked the door and I saw him come in front of my eyes, I was asleep at the time but I heard him come in, I got up and looked at him, he said, "take off my coat"; his face was bruised and I saw a cut across the eye and it was all black and swollen and his coat was all torn, his mouth was bleeding and his teeth was all loose, one of his teeth fell out.

John E. Wilby sworn. I am Foreman on the New York Central and have been eleven years, I am husband of the last witness and she is sister of the defendant, we lived at 526 10th Avenue the night her brother came in from the ball, I saw him five or ten minutes after he came in, his face was all swollen and the blood was oozing out of his mouth and nose, he was lying on the floor on his back when I saw him between the kitchen and the front room, his eye was swollen and closed and the blood was coming out of both ears and mouth, he was cut over the right temple and his coat was all muddy and torn.

George T. Wolf sworn and examined. I last lived at 526 10th Avenue and worked for Mr Olcott, the lawyer and afterwards for Mr Gregg of the Fifth Avenue Carpet

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Company. On this night of the ball I went home after my days work was done and after supper I went to my mother's house and on the way met my brother, he asked me to take a walk which I did, we started up Ninth Avenue as far as 52nd St. and then we walked back as far as 39th St. and went back to mother's house again, we remained there about half an hour, then we started for our homes, we got as far as the corner of 39th St. and Ninth Ave. and my brother said, "let us walk up the street a bit", we walked up towards 8th Ave. and we got as far as Mr Ross's saloon and heard music inside: my brother says to me, "let us go in and see what is going on", because we had been often in there before: we went in and met Mr. Brendel, I should judge that was about ten o'clock, he invited us into the ball and gave us two tickets, we paid ten cents each for our hat check and went in; it was then about a quarter past ten and everything went on smoothly until twelve o'clock. I took part in a square set with this young lady that testified against me, I had the place first when a young man, an entire stranger to me accused me of taking his place: in answer I told him no, we had a few words there which did not amount to anything, I thought it was over, he then left me and walked around to the opposite side of the same set that I was dancing in, he stood there and when I came around that way, it was right hands all around, he put out his foot and he tripped me, I fell down on my knees and got up and just as I was getting up he made a blow for me which I warded off and at the same time I hit him in the face once, the fight was immediately stopped and during that little muss the music stopped

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also. I finished that dance with this same young lady and after the dance I went to the lower end of the hall and stood there, it was about twenty minutes after the dance and when I got through a man came to me and wanted to fight with me, they also of them came to me and wanted to fight with me, they got hold of me and that fight was stopped; no blows were struck till then; my brother said to me, "I think it is best that we get out of here and not get into any further trouble", I says, "all right, let us go", I pulled out my watch and saw it was then about half past twelve. We started for our hats, I got mine first and my brother was right behind me, I was about to go out, the pool table is right alongside the hat-box; several men were standing at the end of the pool table and in passing one stepped up to me saying, "why did you strike my friend? I had not time to answer when I was struck on the eye and fell on the floor. My brother came to my assistance and lifted me up and the whole crowd rushed after me then to get hold of me, I grabbed hold of a chair in order to save myself, I lifted it over my head to strike them but the chair was immediately taken from me; then Mr. Ross and his bar-keeper came and shoved the whole crowd towards the side door in the hallway, <sup>at that instant</sup> I looked towards the hall and in the hall was five or six more men and the man that struck me first and that young man with the cross-eye, both of them had a knife in their hands, I do not know the names of the men who had the knives in their hand; it was not Corner but I think Weick was the man that struck me first and had the knife in his hand, I think Mr Gumbert is the name of the cross-eyed

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man, he had a knife in his hand also; that instant while they were all standing I got another shove and the tall fellow says to the crowd, "push the ~~son of a bitch~~ out, I will fix him", and that instant I was shoved with the crowd behind me on top of those that were in the hall; that instant the big fellow raised his hand and struck my brother and cut me, my face was covered with blood, I was cut in the eye with a knife, I then took my knife, I had it out of my pocket a few minutes after the chair was taken from me and I made a blow for the fellow that struck me but the crowd behind me knocked me immediately down on the floor; that instant the door was closed and the knife was wrenched out of my hand, it was dark, I made my way out the best way I knew how; when I got out to the street some men followed me out and ran down the street after me hitting me on the head with a club and the last blow which I got felled me on the sidewalk, I ran down the street hallooing "murder" as loud as I could all the way down to the corner, a man got hold of me and asked me what happened, I told him a lot of men up the street tried to kill me, I ran home to my house and remained there till the next morning, the Detective came in and told me I was charged with killing a man, I was thunderstruck when he told me this: he saw plainly that I was cut and had a black eye and that I lost my teeth in the fight, my face was bruised and my coat was cut; the officer advised me to take the coat along, that it was good evidence, I showed him all the cuts in my coat; the coat now produced is the coat. I heard Koerner swear yesterday that I cut him in the stomach; that is not true, I do not think I

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cut anybody; it is not true that I cut Stoudt, I did not cut anyone on the sidewalk, I had no knife with me out there, the knife was taken from me in the hallway, while I was there somebody grabbed hold of my hand and took the knife from me. I heard Stoudt say on the witness-stand that he made a mistake in pointing out my brother for me at Jefferson Market; that is not true, it was at the Coroner's Jury, he is mistaken as to what took place all the way through.

Cross Examined. I have seen the diagram that has been used; the first difficulty that I had was when I struck a young man in the face and he struck me and we were separated, I do not recollect seeing Koerner that night; the next fight was at the lower end of the hall near the platform, I do not know the two men who came to me, I could not say that one of the men was the dead man Firnbach, that fight did not last two minutes, I started to go home, I do not know whether the fight was renewed with the same men that were in the ball-room, I should judge about thirty minutes elapsed between the first and the second fight. When I was out in the hall I do not know whether my brother was with me or not. I heard Mr. Howe in his opening to the Jury say that my brother took the knife out of my hand and stabbed the dead man, my brother did not tell me anything; the first I heard of my brother stabbing the man was when Mr. Howe told the Jury so, I went to my sister's house that night and my brother came in half an hour after. When I got to the Station House the next morning I saw my brother there, I was put in one cell and he in another; we were both brought down

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to the Coroner's Inquest and also before the Magistrate,  
I have been nearly nine months in the Tombs. The knife I  
had was a common, one bladed knife about two and a half  
inches long. ~~✱~~

John Gumbert recalled. It is not true as the  
prisoner stated that I had a knife in my hand that night  
in the ball, I had a knife in my pocket but not in my hand,  
it is up at the House of Detention now.

Peter Firnbach sworn. I am the father of Adam  
Firnbach who was killed on the 19th of March, he was  
twenty years and five months old and was a tall man.

The Jury rendered a verdict of guilty of

*assault in the second degree*



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POLICE COURT— 2 DISTRICT.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

RECOGNIZANCE TO TESTIFY.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on

the 21 day of March in the year of our Lord 1887

Adolph Lachmann  
of No. 608 West 142<sup>nd</sup> St Street, in the City of New York,

and Daniel Van Brusk  
of No. 522 West 142<sup>nd</sup> St Street, in the said City,

personally came before the undersigned, one of the Police Justices in and for the City of New York, and acknowledged themselves to owe to the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, that is to say: the said

Adolph Lachmann  
the sum of Five Hundred Dollars,

and the said Daniel Van Brusk  
the sum of Five Hundred Dollars,

separately, of good and lawful money of the State of New York, to be levied and made of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of said People, if default shall be made in the condition following, viz:

The Condition of this Recognizance is such, That if the person first above recognized shall personally appear at the next COURT OF General SESSIONS of the Peace, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York, and then and there *Testify* and give such evidence, in behalf of the People of the State of New York, as he may know concerning an Offence or said to have been lately committed in the City of New York aforesaid by

George R. Wolf and Frederick Wolf

And do not depart thence without leave of the Court, then this Recognizance to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me, the }  
day and year first above written.

Adolph Lachmann  
Daniel Van Brusk

[Signature] Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

day of March  
1887  
Sworn before me, this 21  
at Police Justice

the within-named Bail, being duly sworn, says that he is a Free holder in  
said City, and is worth ten Hundred Dollars,

over and above the amount of all his debts and liabilities; and that his property consists of  
House and lot No 522 West 42nd  
Street in said City - worth twelve  
thousand dollars

Daniel Van Brunt

Sessions.

New York

THE PEOPLE, &c.

Recognition to Testify.

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Magistrate

Filed

day of

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POLICE COURT—*Second* DISTRICT.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

RECOGNIZANCE TO TESTIFY.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on  
the *21* day of *March* in the year of our Lord 188*7*

*Charles Thakman*  
of No. *432 W 40th* Street, in the City of New York,  
and *Hugo Maier*

of No. *568 Ninth Ave* Street, in the said City,

personally came before the undersigned, one of the Police Justices in and for the City of New York, and  
acknowledged themselves to owe to the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, that is to say: the said

*Thakman*

the sum of *Five* Hundred Dollars,

and the said *Maier* *Five* Hundred Dollars.

separately, of good and lawful money of the State of New York, to be levied and made of their respective  
goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of said People, if default shall be made in the con-  
dition following, viz:

The Condition of this Recognizance is such, That if the person first above recognized shall personally  
appear at the next COURT OF *General* SESSIONS of the Peace, to be holden in and  
for the City and County of New York, and then and there *Testify* and give such evidence, in behalf of  
the People of the State of New York, as he may know concerning an Offence or *Felony*  
said to have been lately committed in the City of New York aforesaid by

*George L Wolf & Frederick Wolf*

And do not depart thence without leave of the Court, then this Recognizance to be void, otherwise to  
remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me, the }  
day and year first above written. }

*Charles Thakman*  
*Hugo Maier*

*Samuel C. Hill* P. J. Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

Hugo Maren

the within-named Bail, being duly sworn, says that he is a Free holder in  
said City, and is worth Two Ten Hundred Dollars,

over and above the amount of all his debts and liabilities; and that his property consists of a  
house and lot of land situated No  
568 Ninth Avenue in said City  
and is of the value of \$15,000  
free and clear of all incumbrances

Hugo Maren

Sessions.

New York

THE PEOPLE, &c.

RecoGNIZance to Testify.

George Haloman

W. O. Reilly Magistrate

Filed

day of

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Surety identified  
by Jacob W. Freese  
of the 20th Precinct  
Police

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CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

POLICE COURT, 2<sup>D</sup> DISTRICT.

Sworn to before me, this

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day

Police Justice.

Frank Evans.  
of the 20th Precinct Police Street, aged 33 years,  
occupation Police Officer being duly sworn deposes and says,  
that on the 20th day of March 1887  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Mathew Krehler  
was taken to Roosevelt Hospital  
suffering from several stab wounds  
in the body from the effects of which  
he is now confined to said Hospital  
and unable to appear in Court. And  
deponent further says that he took George  
L. Wolf who is held charged with the  
killing of one Adam Finkbach on the  
morning of said date to said Hospital  
before the said Krehler, when he Krehler  
fully and positively identified the said

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George L. Wolf in the presence of  
depmunt and Officer Jacob W. Freese  
as the man that had stabbed him  
Wherefore depmunt prays the said George L.  
Wolf. may be held to answer the result of  
the injuries of the said Mathew Koehler.

Sworn to before me  
this 22-day of March 1887

Samuel C. Keith  
Jacob W. Freese

Police Court, 2 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.  
George L. Wolf

Dated March 22 1887

J. W. Freese Magistrate

Freese Officer

Witness,

Disposition,

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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, }POLICE COURT, 2<sup>d</sup> DISTRICT.

Frank Cranhoe

of the 2<sup>0th</sup> Prec Police, being duly sworn, deposes andsays that on the 2<sup>0th</sup> day of March 1887

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

George L. Wolf

(Now here) did by an act imminently dangerous to others and evincing a depraved mind regardless of human life stab and kill one Adam Fintbach as deponent truly believes. From the fact that deponent is informed by Charles Thalman that at about the hour of 12.30 O'clock on said date he Thalman was in a ball room in the rear of the bar room at No 325 West 39<sup>th</sup> St and that he saw the defendant and the said Adam Fintbach in company with several others in said bar room and that he heard loud boisterous and angry talking in said bar room and that he saw the defendant and the said Adam Fintbach fighting and that he saw the defendant have a knife in his hand. The bartender then came from behind the bar and cleared the bar room putting the defendant and the said Fintbach out of said bar room into the hall. And in about ten minutes thereafter he Thalman saw the said Fintbach brought back into said bar room through the hallway and side entrance. and saw him laid on the floor when some persons who were in the bar room undressed the said Fintbach when he Thalman saw blood on his Fintbach's body. They then dressed Fintbach

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and took him from the saloon. And deponent is further informed by John Hoffman of no 422 West 39<sup>th</sup> Street that he in company with one John Troy found the said Adam Finbach lying bleeding and unconscious on the sidewalk in West 39<sup>th</sup> St in front of no 335 at about the hour of 1 O'clock A.M. and that he and the aforesaid Troy carried him Finbach to his Finbach's home at no 425 West 39<sup>th</sup> St. And deponent is still further informed by Adolph Lachmann of no 508 W 42<sup>nd</sup> St that he heard fighting in the bar room and shortly thereafter saw the said Adam Finbach lying in the hallway of said premises with a crowd around him. And deponent further says that he went to Finbach's home at no 425 West 39<sup>th</sup> St. and there saw the dead body of the said Adam Finbach lying on the floor in the kitchen of the first floor of said premises, and that he examined said dead body and found a stab wound in the left thigh and one in the left breast. Wherefore deponent prays the said defendants may be held and death with according to law.

Sworn to before me  
this 20th day of March 1897

John N. Lombard

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

ARRESTED.

vs.

James C. Butler  
Police Justice

Dated

Witness

Disposition

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CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

POLICE COURT, 5 DISTRICT.

Frank Cronk

at 2 1/2 10th Street Police Officer Street, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,

occupation Police Officer being duly sworn deposes and says,

that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Charles Thorman

John Hoffman and Adolph Lachman  
(all now here) are witnesses and important  
witnesses against George R. Wolf  
charged with Homicide and deponent  
further says that he has reason to believe  
and does believe that the aforesaid witnesses  
will not be forthcoming when wanted.

Wherefore deponent prays the said Charles Thorman, John Hoffman and Adolph Lachman  
may be committed to the House of Detention.

James N. Lamb

Sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day

of March 188

day

Samuel C. McCall Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Frederick Rittmann*  
aged *35* years, occupation *Silk dyer* of No.  
*335 W. 89<sup>th</sup>* Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

*Jacob W. Fess*

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

Sworn to before me, this *27*  
day of *March* 188*7* } *F. Rittmann*

*Sam'l C. Hull*  
Police Justice.

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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,POLICE COURT, 2<sup>d</sup> DISTRICT.

*Jacob W. Fless*  
of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Police ~~Station~~ being duly sworn, deposes and  
says that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1887  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he arrested *Frederick*

*Wolf* (now here) at his *Wolf's* home at  
No 444 West 35<sup>th</sup> St on information  
received charging him the said *Frederick*  
*Wolf* with being in company with his  
brother *George L Wolf* who has been  
committed without bail charged with having  
stabbed and killed one *Adam Furbach*.  
And deponent further says that he is  
informed by *Fritz Rittmann* of No 335  
West 39<sup>th</sup> St that he saw the said  
*Frederick Wolf* in the bar room at No  
335 West 39<sup>th</sup> St with his brother  
the aforesaid *George L. Wolf* while the said  
*George L. Wolf* and the said *Adam*  
*Furbach* were fighting and that he *Fritz*  
*Rittmann* saw the said *Frederick Wolf*  
in the crowd and saw him fighting  
in said bar room.  
Wherefore deponent prays the said  
*Frederick Wolf* may be held for examination.

Sworn to before me  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1887

*Jacob W. Fless.*

*Daniel C. Kelly*  
Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 24 years, occupation Charles. Thalmann  
work in a silk factory No.

432 West 40th Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Frank Brown here

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

Sworn to before me, this 20th  
day of March 1887 Charles Thalmann

Daniel C. Hill  
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*John Hoffman*  
aged *27* years, occupation *Driver* of No.

*422 West 39<sup>th</sup>* Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *Frank Brown*

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of

*20*  
*March* 188*8*

*John Hoffman*

*Samuel C. Smith*

Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Adolph Lachmann  
aged 19 years, occupation Work in a paper factory of No.  
508 W 42<sup>d</sup> Street, being duly sworn, deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Frank Krause  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true, of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 20 } Adolph Lachmann  
day of March 1887 }

Sam'l C. Butler  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

27 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss

*Fredrick Wolf*

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

Question What is your name?

Answer

*Fredrick Wolf*

Question. How old are you?

Answer

*23 years old*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York*

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

Answer.

*444 W 35th St 4 Mrs*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

*Piano maker*

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty  
Fredrick Wolf*

Taken before me this

day of *March* 188*9*

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

George L. Wolf being duly examined before, the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is h 5 right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against h m; that the statement is designed to  
enable h m if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h m,  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that, h h waiver cannot be used  
against h m on the trial.

Question What is your name?

Answer

George L. Wolf

Question. How old are you?

Answer

26 years old

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York

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

Answer.

10th Avenue between 40th & 41st Sts about 7 months

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

Driver

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

Answer.

I am not guilty

George L. Wolf

Taken before me this

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day of March 1889

Police Justice.

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

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

*Dated*.....188.....*Police Justice.*

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

*Dated*.....188.....*Police Justice.*

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

*Dated*.....188.....*Police Justice.*

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Police Court-- 2 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Frank Cranbre

vs.

1 George L. Wolf

2 Frederick Wolf

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Offence Housebreaking

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street.

Dated March 20 1887

W. O'Reilly

Magistrate.

Jacob W. Henry for Deputy Officer S

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Precinct.

Witnesses

Charles Thalman

No. House Detention Street.

John Hoffman

No. House Detention Street.

Adolph Lachman

No. House Detention Street.

\$ to answer

Ex Mar 23, 2 P.M.

" " " 24 10 a M

" " " 31 2 P.M.

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City & County of  
New York

John Gambert aged 20 years occupant  
-ion Coach Painter of No 338 W 38  
th Street in said City being duly  
sworn deposes and says that he  
was in premises No 335 W 39 th  
Street. The bar occupied by John  
Ross on the 20 th day of March  
1887. Dependent says that about  
the hour of 1.30 a M on said  
date he saw George L Wolf in  
said premises and said Wolf had  
a chain raised over his head and  
was in the act of striking of  
some person when some of the  
people then and there assembled  
caught hold of the chain and  
~~the~~ wrenched the same from  
said Wolf's hands and said  
Wolf was pushed out into the  
hallway and several who were  
engaged in the fight.

Dependent says that he was  
standing in the doorway of the

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hallway leading into said saloon when Furbach fell against me and said to deponent for Gods sake take my clothes off and deponent assisted others placing him on the floor and thereafter assisted in the unbuttoning of said Furbach vest and pulled up his shirts and saw a <sup>wound</sup> ~~wound~~ on the breast of said Furbach and the same was bleeding profusely.

Deponent asked said Furbach who stabbed him and he said Furbach replied Wolf and deponent asked which Wolf and said Furbach replied the one with the Pea Jacket and at the same time George L. Wolf entered said premises having a knife in his right hand and then and there wore a Pea Jacket. Deponent says that said George L. Wolf

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looked on to where said  
Furbach was lying and  
immediately went out

deponent says that thereafter  
he saw several men carrying  
said Furbach through the  
street and deponent went  
home

John Lambert

Sworn to before me

this 31 day of Mch 1887

Deputy of Police Justice  
John Lambert

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY { ss  
OF NEW YORK,

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

Question What is your name?

Answer

George L. Wolf

Question. How old are you?

Answer

26 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York City

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

Answer.

526 10 Ave 1 mo.

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

Driver

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

Answer.

I am not guilty

George Louis Wolf

Taken before me this

31

day of

March

1889

Police Justice.

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*If appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named George L. Wolf*

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

*Dated Mar 31 1887*

*Sam'l C. Reilly Police Justice.*

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

*Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188*

*\_\_\_\_\_  
Police Justice.*

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

*Dated Mar 31 1887*

*Sam'l C. Reilly Police Justice.*

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QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

Police Court 2 District 41

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James V. Erwin

vs.

George L. Wolf

Fredrick Wolf

Offence Domestic

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

Street.

No. 2, by

Residence

Street.

No. 3, by

Residence

Street.

No. 4, by

Residence

Street.

Dated

Nov 31

1887

D. O. Reilly

Magistrate.

James E. Fess

Officer.

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Precinct.

Fredrick Wolf

Discharged on

Street.

no evidence

J. C. R.

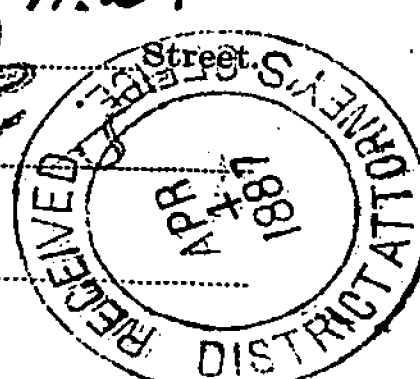
Street.

Matthew Roemer

H.D.

John Gumpert

Admitted to answer



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STENOGRAPHER'S MINUTES.

Second District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE &c. IN COMPLAINT OF  
Frank O'Connell  
vs.  
George L. Wolf  
Frederick Wolf

BEFORE HON.

Daniel O'Reilly  
POLICE JUSTICE,  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1887

APPEARANCES: { For the People,  
For the Defence,

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M. J. O'Reilly  
Official Stenographer.

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(11) 2 DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

THE PEOPLE,  
vs. COMPLAINT OF  
*Frankie*  
*Wolf*

Examination had *Mar 23* 188 *4*  
Before *Daniel O'Reilly* Police Justice.

I, *M. J. O'Reilly* Stenographer of the *2nd* District Police Court, do hereby certify that the within testimony in the above case is a true and correct copy of the original Stenographer's notes of the testimony of *Rittman, Chalman, Hoffman and all herein* as taken by me on the above examination before said Justice.

Dated *Mar 23* 188 *4*

*M. J. O'Reilly*  
Stenographer

*Daniel O'Reilly*  
Police Justice.

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New York March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1884  
Declar District Police Court  
Hon. James McIlroy Presiding  
The People }  
vs } Homicide.  
George Hays }

Frederick Rittmann, being  
 duly sworn, deposes and  
says, that he is 35 years  
of age, a Silk Dyer by  
occupation and lives at  
335 West 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

Q

Do you know anything  
of George Hays relation to  
this affair

A

I do not know any  
thing of him but that  
he was in the Saloon

Q

Do you know the two  
Wolfs?

A

That was the first  
time I saw them.

Q

Look around the  
room and see if you

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A recognize them?  
Q That man there  
George Hoff was there?

Q Did you see that  
man do anything that  
might?

A I did not see  
him do anything, he was  
in the crowd.

Months before me }  
His 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Mar 1887 }  
Police Justice

Charles Therman, being  
duly sworn, deposes and  
says that he is a worker  
in a Pick Factory, 24 years  
of age and lives at 452  
West 40<sup>th</sup> St

Q Just state what  
occurred on last Sunday  
morning?

A I saw there was  
a fight in the Ball  
room, and then they

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Came out and were fighting, I was 20 feet away. The fighting, I saw Mr. George Galt. He had a knife in his right hand, he got excited and got around by the table, then Mr. Cass saw the knife and opened the door and put them out, they brought the young man in and laid him on the floor and took his spirits off, and I saw blood there, after that there was some one come and took him out, I do not know who that was. I have told all I know.

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You have stated all you know in connection with this matter or this case?

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Q Yes Sir, I know  
nothing else.

Q Did you see George  
Helf out any one  
Morn.

Q I don't know me } Charles Stalmans  
His 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1884 }  
Police Notice.

John Hoffman being  
duly sworn deposes and  
says that he is a driver  
by occupation, lives at 422  
West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is 27 years  
of age.

Q State what you  
know about this affair  
at 335 West 3<sup>rd</sup> St?

Q A friend and I  
were going to a Restaurant,  
as I got up in front  
of the door I saw the  
young man lying on  
the sidewalk, I saw the  
young man was cut in

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Q

The ship, I did not see any quarrel; he was lying on the side walk.

Q

Have you been talking with any one since you were here on last Sunday morning

A

No Sir.

Q

Who attracted your attention to the man on the sidewalk?

A

We were passing a restaurant, we were coming from a saloon in 3rd St, between 7th and 10th Aves, it was about a quarter to one o'clock.

Q

You are still confined as a witness for the People, at the House of Detention

A

Yes Sir

Q

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Q Did you state all  
you know about this  
case?

A Yes Sir. John Hoffman  
I swore to before me } Adolph Lachmann  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1854 }  
Police Justice

Adolph Lachmann being  
duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he lives at  
No 8 West 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Aged 19  
years of age, and a  
worker in a Paper Factory.  
Q State what you know  
about this affair on  
last Sunday morning?

A I was in the Hall,  
as I went down to the  
water closet I saw the  
deceased man lying in  
the hallway; there was  
a fight in the Bar-  
room that is all I  
know about it.

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Q Was the light going on in the barroom previous to you seeing him in the hallway?

A It was before I saw him there.

Q Did you see anyone there with a knife in his hand?

A I did not, I cannot say who was fighting, I only knew Mr. Thibach, I do not know if he was fighting all I saw was the deceased man lying in the hallway,

Q Have you stated all you know?

A Yes Sir.

Q Have you had any conversation, since you were jailed, in connection with this case?

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Q.  
Q.  
A.

No Sir

Are you positive of that  
Yes Sir.

Sworn before me } Adolphus Lachman  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Mar 1884 }  
Police Justice

George O'Cheek being duly  
sworn deposes and says  
that he is 46 years of age,  
a Barber, and lives at  
510 West 43<sup>rd</sup> St.

Q

Were you present  
at this place in question  
Sunday morning last?

A

I was there Saturday  
night.

Q

Were you there at  
the time of the row or  
fight?

A

I was not there  
at the time of the  
grabbing, that gentle-  
man hit me and I  
hit him and then I

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walked out, I said  
I was going home,  
and when I got home  
I met Store and another  
man that was out,  
and, another man had  
taken him home, and  
they told him that two  
of them were out, I  
did not believe it, when  
we got to the house I  
washed Kohler off, that  
other man took him home

Q.

How did the quarrel  
commence?

A.

I was standing  
there.

Q.

How did he come  
to strike you?

A.

He struck me and  
I struck him, and  
then I ran out and  
got out through the side  
door, I did not go back  
afterwards, I did not see

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The deceased after that;  
that is all I know about  
it.

Motion <sup>that</sup> (this witnesses testimony)  
be excluded) Denied.

Cross Examination.

Q When you left where  
did you go?

A Right home  
Q You saw nothing of  
any weapon in the hands  
of any party?

A No Sir.  
(Renewal of Motion to strike  
out this witnesses testimony,  
Denied)

~~Given & sworn to by~~ George Schick  
sworn to before me  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Mar 1887

Police Justice

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I am about being duly  
sworn deposes and says  
that he is 18 years of age,  
in the Plumbing Trade  
and lives at 540 N. 4th<sup>th</sup>  
Here you present at this  
Saloon on last Sunday  
morning?

Q Not in the  
Saloon, but in the Ball  
room, I was out side  
the door and my friend  
was out side, some one  
was fighting and this  
George Wolf came out  
and assaulted ~~me~~ me  
right and left, with a  
knife, I could not see  
the knife I got so excited,  
Did you see any one  
out?

Q  
A No, he struck  
me and my friend  
Roehler, Roehler came  
up and said he was  
" "

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stabbed and I said  
to am I, then another  
came up and said he  
was stabbed, then we went  
to the Drug Store, and then  
went down Hill St. and  
met our friend and he  
said how did you  
get off, then went to his  
house and he washed  
me off, then I went to  
the Hospital and that  
is the man that stabbed  
me.

Q Did you see the accused  
there at any time; at that  
time?

A No Sir, I did not  
know him before he got  
stabbed, I saw him in  
the Hall Room  
prior to before me  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Nov 1884

John Stoud

Police Justice

Motion to strike out, Denied,  
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Charles Sumner being  
fully sworn, deposes and  
says, that he is 77 years  
of age; a Clerk, and  
lives at 308 West 5th

Q

Were you present at this  
quarrel on the night in  
question?

Q

I was not present  
Do you know anything  
about it?

Q  
A

No Sir.  
Who subpoenaed you?  
I received this  
in the drug store, where  
I generally go, I was  
at the amusement place  
but ~~xxx~~ saw nothing  
of the affair, I saw  
nothing of the quarrel,  
everything was quiet and  
orderly, I have no knowledge  
of it, no one has been talk-  
ing to me  
before me }  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Mar 1887 }  
Chas Sumner  
13 Ohio Street

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Philip Feltmann being  
a very common person and  
says that he is 27 years  
of age, single, and lives  
at 354 West 39th St

Q

Were you present in  
the place in question, on  
that night?

A

I was there, yes  
Sir. I was at the corner  
of 9th St at the time, I  
knew nothing about it,  
I only saw a man com-  
ing up through 39th St  
screaming "Murder" and  
I went down on the  
other opposite side of the  
street, I saw two young  
men rubbing their  
clothes looking where they  
were cut at a lamp-  
post. I saw no one  
fighting or quarrelling  
before me Philip Feltmann  
(this 23rd day of March 1884)

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Q Recall of Charles Thorman  
you made a statement  
here today; is that a true  
and correct statement of  
what you made here on  
Sunday morning?

A Yes Sir.

Q What is all you saw  
on that occasion as you  
stated here?

A Yes Sir, that Mr  
Humbach was in the  
hall and they were fight-  
ing. I did not see  
Wolf stab the deceased, I  
saw the knife used by  
Wolf.

Q How do you know  
he stabbed him?

A I did not see it,  
but people came in  
and told me and were  
talking, I cannot tell  
who was talking.

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Q When did you see Hornbach and Wolf fighting?

Q That was by the door  
Did they come out of  
the Ball-room fighting?

A No, the two Wolfs  
came out, and Hornbach  
was inside, and then he  
came out.

Q What was the  
first movement you saw

A They all were fight-  
ing

Q Did you see either  
of raise a hand to  
strike each other

A No Sir.

Q Tell me how they were  
standing when you  
looked at them fighting,  
did you see any one  
hit anyone else?

A I saw George Wolf  
make a punch for

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2 Jarnbach, but I could not see him he was on the floor there was the crowd around the rest of the men fighting. When did they appear to be fighting, were they trying to hit Wolf or Jarnbach?

3 Q I cannot say. When did you see the knife?

A When the fight was over George Wolf had the knife in his hand, and got excited and Mr Ross opened the door and put them all out, I was in the Saloon.

2 Q After that you know nothing?

A I heard kicking at the door, and he, Mr Ross said do not let any one in. ~~14~~ 17

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Q

You did not see Wolf  
at any time use the  
knife?

A

Not till he was  
being put out.

Q

You did not see  
him cut any one with  
that knife?

A

No Sir

Q

Re-direct Did you see  
any one else besides  
Hornbach and George Wolf  
engaged in this fight?

A

No.

Q

Did you see them  
engaged in a fight,  
when you say they were  
fighting?

A

I saw Wolf and  
Hornbach fighting each-  
-other

Q

You saw George  
Wolf and Hornbach  
fighting?

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Q Yes Sir.  
You saw George Hoff,  
with a Knife in his  
hand?

A Not at that time,  
it was after the fight.  
Q How long after the  
fight?

A Not quite half,  
an hour, I do not know  
how long, it could not  
be an hour, nor  $\frac{3}{4}$  of  
an hour, not quite  
half an hour.

Q Did you at any  
time during the fight  
see a Knife in the  
hands of George Hoff?

A I did not, it was  
after the fight was over  
that I saw the Knife  
in his hands, when  
the fight was over.

Q Was that immediately  
after the fight was over  
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A When the fight was over; when the fight was over he was by the door and he had the knife in his hand

Q Right after the fight you saw the knife in his hand

Q About 20 minutes. What did you tell the officers?

A I told them what I saw in the saloon I cannot say any more than what I saw was done.

Sworn to before me  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Mar 1884

Charles Thompson.  
Police Justice

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John Troy being  
duly sworn deposes and  
says that he is 20 years  
of age, a Driver of a Cart,  
and lives at 303 East  
111<sup>th</sup> St.

Q.

Here you present  
at this place on the  
night in question?

Q.

A. Sir.

Do you know anything  
about this affair.

Q.

When I was going  
up 29<sup>th</sup> St. I met a lot  
of people, I met a man  
drinking down and  
he said there was a  
fight there, then I went  
up and helped to carry  
the deceased man home,  
I saw him lying in  
front of Kasser's door, I  
do not know George Wolf  
prior to before me  
This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Mar 1884

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Catherine Coogan, being  
 duly sworn deposes and  
 says, she is 18 years of  
 age, Housekeeper, and  
 lives at 331 West 3rd St.

Q

Do you know any  
 thing about this affair?

A

My husband is  
 on a drunk for two  
 weeks and he made  
 up on Saturday night  
 at 12 o'clock and he  
 wanted some beer,  
 and we had to get it,  
 I went out out for  
 the beer and we went  
 to Kasseo, and two  
 young men came out  
 of the hall, and they  
 said they would get me  
 a pint of beer, and  
 one of the men brought  
 me a pint of beer; then  
 a crowd rushed out,  
 one part went

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Towards 9<sup>th</sup> Av and one  
part towards of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Av, 4 or 5 of them came  
by me when we got at  
the door, I heard one  
young man say "he is  
stabbed" and the other  
man said go to the  
Station House and ring  
for an Ambulance,  
and to bring you to the  
Roosevelt Hospital, then  
we went in.

Q

Q

What hall  
way were ~~the~~ you in

336 West 39<sup>th</sup> St

Ross's. I did not see

anyone fighting.

Went before me (Catherine <sup>Neag</sup> Cooper  
matt)

This 23 day of Mar 1887

Police Justice

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Henry Schen being duly sworn deposes and says that he is 38 years old, 335 West 39<sup>th</sup> St and a Tailor.

Q

Do you know anything about the quarrel at 335 West 39<sup>th</sup> St,

A

I did not see anything of the fight, the fight was outside, I was inside.

Q.

Where were you?

A.

In the Hat Bot.

Q.

Are you connected with the Ball Room?

A.

No Sir.

Q.

What were you doing in the Hat Bot

Q

What were you doing there,

A

I took the hats and clothes.

Q

Have you anything to do with the House

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Q

I live there.

Q

Who were you working for on that night?

Q

For Ross the proprietor.

A

Where was the quarreling and fighting going on?

Q

They did not fight inside at all, they came together and then Mr Ross took and fired them out at 12 o'clock at night.

Q

Did you see anyone fighting?

A

Not inside,

Q

Did you anywhere else?

A

No, I did not go out. W. Sellers sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Mar 1884  
Police Justice

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Pittman - recalled

Q

you are the Barkeeper  
in this place, are you  
the one that is referred  
to as putting them out in  
the Hallway?

A

Yes Sir.

Who did you put out  
into the Hallway?

Q

I cannot tell, I  
took the whole gang and  
threwed them out.

Q

Did you know any  
of them?

A

That man George  
Wolf was among them

Q

Did you see him  
fighting with any one.

A

I saw this man  
in the fight, I do not  
know if he was going  
to settle the fight or not  
I did not see ~~any~~ any  
thing in his hand

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William Hick being duly sworn deposes and says that he is 41 years of age lives at 474 West 36th

Q Were you present at this place on the night in question?

A Yes Sir.

Q State what you know of the affair.

A This young fellow Sternbach was standing at the Pool Table and he asked George Wolf in good words, why did he hit a friend of his, and then this man George Wolf turned around and struck Sternbach and then Sternbach defended himself and got in a struggle and fell to the floor and that is how he cut himself, then the crowd pushed Wolf towards the front and Wolf put

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Q His hands into his pocket  
and pulled out. What did  
he pull out?

A I could not see  
the instrument, I heard  
it snap, then the Proprietor  
and his help pushed them  
out in the hall. That is  
all I saw of it, then I  
went back in the hall,  
I did not see anything  
after that, I remained  
inside till they closed the  
place.

Cross Examination.

Q You say you saw Hoff  
put his hand in his  
pocket and pull out?

A Yes Sir, I heard  
the thing snap.

Q You did not  
see him after he  
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A pulled out his hand  
strik' Farnbach.  
No Sir.  
~~Examination~~ William Vick  
sworn to before me  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1884 } Police Justice

Q John Ross, age 34 years,  
lives at 335 West 34<sup>th</sup> St,  
and there keeps a saloon.  
State what you know  
about the trouble at your  
place at on the night  
in question?

A All I know there  
was stabbing they fought  
on the Pool Table and  
when I saw it, I told  
my man to push them  
out, so he did, after  
that it was 12 o'clock  
and I locked the door,  
after that they brought  
Farnbach back where he

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got stabbed and laid  
him inside and said  
I do not want that  
man here and Shriback  
stood up and went out,  
~~and~~ three men took him  
up and I said he  
should go home or go  
to the Station House, that  
is all I saw

Q

At the time of the  
"row", or the fight who  
was engaged in it

A

The wols were  
fighting. Who else?

Q

A

All these people were in  
a bunch there.

Q

Who were engaged  
in the fighting?

Q

Q

I do not know.  
Who were in the bunch  
that were in the back,  
who were the wols fighting  
with?

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Q They were altogether in a bunch.

Q Who was fighting with Hornbach.

Q There was no fighting or no hitting inside each would take the other and then we shoved them out. Some of those people were never in my place before.

Q Point out anyone of these people that were there

Q	1) George Shier	} all these men were in my place that night.
	2) Edm. Stout	
	3) Ernest Myers	
	4) Char. Bowman	
	5) Adolph Lachman	
	6) Philip Hatterman	
	7) John Hoffman	
	8) William Beck	

Q Did you see either of the Wolf Boys have a knife in his hand

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Q No. Sir. Did you see anyone with a knife in his hand?

Q No. Sir. Are you sure Smith was there?

A I am mistaken. He was not there.

Q These men that you have said were there were all fighting?

A All on a heap on the Pool table.

Q Did you see who hit first?

Q No. They were all crowded in a bunch, who were fighting?

A I cannot say that.

Q You did state that the two Hells were fighting, who were they fight

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Q fighting with  
With Hornbach,  
I did not know their  
faces

Q You say or saw  
the Wolf fighting with  
Hornbach?

Q No, that was, they  
were altogether I could  
not tell their faces, the  
two Wolf were in the  
fight. With whom?

Q I cannot say any more  
than I know, I do not  
know the other faces.

Q Do you know any  
thing more about the  
conviction of the Wolf  
Boys with this affair than  
the others, are you sure  
they were fighting and  
that Hornbach was  
fighting? 33

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Q I am not sure, they  
were fighting altogether.  
Q Can you swear the  
Wolfs were fighting, or  
were in the crowd.

Q They were in the  
crowd fighting.

Sworn to before me  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Mar 1884  
John R. Bas.

Police Justice

Wounded to this day week  
at 2 o'clock

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John Lambert being  
only sworn, deposes and  
says that he lives at 338  
West 38<sup>th</sup> St, is 20 years  
of age and a Coach Painter  
by trade.

Q Cross Examination,  
In the affidavit you made  
you say you saw George  
Wolf with a chain raised  
over his head.

Q Yes Sir.  
Do you see him in  
this room now?

A Yes Sir, there he is  
(pointing at George Wolf)

Q Did you see anything  
of the fight before this  
time that you speak of?

A There was a scuffling  
match, I did not see  
any one strike Wolf, I  
saw him strike a certain  
man.

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Q

Did you at any time  
see a knife in Wolf's  
hand?

A

Yes, when Farnbach  
was lying on the floor.

Q

Not before that?

Q  
Q

No, Sir.

Do you know  
Farnbach?

Q  
Q  
Q

Yes Sir.

Were you a friend of his?

I used to go to school  
with him.

Q

Were you in the  
fight?

A

No Sir, I happened  
to see it.

Q

Re-Direct.  
You saw Frederick Wolf  
there?

Q  
Q

Yes Sir.

Did he take part in  
the fight?

A

He was helping  
his Brother. 36

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Q

Who did you see  
George Wolf strike before  
he raised the chair over  
his head?

A

A man named  
Sheick.

He Cross

Q

You say Frederick Wolf  
seemed to be helping  
his Brother, what did  
you see him do?

A

He said he would  
help his Brother, I did  
not <sup>see him</sup> strike anyone, he  
was with his Brother in  
the scuffling match,  
passing hot words to one  
another, I did not see  
Frederick Wolf do anything

Q

What did he  
say?

A

That if anyone  
struck his Brother, he  
would have to strike him  
too.

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Counsel for Defendants  
moved to admit the  
Defendant George Wolf to  
Bail, for the reason that  
the testimony of the last  
witness was the only evi-  
dence that approached at all  
directness—

Court. Your Motion Denied.

George Wolf is held without  
Bail. and Frederick Wolf  
is Discharged.

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The  Press.

26 & 28 N. William Street.

New York, Dec 19 1887

My Dear Colonel Tuller

Please do intercede  
for Mrs. Tully's brother  
or if you cannot do that  
exactly, intercede yourself  
to get a postponement  
of sentence for two  
weeks so that we  
may be able to pre-  
pare for a motion  
for a new trial, or get  
evidence of good character  
&c which we can do by  
the mean.

Very sincerely yours,  
Abel W. Cole.

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Dec 19-1887  
Respectfully referred to  
Recorder Smyth  
J. W. Adams

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In re Mueffo  
To be sentenced  
Tuesday Dec 20/87

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City of New York Recorder's Chambers

New York 188

People

vs.  
Geo L. Wolf

Sentenced Dec<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1887,

Against. on.

Get the Papers

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New York Dec 19/87  
Hon. Frederick Smythe Recorder  
Hon<sup>le</sup> & Dear Sir

At the earnest request  
of the friends of Geo. Wolf who is  
to receive his sentence tomorrow  
morning, (20<sup>th</sup> inst.) I would respectfully  
ask for a lenient judgment  
in his case.

From frequent conver-  
sations with him, in my service  
as chaplain at the Tombs,  
I am persuaded that it is his  
full intention and determination  
to live a christian life. I  
understand that his previous  
reformation for an honest, and  
peaceable life has been very good.

But he has acknowledged  
with regret, his neglect of  
christian duty, and other things  
contrary to the requirements of  
religion. And these things he  
is fully resolved to correct in  
the future.

His demeanor  
and conduct while a prisoner

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at the Tomb has been in accordance with these professions.

One thing more I may venture to add, viz. that he was very badly cut, and claims that he drew his knife in self defence, against a crowd, and that it was taken from him.

Hoping that you may think it proper to give him only a light sentence

I am

With great Respect  
Yours Truly

Tidney G. Law  
Mining Chaplain  
Tomb

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Proper  
Trust

Dora Philbey  
408 W 54<sup>th</sup> St  
I have her the  
depts discharge  
papers from  
the U.S. Army  
April 6<sup>th</sup> 1881  
P.V.



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JAMES P. FOSTER.

ANDREW WILSON.

FOSTER & WILSON,  
Counsellors-at-Law,

No. 154 NASSAU STREET,  
TRIBUNE BUILDING,  
ROOM 84. NEW YORK.

District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

W. 37th St. - 11 11 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

Chimie Woolf  
Read

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House of Detention

Mr Purdy.

Dear Sir

I have been informed that  
George L. Wolf. is now going  
to be tried for murder  
now what I wish to  
know is if I am going  
to be detained here till he  
is tried. You know that I  
have been detained here since  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 1887 going on 9  
months. and I am very  
anxious to be released. But  
it is impossible for me to get  
bail as my friends in N.Y.  
are very few. but I see  
no reason for detaining me  
here as my address is  
338 West 38 St. where I  
have lived for a number

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of years and can be found  
there at any time and  
shall <sup>if released</sup> be in court when  
wanted! I am detained here  
losing my time and wearing  
out my clothes and failing in  
health. I can be found at  
my address as well as the  
other witnesses can be had  
at times how is it that  
there is not any of the  
other witnesses in this case  
here, for some of them have  
more evidence than I in  
regards to the murder, as  
the only evidence that is of  
any weight is what the  
dead man told me and  
that is objected to on  
the ground that the  
prisoner was not there

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at the time the dead  
man made the remark,  
so that leaves me without  
any evidence at all in  
fact I think not enough to  
detain me here and I  
hope you will think the  
same. Trusting you will  
take this into consideration  
and allow me to be discharged  
from here for humanity sake  
by so doing you will greatly  
oblige

Yours respectfully  
John Lombert.

P.S. please let me have  
an answer to this as soon  
as possible

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People  
v.  
Geo L. Woelf

Ind ~~case~~ - 20/87

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**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**  
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Figoras S. Wall*

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

*- Figoras S. Wall -*

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

The said *Figoras S. Wall*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*Xmas Eve* day of *March*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~seven~~, with force and arms, at the City and  
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *John Stant*,  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault,  
and *him* the said *John Stant*,  
with a certain *knife*  
which the said *Figoras S. Wall*,  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and  
dangerous weapon then and there wilfully and feloniously did cut, stab and wound,

with intent *him* the said *John Stant*,  
thereby then and there feloniously and wilfully to kill, against the form of the statute  
in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of  
New York and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT;

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said  
*- Figoras S. Wall -*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows :

The said *Figoras S. Wall*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the  
year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and  
upon the body of the said *John Stant*,  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and  
wrongfully make another assault, and *him* the said

with a certain *knife*  
which the said *Figoras S. Wall*,

in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being  
an instrument and weapon likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there  
feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully cut, stab and wound, against the form of the  
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of New York and their dignity.

*Handwritten signature of District Attorney*

District Attorney.

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Chatter

Counsel,

Filed 20 day of Sept. 1887  
Pleads Guilty

Witnesses:  
John J. [unclear]  
Matthew [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

Chas. [unclear]

Wm. [unclear]

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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

George L. Wolf

(Answer)

H. D.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Oct 11 1887

A True Bill.

Alfred [unclear]

Foreman.

[unclear]

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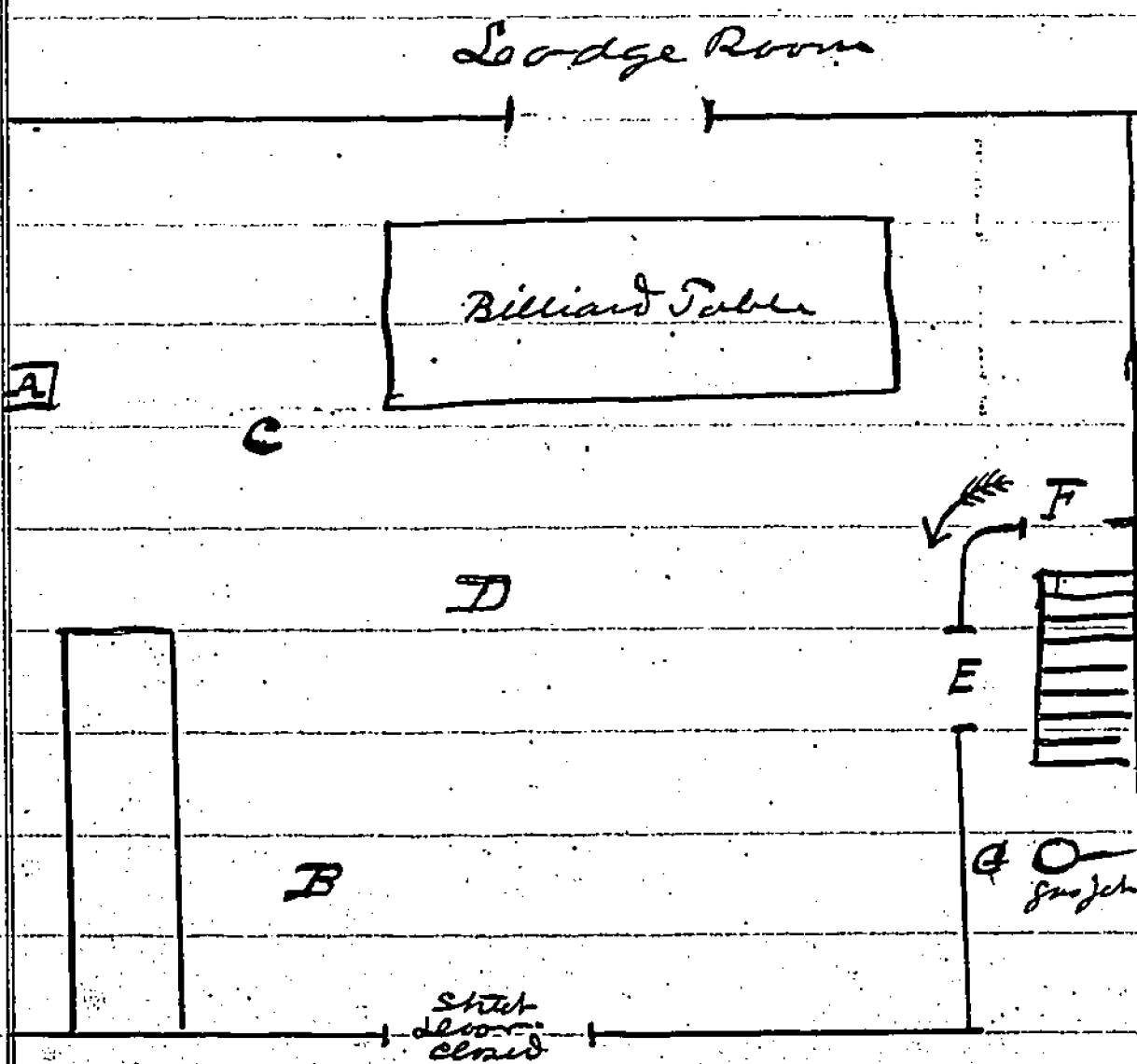
William Weick

424 W. 36<sup>th</sup> St.

Trinbach, & 2 friends <sup>of Trinbach</sup> names unknown -

Heard Trimbach ask Wolf why Wolf had struck a friend of Trimbachs earlier in the evening. Wolf replied it was none of his business and struck Trimbach. They clinched and fell. Wolf striking his head against a soda water box. Weick is positive neither had weapons at this time. He would have seen them. They got up and Wolf was bleeding from a cut near the eye made when he fell against the box. They separated.

wolf, standing about  
facing witness, who  
was about C while  
Himback was at D,  
facing wolf. Saw  
wolf put his right  
hand in his pants  
pocket, draw out  
something, open it  
with his left hand,  
heard a click, saw  
it glisten and knew



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it was a knife. Door E had been opened  
Wolf dropped his hands at his sides  
and rushed towards Timbach who  
tried to get out of the door but was  
caught in the crowd. the bar keeper  
coming forward and pushing out the  
crowd. Saw Timbach's light overcoat  
(anuff colored) in the crowd, about the  
door, but lost sight of Wolf in the  
crowd. Wolf wore a pea-jacket.  
Witness did not go out with the  
crowd but towards the lodge room  
& stand till the police came.  
Was at the inquest but has not been  
before the District Atty. nor subpoenaed.

Mary Stuhlmeier

437 W. 39<sup>th</sup> St.

Told me this  
Nov. 22 '87  
am

was at lodge meeting. Wolf whom  
she did not previously know asked  
her to dance a square dance with  
him. They took places when a  
young man who was standing up  
said he had the place for himself  
& partner. They saw no lady &  
asked where she was. He said  
she was coming. Wolf said they  
would dance with the young man

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went away and sat down. They  
danced. & after the old wife went up  
to the young man and struck him.  
afterwards wife said to her "

"I've got something in my pocket  
"and I'll kill the son of a bitch tonight".  
She saw no part of the other fight.  
I have never been a witness in the  
case nor subpoenaed.

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Ross

the Salome paper

says that some time after the door  
was closed, some one knocked, the door  
was opened, & Timbach was laid on his back  
halfway in the door with his head  
towards the bar. While he lay there  
Wife came in the door (see arrow) looked  
at Timbach and immediately went out  
again the same way. Timbach was able  
to walk out of the place; did not  
hear him speak. Gas was burning in  
the hall at 6

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Charles Tallman

432 W. 48<sup>th</sup> St.

told Washington Hedden, brother in law of deceased, he say waef has the knife.

John Hoffman

cor 10<sup>th</sup> Ave 439<sup>th</sup> St.

helped carry Finnbach home.

John Stark

71 First Ave.

was stabbed 3 times by waef.

Annie Waef

W. 37<sup>th</sup> St.

says her husband Fred waef told her that he had beat Finnbach and his brother stabbed him. and that wof's sister was lived at 526 10<sup>th</sup> Ave show the knife down the waef's closet.

The housekeeper says she would have found it when she flushed the school sink if that had been so, or at all events it would have lodged in the trap -

A new sewer was put in from the closets in the yard to the main sewer about a month ago (in Oct.) and nothing was there found. The pipes were put and clear.

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Poo

5' 1"  
Geo L. Wolf

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STATE OF NEW YORK.  
Executive Chamber,  
ALBANY.

June 27, 1888.

Sir:

Application for Executive clemency having been made on behalf of George L. Wolf..... who was convicted of Assault, 2nd. Degree in the county of New York..... and sentenced December 23, 1887, to imprisonment in the Sing Sing Prison..... for the term of five years..... I am directed by the Governor respectfully to request that, in pursuance of Section 695 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended in 1884, you will forward to him a concise statement of the facts and circumstances developed upon the trial, or upon the preliminary examination, or before the coroner's jury if no trial was had, together with your opinion of the merits of the application. Will you also inform the Governor of any other matters having a bearing upon this case which have come to your knowledge since conviction?

It is particularly requested that each letter of inquiry from the Executive Chamber should be separately answered.

I am,

very respectfully yours,

Hon. John R. Fellows,  
District Attorney New York County,  
New York City.

  
Private Secretary.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/10/01 BY 1043

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July 20, 1988  
J. R. S.

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Executive Chamber,  
ALBANY.

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Sir:

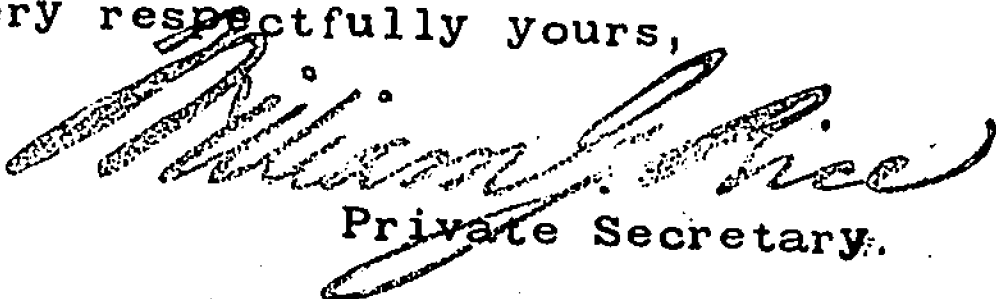
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Hon. F. Smyth,  
Recorder of the City of New York,  
New York City.

  
Private Secretary.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

New York, ..... 188

Mr  
Mary Breder }

Dear Sir

Will you kindly  
accept this as notice in  
advance of my visit to the  
Company's warehouse tomorrow  
25th at 10:00 o'clock

Yours

J. M. Fitzgerald

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Mr Gorse

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*twentieth* day of *March,* — in the year of our Lord  
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County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Matthew Koerner,* —  
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*David J. Macdonald*

District Attorney.