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Inquest in the matter : Before  
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Death of Rachel E. Pittman. :  
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Tuesday August 22nd, 1887.

Present: The Accused, Francis William Pittman, and his  
Counsel, Hon. Thomas C. W. Ecclesine. And a sworn  
Jury.

THE CORONER: The case that you are about to investi-  
gate, gentlemen, is that of Rachel E. Pittman, who at  
the time of her death was 19 years, 9 months and 16 days  
of age. Her death occurred at 88 Jackson Street, in  
this City. Francis William Pittman, the father, who is  
the prisoner in this case, is the accused and is charged  
here with the crime of homicide. I believe ex-Senator  
Ecclesine appears for the prisoner. I shall call as  
the first witness Sadie Pittman.

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S A D I N P I L L A N,

Sworn and examined.

Q. How old are you?

A. I am 19 years old.

Q. Where do you live?

A. 100 Jackson Street.

Q. How old are you?

A. 19 years old.

Q. The deceased was your sister, was she not?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Will you tell the jury what you saw on the evening of the 12th of August; tell the jury what happened with reference to the death of your sister? A. She came down to the house to try a creation that I was making for her, and when she came my father came in the room right after her and he asked her if she was going to stay home that night, and she said either "No," or she didn't know. Then he turned to Mr. Lewis and he asked him what he thought of a girl that would leave her parents house and go with strangers to live. I didn't hear what Mr. Lewis answered because I went into the back room to try her dress on. I heard my father call to my mother,

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who was upstairs, to come down and hand some ice water. We went into the back room and she took her waist off to put on a pair of new corsets and my little brother Willie was standing alongside of her, and I think he went out of the room. The door was shut. My father came in the room then and she had not the first hook buttoned of the corsets and she made the remark to me that she had eaten so much supper that she could hardly get them to on her. My father asked her if she was going to stay home for good and she said she didn't know and he asked her why didn't she know, and I don't recollect what it was she answered, and then it was she was trying to put on her corsets. So I then made the remark that if she had got an 18 inch corset she couldn't have got them nearer. Nothing was said then. Then he commenced muttering to himself something about three months, and she answered him back simply, saying she guessed she was all right and she didn't know. I don't ~~xxxxx~~ know what he said. I was too confused to recollect what he said and what she said after that. The first thing I knew he had his hand up striking her four or five times. My grandma jumped up then and ran between them, and I

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caught hold of his left arm and my grandma put her arms around Rachel to save her and Rachel tried to run away but she tripped because her skirts were all undone and she was standing by the window at the time and she got in the middle of the floor and he kept hitting her when she was in the middle of the floor and she managed to get out into the hall and my grandma went between them and he pushed my grandma over and she fell on the stove and he went out and she rushed out too and she didn't scream loud, she just made a funny noise with her mouth. When I followed out after to see if she was hurt any, and he was standing there when I<sup>s</sup> came out. She was laying on the floor, Mr. Lewis was by her and my mother was screaming alongside of her. Then they carried her in, and the ice my mother got to make ice water I gave to Mr. Lewis to put on her to try to bring her to, thought she was only fainting. I asked him if she was hurt and he said no, she had only fainted. I said, "She must be hurt, or she wouldn't look like that." After awhile we saw a mark right here on her (Indicating) and I said "He has stabbed her." My father had walked down stairs. He came up with a policeman. He brought

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him in the room, I don't know what was said, and he stooped down and kissed her hand and said, "God bless you!" or something like that. The policeman took him away, and my mother went with them. Mr. Lewis was near by her all this time trying to bring her to, and they sent for the ambulance. My grandma's arm was bruised. I went back then to see my grandma to see if she was hurt and her <sup>arm</sup> was bleeding. I got a basin of water and bathed it and wrapped it up for her.

Q. Was your sister dead when the ambulance came?

A. They told me she was not. She was making a funny noise with her mouth though.

Q. You say your father struck her four or five times?

A. Yes, sir; his hand went up and down.

Q. Did you see anything in his hand? A. No, sir.

Q. You did not know she was stabbed until you saw some blood? A. No, we didn't see any blood at all. When she was lying on the floor I saw a little mark on her right here (indicating) and I said, "She must be stabbed; she never had that mark."

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Q. Did you then discover blood? A. Yes, on her chemise, and I saw my grandma's own blood; and I knew she had been stabbed.

Q. The only persons who were present when this happened were yourself, your sister Rachel, your father, your grandmother, Dr. Leis---? (Answering in) Yes, and my mother-in-law, and my mother.

Q. Did you go in afterwards? A. No, I did not go into the hall. I stayed in the room.

Q. Now your little brother Willie? A. I couldn't say whether Willie was in or not in the room.

Q. Whether he was there or not, did you know?

A. No.

Q. What time in the evening was this? A. After 8 o'clock.

Q. Did your sister ever enter the house? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long a time? A. Two weeks the next day.

Q. And she came there that evening for the purpose of trying on a dress that you were asking for her? A. Yes, sir.

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Q. And who was she living with while she was away ?

A. Miss Froom.

Q. Had she been living with Miss Froom before ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Had she left the house before; had she been gone away, like she is now, before ? A. No, sir.

Q. Was this the first time your sister left the house for any length of time ? A. Yes, sir; like that.

Q. How long length of time ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Had she ever any trouble with your father directly prior to that ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long before ? A. About two weeks before that night.

Q. On the last evening ? A. Yes, he whipped her. She said she would go away, she wouldn't, and she whipping.

Q. Did she leave then ? A. She left the next day.

Q. Now, sir:

Q. Mr. Lewis had been keeping company with your sister for some time, had he not ? A. He came to the

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house a few times, and went out with her.

Q. Took her out ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know whether or not your father objected to that ? A. No, sir; he didn't seem to object to it.

Q. Was not the difficulty that you have described to the Governor owing to her going to meet Mr. Lewis ?

A. He said so. He said she was going, but she was not.

Q. But he alleged that as the cause of his anger toward her ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. He had asked her to return home, had he not ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. He did not approve of her remaining with Miss Pream ? A. No, sir.

Q. And she refused ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was your father accustomed to smoking a pipe ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know whether or not the leg of the carpenter's compass with which this act was committed was used by him as a pick for his pipe ? A. No, sir; I don't know that.

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Q. When your father saw her that night first, he spoke pleasantly to her, did he not; when she first came in were you present? A. Yes, sir; I was present. He just asked her if she would stay.

Q. Was that asked in the front room? A. Yes, sir.

BY THE CORONER:

Q. (Holding up compass leg) Have you seen your father use this instrument at any time, or anything like it? A. I have seen one about the house, but I think it had another little piece to it, about here (indicating).

Q. Was it about that size? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You have heard the question put to you by your father's counsel. Have you seen him use that to pick his pipe with? A. No, sir.

Q. You say you have seen an instrument something similar to this leg of a compass? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you see him use it that night in your sister's room? A. No, sir.

Q. How long have you known Mr. Lewis? A. About

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three or four months.

Q. Was he in the habit of coming to the house often ?

A. No, not very often.

Q. Was he in the habit of going out with your sister?

A. Yes, sir; as a friend.

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WILLIAM PIERMAN

Called to the stand and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q. How old are you Willie? A. 8 going on 9.

Q. Were you in the room when this happened?

MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY: I would suggest to your Honor that the preliminary questions ought to be asked to see if he understands the nature of an oath.

THE CORONER: Yes. I do not think I will administer the oath anyhow.

Q. Did you ever go to school? A. Yes, sir; to the Madison Street school.

Q. Did you ever go to Sunday School? A. No, sir.

Q. Now if I were to ask you something here would you speak the truth or the untruth? A. The truth.

Q. You think you would speak the truth? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Has anybody spoken to you about this case?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you spoken to anybody about it? A. No, sir.

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Q. Were you in the room when this trouble happened between your sister and your father? A. No, sir.

Q. Then you did not see it? A. No, sir.

Q. Where were you at the time? A. Out on the piazza.

THE CORONER: Sadie testified that she was not sure whether the boy was ~~there~~ there or not.

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SARAH A. PITMAN

Called and sworn.

MR. ECCLESINE: Is this the wife of the accused?

MRS. PITMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. ECCLESINE: Does your Honor understand that she is a competent witness against the prisoner?

THE CORONER: Well, if you raise the point---

MR. ECCLESINE: (Interposing) I am charged here with the defense of this man and I have got to do what I can. I understand that the object of this inquiry is simply to ascertain the cause of death, not to determine the guilt or the innocence of the accused.

THE CORONER: No, not in a direct sense.

MR. ECCLESINE: And therefore I submit to your Honor that, inasmuch as there will doubtless be another proceeding in another court, as little should be brought out to the prejudice of the prisoner as possible; because the jury before whom he is to be ultimately tried will be selected from this community and will have all read the daily press and will have formed more or less opinion as to his guilt or innocence, and certainly where there is a question as

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to the competency of the witness it is not necessary for the determination of this proceeding, which is simply to inquire into the cause of death, and I think the prisoner ought not to be prejudiced to that extent by the introduction of that kind of testimony.

THE GOVERNOR: Inasmuch as we have other witnesses here who probably can supply the evidence that this witness might give, I shall hold you prima facie and waive her testimony. That is all madam.

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FRANKLIN LEWIS

Sworn and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q. What is your occupation? A. Teamster.

Q. Where do you live? A. 553 Henry Street  
New York City.

Q. Are you married or single? A. Married.

Q. Any family? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Consisting of wife and children? A. Wife  
and two children.

Q. When did you first become acquainted with  
Rachel Pittman, the deceased? A. Well, I couldn't  
state the date but it was the fore part of May, sir. (1947)

Q. The fore part of May last? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you form her acquaintance at her house?

A. No, sir.

Q. Where? A. At the East Baptist Church,  
Corner of ~~Coyon~~ Cour and Madison Streets.-

Q. And did you see her after that at her house?

A. Yes, sir.

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Q. Were you both attendants of that church ?

A. I had not been very long; no, sir.

Q. Did you become acquainted with the Pittman family when ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. With the deceased, the father of the deceased ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And the whole family ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you in the habit of seeing the deceased frequently ? A. I saw her frequently; yes, sir.

Q. Where ? generally in church ? A. In church; sometimes at the house.

Q. Did you ever have any words with the father ?

A. No, sir; never had; that is, cross words.

I had spoken to him, bid him good evening.

Q. Did the Pittman family know that you were a married man ? A. Not that I am aware of.

Q. Did you inform them ? A. No, sir.

Q. Did the deceased know you were married ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where were you on the evening of the 4th, the evening that this tragedy took place ? A. I was at 22 Jackson street; at the house.

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Q. Did you accompany Rachel to the house ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where had you seen her that evening ? A. I met her at the corner of Grand and Cannon Streets.

Q. By appointment ? A. No, sir.

Q. How did you come to see her then ? A. She asked me Tuesday night if I could accompany her to the house.

Q. Tuesday prior to that ? A. Yes, sir; and I told her I would, provided I got home from work in time.

Q. You met her by appointment there then ? A. No, sir; I was to go to Miss Fream's house.

Q. Who is Miss Fream ? A. She is a lady that occupies a house at 53 Cannon Street.

Q. A boarding house ? A. No, sir; not that I know of.

Q. Did you become acquainted with Rachel Pittman through Miss Fream ? A. No, sir.

Q. Was that the place where you were in the habit of meeting Rachel----at Miss Fream's house ? A. No.

Q. But you had met her there ? A. Yes.

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Q. Often? A. Not very often; no.

Q. Now that evening you met her at the corner of Grand and Cannon Streets? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And did you have a conversation with her at that corner? A. She asked me if I was ready to go to the house with her.

Q. What time in the evening was that? A. That was about 8 o'clock.

Q. And did you comply with her request? A. Yes, sir.

Q. So you walked from Grand and Cannon Streets to 88 Jackson Street? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Now tell us what took place when you got to 88 Jackson Street, Mr. Pittman's house? A. We met Mr. Pittman in the alley, or under the porch, as it may be called, I suppose, and we bid him good evening and he bid us good evening. He asked Rachel if she was coming home to stay and she said she didn't know. We walked up stairs. I think she went ahead and he was next and I was behind, and went in the front room and I sat down at one window and Mr. Pittman at another in the front part of the house. He asked Rachel again if she had come home to stay.

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she said "no." She and her sister left the room when he try on the dress, as I supposed, and he asked me what I thought of a girl who would leave her home in that way. I told him that I didn't know, that I wasn't concerning any. So we sat there awhile and he asked for some ice water, or some ice to make ice water, I don't know which, and got up off the chair and went in toward the back room through the hall. He was there quite awhile and I could hear mumbling. Of course I couldn't understand what was said, except one sentence. She says, "If you are going to talk that way, I'll leave the room." That I heard. Then I heard her holler or scream, like. It was a funny sort of a noise. And I got up and went into the back room and when I went through the hall she passed me and I met him coming out after her and I stopped him. Her mother came off the piazza and said he had killed her and I went out, thought probably she had fainted, and I went out and she was laying in the hall at the head of the stairs. I picked her up and brought her into the kitchen again and her sister Sadie gave me some water and ice and I

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bathed her head, her temples, her forehead and hands. I called to the mother or some of the family to send for a doctor. He got a policeman or something and was arrested. The Doctor came and the ambulance came, and the doctor didn't know she was stabbed fatally for quite awhile. But she kept dying slowly until about quarter of nine, I think, when the Doctor said she was dead.

Q. She died in your arms didn't she? A. No, sir; she died on the floor in the kitchen.

Q. You were present? A. Yes, I was present.

Q. Have you told us about all that happened that evening in the Pittman house? A. Yes, sir; except the excitement that was created there. I couldn't remember that.

Q. No; with reference to the manner in which she came to her death. Did you see any instrument in the hands of the prisoner that evening? A. I did not; no, sir.

Q. How long have you resided in this city?

A. Nearly seven years; off and on.

Q. How old are you? A. I am 26.

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Q. Are you living with your family? A. No, sir; I am not.

Q. Are you divorced? A. No, sir; I am not.

Q. Where is your family; in the city? A. My family is in the country.

Q. Was that the first time that you had heard Pittman reproach his daughter for leaving a woman without any reason or cause? A. Yes, sir; that was the first time that I heard it; yes, sir.

Q. And you never had any words with her before?

A. No, sir.

G O O S S      R E C R O M I T T E E.

BY MR. SCHESSLER:

Q. When did you first become acquainted with Rachel Pittman? A. About the fore part of May.

Q. This last May? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How often did you see her from the time you became acquainted with her until her death? A. There was no appointment of times, how many times I saw her. Sometimes I would see her maybe for two or three days,

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then maybe I wouldn't see her again for a couple more.

Q. Did you see her there at four times a week?

A. On an average I should think I saw her about four times a week.

Q. Did you take her out anywhere to entertainments any place? A. Yes, I went to entertainments with parties she was with.

Q. In this city? A. Yes, sir.

Q. In Brooklyn? A. In Brooklyn more--occasionally.

Q. Is it more or occasionally? A. Occasionally.

Q. What do you call occasionally? A. I went there twice, I believe. I couldn't state how often.

Q. Will you swear that it was not more than twice?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You swear that it was no more than twice?

A. Yes, in her company.

Q. How late at night would she go out with you?

A. About ten to eleven o'clock.

Q. The coroner asked you how often you called on her when she was stopping with Miss Pream. You said

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Q. Several times? A. Several times. I have been there at the house to go to church.

Q. How often should you say together; six times? A. I couldn't state the number of times that I have been there.

Q. Was it more or less than six times? A. I couldn't say.

Q. Will you swear that it was six times?

A. I couldn't swear that.

Q. What is your best recollection on that subject?

A. I should judge twice a week, as near as I can come to it.

Q. You called on her twice a week when she was with Miss Green? A. Yes.

Q. And not more than that? A. I could not say not more.

Q. How long have you been separated from your wife and children? A. My wife left me.

Q. How long ago? A. The week previous to last Christmas.

Q. Have you any objection to stating the cause why she left you? A. I don't know that I could

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state why she left me.

Q. Do you want to say that you do not know why she left you? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is there no one else within your home whom to have? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you contributed to her support, or who is supporting her? A. I support the children and her parents support her, I suppose.

Q. How much do you contribute to the children's support? A. No limited sum.

Q. How much have you sent her for the support of the children since Christmas altogether? A. I couldn't say. I have sent her money several times and given her money.

Q. If you can't say, who do you suppose can?

A. Well, I have no account of it.

Q. How much would you say ~~altogether~~ that you have sent her altogether? A. About ten dollars I should think.

Q. Since Christmas? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And that was to support the children? A. To buy the clothes for the one child. We had but the

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one child at the time.

Q. You have had a second child since? A. We had a second child about a week ago.

Q. Now, during all the time you visited this girl at her house you never told her you were married? A. No, sir; I did not.

Q. When did you tell her that you were married?

A. The second time that I saw her.

Q. How did you come to tell her? A. I told her so that she wouldn't be keeping out of other people's thinking that I intended to have some sort of a hurry on or any thing of that sort.

Q. Why; would your attention of such a character that if you had not told her she would have been justified in believing that you were keeping company with her for honorable purposes? A. I don't think so.

Q. When did you find it necessary to caution her? A. Because I thought she should know it.

Q. Because if you had not told her that were your attention of such a character that she would have felt justified in thinking that you intended to marry her. A. No, sir.

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Q. Then why did you tell her that; if you were an ordinary friend, what difference did it make to her whether you were married or single? A. I didn't want to keep it to myself. I thought she should know it.

Q. Did it occur to you that her father ought to know it? A. No, sir.

Q. That didn't occur to you. Now she is Miss Brown; is she any relative of yours? A. No, sir.

Q. Is she related to any relative of yours?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. To whom? A. To an uncle of mine.

Q. In what way is she related to an uncle of yours? A. She is cousin to an uncle of mine by marriage, I believe.

Q. And how long have you known Miss Brown?

A. Since about the first part of June.

Q. That was before Rachel went to live with her?

A. Yes, sir.

BY A JUROR:

Q. Was there any wound on the body of Rachel?

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A. Yes, sir; there was a wound here in the breast  
(indicating) and the marks on the arm, when I saw  
her.

Q. What sort of a wound was that? A. It  
looked like a slash wound with some round  
instrument.

Q. PROSECUTOR: I would suggest to the jury that  
the medical testimony will supply all that.

Q. PROSECUTOR: We have the receipt of the autopsy  
and we will get all that.

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C. F. W. B. P. H. M. F.

Swain and examined as follows:

BY HIS COUNSEL:

Q. Where do you live? A. On Jackson Street.

Q. Are you related to the deceased? A. I am.

Q. Is she married? A. As usual.

Q. Are you of Rachel Pittman? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where was she when the affair took place?

A. No, sir; I was the first one to see her, she  
down to the corner lot.

Q. Did you see your sister Rachel there that even-  
ing? A. I didn't see her until I heard the noise  
and I didn't go in until after she laid in the parlor.

Q. You did not see her that evening before,  
while alive? A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know anything of any trouble that  
existed there between her and herself? A. Not h-  
ing more than family affairs. It was none of my  
business at all.

Q. You know the fact that Rachel had absented  
herself from the house, had left the house for a few

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weeks? A. Oh yes.

Q. Do you know if someone she has just testi-  
fied? A. I have seen him a hundred times but  
didn't know his name.

Q. Are there any other places? A. Oh different places. I  
know nothing about this part of the difference.

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REBECCA TROBURN FREEM.

Sworn and examined as follows:

BY THE COURT:

Q. Where do you reside? A. 33 Cannon Street.

Q. Do you keep boarding house here? A. No, sir.

Q. What is your occupation? A. I keep house for my mother.

Q. Were you acquainted with Rachel Pittman?

A. I was, sir.

Q. How long had you known her? A. I had known her since four years ago in June.

Q. How did you become acquainted with her?

A. I became acquainted with her when I became a teacher in the De Witt Memorial Sabbath School. She was a scholar sitting in the class adjoining mine at the time.

Q. And you have known her ever since? A. I have known her ever since.

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Q. Was she in the habit of staying at your house for a certain length of time? A. Not every night. She has been at my house a number of times for three or four hours during the afternoon and when she would come from work has come to my house and staid but said she must return to her house in time for supper or her father would raise the devil.

Q. Had she been living with you the last two weeks prior to her death? A. Almost two weeks; yes, sir.

Q. What did she say to you when she came there with the intention of staying at your house? A. A quarter of ten on Saturday July 25rd, I think is the date, she came to my house and she came in and I noticed that she was not as jubilant and happy as she generally was when she came to see me. She came in and sat down in the large rocking chair and she acted so strange that I said to myself----

MR. ECCLESINE: (Interposing) I object to this as incompetent. It is not shown that it was in the presence of the accused and it is not shown that it

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has anything to do with the inquiry you are conducting here, which is as to the cause of her death. As to how this girl appeared, whether she was jubilant or not jubilant, in the opinion of the witness, is not at all competent testimony to charge this accused with any crime.

THE COOPER: We allow considerable latitude in these investigations. We just want to get at the facts.

MR. ECHELINE: I understand that. I want to get at the facts too.

Q. (Resuming) Just tell us what she said to you when she came there? A. She sat down in the large rocking chair and began to unbutton her jersey waist. She first laid her things aside and then began to unbutton her waist and stripped it off and says, "See there, Miss Freeman," And there was a ridge on her arm reaching almost around on each side of it and she stripped down her waist at the back and says, "See there," And I says, "Who did that?" She says "My father." I said, "For what did he do it?" She said "Yesterday morning he had been raising the

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devil off and on and I started to go to work and I knew there was something in the wind and I met him and he came up to me and he said 'I know where you are going; you are going to meet that Lewis in the stables.' " She said, "I am not." And he made accusations then and there and they had hot words. This was what she told me. She said some persons began to come around and she said to him "If you are going to make a show of me before all these people I am going home; I won't go to work." He says, "Go home; who cares?" She went home and he followed her. After she got home there was a tempest of words. He said bitter things to her, and word followed word and finally he took down a rattan and she had begun to take off her waist<sup>l</sup> and he pulled it down off her and thrashed her. She said then they had more words and things calmed down a little bit and toward evening he says, "You expect to go out?" She said, "I was going out." He says, "You are not going out; I will attend to all that." She says, "I promised to go out." He says "I don't care; you are not going out." So he met Mr. Lewis and told him he didn't want

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him to come to the house that night and Mr. Lewis asked him the reason and he said "I don't want you to see Rachel to-night."

MR. TUCKERMAN: This is all backward.

THE CORONER: You have committed all this very well to memory.

THE WITNESS: I don't know anything except that they are the facts. I am telling what were assertions. I am not telling what I saw.

Q. You have told us just about what she said to you when she came to the house? A. Yes, sir.

Q. The time she came the two weeks before?

A. Very nearly, not quite.

Q. During that time how often did Lewis come there? If your memory is good on the other facts you ought to be able to tell us that? A. In what way; to visit her or to take her out?

Q. That is a plain question. How often did Lewis come to your house during the two weeks, or about two weeks, that Rachel was stopping at your house? A. He came, I know, three times the first week and twice

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the second.

Q. About five times? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Might it not have been oftener? A. No, sir.

Q. And how long did he stay there generally?

A. Sometimes about three minutes and sometimes longer.

Q. A couple of hours? A. Yes, one night he staid there three hours, and the room was crowded.

Q. And did he take her out? A. No, sir; he did not; not that night. But he has taken her.

Q. From your house? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And how late at night would they return?

A. With one exception they were in before ten o'clock.

Q. And how about the exception? A. The exception it was a little after eleven.

Q. Were you up when they came? A. I was up.

Q. Did you call at Pittman's house with Rachel at any time? A. In what space of time?

Q. Say within the last month or six weeks?

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A. No, sir.

Q. Did Pitman, the father, call at your house with reference to his daughter? A. Yes, sir.

Q. What conversation did he have with you?

A. At half past two on the same day that his daughter came there he came in and asked for fifteen minutes conversation. He asked if Rachel was there. I said, "No, sir; she is not." He says, "She is not?" I said, "No, sir." He says, "I want fifteen minutes conversation with you, if you will grant it; I won't keep you." I says, "Very well," and I left my sweeping and went in the front room and sat down, and then it began. He told a very pathetic story and I sat very quietly and listened.

BY MR. ECCLESINE:

Q. Do you recollect what he told as well as what she told? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Then state it? A. You might stop me.

THE CORNER: No danger. If the Senator becomes aggressive I will protect you. Proceed.

A. (Continuing) He says, "Miss Pream, that girl is very self-willed and wants her own way. I have

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humored her from childhood and she wants her own way, " and so on. "Now she has got to going with a young man and every time I say anything to her she treats me as though I had no right to interfere." I don't know as I could give the exact conversation as it occurred, but I can give you the weight of it.

BY MR. WICKESKIE:

Q. Is your copy better for one kind of conversation than it is for another? A. Not at all.

Q. Haven't you given the exact conversation in the other, word for word? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Why can't you give this? A. I can give it if you want.

Q. I don't you to give it if you can't? A. Oh I can give it to you.

Q. If you can give it go on and give it? A. I say I can give the exact conversation but I may not be able to put the sentences just where they occurred.

BY THE COUNSEL:

Q. Proceed. A. He said, "Now I understand, of course, she has left the house. I got exasperated

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yesterday. I followed her down and I found her in Mr. Lewis' stable and that fixed me." I turned to him, knowing of other things, and I said, "Did you find her in the stable?" And he ~~said~~ and looked at me and said, "I found her in the stable." I says, "Did you find her in the stable?" He says, "I found her down by the stable." I says, "Did you find her in the stable?"

Q. Well, we have heard the story a few times? A. He said it four times." That was the third time. Then the fourth time I said, "Did you see her in the stable?" and he said, "Damn it, I am her father," and he raised up and went over to the looking glass. He was so surprised he didn't know what he was doing. That was in my house.

MR. SUGGESTION: Now, if your Honor please, we are here to inquire into the cause of Rachel Pittman's death. I suggest that you ask her if she was present at the time of the death, or knows anything of her own knowledge of what happened at the time of that death.

THE COURT: In matters of this kind, we generally stretch things a little further, and inasmuch as she

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has told us a part of the conversation that took place at her house, we want to see all that was said. I think she is nearly enough. Proceed, Miss Freeman?

Q. (Continuing.) He says, "Do you call yourself a christian woman?" I said, "I do." He says, "Do you think it is right to encourage her to leave home?" I says, "I think God makes some people strong to protect others." He says, "You love her clothes?" I says, "I love." He says, "I love them." I says, "You won't get them." He says, "You won't give me her clothes?" I says, "No, and I love her hold me responsible for them? I haven't got the money to spend for buying other clothes for her."

Q. You thought she might get counsel and sue you? A. I did not say that. And he says, "You won't do that little thing?" I says, "No, sir; I won't do it." He says, "I have been down to see Judge Wickey, and Judge Wickey told me if that girl staid at your house to-night I was to go and warn you and come up to-morrow at 6 o'clock," which would be Sunday morning, "And have <sup>her</sup> ~~you~~ arrested and brought

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to Court and have the woman arrested that dared to harbor her." I says, "Mr. Pittman, I am not harboring her. She come to me and I know nothing about her and asked for protection as a christian woman, and I wouldn't turn out a dog." He says, "You will get yourself in trouble; I will be up here to-morrow morning." And all the time he was talking he was looking out and spending right over me and I said very little to him--well, for reasons.

BY MR. PROSECUTOR: Q

Q. Do you call that very little? A. Considering the circumstances, yes, sir; decidedly very little.

BY THE COURT:

Q. Proceed. A. On Saturday afternoon he came to my house a little before half past two and staid until 20 minutes after three.

Q. Well, did you go with Rachel Pittman to her parents house during the time that she was stopping at your house? A. No, sir.

Q. Were you at 82 Jackson Street the night of the tragedy? A. Afterwards.

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Q. What time? A. I should say about ten minutes of ten.

Q. And you saw the deceased there? A. I saw her and was above the wounds and bed.

BY A JUROR:

Q. Whenever the prisoner came to visit you at your house, did you find him in a intoxicated condition or was he sober? A. The first time I believe he was not intoxicated. I believe in the sober. The second time or was and the third time still more so.

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Sworn and examined.

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Where do you live ? A. 695 Water Street.

Q. How old are you ? A. 14 years old.

Q. (Exhibiting leg of Carpenter's Compass) Did you find this instrument I now hold in my hand ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Where did you find it ? A. Right outside Mr. Pittman's house.

Q. Right in front ? A. (Pointing) Say that that window was the house; right outside.

Q. Right out front ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who did you give it to ? A. I kept it in my hand till I saw the ambulance come up and I was going up to the house and I threw this away. So a boy came up to me and told me Mr. Winne wanted to see the thing I found.

Q. Who did you give it to ? A. Mr. Winne.

Q. Who is Mr. Winne ? A. A man that lives down in Jackson Street.

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BY MR. ECCLESINE:

Q.    You picked it up when ?    A.    On the night  
Rachel Pittman got murdered.

Q.    How long did you keep it in your hands then ?

A.    Until the ambulance went away.

Q.    Then what did you do with it ?    A.    I threw  
it away.

Q.    Where; in the Street ?    A.    Yes, right in  
front of the next house to his.

Q.    On the sidewalk ? Or next to the gutter ?

A.    In the middle of the Street.

Q.    And when did you get it again ?    A.    When  
the boy came up after me.

Q.    How long a time elapsed between the time you  
threw it away and the time you picked it up ?    A. About  
a quarter of an hour.

BY A JUROR:

Q.    Did you see any blood on it when you picked it  
up ?    A.    No, sir.

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A U T O P S Y .

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Friday, August 5th, 1887, at 1.30 P. M.

At 88 Jackson Street.

Rachel E. Pittman, white, aet. 19 years, single.

Said to have died August 4th, about 8 P.M.

Rigor mortis well marked; body that of a healthy, well nourished young woman.

1. Midway between tip of shoulder and elbow, on outer surface of left arm, there is a punctured wound, direction horizontally inwards, passing through the fleshy part of the arm (biceps) and slightly abrading the left side of chest on the same level.
2. On outer posterior aspect of left arm, about 2 inches below the tip of shoulder, there is a second punctured wound, direction indicated by probe is forward; flesh wound.
3. About one inch below the left shoulder blade (inferior angle) and 1 1/2 inches to right of median line (spinous process) is a punctured wound, direction

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towards the left or inwards, but does not reach the thoracic cavity, entering the deep muscles of the back.

4. On left side of chest, behind, on a line with inferior angle of scapula in the 9th intercostal space, is a punctured wound which is found on dissection to have entered the left pleural cavity, passed through the diaphragm, through the spleen and large end of stomach. Slight amount of hemorrhage in the abdominal cavity.

5. On the anterior wall of chest, 2 inches to the left of median and 4 inches above the left nipple, is a punctured wound which enters left pleural cavity, passes through upper lobe of left lung, enters left ventricle of the heart, through mitral valve and through posterior wall of left auricle and posterior wall of pericardeum. Both pleural cavities contain clotted and fluid blood. Pericardium distended with clotted and fluid blood.

Other organs normal.

Cause of death: Hemorrhage into pericardium from stabwound of heart above described.

Wm. T. Jenkins, M. D.

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THE CORONER: Does your client desire to say anything ?

MR. ECCLESINE: My client, acting under the instructions of his counsel, reserves his defense.

C H A R G E .

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THE CORONER: Gentlemen of the Jury, your duty in this matter is a very simple one. The fact is undisputed that Rachel E. Pittman came to her death on the night of August 4th at 88 Jackson Street, and the Defendant, her father, stands accused with the crime of having committed the act that caused her death. The evidence just presented to you I leave for you to say whether it justifies you in coming to the conclusion that death was caused by the act of the accused, Francis William Pittman. If you are satisfied from the testimony that has been given here this afternoon that her death was caused on that evening by him, then your verdict will be accordingly. If there is anything else that you think you wish to add, or that you can add from the testimony given, to that verdict, you

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have a right so to do. You will observe, of course, that the Defendant does not pretend, or does not intend to bring up anything to-day, for the simple reason that this matter will in all probability go to another tribunal and the defense will be then and there interposed. The accused has a right to testify here, or to refuse so to do. In most cases of homicide the prisoner or prisoners always reserve their defense for the action of some other tribunal. Therefore, I simply have to say to you that the evidence that you have listened to this afternoon must guide you in the verdict that you are about to render. That verdict, of course, will be strictly in accordance with the same. The Jury will retire and bring in a written verdict as soon as possible.

The Jury here retired.

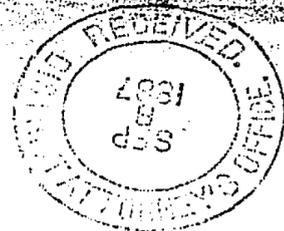
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On the request in the  
Case

of  
Rachel E. Pittman

Inquisition papers.

Francis W. Pittman,  
Defendant.



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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS--Part One

Before Hon. Frederick Smyth

Assistant District Attorney James Fitzgall for the People.

Calendar for Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 1888

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Rebecca T. Fream P

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Dr Wm T Jenkins Left

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" Abr Livingstone . . . . . "

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Robert Reed Not Found

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The People  
Agst  
Francis W. Pittman

March 7<sup>th</sup> 1888

Statement of Mrs Sarah Pittman

I reside at number 88 Jackson Street twenty one years. My husband is forty seven or forty eight years old. He was born in New York. He was born I believe in Grand Street. His father is not living, neither is his mother. My girl Lizzie is seventeen years old.

I think his father died when she was seventeen months old. He has been dead nearly 16 years. His name was Captain Robert, Algernon Sidney Pittman. He was a sea captain.

Mr Pittmans mother died I dont know when. I have been married twenty one years. I have seen his father and talked to him. He was a fine looking man. I dont think he was as tall as

2 (1) my husband. I was well acquainted with him. He was a man of good business capacity. He was a captain of an emigrant vessel. When I became acquainted with him, he was seventy three years old. He was well up in years. He lived in Broadway Brooklyn. He had other children besides my husband. The only one I seen was Joe Pittman. Joe is dead.

3 He died sometime after his father, in England, in an hospital. I never knew what he died of. He was a married man when he died. He left two children in England. My husband's father came from the South, from Virginia. I have been married twenty one years. I never saw my husband's mother. He has a step-mother. I never seen her.

4 2 I was married in Pitkin Street Church, Mr Kelsey was the minister who married us. I think he is dead. I cannot give the date of the marriage nor the year. I know it is twenty one years. My girl would be twenty one if she lived. She was born the first year of our marriage. We were not

members of that church. My husband is not a member of any church.

I first met my husband at a lady's house. The lady's name is Mrs Madua

I do not know whether she is living.

She lived in Cherry Street where I knew her. I don't know the number.

It was near Jackson street in my neighborhood. I lived there all my

life, and my husband boarded with his aunt up stairs. His aunt

is living in Avenue D. Her name is Martha Smith. Her husband

is a Captain of the Fire Patrol.

My husband worked for Gross & March in Wall Street. Their business was groceries. I don't know whether he was a porter or clerk.

They dissolved partnership and I believe they put my husband on the

Police Force when Mr Mannie was a Commissioner. I cannot remember

the year. I know it was the 3d of August. I cannot tell how long

he remained on the Police Force.

He left the Police Force because he was watched by the "Shoe Fies"

He was on the force all of five years

He was with Captain Cameron of  
the 22nd Precinct.

I don't know why he left the force.  
I do know he threw up his shield.

After he left the force, he went  
to work at anything he could get.

I cannot mention any particular bus-  
iness. It was in a warehouse.

At the time of the girls' death he  
was driving a wagon that went  
through Williamsburg and Brooklyn.

I don't know who he drove for. It  
was a big place down town. I had  
no curiosity to inquire where he  
worked. I cannot tell the name of

the place where he worked. My  
daughter might know, but I am not  
sure. I know I asked him to please

leave that job because he was bitten  
by a dog in this place, and it worried  
me. I don't know where he was bitten.

It was on the hand. I think it was  
the right one. He said to me

"Sally I am bit by a dog, but  
don't be scared". He had to go  
out early in the morning. He had

to go to Jersey City and to Brooklyn.

It kept him out until eleven or twelve

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o'clock. He kept his horse in a stable in Manuel Street. He did not own the horse. He worked for the firm. I don't know who he kept the horse with. The people he worked for had a stable. He was killed in that stable. This was only a short time before the accident to my daughter. I think you can see the scar on his hand. We attended to him ourselves. He went to a doctor and he told him to drink whiskey to get the poison out of his blood. He did not drink. He was not a drunkard. He would go out once in a while, but never to hurt his family or me. He was always very kind and good to his children. A kinder father never lived. He never struck or abused ~~me~~ me. He always attended to his business when he had it to attend to. He was of good domestic habits at night. He had to be home, we had so much sickness.

I don't know where he went to school when he was a young man. I think he went to a college back in Brooklyn

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He was a well conducted man and fond of his children. He was of a good disposition. If you didn't say anything to him, he would not say anything to you. He was a man easily excited. I have noticed him to get excited. He would get trembling when excited and put his hands up, and we had to be very careful. I think he had worms in his brain. He had a cut here (pointing to her head) His father said, "Frank is peculiar, don't you see that cut there. He wears his hair that way on account of the cut. It has seven stitches in it. If he does anything be careful and don't contradict him, and be very quiet until he gets over it. It is on account of this mark on his forehead."

His father said he fell down stairs when he was seven years old.

He had a bench in his hand and he fell down stairs on the bench.

This was when they lived at number 2 Lewis Street.

He was a man of his word and

and when he said you promise to the children a whipping give it, because if you dont do it, they wont thrive you mean what you said. He never whipped his children. He would not strike them only when it was necessary

(4) He gave Rachel two slaps because she called him a boater.

He only took a rattan and gave her two cracks. I said "dont you strike her any more"

(5) I had hemorrhage of the lungs at the time. She attended church

She was a very good girl up to the time she left the house.

She was saucy and independant more so than the rest and we humored her more. She wanted her own way.

(6) It was on Friday morning he struck her with the rattan. She left on Saturday. I dont know whether it was for striking. I was present when he struck her. She didnt threaten to leave the house because he struck her that time. He struck her for her sauce and impudence

She called him a loafer and more than that. When she called him a loafer, she said, "Mother there is a man who has been following me to see where I went. She said "I caught him" I said "no you did not my child. You left a good while before your father, and he was just going to his work that day down Front Street. He said "you were going to meet a young man where you ought not" She said "that is none of your business and he said "I will use you as a child. I will whip you as a child" and he gave her two small cracks on the arm. I was clearing up and she commenced to quarrel. I said "don't bother Rachel, you ought to be ashamed to answer your father back, when everything is done for your own good. He said "it is not right for my daughter to meet young men" and he said I will find out it. I will go and see Mr Lewis and she said "I am married"

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He was perfectly cool and as nice as you are what was good for her.

He chastised her, believing she was disobedient. He merely struck her twice on the arm, I saw it and my daughter Lucie was there I could see her back. She was not black nor blue.

My husband was perfectly cool and collected and he talked with her about her disobedience and he wanted to know what relation existed between her and Mr Lewis as a father should and he was perfectly cool and collected — She called him a loafer because she said he had followed her. I never heard her use such language before. She was dreadful that day. She left the house for good the following Saturday morning, — that was Friday. She left between eleven and twelve. It was a rainy day.

She did not tell me she was going to leave. When she came back she told me. He told me not to let her out. It was my fault

She said she was going to look for a boarding house.

She would pay things she didn't mean. She said it in a half playful way. I said don't do it.

I knew she was acquainted with Mrs. Green. She did not go to Sunday school in Brooklyn. She went to Delancey Street school.

She met Mr. Lewis at the Governor St. school. I could not tell the name of the Sunday school teacher. Mrs. Green called to see the baby that was born. I believe Rachel invited her to see the child.

She called on Thursday, it was two or three days of two weeks from the time she left the house.

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She said she was going to Mrs. Green who was a good Christian woman. I was not in the house the night before she went away.

My husband was not home when she left. When he came up stairs he looked in in the front room and in the back room and in the yard where she might be picking flowers. He then left

He begged her pardon for hitting her and he said he only done what a father should do - chastise a child for being disobedient. When he came back she was stuck then and there and hadn't his senses after.

(10) When the man came at three o'clock from work he said "where is Grace or Rachel?" I said "she is not here" and he looked in the room and in the bed room on the top of the house. He had a sitting room for himself, a door here and a door there. He looked in and didn't see her and looked around and said "mother" where is Rachel, I didn't see her down in the front room."

I said "she is gone" "Gone where" he said. I said "she has left and gone to a boarding house."

He said "you don't mean it" I said "yes" He said "where is she gone" I said to Miss Dream

He jumped and I seen the same expression as I saw once before and he tumbled. I handed him his shirt

10 and his hand was cold. } He said  
 "Go to Miss Freeman" did she  
 take her clothes, did you keep  
 her" I said she took everything  
 and the pictures in the album.

He said where did she go. I said  
 to Miss Freeman. He said this  
 cannot be and he then jumped up  
 and went out and I saw this look  
 on his face and I became afraid.

There was no sign of liquor on him  
 He went up the street and I didnt  
 want him to see that I followed  
 him. He knew where Miss Freeman  
 lived as he was up there to a  
 sociable. He was at her house  
 before when he went for Rachel.

I went after him but could not  
 get in. I did not know which house.

A lady told me where to go and  
 said a gentleman went up there.

11 I went up and saw my husband  
 talking and he asked to send him  
 his daughter and said "Miss Freeman  
 you dont know what is the matter"  
 and she said "no man would  
 strike his daughter like that"  
 and he said "I only struck her

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and she went on from one thing  
to the other, and he asked for  
her clothes and she said "no"  
They had words and he said  
"I will have my daughter" and  
she said "I will see about  
it"

A lady in the next room  
said to me "Come in here lady  
and keep cool, your husband  
is only doing what is right.  
"He is asking for his daughter  
she is not of age". I said  
"I don't want to see any trouble  
After he went out I went to  
Miss Freeman. She was shut  
up in her room. Mrs Freeman  
said get still — A young girl  
came up with her. She remained  
away two weeks all but two days.  
The first time she came in the  
house after going away was when  
she was killed. We went up  
and coaxed her to go home.  
This was the site of August.  
It was eight o'clock or a little  
after. I don't know the hour

She seen her father first. I was not there. I was putting the child to bed. I think the father was down stairs on the sidewalk and I think he came up with her. I saw her in the day time before that. She told me she was going to the house that evening to have a dress fitted. We had a little bed on the floor. She asked me had I been working hard that day. She said will you see that everything looks nice as Grand is coming down - the young man she was engaged to be married to. Mr Lewis didn't tell me. She told me before she left the house that Saturday. I next saw her when I picked her up when she was dying. I heard my daughter talking down stairs. She was talking with her father or sister - I dont know which. I only heard the talking. I dont know about what. She was talking to her grandmother or her sister and

I believe her father. I was up another flight of stairs.

I heard talking, you would think we were jarring. I heard my husband say he wanted a drink. He liked ice water.

He said "Sally have you any ice water" He didn't know whether I was up stairs or down stairs. He was going through the little hall from the front room to the back room.

I believe he went to get the water himself. I was bringing the kettle from up stairs.

I laid the little child down and took my can and heard him talking to Rachel. I had to go out on the piazza and was chopping the ice. I didn't hear any noise - no jarring or anything ill natured - no loud words. I had to go to the ice box to get ice. I came down. She was trying on a dress, Sadie was with her. She is the youngest one living now.

At that time she was sixteen

years old. My daughter was putting on a new pair of corsets. He must have been in the same room. He went to get a drink himself at this time. He went into the back room to get the water. I went down to the piazza for the ice. He did not ask me to make it, only asked if I had it. I didn't say I would do it, but went down. He went into the back room. Mr Lewis was there also. He had been talking I believe with Mr Lewis. My attention was attracted as I was chopping the ice, oh how it runs in my brain. I heard my mother say "Frank don't strike her" or "don't do it again, then I heard somebody holler, I think it was my mother and I run in and my mother seemed to catch my husband, caught hold of him some how. She had him and Rachel was coming. Sadie said "I believe he has struck Rachel I said "So down stairs I took

hold of her arm pushed her out of the hall right on to the piazza, I looked at her again and I pushed her again. She wanted to grab → I pushed her and said go down stairs because the man looked like crazy, and as I pulled her down she looked as if she had a fit. Her hands were out.

She was coming towards me and seemed to be running away. She had her corsets on her. She never said a word, but when I picked her up I looked at her and she looked as if she had a fit and I screamed or yelled something. I said "Oh God she has a fit" My strength gave way.

I didn't see my husband strike her. I didn't hear him say anything at that time. When I picked her up I was not able, I was tumbling and I said won't any one go to her and I said Frank Lewis come and pick up my daughter and he came

and picked her up. I said  
 "What is the matter, has she  
 hysterics or fits and Sadie  
 said "papa smacked her" Then  
 they laid her on the floor. I  
 went to strike him and took  
 hold of him and shoved him  
 and he looked like a fool.

He didn't say anything. While  
 I was quarrelling with him some  
 one said "don't you think she  
 is stabbed" I screamed and  
 said go for the doctor. I said  
 - I don't know what I did say  
 He didn't say anything but  
 looked at her. He looked crazy  
 She looked as if she wanted  
 to get away from some one. She  
 was coming towards me. I thought  
 she was hysterical. My mother  
 was in the room and my daugh-  
 ter Sadie and Jim Lewis were  
 in the front room. He was  
 there when he took the girl  
 out of my arms. I thought he  
 had a right to be there as he  
 was going to marry her. I didn't  
 know he was married. I didn't

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see her after I pressed her up  
Mr Lewis took her in the room  
I dont know what became of me  
I did not faint.

Mr Boothney a policeman  
took me to the station house  
He was the policeman who took  
him. I was crazy, my head  
was turned. I have been sick  
since then.

I dont know who got the policeman  
I did not go out for him or leave  
the house. I believe my husband  
brought the policeman up. I dont  
know. All I seen was that he  
was there. My little son will  
be nine years old this month.  
He was not present. He was  
out by the ice box. He was  
on the piazza running around.  
I know he was by me.

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agent

Francis W. Putnam

Statement of

John Lewis C. Johnson

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*Find all Pittman record & on the  
Police record*

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Statement.

Rebecca Fream, I reside at 33 Cannon Street. On one of Mr. Pittman's visits to my house, while I was engaged in cleaning the windows, I turned and saw him holding a pistol in his hand aiming it at his daughter. I pinioned his two arms down to his side. He had aimed the pistol at her and she screamed. I still held on to him and moved my arms down towards his wrist. He got his arms free again, and tried to aim it at her again as she was going out of the door. He says to me, let me go. I says, no, I wont. The pistol was in his hands all this time.. I whirled him up against the door, and said you wont go out of here until a policeman comes. I finally let him go out - pushed him out. The pistol was found by me outside the door where he stopped.

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Pittman  
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Statement.

Josie Brandis. I live at 33 Cannon Street. I was scrubbing in the hall of this young lady's house (Miss. Fream) The first time, I heard talking in Miss Fream's rooms, he was talking so loud that I could not tell what he said. I did not see anything at that time. I seen something the second time he came. I seen him take out a pistol from his side pocket.- I was going down stairs, and he was coming up, Miss. Fream told me if I saw him again I should call her and tell her he was coming, and say "you know" I called up the air shaft, Mrs. Fream, "you know", she answered me, very well. I went up to finish my work outside in the hall way. He left the door open. In the room were Grace Pittman, Miss Fream, and Mr. Pittman was sitting on the sofa. Grace Pittman was sitting in one corner and Miss. Fream was cleaning the windows, he was sitting on the sofa. He took out a pistol and held it that way (indicating) pointing to the young girl. As soon as I seen it I went into the lady next door, and said, he has a pistol.

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Statement.

Franklin Lewis: I first got acquainted with Rachel Pittman at the past Baptist Church. I was not living with my wife at the time. I met her and called down to see her, and took her out. Generally I went to church with her and sometimes to a friend's house on a visit. I went to Miss. Freum's house several times. I took her to Manhattan Beach twice, I believe. I was with her to Brooklyn twice, out at prospect Park, rowing. I was with her to Fort Lee two or three Sundays, and once I took her to River side Park, and also on a n excursion up the North River, on a barge.. I generally paid the expenses. She knew that I was married. I told her that one night I was coming from church. I went to visit her at the house of Miss. Freum's twice in the evening. On the night of the killing I met her corner Grand & Cannon by accident. I told her I would meet her if I could. I went down to the house with her about eight o'clock. Her father was standing under the porch or coming out I believe, and he met us and spoke to us and bid us good evening, and asked Rachel if she was coming home to stay . I do not remember what she said, but she said, I think, "I cannot tell". I went up stairs - they went up ahead of me, Rachel went first, her father following. We went into

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the front room, he gave me a chair and I sat down at one window and he at another. After a while he got up and called for some ice water. Mrs. Pittman went out with a pale for ice as I supposed, while she was out. He went into the back room. I heard a noise and started to go in there. She passed me in the hall way. She did not say anything. She was running. I passed her and stopped him in the hall way. Mrs. Pittman said afterwards that he had killed her.. Before starting to go in to the room, I heard a noise, and heard her say "If you are going to talk that way, I will leave the room" I also heard a groan like. I ran in and met him coming out in the passage way. I says: "Don't you kill her". I heard that he had tried to kill her once before. He did not say anything except, "that she aint hurt". I went in the hall way and saw her lying on the floor and picked her up, she was unconscious at the time. She was laid stretched out on the floor. Her mother came in just before I left go of him. I had hold of his two arms. Her mother cried out he has killed her.. I then let go of him. The ambulance surgeon examined her - the doctor was sent for. She died in about half an hour. This occurred a little after eight o'clock. A policeman brought Pittman in afterwards. She was dead then.

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Murder.

Francis W. Pittman

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Statement.

Mrs. Pittman, The names of my family at the time of the killing of my daughter were as follows:

Rachael Pittman 19 years, Bella about 18, Sadie 16, Charles II, Willie 8, and Robbie about 5. My daughter Rachael was in the habit of giving me \$3½ per week; Sadie used to give me \$2½ or \$3, a week; Bella gave me \$6, and sometimes a little more. My husband generally gave me seven dollars a week all the time. He used to work by the hour, along shore. He used to drink once in a while. Her father and her had trouble about her going out at night. Before this accident happened, she would go out and she would tell me to tell her papa that she was in at such a time. He father said she should be in at 10 or half past ten.. He would say to her, if you are up to your church meetings, I will give you as late as half-

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past ten. On one occasion they had a quarrel about some dress or cloak,, and she said he was drunk, and she pushed him, and he knocked her down. - he pushed her down. I went and got a policeman and had him arrested. I did not appear against him in the morning.

The next quarrel, one night when she came home it was

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eleven o'clock. Her father says, Rachael you cant go out any more. I must go down and see what Mr. Lewis's intentions are. She said I do not care. He said it was not right for a daughter of mine to make dates. I will give you an opportunity of receiving your company in the house. I never said you should not have company if they were decent. The next morning she would not speak to him, he struck her. Afterwards she went out and he followed her some time later. He saw her up one of the byestreets, and he said to her what are you doing, making dates with Mr. Lewis. She came home and told me, and says, what do you think mother, father is following me. I says it is for your own good. He came up and says to me, what do you think of a girl going to meet a young man. She jumped up and said what do you know about it. He said, I ought to take hold of you and whip you like a child.. She said, you dare to do it. He got a rattan. She said to him, you are no good. and with that he says, what; will a daughter of mine sass me, and gave her two strokes I said Frank, don't.

On the day of the killing, I only thought he struck her.

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Memorandum.

John Brandis 33 Cannon Street -- as to loaded  
pistol.

Witnesses to the murder:

Mrs. Pittman, Sadie Pittman, Franklin Lewis, Willie  
Pittman. Mrs. Pittman's grand-mother-Rachel Cogdel.

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Statement of Mrs. Rachel Cogdill.

Q Do you remember the 4th of August, 1887? A I remember it

Q Did you see Mr. Pittman strike his daughter Rachel?

A I did.- He come in and he did not look like himself. He looked , I could not explain. He come in to the room, he had his pipe, and she came in to have a dress tried on. Of course he come in, and I don't know what was said, as I am hard of hearing. I was sitting by the table, and my grand-daughter stood a little way off. I saw him put up his hands and strike her. I says, "don't strike Rachel, and I jumped up as well as I could, and put my arm around her. He kept on striking. He looked queer out of the eyes. I cannot tell you how he looked. He was a man that always thought well of the girls, his children.

Q Did you see what he had in his hand? A I did not. All I seen was him strike. This piece of compass leg he used to clean his pipe out with it. I often seen him do so.

Did you hear him say anything about Rachel? A Oh, yes; "he says, "Grand-mother, coax Rachel to come home" I says, "I will", he says, "if you coax her she will come", I says, "I don't think she will come any quicker for me than anybody else." He gave her two strokes once but she deserved it.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK,

against

*Francis M. Pittman*

*Statement of Facts*

*John R. Fellows,*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

DISTRICT ATTORNEY,

No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.

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She went to visit him in the Tombs  
about a week after -  
Pittman (after the <sup>conviction</sup> examination on  
Friday morning) told her to  
tell Frank Lewis to come down  
& see him & for her to give  
him 27 to buy tobacco -

Pittman after being in Tombs sent a  
letter to Mrs Pittman - on Monday  
at about 12 o'clock &  
she went to see <sup>him</sup> if Frank  
would take a knife &  
cut him to pieces in the  
cell -

Jul 23<sup>rd</sup>

She came to Mrs Harris'  
house & told her to keep  
Rachel -  
He said if <sup>Rachel</sup> the ~~Merito~~ stays  
out all night, that he would  
murder her (she told this  
to Mrs J. in presence of  
Joe Porandis)

~~Mrs Pittman told me~~

He threatened to murder Mrs  
All & to make Jackson Dr  
run from one end to the other -

about a clock - Birth-day - Gave her  
the money - Took some pictures and  
spent the night - He was staying at the  
time - Called him a booby - shared  
his and her bed for some time

Conversation between Lewis and your  
husband - Rachel's father and I -

English - Mr Lewis was beside  
me - P. never gave me 2¢ to buy  
tobacco with

Mrs Hawkshaw - 71 Park Place  
Putman was in my employ - Ash  
wrote for me in June - Driver -  
Observed strange things - peculiar in  
his ways and ideas - Whistle - true -  
next day apologized - Ash better  
in Brooklyn - Wrote him a letter  
effects of paper - Recd no order -  
Better by advg

Mrs Frank Lewis - Not called -

Sadie recalled -  
 Mrs Rachel very day - I asked her  
 if she saw my father with a pistol -  
 Mrs Thomas said he had one -  
 Was present when your sister  
 left to go to Mrs Thomas house -  
 March - Was present when Father struck  
 Rachel

Mrs Belle Peterson - daughter - Had a  
 conversation with Sister in reference to  
 pistol - Said she had only one the  
 pistol - Samuel married

July 22 - Said she wanted to meet Frank  
 Lewis -

~~John~~ <sup>John</sup> Marshall - Jersey City N.J.  
 Clerk for Penna R.R. - Know  
 Sept 22 72 - Was with Lewis in  
 May or June he was bitten by a  
 dog - Hamster the off market  
 stable between 67 & 68 - bitten 3  
 fingers left hand - put in hand  
 in a firm - went to York Yarnen  
 Hospital. Saw his hand dressed  
 Saw him much every day until  
 about middle of June - Borrowed  
 a pistol from me at that time  
 to shoot the dog - I have the

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Printed now in my possession  
which is of Jack and I  
got it now. I told him  
appearance - after some  
so to fear of the result - he  
thought it might offend him -  
He was worried about his  
older child - He asked my  
idea about Lewis -

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Mr A. B. ... N.Y. 4074  
408 ... Grand St. - Knows Rebecca  
... Will call M. E. Church

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Mark ... A. Birney - ...  
... Memorial Church - ...  
... Elder =

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Mr <sup>St. C.</sup> Harbaker 86 Jack and I -  
Lived there 24 yrs - Knows ...  
... to ... - Knows ... family -  
Observed always ... the matter  
with him - Pass along and ...  
and talk with ... Grab ...  
and tell me something - By ...  
young ... and young ... with the  
girl - Knows him to be a ...  
... ...

never heard a word of [unclear] [unclear]  
 with her character - [unclear] a  
 change in her [unclear] - [unclear]  
 off - I should call her [unclear] -  
 I saw her in [unclear] of [unclear]  
 no 12 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] - [unclear]  
 [unclear] was brought in - [unclear]  
 Frank what are you doing for -  
 I understand you murdered my  
 daughter - There's the woman that  
 was [unclear] my daughter

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Mr. [unclear] - a [unclear]'s reputation  
 for truth and [unclear] - Is it good  
 or bad -

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Miss Maggie Smiley - 493 Wash St  
 Wash St 163 Chamber St - [unclear]  
 I saw her on [unclear] of [unclear] 3/87  
 She mentioned [unclear]'s name

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Sadie [unclear] recalled  
 Mr. [unclear] paper shown Ex. 1 -  
 stated that [unclear] left the house  
 found it in the [unclear] [unclear]  
 I showed it to her on [unclear] -

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George [unclear] - Saw [unclear] in  
 July or August - in the neighborhood  
 of [unclear] - My attention was

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Frank W Pittman - wife - Father  
of Rachel - 88 Jackson St - 13400  
11 in family - October 14 - Born in N.Y.  
'39 or '40 - 12 to 26 Jan - 1900 - 6.62  
Father name Robt W.P. & George W.P.  
Father died Jan 1/72 - died in the  
Asylum in Flatbush - Buried in  
Coney Island - General W. died in  
Charity Hosp B.I. grief - Consumption  
General W. died - Druggs -  
House Rules - for girls 10 to 10<sup>30</sup> -  
Enforced daughter of family night fire -  
and Sunday recreation - up to Mary  
Rachel was the kindest and best girl -

Soon after meeting Lewis she changed -  
she had gone to E Baptist Church -  
Lewis brought her home jubilee -  
Old day when I get left - I don't  
speak slightly after hearing he was  
a married man - I worked 10 to 12  
at night - but not know what time  
she came - 1871 to Mrs. W. - She  
came home with Lewis - I don't she had  
been to Brooklyn with her - I don't she  
work with a cousin to Prospect Park -  
Had the dirt of Brooklyn - Streets run  
parallel - A man called J. J. 22/18 - I was  
going to work - she was putting up bills

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Room - he was get the old man off  
he was - I went back - and he going  
towards Lewis stable - I went down  
and caught her near the Blankenships  
shop - your note was never of any  
use to the family - Lolly was out of the  
home - she abused me - she was  
living - James - and you I wish you  
were dead - Rattan - I went for  
Lewis - Truck barrels - Mr Lewis  
doubt you come - I came back the 12<sup>th</sup>  
after morning around - had tea - she  
would not come to dinner - I went  
on my knees to her - I am going to  
marry him - interfering with me  
and Frank - please yourself - I had her  
with me - she had breakfast with  
me - she would not talk - she  
would not get a note - Clifford  
E. Follows to 26 & 266 South -  
Outside + inside of Lewis father -  
she Lewis had befriended the  
mother and other children - I  
went to Mrs. Thomas after her - sent  
Mrs. Thomas - Mrs. G. had come in - Rachel  
is out - Boston - 15 or 20 miles -  
but not go back again to Mrs. Thomas and  
draw a pistol - not to my knowledge -  
Army - Police - short story -

Written by a dog - 2 mos before Rachel  
 left the house - Written in stables in  
 Hamilton St. - Found dog by  
 police. Yealous a milk de police man  
 would brought him postal - 3 dogs  
 I find in the upper drawer of the  
 Bureau - March came after he -  
 there was a postal in the house  
 I had it once in my hand  
 during the coal strike - Not to  
 my recollection I did not again  
 see Miss Foreman that night - After  
 an effort made Sunday evening to  
 get my daughter back - but he  
 in Government. ~~She~~ ~~tried~~ ~~he~~ ~~about~~  
 coming home - Spoke with her postal  
 and Miss Foreman's charge - If  
 she left Miss Foreman I had no  
 objection to her leaving away - Saw  
 her again on Sat night - Walk  
 with my wife to the house and the  
 janitors put me out - Rachel left  
 I saw asked her to come home -  
 - organ - After the day - Saw it  
 Read it on the following Sunday - after her  
 going away - Saw it on Tuesday - was  
 home on 30 Sept - was in room writing  
 there - Must be of the job by Rachel

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was out ~~at~~ night before - For for later only  
tell Papa - Heard nothing that I  
remember after that - Riding on the  
Cess with the ~~owner~~ - No recollection  
of the ~~to~~ of my ~~with~~ going to the  
Common office - ~~See~~ Compass log -  
Never was in habit of carrying down  
his personal

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Sadie Pittman - He talks  
quicker & jerky like.

Dr Ramsey 38 yrs old -  
Graduate of University of Chicago  
He has given attention to the  
subject of insanity as - position  
and as a Commissioner in Chicago -  
During 1890s over 100 cases - studied  
with a form of insanity known as  
Emotional Insanity - or moral  
insanity - What authors are you  
familiar with Pratt Post -  
moral insanity -

Change in individual constitution -  
Crimes are purposeless -

Hereditary insanity nervous instability -  
uncontrollable temper - sickness - and  
and cerebral injury - Epilepsy - purely  
mental -

Loss of sleep - nutriment -

Few that a disease Hypochondria

particularize the Alphey -

Loss of memory - What kind - Dr Blandford

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Called to him by Longshoreman -  
He was on Spring piece looking  
into the motor.

Ken Smith -  
Boys for sale -  
Armed men -  
Mental institution - abnormality changes  
Fly seat chair - Schuyler -

Her edity -

Daughter favorite -

Disobedience -

Mental emotion - abnormally changed

Physical change - Schreyer -

Called by Schreyer  
the man in street  
with the motor

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TORN PAGE

Bella left home the same day and her mother told me she (Bella) would write her when she was going, so the father could not come after her. But she visited I could like Bella too.

When she came to me she had ~~two~~ two sets of under wear - had to purchase the first week she was with me, and she had a few calicoes wrapped for morning and night wear as she had none.

<sup>on Sat night</sup>  
I saw Pittman's band, Red told her that I took him down and and took the bundle from him.

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that it would be for March's sake for he had  
 had asked for it that month and afterwards  
 when she looked where it was kept, it wasn't there  
 so she asked him if he got it, and he said no  
 that he forgot that he had given it back to her  
 in the shop, as the shop  
 over that thing for it would be kept in the  
 the shop and Lillian said she would go  
 to have a look and he said he would go  
 with her what he would do, and he would  
 have the receipt of the shop with him when  
 that she would see the thing with her  
 take out the thing and she would be  
 back with her and she would be back too  
 as the money & things in the box were taken

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K. Chen has in: How much

1. Qualifications in Report etc.
2. Visit to Pittman + results of manufacturing.

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 Motin's <sup>pretended</sup> ~~pretended~~ loss of memory and  
he acted upon them during said lapse +  
refused to them subsequently.

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Was he ever arrested for  
assaulting seamen

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March 23, 1888.

Officer Abram Livingston's statement.

I reside at 164 Stanton Street, and am a member of the Police Force, attached to the 12th Precinct.

Several years ago, while on post on Jackson Street, Mrs. Pittman and her daughter Rachel called on me, and stated that Pittman had beaten Rachel, and desired me to arrest him. I went to the house 88 Jackson Street and saw

Pittman. Mrs. Pittman told me in his presence that they were afraid of him; that he had beaten his daughter <sup>and</sup> *kicked her in the stomach* and wanted him arrested. He said nothing that I remember. I took him to the Station House and locked him up all night.

When he was in liquor he was very excitable. I have seen him under the influence of liquor. He was a long-shoreman. I have seen him often coming home from work. I have been on that post for six or seven years. I have spoken with him and he talked rationally. The night of the murder I was doorman in the station house. Pittman was locked down. At this time he was in ignorance of his daughter's death. I was told not to inform him of it, and to watch him closely, which I did. I went down about once every twenty minutes.. He laid down but I don't think he

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Rachel Pittman  
Dish by  
Buff J.

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slept, for every time I went down he jumped up.- he appeared to be restless. He talked rationally enough, what few words I had with him. He asked me for tobacco and some matches. He had a pipe and he smoked. He did not ask for any food. About half-past eleven that night I told him that he was wanted up stairs, he followed me up. I did not have any conversation with him. He was taken into the Captain's Office. Among those present were Coroner Levy, Miss. Fream, his wife, young daughter, Counselor Eccelsine and Congressman Campbell. He was again placed in my charge about ten minutes afterwards, and I took him down to the cell and locked the door. I had no conversation with him. He kept crying about his daughter he being told up stairs, that she was dead. I believe he said: "My God; is that so." or something to that effect.

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There were some things hard to understand  
& perhaps, mysterious to some!  
I'll never forget the clasp of my hand,  
in his eyes, when he looked at me  
And between us both, without a word,  
Stretching the yawning gulf of loneliness.

Oh, had we never, never met,  
Or could my heart ever be forgot,  
How best, how happily <sup>had</sup> we been,  
Had fate not forced us stark between!

Had we never loved so kindly,  
Had we never loved so blindly,  
Never met or never parted,  
I would not be broken-hearted!

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**PART II.**

THE COURT ROOM IS IN THE THIRD STORY, AND FRONTING THE PARK.

If this Subpoena is disobeyed, an attachment will immediately issue.

Bring this Subpoena with you, and give it to the Officer at the Court Room door, that your attendance may be known.

[SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER DIRECTIONS.]

**SUBPŒNA**

FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE

*Court of General Sessions of the Peace.*

The People of the State of New York,

To *Frank Garrison*

of No. *Greenpoint* Street,

GREETING :

WE COMMAND YOU, That, all business and excuses ceasing, you *appear* in your proper person, before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the City and County of New York, at the Sessions Building in the Park of the said City, on the *4* day of *April* instant, at the hour of ten in the forenoon of the same day, to testify the truth and give evidence in our behalf, against

*James W. Pittman*  
in a case of Felony, whereof *he* stands indicted. And this you are not to omit, under the penalty of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

WITNESS, Hon. FREDERICK SMYTH, Recorder of our said City, at the City Hall, in our said City, the first Monday of *Apr*, in the year of our Lord 188

JOHN R. FELLOWS, ~~RANDOLPH B. MARTINE~~, District Attorney.

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Statement of Rebecca T. Frean, taken at the Dist.  
Attorney's Office, March 16th, 1888.

At a quarter of ten Saturday July 23, Rachel Pittman came to my house, sat down in a chair and unbuttoned her jersey and threw back her waist, and said to me, "look at that there" and look at that there" Her back looked cut, and there was green on each side of it, and stripes as wide as that (indicating) in the middle of it, and there was blood there that came from the stripes. I asked her who done that, and she said her father. She stayed there that time until twelve o'clock, took lunch with me. At lunhh she was fully determined to leave home. She went away then, and at a quarter to one she came back with her little cousin Steve Kent, who is 14 years old. He had a satchel and she had a bundle. It had rained. He took the satchel out and she started out between five and ten minutes to one. She says, "I must go and meet the girls; they promised to bring my wages up to me". She went out of the house. I went to work cleaning., and at a quarter of two there came a knock on the door, and Pittman came in. He wanted to know if Rachel was there. I said, "no" He says: "she is not?" I said, "I told you, no.

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Well, he says, "I want to have a talk with you". He says  
"I won't keep you long". I says, "All right". I took the  
room in my hand. I went in the front room. Well, he said,  
"that girl is going to go home ". I said I had nothing  
to do with her. He says, "Do you call yourself a christian  
woman and keep that girl in the house". I said, "I do".  
"I would not turn out a dog that had come to me for  
protection". He said: "I have been down to see Judge  
Hickey, he told him that if she stayed out all night to  
"have a warrant for her, and one for the woman that dare  
"to harbor her". I said, "I was not harboring her, that  
she will not hide. I said, I would not turn the girl out.  
If you have the law on your side, you are safe. He began  
to talk about the commandments, about honoring your  
father and mother and so on. I answered him back that  
which matched it.. He said, "You talk about that girl;  
"she would lie you out of your eye-teeth. I said, I had  
known her for a long time and knew her better than that.  
At first he was very nice and suave. He finally got up  
and raved and said all he would not do. He wanted to  
know if her clothes was there. I told him, "yes". He  
said: "I want them?" I says: "You can't have them. He  
says: "What, do you refuse me her clothes?" I said, "Yes;  
"for I have no money to throw away; she left them in my  
care, and she will hold me responsible for them." He  
rose to his feet and began to flourish his fist, and  
said, "he thrashed her and had a right to do it, and said  
"that he would put her in some institution. I said,

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"that I did not wish to interfere in family matters." He claimed that she was not of good character; that he had whipped her because he saw her in Mr. Lewis' stables. I asked him four different times if that was true, and each time he changed his answer. Finally, I said: "Did you find her in Mr. Lewis' stables?" He said "it is none of your G.D. business where I found her; I found her near the stables." I said "you ought to be very careful, you are her father". He then calmed down a little, he says, "when she comes back, will you do all in your power to urge her to come back to the house?" I said, "I would not have anything to do with the matter; that he should be able to settle your own affairs."

I saw him again at ten minutes to six. He seen Rachel then. The housekeeper's daughter was at the door, Josie Brandeth. The conversation was held in the front room. He came in and stood in the door-way first, and looked at us. He had changed his clothes in the meantime. He stood and looked at her for quite a half few minutes. I says: "Have a seat Mr. Pittman. He come in and told Rachel two or three times to get her things to get ready to go home. She says, "I can't". He says, "Why can't you?" - He spoke in a set dogged way - He said "I want you to get your things and go home". the second time, she said, "I don't want to". Then he said, "I will show you whether you will or not"; your mother will be down here in a very few minutes; you are going home with us". She sat at one window and I was at the other

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I was polishing the window, and I saw that she was almost ready to faint. I again commenced cleaning the window on the outside, and for a moment forgot all about it, until I heard the snap of hands, and she said "Miss Fream, he has got a pistol". I turned, he was right behind me. With that he put up his left hand, and with his right hand held the pistol at her. He was about five feet from her. He pointed the pistol at her. She had arisen to her feet. She just hallooed, "Miss Fream, he has a pistol. I heard the clap of her hands before I heard the words. I turned, I was afraid of the pistol. I jumped and made one spring from the window and grabbed him, and with that he whirled me around and pointed it at her. She gave a scream, and I stamped my foot and says to her, "shut up, or I will knock you down". With that I put my hands down further so/as to get his arm down, and at the same time broke his aim, as he was pointing at her. I said to her, "go down those stairs quick and get a police man. With that he hurled me around again. He could not get his arm up, and as she was going out of the door, pointed at her again. I knocked his arm up. He said nothing at this time. He was trying to free himself. I struggled with him fully three or four minutes. I threw him up against the door and finally let him go. I felt him putting the pistol in his pocket. I looked to see that the pistol was not in his hands. As soon as I knew his hands were empty, I let him go. He put it in his hip pocket, I am pretty sure - he had on a short coat. He got out in the hall. I followed him. I pushed him down

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and he fell about half-way, a man having stopped him coming up stairs with a bag of wood. He picked himself up and went down stairs. When he got to the door, my sister-in-laws' brother jumped over the banisters and went down ahead to see what he looked like. He said when he got down, "they seem to be having a row up there". John Brandes picked the pistol up on the stairway.

About twenty minutes to nine he came back in the evening again. They told me he was coming. I went down stairs and met him at the head of the first flight of the stairs. I says to him "go right down stairs again.". He says, "Is Rachel here?" I says, "never you mind about Rachel; you go down stairs; we don't want you here". He says, "if she is here I am going to see her" . I asked some one to go for a policeman. I went up for my hat and shawl, and said to him "if you persist in this thing, we will have to take action in the matter". I says, "remember, I have your pistol and that is enough. He says, "you would not have it if you hadn't taken it from me. I said to the housekeeper, "you hear what he says, "that I took it off him". I started to go down stairs, he started and went ahead of me, and went out of the door. He said, "I will be back again. I went and met a policeman and told him the affair, and asked him if he would stay as near the house as possible, in case he did come back. This was on the 23rd of July - all these meetings occurred on that day. I next saw him in the station house on the night of the murder.

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I met Pittman both on the street and at his house, we  
were on friendly terms.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK,

*against*

*Edman*

*(Murder)*

Statement

of  
*Richard Freeman*

*John R. Fellows*  
RALPH B. MARTIN  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY,

No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.

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Andrew Frost's Statement:

I have known Pittman for twenty years. I am an engineer by trade . I reside at 81 Jackson Street. I have lived there twenty-five or thirty years. I have known him pretty intimately and have employed him in my business. I never knew him to be sick. He attended to his business. He took a drink now and then. I have known him when he was on the police force. I have seen him twice since he has been in the Tombs. I took his clothes down to the Coroners' Office so as he would look decent . I had no conversation with him in regard to the case.- All he said was this: I asked him "what he done it for?" He says: "Frost, I don't know. That was all the remarks were made. He made no charges against the girl's character, because he could not do so as I have known her since she was born. I saw Pittman in the morning immediately prior to the killing; his condition was all right; he was going to work with his coat on his arm. He did not tell me about Rachel running away. I have been three times to the Tombs. The first time I went there voluntarily; the second time I went there with his wife to take her down there - I did not see him that time.

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the third time I happened to be down in Centre Street and I asked Warden Walsh to give me a ticket and I went in, and talked with him for fifteen minutes, and his wife came in and I left him. The conversation was general. The only words he said was: "I got a jury fixed for myself". I thought he was off his base. He said nothing about his defense in the case. I have not talked with his wife about the case. I am married.

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The People

vs.

Pittman  
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Sergeant Francis Kelly, 12th Precinct, states that Officer Boothney brought Pittman and Mrs. Pittman into the Station House on the night of the 4th of August, and made a complaint that Pittman had stabbed his daughter. Mrs. Pittman said that it was Rachel., and that he had struck her with some sharp instrument, at the time they did not know what it was. He denied it at first, and said he did not do it, but afterwards admitted it and said he was sorry for it and did not mean to hurt or kill her. At the time that he was brought in he was not intoxicated, was cool and collected, talked intelligently, his eyes was as clear as he was collected. At 11-40 Pittman was brought up from his cell, and the news that Rachel was dead was broken to him. in the Captain's room. I overheard Pittman crying and sobbing. He said he was sorry that he had done it and did not mean to do it &c. At 7 A.M. next morning Pittman told me that he slept a little bit, and said that under the circumstances he did not feel very well.

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Pittman

Murder.

Statement:

Officer John Bothney, I am connected with the 12th Precinct, under Captain Webb. The house No. 88 Jackson Street is in the 7th Ward.

I was at the corner of Jackson and Front Streets when I heard a woman hallooing out of a window. I went down there to find out, and as I got in front of 88 Jackson Street, Pittman came down stairs to the sidewalk, he says, "officer arrest me". I says, "what for?" He says, "I done something to my daughter that I ought not to have done". I says, "what is it?" He says, "I don't know". I asked him twice. I then said, "suppose we go up and find out". As we were going up stairs, his wife halloped down stairs, "For Heaven's sake arrest that man." I says, "what for?" She says, "he killed my daughter." Pittman did not say anything at this time, so I went up stairs with him went into the kitchen, and there the girl lay on the floor unconscious. He knelt down and took the girl's hand in his and kissed it, and said, "this is the only girl, I ever loved." I says, I had best take you to the Station House. He says, "Let me get my hat and coat". I let him. I says, "Mrs. Pittman, we had better go to the Station House". I then took them both to the station house, and there made a

*John Pittman  
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*Pittman's  
daughter*

*John Pittman  
12th precinct*

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went to  
headquarters  
Compass  
Leg.

Pittman &  
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Compass  
Leg.

complaint of felonious assault. I did not find out until about nine o'clock that she was dead. He said in the Station House, that he did not know what he had done - he only asked her to go home. I asked Mrs. Pittman on the way to the Station House, in his presence, if he had anything in his hands at the time that he done this. She says, "no". He did not say anything, but, <sup>she</sup> saw him back up to the window and make a motion as if he threw something out of the window. I first saw this compass leg about half-past nine that night, in the Station House. It was brought in by a roundsman I believe, and it was given to the Sergeant. I next saw it next morning at the Station House, going to Court with the prisoner. I took him first to Headquarters and Inspector Steers said, "that will do". I took him down to the Coroners' Office, before Coroner Levy. At the Coroners' Office this compass leg was produced by me in the presence of Pittman. On the way to the Coroners' Office Pittman told me about the compass leg. I asked him about it, he said, "I had that in the house, <sup>hang in</sup> behind the door, generally used it for picking my pipe. I asked him what he had done with it, and he said, "he didn't know". I desire to state further that on the way to the Station House, when I had Pittman in custody on the night of the murder, I met Officer Hess on the corner of Water and Jackson Street, and then I told officer Hess to go down to 88 Jackson Street to see to that girl; that she was stabbed by her father, and pointed him out. His wife said, when he was going up stairs, "he has killed my daughter."

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He said that he had used the compass leg for the purpose  
of picking his pipe, and had it hung up behind the door.

~~Sworn to before me this~~

~~14<sup>th</sup> of March, 1888.~~

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The People

agst.

Pittman  
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Statement:

Officer Hess, George A. Hess of the 12th Precinct.

I was on post that night on Madison Street, and somebody informed me that there was somebody stabbed at the foot of Jackson Street. I ran down Jackson Street, and on the corner of Water and Jackson I met officer Rothney accompanied by Mr. Pittman and his wife. I stopped Rothney and asked him what was the trouble, he stated to me that this man (meaning Pittman) had stabbed his daughter; go down and tend to it, at 88 Jackson Street. I ran down there and went up stairs and found this girl laying on the floor in the kitchen surrounded by a lot of women and a young man (Lewis) kneeling, bathing her head. I put some of the women out, kept two of them in the room, and got down on my knees and lifted her head up and bathed her head with cold water. I says to this man Lewis: "This girl is dying". I laid her head down and opened her chemise, and right over her breast, I noticed blood, and a small round hole there. Officer John Repper came up and I sent him to the hospital for an ambulance, <sup>The ambulance</sup> Surgeon came, and I turned the case over to him. I noticed also a stab wound in her arm.. I also bound up the arm of Mrs. Cogdel.

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Get her and organ - Rachel did  
your father had a pistol on  
Saturday - Mr. News Brown says  
Thursday, August 4 - 1872 -  
When I came home I was crying -  
with my gas! I was lying on the bed -

Husband talked off going down to the  
bank bank for her before her coming -  
Little boy and Tom were wants you -  
upst of bus - of Pittman says you go  
to do pepper I'll be there night any -  
I heard Rachel talking - heard Frank  
ask for ice water - I got the kettle  
and water only - Husband was - pipe  
spoken - Company by showed - kept  
anywhere - I saw Pittman on Saturday  
after the tragedy when I was coming in  
with ice water - Looked every like  
me - Cross eyes - Lily Ecclesine & Herbert  
Rachel had told Sandra that she  
had been with the night with Lenie  
Cannon -

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Mrs Petman - wife - 21 yrs - 7 or  
10 children - Porter - Gross 124 weeks -  
after that went to sea - knew to  
of <sup>of</sup> - His disposition was good  
and kind - Treatment kind and  
underly wh. Rachel was his favorite  
Tom her dress and patch among  
sent them to S. Schob - His rules  
were 10 pm to 10<sup>30</sup> or 11 - Rachel  
was disobedient - He was Mrs  
Lorris well - Miss Leah - Say  
Rachel so you know what Charis  
yellow says - Frank Lorris is  
married and has a son 5 yrs old -  
He told Rachel to find out - He  
refused to be going out with Rachel  
I too among a lie - Frank  
Lorris told me that his cousin  
was a married maid - Frank  
was going to get a lot of dinner -  
Buller by a dog in James - Worried  
about the room - hydrophic - looked of  
it frequently - Rem under joy 202 -  
Pats her cheek up - ~~12/11~~ Whipping - 12/11  
asked her to dinner - Love Langhs of Locksmiths  
Rachel said I never forgive - Oh you'll  
suffer for this - I'll make you safe forever  
for this.

If Mr. Jones was a man young man  
 he had no objection to the marriage -  
 She said I suppose I go get the  
 minister - Asked for her - said  
 she was going to Mrs. Freeman - His  
 eyes turned green - changing his clothes  
 I followed him - His name was  
 always going to be in the paper -  
 After 23<sup>rd</sup> there was a change -  
 Walked home for 4 nights - saying  
 So get ready - When you see dark  
 know the death is young man and  
 expect to see it. When was afraid  
 of him before this - He was saying  
 Let them make me and talk -  
 No change in his habits - don't drink  
 but not eat it all - Saw him  
 3 or 4 times - The doctor angry -  
 Taken out of his mind - and put  
 in a hospital in W.B. G.W. Seltman  
 and made - Died out of his head  
 and also his body - Family thought  
 he was crazy - Blackwell Island -  
 Father said if he ever got any disease  
 he would die out of his head

Saturday night after she left - He  
 and his wife went to Mrs. Freeman -

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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  
New York, in the County of New York, this 9  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

4 Ward of the City of  
day of August  
87 before  
Coroner,

Ferdinand Levy  
of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the Body of Rachel E. Pittman

lying dead at

Twelve 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  
Rachel E. Pittman came to her death, do  
upon their Oaths and Affirmations, say: That the said Rachel E. Pittman  
came to her death by

Upon the Oaths and Affirmations of

Shock and Hemorrhage  
due to Penetrating Stab wound of Left Breast in-  
volving the Heart inflicted with the arm of a  
Compass in the hands of her father Francis W.  
Pittman at 88 Jackson St. on August 4/87 between  
8 and 9 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.

Doris C. Cohn 327 2. 119	Bernard. Sands 105. E. 73. 44
W. C. Fisher 1873 Lehigh	Samuel Simon 81 White St.
H. W. Fish 12414 Spruce	L. Kington 218. E. 14
W. Brown 99 E. 3rd St.	Joseph. Baveler 1163 av.
J. J. Wohltman 8 Spruce	R. Hannon 370. 7 Ave.
Levi Bock 652 10	Samuel Herzberg 168 Daner

Ferdinand Levy  
CORONER, L. S.

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Coroner's Office

TESTIMONY.

Autopsy

Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 1887 at 1.30 P.M.

At St Jackson St.

Rachel E. Pittman, white, age 19 years, single  
said to have died August 4<sup>th</sup> about 8 P.M.  
Rigor mortis well marked, body that of a healthy  
well nourished young woman

- 1 Midway between tip of shoulder and elbow on  
outer surface of left arm there is a punctured  
wound direction horizontally inwards passing  
through the fleshy part of the arm (biceps) and  
slightly abraded the left side of chest on  
the same level -
  - 2 On outer anterior aspect of left arm about  
2 inches below the tip of shoulder there is  
a second punctured wound, direction indi-  
cated by probe is forward; flask wound
  - 3 About one inch below the left shoulder blade  
(inferior angle) and 1 1/2 inches to right of median  
line (spinous process) is a punctured wound  
direction towards the left or ~~towards~~ inwards but  
does not reach the thoracic cavity - entering  
the deep muscles of the back.
  - 4 On left side of chest behind on a line with  
inferior angle of scapula in the ninth intercos-  
tal space is a punctured wound which is found  
on dissection to <sup>have</sup> entered the left pleural cavity  
the passed through the diaphragm, through the  
spleen and large end of stomach
- Taken before me  
this day of 188

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Coroner's Office, Pittman TESTIMONY.

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Slight amount of hemorrhage in the abdominal cavity

5. On the anterior wall of chest 2 inches to the left of median and 4 inches above the left nipple is a punctured wound. Stick enters left pleural cavity, passes through upper lobe of left lung, enters left ventricle of the heart, through mitral valve and through posterior wall of left auricle and posterior wall of pericardium. Both pleural cavities contain clotted and fluid blood. Pericardium distended with clotted and fluid blood. Other organs normal

Cause of death: Hemorrhage into pericardium from stab wound of heart above described.

W. J. Jenkins, M.D.

Taken before me

this

5 day of August 1887

Ferdinand Levy

CORONER.

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**Coroner's Office,**

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } SS.

*Francis W. Pittman* 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— *Francis W. Pittman*

Question—How old are you?

Answer— *47 years.*

Question—Where were you born?

Answer— *New York City*

Question—Where do you live?

Answer— *88 Jackson St.*

Question—What is your occupation?

Answer— *Laborer*

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

*Under the advice of my Counsel I have nothing to say.*

*Francis W. Pittman*

Taken before me, this *9* day of *August* 1887

*Ferdinand Levy*

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MEMORANDUM.

AGE.	PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.	DATE, When Reported.
19 Years. 9 Months 16 Days.	New York	88 Jackson St	Aug. 5/87

Officer Jones  
 Book No. 199  
 Officer Hess  
 12 bond  
 Francis W. Pittman

HOOMICIDE.

AN INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

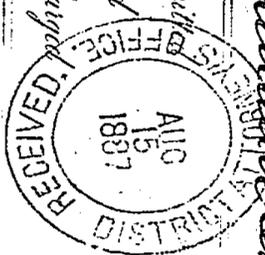
Rachel E. Pittman

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

Francis W. Pittman

Inquest taken on the 9 day of August 1887 before

Francis W. Pittman Coroner.



Date of death August 4/87

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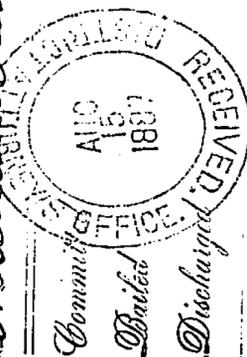
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Francis W. Pittman

Inquest taken on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1887 before

Henderson Long Coroner.



Date of death August 4/87

Officer John

Booth

Officer Hess

12<sup>th</sup> Precinct

Francis W. Pittman

MEMORANDUM.

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DATE When Reported.	

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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

*Francis W. Pittman*

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

*Francis W. Pittman*

of the CRIME of

*Murder in the First Degree*

committed as follows:

The said

*Francis W. Pittman*

late of the ~~Ward of the~~ City of New York, in the County of New York afore-

said, on the *fourth* 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 and upon one, Rachel E. Pittman in the peace of the said People thereof and there being wilfully, feloniously, and of his malice aforethought did make an assault and he, the said Francis W. Pittman, her, the said Rachel E. Pittman with a certain compass which he, the said Francis W. Pittman in his right hand then and there had and held, in and upon the breast of her, the said Rachel E. Pittman, then and there wilfully, feloniously, and of his malice aforethought did strike, stab cut and wound, giving unto her the said Rachel E. Pittman, then and there with*

the compass aforesaid, in and upon the breast of her, the said Rachel E. Pittman one mortal wound of the breadth of one inch and of the depth of six inches, of which said mortal wound, she, the said Rachel E. Pittman then and there died.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid, do say; that the said Francis W. Pittman, her the said Rachel E. Pittman, in the manner and form and by the means aforesaid, wilfully, feloniously and of his malice aforethought, did kill and murder, 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 Francis W. Pittman of the same Crime of Murder in the First Degree, committed as follows:

The said Francis W. Pittman, late of the City of New York in the County of New York aforesaid, afterwards, to wit on the said fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty seven at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms in and upon the said Rachel E. Pittman, in the peace of the said People

then and there being wilfully, feloniously and of his malice aforethought, did make another assault, and he, the said Francis W. Pittman, her, the said Rachel E. Pittman with a certain knife which he, the said Francis W. Pittman in his right hand then and there had and held in and upon the breast of her, the said Rachel E. Pittman then and there wilfully, feloniously and of his malice aforethought did strike, stab, cut and wound, giving unto her, the said Rachel E. Pittman, then and there with the knife aforesaid, in and upon the breast of her, the said Rachel E. Pittman one mortal wound of the breadth of one inch, and of the depth of six inches, of which said mortal wound, she, the said Rachel E. Pittman then and there died.

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*David W. McKim*

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Powers, Jeremiah

DATE:

09/20/87



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Counsel,

Filed 20 day of Sept. 1887

Pleads *Not Guilty* (21)

THE PEOPLE

*vs.*  
*Jeremiah Powers*

*Jeremiah Powers*

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

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Alvin F. Le Grand*

Sept 29/87

Foreman.

*Attempt to Kill R. L. 2d deg.*

*29th Sept 1887*

Witnesses:

*John Stewart*

*Wm. Gillman*

*Samuel*

STENOGRAPHER'S MINUTES.

Second District Police Court.

John Stewart

THE PEOPLE, &c., IN COMPLAINT OF

Jeremiah Powers

vs.

Jeremiah Powers

BEFORE HON.

John J. Gorman

POLICE JUSTICE,

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1887

APPEARANCES:

For the People,

For the Defence,

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WITNESSES.	Direct Ex.	Cross Ex.	Re-Direct.	Re-Cross.
John Stewart	1	5		
John J. Gorman	5	4		
J. Powers	4	8		

M. J. Treacy

Official Stenographer.

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DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

THE PEOPLE,  
ON COMPLAINT OF

*John Stewart* Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1884  
*John Powers* agst *John Thomas*  
Examination had before *John Thomas* Police Justice.

I, *W. J. Keacy* Stenographer of the 2<sup>d</sup> 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 *John Stewart*

and all herein

as taken by me on the above examination before said Justice.

Dated *Sept 6* 1884.

*John Thomas*  
Police Justice.

*W. J. Keacy*  
Stenographer.

New York Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1874  
Federal District Police  
Court Hon John J. Conner  
Presiding  
John Stewart }  
No. 10 }  
Deremiah Cowen }  
Larceny,  
Felony

John Stewart being duly  
sworn deposes and says,  
Q. How you seated on a  
step when you lost the  
money?

A. Yes Sir.  
Where was that  
corner Bleeker  
and Sullivan St, South  
East.

Q. Was there a Liquor  
store there?

A. No Sir.  
South East corner of  
Bleeker and Sullivan?  
A. Yes Sir.

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(2)

Q

About what time?

Q

Any part of  
o'clock Sunday morning  
Did you see you come  
from?

Q

I was out with  
my friend

Q

Were you out  
all evening?

Q

No Sir  
When did you last see  
the twenty five dollars?

Q

About 8 o'clock  
at Spring and Vanick  
St

Q

In the Lignor Saloon  
No Sir.

Q

In the Street?

Q

No Sir.  
What caused you to  
look at it?

Q

I could not  
help it, I had my hand  
on it.

Q

Did you count it

(3)

Q

Q) Sir. I pulled it out of my pocket; it was in my Matchpocket of my trousers.

Q

Q) Sir you have any occasion to go out

Q

Q) Sir I had two dollars in small change

Q

Q) Sir I worked in the evening till one o'clock in the morning you had no drink,

Q

Q) Sir I had drink before that

Q

Q) Now it possible for you to have slipped your money between your pants and your drawers or legs in attempting to put the money in your job-pocket.

Q

Q) Sir: From the time you say you put your money in your job, you never looked for it after

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(H)

Q

No Sir.  
At one o'clock you  
were seated there asleep?

Q

Yes Sir  
How long were you  
there?

Q

I cannot say  
Do you know how  
many people were around  
you?

Q

No Sir.  
Do you know who were  
there, immediately before you  
saw the Defendant?

Q

No Sir  
You say, you discovered  
his hand in your  
pocket?

Q

Yes Sir.  
You claim that he  
woke you up because  
he was so rough  
about putting his hand  
in your pocket?

A

Yes Sir.  
H

(8)

Q Do you know how many people were arrested you?

A In that day  
Q In that day condition you seized the first man that was near you?

A He & I took him and we ran and we ran till we came to the Officer

Q How long were you running after him?

A A very short time. I was sober, I drank beer from about five o'clock in the evening

Q You were full of Beer?

A Not exactly  
I was before me }  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Sep 1884 }  
Police Justice

(6)

Officer Jacob Higgins  
of the 1st Precinct Police  
being duly sworn  
deposes and says; I  
made the arrest; my  
post is from South 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Corner and 18<sup>th</sup> Street St.

Q

At the place described  
by the Complainant, it  
is a pretty dangerous  
locality?

A

It is, he was  
not sitting there when I  
last past there. I was  
on my post on Macdonald  
St, and another Officer,  
at that time my attention was  
attracted by the sound of  
"Starling" Police and then  
I saw the Complainant  
running and another  
man about 20 yards  
ahead of him and  
they ran into our area

(14)

Q. What was the condition of the Complainant when they visited

Q. You made a charge of obstruction against him & did not, it was a full return, and a' explanation that to the Court, & did not find anything on the Dependant when he was arrested. brought before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Sep 1884

W. J. Justice

General Order being duly sworn deposes that says, I am a Attorney by occupation. I am not doing anything now.

Q. This man Complainant ask, did you see, for some money from him last Sunday morning?

A. I had just

8

Came out of the Repair  
store, after getting a  
light and he accused  
me of taking his money  
out of his pocket and  
I went away and he  
then after the usual  
collected stop of his

Q  
A

How far was the  
Repair store, around?

A week away on  
the opposite side, I  
was standing talking to  
a friend. Then he jumped  
up and said he took  
his money. There were  
several people there who  
he was

Sworn before me  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August

William H. Blair Justice

Fed in one thousand  
Dollars to answer

District Police Court.

*John Stewart*  
vs.  
*Jemimah Lewis*  
*Larceny*  
*from Person*

STENOGRAPHER'S TRANSCRIPT.

*Sept 6* 1887

BEFORE HON.  
*John L. Loman*

Police Justice.

*A. J. Peacy*  
Official Stenographer.

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Police Court 2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No. 11 Crosby Street, aged 23 years,  
occupation Carman being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 4 day of Sept 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:

Two ten  
dollar bills, one five  
and one two dollar bill,  
good and lawful current  
money of the United States of  
the sum and value of \$24.00

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 Wernah Powers (now

here) for the reason that on  
the night of said date at  
about the hour of 1,35 O'clock  
Deponent was sitting on  
a trailing curb stone on the  
corner of Sullivan and Bleecker  
St, doing, when he was aroused  
by feeling the hand of said  
Powers in Deponents pocket; at  
which Deponent woke up and  
grabbed said Powers, who was  
followed by Deponent till  
Deponent caused his arrest,  
therefore Deponent charges

Sworn to before me, this  
1887 day  
Police Justice.

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Said Power with ~~attempts~~  
taking, stealing and carrying  
away from dependent persons  
said money and asks that  
said Defendant (Power) be  
dealt with as the Law  
directs,

I now do before me } John Stewart  
this 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1884 }  
John Stewart Police Justice

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Sec. 193-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss

*Jeremiah Powers*  
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. *Jeremiah Powers*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *21 Years of Age*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

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

Answer. *17 Macdougall St (7 Months)*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Hostler*

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 and demand an examination Jeremiah Powers*

Taken before me this

day of

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

*Joseph Brown*

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 2* 188 *17* *Joseph Brown* 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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*paid for exp  
P.M. Sept 8/87*

Police Court

1463 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

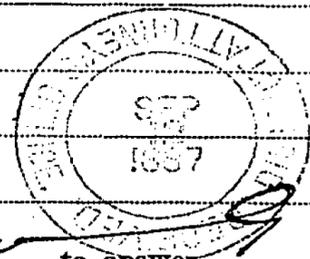
*John Stewart  
11 ...  
Jeremiah ...*

BAILED,

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated *Sept 2* 1887  
*Thomas Gilligan* Magistrate  
*Gilligan* Officer.  
*115* Precinct.

Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
\$ *1000* to answer *9.8*



*Cud*

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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*

*Gerrit Bowers*

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

*Gerrit Bowers*

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

The said *Gerrit Bowers,*

late of the First Ward 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 Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the *night* time of the same day,

~~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* ; *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 five dollars, and of the value of five dollars

~~\_\_\_\_\_ ; 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 two dollars, and of the value of two dollars ~~\_\_\_\_\_ ;~~ ~~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 one dollar, and of the value of one dollar~~ ;

~~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* ; *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 five dollars \_\_\_\_\_ ; ~~one~~ United States Silver Certificate of the

~~\_\_\_\_\_ ; 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 two dollars, and of the value of two dollars \_\_\_\_\_ ;

~~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* ; *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 five dollars \_\_\_\_\_ ; ~~one~~ United States Silver Certificate of the

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~~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* ; *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 five dollars \_\_\_\_\_ ; ~~one~~ United States Silver Certificate of the

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~~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* ; *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 five dollars \_\_\_\_\_ ; ~~one~~ United States Silver Certificate of the

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~~denomination and value of twenty dollars~~ ; *two* United States Silver  
Certificates of the denomination and value of ten dollars ~~each~~ ; *one* United  
States Silver Certificate of the denomination and value of five dollars ~~—~~ ; *one*  
United States Silver Certificate of the denomination and value of two dollars ~~—~~ ;  
~~United States Silver Certificate, of the denomination and value of one dollar~~  
~~—~~ ; ~~United States Gold Certificate of the denomination and value of~~  
~~twenty dollars~~ ~~—~~ ; *two* United States Gold Certificates of the denomination  
and value of ten dollars ~~each and one~~ United States Gold Certificate of the  
denomination and value of five dollars, ; ~~and divers coins, of a number, kind~~  
~~and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of~~

of the proper moneys, goods, chattels, and personal property of one *John Stewart,*

~~on the person of the said John Stewart,~~ then and there being  
found, ~~from the person of the said John Stewart,~~ 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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*District Attorney.*

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BOX:

276

FOLDER:

2649

DESCRIPTION:

Powers, John

DATE:

09/23/87



2649

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#212

Counsel,

Filed 23

day of

Sept. 1887

Pleads,

Witnesses:  
Christopher Siemens  
Off. Patrick Brady & P. P. [unclear]

THE PEOPLE

vs.

John Powers

Sections 498, Penal Code  
Bringing in the Third Degree.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Wm. C. DeForest Foreman  
Sept 26 1887  
I am Guilty  
E. J. [unclear]

0570

Police Court First District.

City and County of New York, ss.:

of No. 99 Washington Street, aged 27 years, occupation grocer being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No. aforesaid Street, First Ward in the City and County aforesaid the said being a store for the deposit and sale of groceries and which was occupied by deponent as a such and in which there was at the time no human being, where

were **BURGLARIOUSLY** entered by means of forcibly breaking a window leading from the street into said premises with intent to commit a larceny therein

on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 1887 in the Night time, and the following attempted to be property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

a quantity of teas, coffees, sugars, cigars and other merchandise collectively of the value of "One hundred dollars" and more

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

John Dovers now present - for the reasons following, to wit: That about ten O'clock P.M. on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant deponent locked and fastened the doors and windows of said store and on the morning following deponent discovered that the aforesaid window which had been previously fastened as aforesaid had been broken, and deponent is now informed by Officer Patrick Brady 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct that he found the defendant in the store about the hour of 12:45 O'clock A.M. on said night & deponent believes the same to be true - Christopher Siems.

*deponent to depose me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 1887 before me at the Office of the Police*

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Patrick Brady

aged 26 years, occupation Police Officer of No.

2nd - Greenwich Police Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Christopher Diems

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

Sworn to before me, this 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of Sept 1888

Patrick Brady

[Signature]  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

188

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

*John Powers* 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. *John Powers*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *19 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

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

Answer. *21 Albany Street 6 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Silver Plater*

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 Powers.*

Taken before me this

day of *July* 188*8*

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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 *Twenty* 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<sup>th</sup>* 188 \_\_\_\_\_ *Henry Murray* 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-- 15<sup>th</sup> 1509 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Christopher Sims*  
*908 Washington*  
*John Powers*

*Offence*  
*Drury*

BAILED,

No. 1, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 2, by .....

Residence ..... Street,

No. 3, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 4, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

2 .....  
3 .....  
4 .....

Dated *Sept 16<sup>th</sup>* 188  
*Hunway* Magistrate.

*Patrick Brady* Officer.  
*2<sup>nd</sup>* Precinct.

Witnesses *Call to Officer*

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

\$ *2000* - to answer *[Signature]*



*(Oms)*

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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 Powers*

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

*John Powers*

of the CRIME OF BURGLARY IN THE THIRD DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *John Powers*,

late of the *First* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *sixteenth* day of *September*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, a certain building there situate, to wit: the *store* of one

*Christopher Davis.*

feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, with intent to commit some crime therein, to wit: with intent, the goods, chattels and personal property of the said

*Christopher Davis.*

in the said *store* then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

*Frederick A. ...*

District Attorney.