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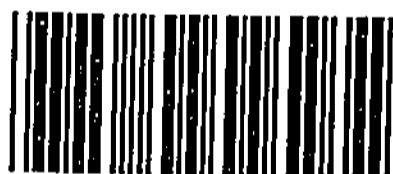
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Taylor, Robert

**DATE:**

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Washington, D. C. Jan 6/92

Off Alan today  
20th March

*Robert Taylor*

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

*District Attorney.*

# A True Bill

Chas. D. Fitch

Del. 18, 1891 Foreman.

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State Reformatory.

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The People

Robert Taylor

October 21, 1889

ind.

Court of General Sessions. Part 2  
Before Judge Gildersleeve,  
Indictment for burglary.

Washington H. Taylor, sworn and examined.  
I live at 202 West Thirty first street; that is in the 20th ward; it is a five story flat house; there are eight families living in it beside myself. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of August last I remember retiring in that house, I remember locking the door. I had at the time I retired a watch and chain in my possession valued at about eighty dollars. I retired between ten and eleven o'clock. I was awake about 3.30 a.m. by an officer on post. I found that I had lost the watch and chain which I left in my vest pocket before retiring to bed. I next saw the watch and chain in the officer's possession on the following morning. I believe it was at the Jefferson Market Court. Cross examined. I live on the first floor; there are only two means of egress from that flat house. I generally get home about ten o'clock. I did not come in the front hall door; there is a back door that leads to the flat; the front hall door is locked every night by the janitor. I did not lock the front

door of that house that night. I entered my flat from the back hall door. I locked the door after me on the inside. There is a front hall door leading to the flat; that door was locked. That night I slept in the next room to that myself. Before I retired I looked at that door specially. I am satisfied you may think you go every night and look at it. I want you to come down to this night, you came home that night at ten o'clock, that is the night we are charged with entering your place, that is the only night we have got to answer for, tell me whether on that night you tried that door? I am positive on that night I tried my front parlor door before retiring.

Allen Bay, sworn and examined, testified. I am an officer attached to the 20th precinct, and on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August my beat was from thirty first st. from Seventh to Tenth Avenues both sides of the street. What time did you have on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, what time did you go on? The last tour from twelve o'clock at night till six in the

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morning. I saw the defendant on that night on my beat coming out of the door of the flat No 202 West Thirty first st. about half past three o'clock in the morning. I was on the opposite side of the street. I saw him coming out and he walked up to 200 West 31<sup>st</sup> St. and pulled something out of his pocket. I did not know what it was, and he kept on and got up to Seventh Avenue, and I started to go after him. I went up to him and asked him what he was doing? He says, "Looking at the time." I says, "That aint what I asked you? what are you doing coming out of that flat?" He says, "I worked for a woman there." I says, "It will do no harm for you and I to come back; This aint no harm for you in the morning to be coming out." He said, "All right. if you are willing. I will go back." I walked back. I said, "Where do you live and where do you work?" He said, "I work on the top floor of the flat. (pointing to the top on the west side of the flat) Who do you work for?" He said for a woman named Mrs. I says, "This is a funny hour to be

Simmons

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coming out of the house this morning" he says, "She is a fast woman, her husband is only after coming home about an hour ago." I said, "There is no harm for you and I to go up there and wake Mr. Simmons up. I took him inside the vestibule door to look for the name of Simmons. I found no name there. I told him to ring the top floor bell. I opened the inner door took hold of him and went up stairs. I took him by the sleeve. On the first floor there was a light. I took him up five stories, and when we got to the top floor, he says, "I work on that flat there." I says, "Hold on, we will have a little light on the subject." There was no light on the upper stories. I put my hand in my pocket and got a match to light it when the defendant ran down the stairs. I pursued him down 30<sup>th</sup> st. firing shots in the air to Eighth Avenue and 30<sup>th</sup> st. and caught him. I searched him but found no watch on him; the next morning a watch was taken to the station house which was identified by the complainant.



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George Herdfelder, sworn for the defence testified. I am a builder and know the defendant since last July, he is the janitor of the house he lives in. I know he has a wife. I don't know of his ever being in trouble before. His house is 140 West 27<sup>th</sup> St. which he has been living in since May. Colored folks live in the house.

Frederick Borgwardt sworn. I am a shoe maker and live at 135 West 27<sup>th</sup> St. I know the defendant, he lived across the street from me. I never heard anything against him. The jury rendered a verdict of grand larceny in the first degree.

Janitor. I did not check the front

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Testimony in case  
of

Robert Taylor

filed Sept.  
1899.

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Police Court—2<sup>nd</sup> District.City and County } ss.:  
of New York,of No. 202 West 31<sup>st</sup> Washington T. Taylor Street, aged 47 years,  
occupation Keep a dining room being duly sworndeposes and says; that the premises No. 202 West 31<sup>st</sup> Street, 20 Ward  
in the City and County aforesaid the said being a five story brick buildingand which was occupied by deponent as a dwelling  
and in which there was, at the time a human being, by name Margaret Gallagher  
Nathan C. Caven and deponent Taylor  
were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly opening the  
door leading into deponent's apartments from the  
hallway on the inside of said door and also  
opening the front door leading into the hallway  
from the inside of said floor to the outside premises  
on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1888 in the light time, and the  
following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:One gold double case watch and gold  
chain together of the value of Eighty  
Dollars

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 taken, stolen and carried away byRobert Taylor  
Thowkey  
for the reasons following, to wit: deponent saw the doors in  
said premises securely locked at about  
the hour of ten o'clock P.M. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of August and at about the hour of three  
o'clock and thirty minutes A.M. on the 31<sup>st</sup>  
day of August deponent was aroused by  
Officer Allan Kay of the 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police  
and informed by said Officer that the  
discovered said premises had been burglarized

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And that the said Officer saw the defendant in the act of leaving said premises from the front hall door and said Officer brought the defendant to deponent and deponent discovered said watch and chain had been stolen from the vest pocket of deponent vest hanging up in deponent's apartment. Deponent is further informed by said Officer that a citizen found said watch on west 31<sup>st</sup> Street in front of No 256 West 31<sup>st</sup> Street which is here shown in Court and identified by deponent as the property taken stolen and carried away from deponent's vest.

Sworn to before me this

31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1889

John H. G. aytr

Police Justice

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_ guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Hundred Dollars \_\_\_\_\_ and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

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

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

Police Court,	District,
THE PEOPLE, &c., on the complaint of	
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Offence—BURGLARY.	
Dated	188
Magistrate.	
Officer.	
Clerk.	
Witnesses.	
No.	Street.
No.	Street.
No.	Street.
to answer General Sessions.	

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 26 years, occupation

Allan H. King  
Police Officer

of No

In 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police

Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

Washington Taylor

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

Sworn to before me, this

31

day of

Aug

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Allan H. King

James P. [Signature]

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

2 District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Robert Taylor*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *20 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Kentucky*

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

Answer. *140 West 27 St 3 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Race Horse Man*

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*  
*Robert Taylor*

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice.

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

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

Dated *Aug 31 1889* *John H. Bond* 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 h to be discharged.

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

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Police Court--- 2-1301 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Washington Taylor  
Robert Taylor

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Officer  
C. J. Taylor

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street.

Dated Aug 31 1889

John Magistrate.

Allan Kay Officer.

20 Precinct.

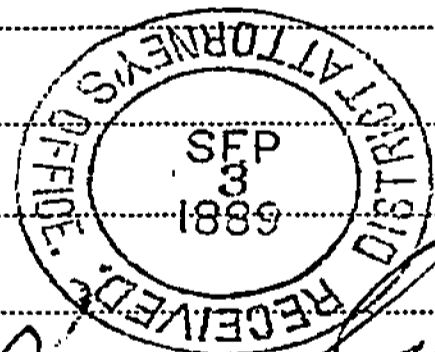
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No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ 15.00 to answer



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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*

*Robert Taylor*

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

*Robert Taylor*  
of the CRIME OF BURGLARY IN THE ~~second~~ DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Robert Taylor*,

late of the *Seventh* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York  
aforesaid, on the *twenty first* day of *August*, in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, with force and arms, about the  
hour of *three* o'clock in the *night* time of the same day, at the Ward,  
City and County aforesaid, the dwelling house of one

*Washington M. Taylor*.

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, there being then and there  
some human being, to wit: *the said Washington M. Taylor*,

within the said dwelling house, with intent to commit some crime therein, to wit: the goods  
chattels and personal property of the said *Washington M. Taylor*,

in the said dwelling house then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to  
steal, take and carry away;

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

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SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment further accuse the said

Robert T. Sanford  
of the CRIME OF ~~Grand~~ LARCENY in the first degree, committed as follows:

The said Robert T. Sanford,

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

one watch of the value of fifty  
dollars, and one chain of the  
value of thirty dollars,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Washington W. Sanford,

in the dwelling house of the said Washington W. Sanford,

there situate, then and there being found, from the dwelling house aforesaid, 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.

James W. Sullivan  
District Attorney

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Trainer, William

**DATE:**

09/11/89



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Witnesses:

*Georgy Webb*

Counsel,

Filed

day of

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Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*William Trainor*

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

*W. J. Webb*  
**A True Bill.**

*Aug 19/89*  
*Chas. B. Webb*

Foreman.

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Police Court—First District.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, { ss.

of No.

Goetz Loeb  
69 Broadway Street,

on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August

in the year 1889 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by

William Trainor (now here) who  
did feloniously point aim and discharge  
a pistol loaded with powder and leaden  
balls at deponent one of said balls striking  
and passed through on the left shoulder  
of the shirt then and worn by deponent  
said assault was committed

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, <sup>and</sup> to do him grievous bodily harm; and without  
any justification on the part of the said assailant :

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be ~~apprehended and~~ bound to answer  
for the above assault, etc., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this

of

14 day  
August 1889

Goetz Loeb  
POLICE JUSTICE.

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Sec. 198, 200.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

1881 District Police Court.

*William Trainor* being duly examined before the under-  
signed according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is h right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against h *me*; that the statement is designed to  
enable h *me* if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h *me*  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that h *no* waiver cannot be used  
against h *me* on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *William Trainor*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *23 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *United States*

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

Answer. *155 East 33<sup>d</sup> Street Queens*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Salesman*

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*  
*Wm Trainor*

Taken before me this

day of August 1881

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 *fifty* 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 *15<sup>th</sup> Aug* 188*9* *C. S. Hagan* 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 h to be discharged.

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

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BAILED,

No. 1, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 2, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 3, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 4, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

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Police Court---First District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Geety Loeb  
69 Bway  
William Trainor

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Offence  
Felony  
Assault

Dated 14 August 1889  
Edward Hogan Magistrate.  
William Moody Officer.  
2 Precinct.

Witnesses .....

No. .... Street.

No. ....

No. .... Street.

\$ 5000. to answer G. S.  
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Ed. Aug. 15- 2 P.M.

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**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*William Trainor*

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

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

The said

*William Trainor*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*thirteenth* day of *August*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, with force and arms, at the City and County  
aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Goetz Loeb*  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and  
to, at and against *him* the said *Goetz Loeb*  
a certain pistol then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden  
bullet, which the said *William Trainor*  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and  
dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously did then and there shoot off and discharge,  
with intent *him* the said *Goetz Loeb*  
thereby then and there feloniously and wilfully to kill, against the form of the statute in  
such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York  
and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT—

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

*William Trainor*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

*William Trainor*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year  
aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the body of  
the said *Goetz Loeb* in the peace of  
the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make  
another assault, and to, at and against *him* the said  
*Goetz Loeb*  
a certain pistol, then and there charged and loaded with gunpowder and one leaden bullet,  
which the said *William Trainor*  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a weapon and  
an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there feloniously did  
wilfully and wrongfully shoot off and discharge, 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.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.