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THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
Richard  
Robert O. Wade  
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Grand Larceny, 2nd degree  
(MISAPPROPRIATION)  
(Sections 628 and 581 of the Penal Code)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*William Van Pelt*

Foreman.

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STENOGRAPHER'S MINUTES.

Third District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c., IN COMPLAINT OF

Cosias Keller  
Robt A. Wade  
Grand  
Larceny.

BEFORE HON.

J. G. Duffy  
POLICE JUSTICE,

Sept 23 1897

APPEARANCES:

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For the Defense

Counselor At-Large  
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Grand District Police  
Court  
Hon. J. M. Dep. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Residing Justice.

Osias Geller }  
Robt A. Hadd } Grand Jurors

Complainant being fully  
worn repose and  
days.

Q. What is your  
name?

A. Osias Geller

Q. Where do you live?  
A. No 153 East

Q. Broadway  
A. Are you the  
owner of real estate?

A. Yes Sir, No 153  
East Broadway.



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Q. Were you the owner  
of that Real Estate on  
the 12th of Feb 1890?

A. Yes Sir.  
Q. Where was it situated?  
No 133 East  
Broadway and No 44  
Hawthorn St.

Q. Do you  
know the Defendant  
A. I guessed so, for  
I sit or light mortgages

Q. You knew him on  
the 12th of Feb 1890?

A. Yes Sir.  
Q. He was your Lawyer?  
A. He was my  
Lawyer

Q. In that way  
you got acquainted  
with him?

A. Yes Sir,  
Q. How you the

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Q. Note annexed to the  
 Ben plan ~~is~~ is that  
 your signature?

A. Yes, Sir,  
 (Note marked E/A)

Q. State how and  
 under what circum-  
 stances you gave  
 that Note to the  
 Defendant Gads?  
 And what took  
 place between you?

A. I said to my  
 son please maybe  
 you may someone  
 will cash my Note  
 for \$500, I want  
 the money to pay the  
 interest on the Mortgage,  
 and my son said  
 come down with  
 me, I will show  
 you a man, and

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He brought me to Mr Wade (Defendant) & said to Mr Wade, please account and change the Note for me & must pay my interest, and he said with the greatest pleasure I will cash it for you, he said give me your Note and sign your name & gave him the Note payable to himself.

Q. After you gave him that Note, what did he say?

A. He said it was in good

Q. Did you give him this Note after that, and who made

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that Note?

Q. He made it.  
Q. What did he say  
about that?

A. He said  
that I make the Note  
myself and you will  
sign it, and then I  
signed that Note.

Q. Did he promise  
to give you the money  
on that Note?

A. He told me  
I will give you the  
Note or the money  
tomorrow.

Q. That do  
you mean by  
that that the day  
after the 12th he would  
give you the money  
or the Note?

A. Yes sir.

Q Did you see him  
 the day afterwards?  
 A Yes Sir, he said  
 my friend has gone  
 away & will give  
 you the Note after a  
 few days.

Q. How many  
 times did you see  
 him after, to get your  
 Note?

A. Twenty times I  
 was there, he said  
 do not be afraid,  
 the Note is lost.

Q. Did you hear  
 afterwards that it  
 was not lost?

A. I paid for  
 that Note, he got  
 the money of it,  
 then did he get  
 it from?

(b)



Q. 2. Mr. Frank. Here you present?

A. If I were here I would take the vote, Counsellor Hughes, I move to strike that out.

Q. When you found this vote had been cashed by Mr. Wade, did you see him, and what did he say to you?

A. Yes Sir, he said I will give you the money, I got the money and will pay you, he said, I got the money (Wade got it) from Mr. Frank. I never received a cent on that vote.

Cross Examination

Q. What is the value of the property you say you own?

A. I have not any. I sold everything when the Note was made. I had property in East Broadway and 42 1/2 Stanton Street. I sold the property for \$36,000 in Stanton Street and for \$26,000 in East Broadway.

Q. How much Mortgage was there on your property?

A. \$23,000 on one and \$17,500 on the other.

Q. Was there any other Mortgage on it?

A. No.

Q. When did you first



Q. What is the name of

meet the Defendant,  
Wade?

A. The time, I do  
Q. not remember that  
You first met the  
Wade (Defendant) in  
connection with a  
transaction your  
son had about a  
horse?

A. Yes Sir.  
Q. That was for your  
son?

A. Yes Sir, I  
paid him \$10. for  
that.

Q. What was the  
second transaction  
you had with the  
Defendant, Wade,

A. He promised  
he would settle about  
the horse.

Q. What was the business  
for your son? What

about the suit  
against the Benjamin  
Society?

A. I did not  
want to have him for  
a Lawyer, I gave  
him half up half  
for that case.

Q. Did you instruct  
the Defendant to  
commence a suit  
against the Benjamin  
Society?

A. Yes Sir,  
Q. That suit is still  
pending?

A. Yes Sir,  
Q. Did you not  
instruct Mr Wade  
(Defendant, to enter  
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These gentlemen in  
Mr. Stader's Office? (Mr.  
Biger and Mr. McHenry)  
Q. I saw these two  
D. (2) gentlemen.

Before  
that Note was signed,  
how many times in  
all, were you in Mr.  
Stader's Office?  
A. Once, no  
more.

Q. At the time  
that Note was signed,  
how long had  
the interest on the  
Mortgage been due  
for which you wanted  
the money?

A. About a  
month and a half,  
it might be two  
months.



*Handwritten text on a separate sheet of paper, partially visible at the top of the page.*

Q Had you ever before made an effort to get your Note Dis-counted, to get money for it?

A. No, I went to Mr. Wade first

Q How much was the interest money due, I have figured \$500,

A. Dollars,

Q Was the interest money due on both, or one Mortgage?

A. On the East Broadway House \$14,500 at 8 1/2 per Cent.

Q Did you give Mr. Campbell written Authority to appear in any action for

nothing can be done to  
 except for an emergency

Q. You had nothing  
 to do with Mr Campbell  
 Q. Do you mean that  
 Mr Campbell did  
 appear for you in  
 an action?

Q. No.  
 Q. Did you know,  
 your present attorney,  
 Mr Altmyer, written  
 authority to substitute  
 Mr Campbell?

Q. Yes Sir,  
 You did give such  
 authority?

Q. Yes Sir,  
 If Mr Campbell  
 had not appeared  
 for you, why did  
 you give away such  
 power?

Q I never had Mr Campbell as my lawyer,  
 Objected to by Mr Attyner -

Q. If you had never employed Mr Campbell, or authorized him to appear in that action, on the Note, why did you find it necessary to give to your present Attorney a paper requesting him to appear in place of Mr Campbell  
 Objected to by Beane & Attyner

Q Mr Campbell was the partner of Mr

Q. Name, The only reason  
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Then, why you did not want Mr Campbell to remain your counsel, was because you thought he was a partner of Mr Wade.

Yes Sir, Mr Campbell, before that had been authorized to appear for you.

Mr Wade and Mr Campbell said they would do all they could for me, if I left the case with them.

When under what circumstances you meet Mr Attorney?

He comes into an

I saw him before we this 17th day Oct 1890  
 Mr. Justice

J. Kelly

since mangle and  
 came near to blow  
 the expressions "a lot of  
 thieves"; You are a  
 son of a B" K. The  
 Judge threatened to  
 commit Counsel;  
 case adjourned to  
 Sept 25 - 2:00 P.M.

September 25<sup>th</sup> 1899  
 Examination resumed  
 and continued.

Herman Frank, being  
 duly sworn, deposes  
 and says, I am  
 an Attorney and  
 Councillor and  
 Attorney at Law in  
 New York City for  
 12 years. I am

James M. Smith

Q. At 29 Broadway  
do you know the  
Resident?

Do You Know The  
Redundant?

*Melchior*

Q. A. Did he bring that note for you?

Will he bring  
note for you?

Q. 4. Did you give him the money?

Did you  
the money?

Q. How much  
can the new

You can't  
I can't see the new

Q. Now, you say that  
- both of the \$100  
in cash and check,  
the check was

Worthwood & \$1000  
in cash and check,  
the check was

Q. And which was  
handed over to Mr.  
Thode personally?

handed over to Mr  
Grove personally &  
Mr. D. B. B.

Give him my  
check for \$450.00

I have given my  
 check for \$430.00

Q. Give me some of the  
Notes less the interest.  
Did you have

gave me the grace of the  
Noteless the interest  
And you hand

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it to him?

Q Did he give you  
that Note?

A Yes Sir, it  
was given to Mr. Simon  
who paid the money.  
I did not know the  
complainant, after  
I saw him, &  
arranged payment.

Q That was all right?  
Objected to by Examination

Q Do you know the  
signature of Mr. Wade?

A Yes Sir,  
I know the writing  
of that Note.

Q And I do not  
think that is in his  
hand writing.



Q. If I told you the complainant said it was in his hand writing, what would you say?

A. I would say it is not true.

Q. Are you clear about having given a check for \$450?

A. Somewhere in that neighborhood.

Q. Did you look in the style of your check book?

A. I did.  
Q. Does that not say \$450? On present of fact did you not give him \$450?

A. No, about \$400, part cash and part

Q. Check, What period  
did that cover?

A. A few days  
after the date of the  
Note, I gave the  
cash a day or two  
before that.

Q. You knew  
an action had been  
brought against  
Yeller and Wade on  
that Note?

A. Not when  
he called on me.

Q. What did you  
send to Yeller for?

A. To pay the Note,  
he told me that  
Mr. Wade promised  
to raise the money  
and pay the interest  
on the Mortgage.

Wade and Yeller (2/1)

Q. Did you send Mr  
Geller to Mr. Atmeyer  
Attorney?

A. Yes Sir.  
Q. Did you send Mr  
Geller?

A. Yes Sir,  
Q. Did you anything  
to do with that

A. I brought  
Q. Suit for Mr. Simon  
you got a  
notice of appearance  
from Mr. Campbell  
for Mr. Geller?

A. Yes Sir,  
Q. Did you serve Mr  
Kade?

A. I did not.  
Q. Did you bring suit  
against Geller or Kade?

A. I may be  
was not worth a cent  
Kade or Geller.



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Q. I brought a civil action against them. You served the master and in person of the boat?

Q. A. Yes Sir. The next time you had anything to do with them, you went as a witness against Wade, who was not served with notice?

A. It is not

Q. So, you knew subjection was made by Mr Campbell in behalf of Mr Geller?

A. I received notice of it.

Q. You are a friend of Mr Attorney?

A. Yes Sir, our offices are in the same (23

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Q. Building. Did Mr. Geller  
pay you five hundred  
dollars on that note?

A. His Attorney did  
in a Certified check

Q. When did he pay you?

A. About three or  
four weeks ago

Q. After the institution  
of this suit?

A. Yes Sir,

Q. Are you familiar  
with the fact that  
Judgment was taken  
against Mr. Geller by  
default?

A. Yes Sir,  
Judgment was  
entered up?

A. Yes Sir, and  
it has been ~~at~~  
satisfied of record

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Joseph Keller, being  
fully sworn deposes  
and says:

Q. Are you the  
son of the Communist

A. Yes Sir,

Q. Do you know the  
Defendant Wade?

A. Yes Sir, I know  
him since I met  
down about seven or  
eight months ago

Q. Did you ever see  
this Note?

A. I saw a  
Note my father gave  
to Wade.

Q. Tell what  
conversation took  
place when that  
Note was given to  
him?

A. I saw the

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Q. Note pass Tell what  
was said?

A. I went to  
Mr Wade I want to  
explain — I had  
some conversation  
about a horse with  
Mr Wade every day. My  
father was short of  
money — I said let  
us go to Mr Wade.

Q. Tell  
us what Mr Wade said  
when you were there  
with your father?

A. I said can  
you change a note  
for father for \$500,  
Wade said he could,  
with pleasure, my  
father gave him money  
it cost, and father  
signed it; Wade said

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 come tomorrow - and  
 I will give you the  
 money or the note;  
 and when I next here  
 he said, my friend  
 went to Albany, when  
 he comes back I will  
 give you the money;  
 weeks went by - then  
 he told me the Note  
 was lost, it got lost -  
 that is all I knew

Q. Did you learn  
 that Mr Wade had had  
 the Note cashed?

A. Yes Sir,  
 Q. Where the Note came  
 from with whom did  
 you find it?

A. Mr Simon  
 Cross Gammon

Q. The first time you



ment now, is this the  
Note your father gave  
to Mr Wade?

A.

Yes Sir, that  
is my father's signature  
that is the Note my  
father gave to Wade.

Q.

You said that all  
of the Note but the  
signature was written  
by Mr Wade?

A.

Q.

Yes Sir,  
You say that after  
he told you, you  
could have the  
money the next day,  
when you went there  
he said this man  
(by whom he was to have  
the Note discounted was  
in Albany) and that  
the Note was lost?

Q.

You mean

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Has Mr Wade wrote  
all of the Note but  
the Signature?

A. Q Yes Sir.  
Mr Frank Emery that  
it is not Mr Wade  
hand writing

Q. Are you still  
sure as to whether the  
body of the note is  
in his handwriting  
of Mr Wade?

A. I know  
Wade made it out  
and my father signed  
it, I do not know  
whether he wrote that  
Note, but he wrote  
that Note (the annexed  
one)

Q. Can you tell  
exactly just what  
was said when that

Q 9



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Q. Note passed?  
A. I cannot

Q. tell Why was Robt A Wade name put in there if your father was to get the money?

Q. My father went there to get the money

Q. Why did not your father make it to his own order?

Q. My father did not know it was made to Wade order till it came due, I can (in German) write

Q. Your father did not know that it was to the order of Wade?

Q. Yes,  
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Q. Who wrote the body of the Note?

A. Mr Wade  
Q. Did you see the Note before your father signed it, or after he signed it?

A. No Sir  
Q. On any other day?

A. No Sir  
Q. You had your father sign it without his knowing what he was signing?

A. Yes Sir,  
Q. Did you not pay any attention — or give it any thought that your father ought not sign a paper, the contents of which you do not or he did not know?

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Q I could not read it.

Q. You did not think it was necessary for your father to know the contents of a paper he was signing? It

was, necessary for me to know it, but I forgot it, I did not look at it.

Q. After the note was given did Mr Wade return this paper, did you ever see it before?

Q. Yes Sir, Mr Wade gave it to me. Counselman I offer this in evidence (Q A) of this date I got that from Wade Mar 29

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Councilor Atmyer. I offer this to contradict the statement that this Note, was given for professional services

Q. Did your father ever get any money from Mr Wade on that Note?

A. He never got a cent.

Q. Is that Mr Wade's hand writing?

A. Q. Yes Sir, Do you mean to say that these two are the same hand writing?

A. I mean it is.

Q. Do you know do you not think it is Wade's hand writing

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I H

A He wrote that quick  
in front of me, I  
can give write out  
that Note - that is  
the Note, - it must be  
his hand writing, who

Q. was there when you  
saw him make that  
Note out - my father  
and Wade - his Clerk  
was sitting at a table

Spoke before me } Joseph Keller  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept 1890 }

Police Justice

Adjournd to Sept 29

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I  
 Q. Cross Examination.  
 Mr. Geller you said  
 that when you went  
 to Mr. Wade, you want-  
 ed to get some money  
 on this note for the  
 purpose of paying the  
 interest by a mortgage

A. Yes Sir,  
 Q. And that this mort-  
 -gage interest was  
 due two months

A. Yes, I

Q. Did not say that  
 Did you tell Mr  
 Wade how much the  
 interest was?

A. No Sir,  
 Q. You did say any-  
 thing about five (\$500)  
 hundred dollars

A. I told Mr  
 Wade I required five  
 hundred dollars?

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A. I told Mr. Wade I required \$500, and I told him of the Mortgage came due and I would know what I would have to pay and do.

Q. On what property was that Mortgage

A. There was one due on 40 Stanton St. and another on No 153 East Broadway

Q. Was the interest on both these houses or Mortgages due on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb?

A. One was due on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> on No 40

Q. Stanton. Did Gen.

By

not testify that  
the reason you  
wanted the money  
to pay interest on a  
Mortgage when you  
gave the Note?

Q. Yes Sir,  
I understand you  
want to state that  
there was no interest  
due when you gave  
the Note, when did  
any Mortgage become  
due after the Feb 12?

A. I do not  
know. I did have  
another Mortgage 2  
months after that.

Q. How much interest  
was due 2 months  
after?

A. I do not rem-  
ember

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Q. What was the amount of the Mortgage?

A. \$14,500 on

Q. East Broadway What was the interest on that?

A. 5 per cent  
Q. Did you mean the time before that it was 6 per cent?

A. Yes Sir,  
Q. So when you took this Note to Mr. Wade, and gave it to him as you say, there was no Mortgage interest on anything you owned?

Q. What did you want the Note executed for?  
A. I said please

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*M. J. Treacy*  
Official Stenographer.

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to me the favor and  
cash me the note, I  
had to, pay interest,  
I asked him to lend  
me the money and  
I would compensate  
him.

Q. Did you see  
have interest to pay  
on the Mortgages?

A. Yes Sir,  
What was the rate  
per cent?

A. The first  
Mortgage \$14,500. And  
the second \$3,000, the  
first at 5 per cent  
the second at 6 per  
cent.

Q. How much in  
all, the whole?

A. \$14,500 on the  
two houses

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H.D.

Q. When did the Mortgage interest fall due on the Second Mortgage?

A. I cannot tell

Q. That you have sold this property?

A. Yes Sir,

Q. When?

A. About 2 or 3 months

Q. Ago?

A. Yes Sir, I sold both together to Valentine

Q. Did you pay interest on either of these houses after Feb 12<sup>th</sup> up to the time you sold?

A. I did pay interest on Sawyer St

Q. To whom?

A. I do not remember

H.D.

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Q. How much?

A. I paid \$600  
less \$15;

Sporn & before me }  
this ~~20~~<sup>7th</sup> day of Sept 1891 } Sully  
Police Justice

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James A. Munkens, <sup>25</sup> years of age, a <sup>black</sup> ~~Lat~~,  
 Residence No 401 East  
 61 St, being duly  
 sworn deposes and  
 says

Q. You heard the  
 testimony in this  
 case

A. I did.

Q. You know the com-  
 -plainant and his  
 son?

A. Yes Sir,  
 Q. Were you present when  
 the note in question,  
 dated 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb and  
 signed O. Geller,  
 was given?

A. I was,  
 Q. Did you hear the  
 conversation between  
 them?

A.

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Q. I did.  
 Q. Did Mr Wade fill in the body of this Note, except the signature?

A. He did <sup>not</sup> fill out the body of that Note.

Q. Was this Note given or tendered to Mr Wade already made out exclusive of the signature?

A. Q. Yes Sir,  
 Q. Was it filled in as to everything exclusive of the signature in the office?

A. I did not see it filled in.  
 Q. Look at the handwriting and say is it Mr Wade's?

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A. No Sir, I am familiar  
Q. with his hand writing  
is it in the hand  
writing of any one  
connected with that  
Office?

A. No Sir  
Q. State the conversation  
that took place?

A. I think Mr Dizer  
was there - I was  
there and Mr Wade  
asked Mr Geller for  
Opium money and Mr  
Geller said how much  
do you want and  
Wade said I want  
a couple hundred  
dollars and Mr Geller  
said, I cannot let  
you have that now,  
I am short, Mr Wade  
said can you not

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Let me have your Note, then Mr Geller thought for a while and said I can do that and they agreed on that. Geller said he would be down the next day, and he came down the next day and brought the Note as it is there. That is the Note attached to the paper.

Q. What happened the next morning. Who were present the day before the Note was given?

A. Mr Wade, Geller and myself. I think Riger too.

Q. Was the young Geller there?

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Q. Go on, before leaving on the afternoon when the arrangement was made about giving the Note.

Q. Did you hear any conversation between Wade <sup>and</sup> Geller as to the amount of the Note; or that it should be?

A. I did not. The Note was brought to the Office the next day Mr. Geller brought it, and said, I give you the Note, I hope you will protect me and not let the Note come back on me, and Wade said he would do that.

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Q. Is that all you heard?

A. Yes Sir.  
Q. Had Mr. Green been there before that time?

A. Yes Sir, and his son.

Q. It was within your knowledge that Mr. Green and his son, had business in Mr. Wade's hands?

A. Yes Sir,  
Q. I then gave a receipt of March 29/90. Do you remember when that was passed?

A. I do.  
Q. When did Mr. Wade give that?

Q. Mr. Green's son.  
Who were present then

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A I was, Mr Wade and Mr Geller the young man.

Q. What conversation was there when the Note passed?

A. Mr Wade had given him Geller the receipt before for the Note, and brought it back and said, the people would think that Mr Geller had received the money on the Note, and wanted a receipt showing that he did not get the money on that Note — then he gave him a receipt, that is all I can remember.

Cross Examination

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Q. You are a clerk in Mr Wade's office?

A. Yes Sir,  
Q. Was Mr. Geller present when the Note passed - the Young Geller?

A. No Sir  
Q. You were a clerk there then?

A. Yes Sir, I am there now  
Q. Did Mr. Wade

have a private Office?  
A. Yes Sir, at No 377 Broadway.

Q. Where were you located in the office - how many rooms in it?

A. He only had one room, there were two (2), he had only one. There were two (2).

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Q. Were you there every time Geller called?

A. Mostly everyday

Q. For what did he give Wade that Note?

A. I cannot say for what purpose except for services

Q. Did you hear anything David about paying interest on Mortgages?

No Sir,

Q. Did you know Mr Geller had to pay interest on Mortgages?

No Sir,

It was given because he had had a great amount of legal work for him, he did not owe Wade \$500-6

I cannot tell

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This is a copy of the original  
 document of the  
 Justice of the Peace

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James H. Digger,  
 being duly sworn  
 deposes and says,  
 I am an Attorney and  
 counselor at Law, I  
 am 34 years of age, I  
 will state all I know  
 about the case, I had  
 the same Office with  
 Mr Wade at the time  
 the Note was given, I  
 was not there when  
 the Note passed. I  
 heard no conversation  
 but after (within a  
 week) Mr Geller came  
 in as he had often  
 before; he had a con-  
 versation with me,  
 after the Note was  
 given, and he spoke  
 favorably of Mr Wade  
 personally and profes-  
 sionally.

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Q. (Cross Q.) Are you now practicing as a Lawyer?

A. Yes Sir,  
Q. Did you hear anything about interest being due?

A. No Sir, I do not know what the Note was for, only so far as Mr. Geller said. He accommodated Mr. Wade with his paper.

Sworn to before me  
this 25 day of Sept 1890

Police Justice

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Patience G. Campbell,  
age 34, Lawyer at  
25 Chambers St.  
being duly sworn  
deposes and says

Q. Were you ever  
a partner of Mr Wade?

A. Never  
Q. What do you know  
about this Note for  
five hundred dollars

A. I will state  
it in my own way,  
a day or two before I  
was retained by Mr  
Geller, he came to the  
Office to see Mr Wade  
very much excited and  
said he had loaned  
Mr Wade his Note and  
Wade promised to  
protect him (Geller),  
Wade was not in

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and I asked him if I could do any thing for him, he said I could not, then he came down the next day and returned me to appear for him, I commenced and gave notice - This was right after the maturity of the Note.

Q. Mr. Geller did retain you?

A. Yes Sir, with a written authorization.

Q. All you know is that that was handed to you by Meinken?

A. Q. Yes Sir, What conversation did you have with Mr. Geller about

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depending the suit on  
this note?

A.

It was  
just as I have  
previously stated, the  
seller said he had  
loaned Wade a note  
and Wade promised  
to protect <sup>and</sup> him, and  
when the note was  
due and Wade was  
not paying it.

Q.

Did  
Mr. Geeser state at  
that time, that Mr.  
Wade had obtained  
that note from him  
for the purpose of  
having it discounted  
it and he Wade was  
to turn the proceeds  
over to seller?

A.

No Sir, he

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seemed quiescent & avoided the payment, but said he loaned the Note to Mr. Wade.

Q. Did he at any time while you were acting as Myself's Attorney, say he had given the Note to Wade to have it discounted?

A. No Sir, Did you appear in that case?

Q. How did the summons read?

A. Singers vs O, Geller and R. A. Wade. Geller was served, I appeared, I did not put in an answer, An Attorney was substituted for me

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Q. Did you have any conversation with him about the substitution?

A. I got a note from Mr. Atmeyer, stating that Mr. Geller desired him Atmeyer, to take his papers.

Q. You were in the same room with Wade?

A. Yes, I had an adjoining office at No. 261 Broadway. There were two rooms, and the Offices or rooms were separate.

Q. Had you seen Mr. Geller (the elder), before the giving of the note?

A. Yes, I had. Had Mr. Wade asked

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Q. You to be counsel for Mr Geller?

A. No, Mr Geller asked me, no one else  
Cross Examination

Q. How did Geller make your acquaintance?

A. I had an adjoining office with Mr Wade and had see young Mr Wade, and there formed the acquaintance of his father

Q. Were you present when the Note was delivered?

A. Q. No, Sir,  
Do you know under what condition it was given to Wade?

A. Q. No, Sir,  
Do you know under

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what conditions the  
Vote for (\$500) was  
given to Mr Wade?

A. From the conver-  
-sation I had with  
Mr Geller, that it was  
given as an accom-  
-modation Vote

Q. Do you know of  
any reason why  
Mr Geller should give  
Mr Wade an accommo-  
-dation Vote for \$500?

A. Yes Sir, I know  
nothing except what  
Mr Geller told me

Q. How long have you  
been occupying the  
same office with Mr  
Wade?

A. I never occup-  
-ied any office with  
him, but an adjoining



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Q. Office three or four months previous to now?

A. Previous to now.  
Q. You mean to say that Mr. Geer went into the Office and retained you to defend ~~him~~ the suit on this Note?

A. Yes Sir,

Q. Did you get a retainer?

A. No Sir,

Q. Is it not a fact that you said you would take care of the Note?

A. Q. Yes Sir,  
Did you state that to me?

A. Q. Yes Sir,  
Did you call at  
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my office to settle the matter?

Q. Yes Sir,  
Why did you want to do that?

A. Mr Geller said he had given Mr Wade a note and Wade was to protect him, I called to serve Mr Geller.

Q. Who got the money on the note?

A. I do not know  
Q. Do you know whether Wade got it or not?

A. Yes Sir,  
Q. Did you put in an answer in the suit against Mr Geller?

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A. I do not think I

Q. did. Do you know whether judgment was entered in that case?

A. I do not. When Mr Geller retained you, he gave you a summons.

A. Yes Sir, I turned over all the papers to Mr Altmeyer.

Q. Yes Sir, you went to Mr Altmeyer's Office to settle, it was because the Note went to protect

A. Simply to protect Mr Geller

Sworn to before me }  
This 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1890 }

Deed Justice

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Statement (not sworn to) of Robert A. Wade, the Defendant. It was around the holidays, I think I was introduced to young Mr. Geller, he had had some difficulty with Mr. Cohen, in regard to the horse, he came to my office and I came here to this Court half a dozen times, in some weeks, I got acquainted then with the father the Complainant. The father came to my office in company with his son, and many times alone, he commenced a running conversation in regard to an

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action he had  
 against a Lodge, He  
 became what you  
 might say friends -  
 I began the Lodge  
 case - it is now  
 pending in Court -  
 he ran along till about  
 the 1st of Feb I needed  
 some money and I  
 asked him for some,  
 he said he was short  
 and had something  
 coming due and  
 did not have any  
 money to spare, I  
 asked him to loan  
 me a couple hundred  
 dollars, we had been  
 talking over business  
 till he knew my  
 business and I knew  
 his business and I

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asked him to lend  
me his Note and he  
said if it would be  
any accommodation  
for me, I said I thought  
it would, he was in  
the Office one after  
noon and I said  
let me have your  
Note for a couple of  
hundred, — then I  
said make it \$500, I  
will take care of it, I  
will see that you  
are not harmed, the  
following morning  
he came and gave  
me the Note, I gave  
him a receipt at  
the time, the day this  
Note is dated and  
he came several  
times, some two weeks

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after that, his Son  
came into the Office  
to the Office and  
said father has acco-  
mmodated you<sup>and</sup>  
when the Note is due  
he may think he has  
all the money, I said  
no, your father did  
not get the money,  
I will give you a  
receipt, he said I  
would like to satisfy  
the old man, I then  
gave him the receipt  
showing that his  
father had never  
received the money,  
I was unable to get it  
discounted in several  
places till I had a  
business transaction  
with Mr Frank, and

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Mr Frank discounted it & oblige me, and he gave me \$450. for it. There were various other things in the consideration, the record of the courts will show between Mr Frank and myself. Mr Sellen came to my office a month or two after that, this matter of Cohen & Sellen was settled for \$30. or \$40. The settlement of this and Mr Levy and other matters, all on file and then what was and was not paid - we then drifted apart and a little of Sellen, he would come to see how the Lodge matter

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was getting on, just  
 as the Note matured,  
 I was out of the City,  
 I was informed Mr  
 Geller had been there  
 in a great state of  
 excitement — then  
 I think I sent for  
 Mr Geller and said  
 I would pay the  
 Note if possible, I saw  
 Mr Frank; then I  
 heard Judgment was  
 taken on the Note,  
 the next I know I  
 was summoned here.

Q. Then you gave the  
 receipt attached here  
 March 29<sup>th</sup>. Did you  
 tell him you got the  
 money for the Note?

A. I am not  
 positive that I did

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Q. Did you tell him  
you got the Note dis-  
counted?

A. Yes Sir,

Q. There was no claim  
made for the Note or  
the money got on  
the Note?

A. Never.  
Q. Is it true that you  
made a statement to  
Yeller that your friend  
was in Saratoga, and  
that "it would be all  
right"

A. For a word of  
truth in that

Q. When you prom-  
ised Mr. Yeller our  
receipt of this Note  
that you would  
protect him, did  
you mean it?

A. Yes Sir, I (#



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made every effort  
in my power to  
protect him. I did  
everything I could  
to give him the money  
Cross Commission.

Q. You say you were  
arrested for disorderly  
conduct?

A. Yes Sir, and  
was discharged, that  
was the only time

Q. I was arrested.  
How many months  
had you been  
acquainted with Mr  
Gelles before you got  
his vote?

A. I do not  
think it was two or

Q. three. Could he read and  
write? (70)

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Q I should say he could, he had signed several affidavits

Q Could he read?

A. I know he can write. I would not consider his signature that of a pen man

Q. Is there any reason you can give why he should give you an accommodation note?

A. There had seemed to be a friendship between us, and he seemed determined to win that Lodge case - one had become what you might call friends in a short time, he was glad to do it.

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Q. Do You know whether he owned any houses or not?

A. From his statement I do,

Q. Outside of his statement do you know that he owned the houses? One in Stanton St. and one in East Broadway?

A. Yes Sir, he told me he had Mortgages on them, I do not remember the amount now, I found out afterward that the amount was not correct.

Q. Did he tell you he was indebted for Mortgage interest about the date of this Note?

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Q. I think, he did say  
he was hard up and  
had to pay interest.  
Q. Did he say, he would  
like to have some  
money?

A. Yes.  
Q. Did you tell Mr  
Hank it was an  
accommodation Note?

A. Yes.  
Q. Did you tell him  
you got the Note for  
defending his son  
in a suit for steal-  
ing a horse?

A. I decline to  
answer that question.  
Q. You mean now  
that this Note was  
given as an accom-  
modation Note?

A. Yes Sir.

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Q. That is as true as all  
You have testified to  
here today.

Q. Was Geller indebted to  
you at the time you  
got the Note?

A. Yes, I got the  
Note and had it  
discounted, I did not  
give Geller a dollar of  
it.

Q. Do you know that  
Mr. Geller was sued on  
it?

A. Of course I  
knew it.

Q. Was there  
judgment recovered  
on this Note?

A. I do not know.

Q. Direct I call you

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Attention to your  
arrest?

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It occurred at  
Boston R. Quils as we  
were coming out of  
the place. I was  
betters, I was at  
once discharged.

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As to  
the indebtedness at  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> How much  
did Heller owe you?

A.

That is a hard  
question to answer. It  
would probably be  
\$50. I was doing  
his work — and talking  
about new suits that  
were being brought.

Shown before me }  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1890 }

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Police Justice

District Police Court.

*C. J. Geeler*

*vs. Wm. A. Wade*

*Grand Jurors.*

STENOGRAPHER'S TRANSCRIPT.

*Sept 29 1889*

BEFORE HON.

*J. R. Lundy*

*J. P. Greacy*

Official Stenographer.

State of New York  
 City & County of New York ss.

Osias

Geller, of No. 153 East Broadway  
 in the City aforesaid, your being duly  
 sworn says that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day  
 of February 1890, he delivered his  
 promissory note for the sum  
 of Five Hundred Dollars,  
 payable within four months  
 after its date unto one Robert  
 A. Wade for the purpose of having  
 the same discounted. Defendant  
 desiring to use the money so  
 obtained as said note for  
 the purpose of paying interest  
 on said mortgages. That said  
 Robert A. Wade stated to  
 defendant that he would have  
 said note discounted, and  
 as soon as he received the  
 money he would hand the  
 same unto defendant, and  
 in case he was unable  
 to obtain the money on  
 defendant's note he would return  
 defendant his said promissory  
 note and be so agreed. That  
 it was on this condition

That defendant delivered his  
 said note unto said Robert  
 A. Ward and not otherwise  
 That after defendant had  
 delivered his said promissory  
 note unto said Ward he  
 waited a considerable length  
 of time and several times  
 demanded said Ward  
 the money for the note defendant  
 gave him or that he return  
 unto defendant his note  
 as he agreed to do. Said Ward  
 always stated to defendant  
 that he had not received  
 the money yet. That the  
 party for whom he expected  
 it had gone out of town and  
 finally he told defendant  
 that his note was lost and  
 that defendant need not  
 worry about it. In the  
 meantime defendant has  
 ascertained that everything  
 that said Ward had stated  
 to defendant concerning defendant's  
 note was false very soon  
 after he received the note

from defendant - said Robert A. Wade had the same discounted and received the money thereon to wit some four hundred and seventy five dollars from Mr. Martin Linnis, and said Robert A. Wade never paid unto defendant the proceeds of said note as he agreed to do but has appropriated the same to his own use and has by such denial cheated and defrauded defendant by retaining the money so obtained on said note.

Wherefore defendant asks that said Robert A. Wade may be apprehended and dealt with according to law.

Subscribed  
Signed before me  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1890.

J. P. Duff  
Police Justice

O. Kelly



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POLICE COURT <sup>قز</sup> DISTRICT.

SUMMONS.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } SS.

The People of the State of New York,

To

*Robert A. Wade*

GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before me at the

DISTRICT POLICE COURT, *69 Essex Street* in the City of New York,  
on *Friday* the *18* day of *July* 1890 at *2* o'clock:  
in the *after* noon of that day, to answer a complaint against you, made by

*Charles Geller*

WITNESS, my hand and seal this *17* day of *July* 1890.

POLICE JUSTICE



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Adjoined by Consent

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1890  
2 p.m.

July 30 - 2

Aug 18 - 2

P.M.

" "

Dr. B. B. B.

Dr. B. B. B.

Adjoined

August 26

at 2 P.M.

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Sec. 192.

District Police Court.

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK,

An information having been laid before \_\_\_\_\_ a Police Justice  
of the City of New York, charging \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant with  
the offence of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and he having been brought before said Justice for an examination of said charge, and it having been made to  
appear to the satisfaction of said Justice that said examination should be adjourned to some other day, and the hear-  
ing thereof having been adjourned,

We, \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant of No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, by occupation a \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ of No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street, by occupation a \_\_\_\_\_ Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake that  
the above named \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant  
shall personally appear before the said Justice, at the \_\_\_\_\_ District Police Court in the City of New York,  
during the said examination, or that we will pay to the People of the State of New York the sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
Hundred Dollars,

Taken and acknowledged before me, this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_

Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Edmund D. Miller*  
Sworn to before me this  
1st day of June 1888  
at New York City  
Police Justice

the within named Bail and Surety being duly sworn, says, that he is a resident and  
holder within the said County and State, and is worth One Hundred Dollars,  
exclusive of property exempt from execution, and over and above the amount of all his debts and  
liabilities, and that his property consists of

Lot of Land in New York City  
worth One Thousand  
Dollars free and  
clear

*Edmund D. Miller*

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Undertaking to appear  
during the Examination.

vs.

Taken the day of 1888

Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

6 District Police Court

*Robert A Wade*

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. *Robert A Wade*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *46 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *United States*

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

Answer. *240 W 32<sup>nd</sup> St*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Lawyer*

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*

*R A Wade*

Taken before me this  
day of *11* 1891



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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 *eight* 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 *November 11* 188*0* *Wm. Duff* Police Justice.

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

Dated *Nov 11th* 188*0* *Wm. Duff* 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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Witnesses for the People

Norman Franko  
291 Broadway  
Joseph Heller 153 East Broadway  
Martin Domin  
185 Broadway  
Selora

BAILED.

No. 1, by John F. Merhman  
Residence 306 W 68<sup>th</sup> Street.

No. 2, by  
Residence Street.

No. 3, by  
Residence Street.

No. 4, by  
Residence Street.

Received from Clerk  
of Court of General  
Sessions the exhibits  
with this case used by the  
people's attorney  
B. Chalksford 1 penny  
note with notice of  
payment on 16 1891.  
They were taken up  
and put in the  
case for the people's  
attorney.

Police Court

District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Deas Heller  
153 East Broadway  
Robert A. Wade

Dated Nov 11 1891

Magistrate

Officer

Witnesses

No. 1

No. 2

No. 3

No. 4

No. 5

No. 6

No. 7

No. 8

No. 9

No. 10

No. 11

No. 12

No. 13

No. 14

No. 15

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*Richard*  
*Robert A. Wade*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse  
— *Robert A. Wade* —

of the CRIME OF *Grand* LARCENY, in the *second* degree, committed  
as follows:

The said *Richard*  
*Robert A. Wade*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
— *fourteenth* — day of — *February*. — in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and *eighty-ninth*, at the City and County aforesaid, being  
then and there the clerk and servant of *agent and bailee of one*

*Oscar Geller*,

*agent and bailee*,  
and as such clerk and servant, then and there having in his possession, custody and control  
certain moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Oscar Geller*, —

the true owner thereof, to wit: *the sum of seventy dollars in money,*  
*lawful money of the United States of America, and*  
*of the value of seventy dollars, and one written*  
*instrument and evidence of debt, to wit: an order for*  
*the payment of money of the kind called bank*  
*cheques, for the payment of and of the value of four*  
*hundred and twenty-five dollars,* —

the said *Richard*  
*Robert A. Wade*, — afterwards, to wit:  
on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,  
did feloniously appropriate the said *goods, chattels and personal*  
*property* —  
to his own use, with intent to deprive and defraud the said *Oscar Geller* —

of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof; and the same moneys, goods, chattels and  
personal property of the said *Oscar Geller*, —

did then and there and thereby feloniously steal, 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.

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Wagner, Joseph H.

**DATE:**

12/02/90



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Witnesses:

*M. J. Wilkey*  
*John H. Hark*

#16 *Cretello*

Counsel, *J. D. D.*  
Filed *1890*  
Pleads, *Kozmally-3*

THE PEOPLE  
*vs. Wm. Williams*  
*226*  
*Wm. Williams*  
*Joseph H. Wagner*  
Robbery,  
[Sections 224 and 228, Penal Code].

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

Part 3 Dec 10 at 9<sup>th</sup> request  
*W.D.*

A True Bill.

*William Van Horn*  
Foreman.

Part III December 22/90  
*indicated*  
Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> deg.

S.P. 10 yrd. *Janet*



Police Court-- 3rd District.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK,

Markeman J. Sibley  
 of No. 42-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue - McVernon, n<sup>y</sup>. ~~90~~ <sup>40</sup> Street, Aged ~~40~~ <sup>40</sup> Years  
 Occupation Builder being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the  
9 day of Nov 1888, at the First Ward of the City of New York,  
 in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, from the person of de-  
 ponent by force and violence, without his consent and against his will, the following property, viz:

Good and lawful money of the United  
 States of the value of Eighty five dollars,  
 A silver watch of the value of Twenty five  
 Dollars, all

app<sup>er</sup> of the value of One hundred & Ten DOLLARS,  
 the property of deponent

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was  
 feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, by force and violence as aforesaid by

Joseph H. Wagner (now here) who acted in con-  
 cert with two men now arrested, for the  
 reasons following, to wit:

Deponent says - at about 1 A.M. of Nov 9<sup>th</sup>  
 deponent was walking along Dover Street when  
 he was suddenly seized at the throat by de-  
 fendant, who held deponent whilst one of  
 said men not arrested, held and beat de-  
 ponent whilst another man not arrested  
 stole said property from deponent as  
 he was thus held powerless by his assailants.

Deponent further says - defendant  
 he was informed by officer Charles Nell

day of

Subscribed to before me, this

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Police Justice



Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

3- District Police Court.

*Joseph H. Wagner* 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.

*Joseph H. Wagner*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*22 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*United States*

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

Answer.

*Corner North 2nd & 6th Sts - Musburgh*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Housesmith*

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.*

*Joseph H. Wagner.*

Taken before me this  
day of

*1777*  
*John J. Smith*  
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 *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 *Nov 17* - 18 *90*..... Police Justice.

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

Dated..... 18..... 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..... 18..... Police Justice.

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Police Court--- 3 --- 1951 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Wakeman J. Sibley  
Joseph H. Wagner

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Offence  
P. 1000

BAILED,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated Nov 17 1890

W. Duffy Magistrate.

Charles Hill Officer.

11<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

Witnesses Said Officer.

No. Wakeman J. Sibley Street.

15<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> St

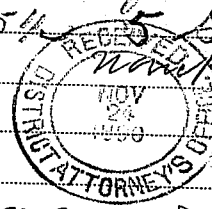
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No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

\$ 1000 to answer J. S.

W. Duffy





COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS-Part III.

-----X  
 The People of the State of New York, : Before Hon. Rufus  
 against : B. Cowing and a  
 J o s e p h H. W a g n e r . : Jury.  
 -----X

Indictment filed 1890.

Indicted for robbery in the 1st degree.  
*New York, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1890.*

APPEARANCES: For the People, Asst. Dist. Atty. ~~7~~  
 Jerome .

For the defendant Mr. John C. Costello.

WAKEMAN J. SIBLEY, a witness for the People, being sworn,  
 testified:

I live at Mount Vernon in this ~~state~~ <sup>city</sup>. I I am a  
 carpenter and builder by occupation . I am at present  
 engaged in building a~~t~~ church in Mount Vernon. I came to  
 this city on the night of the 9th of November on some  
 business . I had a silver watch in my pocket and a pocket  
 book containing eighty five dollars . I had an ap point-  
 ment to meet a man at the corner of Pell St. and the Bowery  
 I went there and as he was not there I went into the sa-  
 loon at No. 15 Bowery. After a time I sat down at a  
 table . The defendant was sitting at <sup>an</sup> adjoining table and  
 gradually I got into conversation with him and his com-  
 panions . I asked them to drink with me and I treated them  
 three or four times . They told me if I wished they would  
 take me out to a place that was waround the corner where  
 it was more quiet, and where there was not such a rough  
 crowd . I went out in company with the defendant and

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his two friends . When we reached the saloon door the two other men parted company with us . Accompanied by this defendant I went into a little short street called Doyers Street . When we had gone about fifteen feet up the street the defendant said we would have to wait until the People came . He then went across the street to a door as I thought, rapped at it, and came back . As soon as he reached me he struck me and the two other fellows appeared and <sup>to</sup>grasped me around the throat almost choking me . I was unable to shout or make any noise . Then they stole my watch and the pocket book containing this eighty five dollars which were both in the pocket of my trousers . After they had completed their operations they departed . I then returned to the saloon to look for them, but found no trace . I finally discovered a police officer and informed him that I had been robbed and gave them the best description I could of my assailant. I am positive in my identification of this man at the bar. I drank with him in that saloon on that night . In the Essex Market Police Court some days afterwards I picked this man out of fifteen as the man with whom I had been drinking in this saloon .

#### Cross Examination.

I left Mount Vernon that evening after I had completed my regular days work . I took no beer until I reached this saloon in the Bowery . I came to the city with the special purpose in mind of redeeming some tools of mine

which I had pawned in Third Avenue and 81st street . I did not go directly up there as I had an appointment to meet my friend before . I had been in this saloon in the Bowery previous to this night . I did not know any one in the place, and it was by chance that I entered into conversation with the defendant and his friends . In the Essex Market Police Court I did not see the defendant before he was placed in the midst of the fifteen men out of whom I picked him . I did not hesitate in identifying him. I said to the Judge that I thought he was the man and then I said that I was positive of the fact . I had several other personal articles pawned at different places in the city . The goods I had in 81st street and Third avenue I had placed there for storage . I am certain I had eighty five dollars in my pocket book. I had one hundred and twenty dollars that afternoon but had paid grocery bills and other things before I left Mt. Vernon . I was afterwards in the company of a woman whom I met in this saloon . It was after I had lost my money, and I went with her on her representation that she could find the individuals who had stolen my wealth.

OFFICER NELL, a witness for the People, sworn, testified:

I am an officer of the Police in this city . The defendant was arrested by another officer and turned over to me . I investigated the case, having received a description of the person who assaulted this man . I went up to Mt. Vernon and subpoenaed the complainant to appear at the Essex Market Court on the day the prisoner

was to be arraigned there on another charge. When the defendant was first brought into the Court room Sibley was not present. The defendant ordered the complainant Sibley to be placed in the sergeants room. He then ordered the defendant to take any seat he wished in the audience. He took a seat in the third row; the complainant then came from the sergeants room and after carefully scanning the faces of the audience picked this defendant out as the man who had robbed him. His complaint of robbery was then taken by Judge Duffy. He was locked up. The complainant was positive in his identification.

Cross Examination:

I was the person who served Mr. Sibley with the subpoena to come to the Court. I had no conversation with him relative to the identity of the defendant. I simply told him we had what we thought was the man and it was for him to come down and identify him. Mr. Sibley may have been in Court and seen me talking with the defendant at the time he was arraigned on the other charge. I am not positive that he was not.

CHARLES LOEB, a witness for the People, sworn, testified:

I am the bartender at No. 15 Bowery in this city. On Saturday night the 19th of November I saw the defendant in my place. I know him well; he has been a frequenter of that place. I saw him drinking in company with the complainant. I saw the defendant, the complainant Sibley and two other men leave that saloon together. I did not

know where they went to after that. . . I informed the officer of these facts when he came there to inquire about the case and my knowledge of it .

Cross Examination:

I state positively that I did not see Sibley leave that saloon with any woman that night . Outside of what I have stated I had no conversation with the officer . . I know this was the 9th of November because it was a Saturday night.

D E F E N S E .

ISADORE DREYFUSS, a witness for the Defendant, sworn, testified:-

I reside at No. 95 East 3rd street in this city. I am a reporter employed by the New York City Press Association. My business is confined to the Essex Market Police Court . I was present in that Court at the time the defendant was identified by Mr. Sibley . I considered the identification unfair because Mr. Sibley was in Court while the defendant stood up on the platform and was talking with Officer Nell and myself .

CROSS EXAMINATION:

The defendant was under arrest for stealing a pin which was the property of a friend of mine . I was present when that larceny was committed and appeared as complainant in the case . His wife was in company with him at this time . I told the prisoner if it had not been for the pin he would not be brought up on this robbery charge . I did not tell Officer Donnelly that I con-



sidered this identification fair and square .

JOSEPH H. WAGNER? the defendant, sworn, testified:

I am twenty two years of age . I have pleaded guilty in another part of this Court to the crime of Grand Larceny in the 2nd degree for stealing a diamond pin . I know nothing at all about this loss of this property . I was not in the company of the complainant on the night he speaks of . I never saw him before . I did not take his watch or money from him .

Cross Examination:

I was at home on the evening in question until about eleven o'clock when I went out for a short walk as I was not feeling well . I have no witnesses here to tell of my whereabouts on that evening . I am a house smith by occupation and have always worked steadily until lately . I did steal this pin spoken of , but I was under the influence of drink when I did it . My wife was with me at the time . She was acquitted of the charge and I pleaded guilty of it . I went by the name of Walter Hartman at one time when I was arrested for disorderly conduct . I was arrested on another occasion accused of the larceny of a pin but I was discharged . I have never previous to this been convicted of any crime . I was living at No. 94 Stanton St. on the evening of this occurrence . I was unable to procure the attendance of the lady of the house; and if she were here she could not tell whether I was at home that night or not . My wife is not present .

PETER J. DONNELLY, a witness for the People, in rebuttal, sworn, testified:

I am the police officer who arrested this defendant on the complaint of Mr. Dreyfuss . I had a conversation with Mr. Dreyfuss a short time after the identification of this defendant by Mr. Sibley in the Essex Market Court . He told me that it was the surest identification he had ever seen done in Court .

The jury returned a verdict of Guilty of Robbery in the first degree .

Indictment filed Dec 1890.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

Part III.

THE PEOPLE &c.

against

JOSEPH H. WAGNER

Abstract of testimony on

trial New York, 22nd

1890.

1. The People of the County of New York, by and through their attorneys, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the testimony given by the witness named above, as taken at the trial of the case of the People against Joseph H. Wagner, held at the Court of General Sessions, in the City of New York, on the 22nd day of December, 1890.

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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

*Joseph M. Wagner*

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

of the CRIME OF ROBBERY in the *first* degree, committed as follows:

The said *Joseph M. Wagner*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *ninth* day of *November*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *eighty*, in the *night* time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *Waldeman J. Silders*, in the peace of the said People, then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and

*the sum of eighty five dollars in money, lawful money of the United States of America, and of the value of eighty five dollars, and one watch of the value of twenty five dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Waldeman J. Silders* from the person of the said *Waldeman J. Silders*, against the will, and by violence to the person of the said *Waldeman J. Silders*, then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, *the said*

*Joseph M. Wagner* being then and there aided by an accomplice actually present whose name is to the Grand Jury aforesaid is not known.

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 J. Adams*  
*Attorney*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

3896

**DESCRIPTION:**

Walker, J. Charles

**DATE:**

12/08/90



3896

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Witnesses:

*Andrew Newman*

Counsel,

Filed

day of

*Dec 1890*

Pleads,

*Ignorantly*

THE PEOPLE

*25.1726 vs.*

*174*

*I*

*J. Charles Walker*

*Burglary in the THIRD DEGREE*

(Section 498, *Quill Code*)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

*District Attorney.*

A True Bill.

*William W. Pennington*  
*Foreman.*

*P.P.M. December 11, 90*

*Pleads Attempt of Burg 3d deg*  
*15*

*City Prison*

*30 days.*



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Police Court—2<sup>nd</sup> District.City and County } ss.:  
of New York,of No. 485 10<sup>th</sup> avenue Anthony Menner Street, aged 28 years,  
occupation liquor dealer being duly sworndeposes and says, that the premises No 485 10<sup>th</sup> avenue Street,  
in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a five story brick  
building the cellar  
and which was occupied by deponent as a storage  
and in which there was at the time no human being, by namewere **BURGLARIOUSLY** entered by means of forcibly breaking  
open three cellarson the 2 day of December 1896 in the day time, ~~and the~~  
~~following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:~~with the intent to steal leaden pipe  
of the value of five dollarsthe property of Magdalene Menner  
and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that the aforesaid  
**BURGLARY** was committed and the aforesaid property taken, stolen, and carried away by  
Charles Walker (now here)for the reasons following, to wit: Deponent caught said  
defendant in said cellar where he  
had attempted to cut the leaden pipe  
aforesaidAnthony Menner

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

*Charles Mack* 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. *Charles Mack*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *25 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Canada*

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

Answer. *404 West 26 Street 3 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Watchman*

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*

*Charles Walker*

Taken before me this

day of

*[Signature]*  
Police Justice

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

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

Dated *March 2* 18*90* *[Signature]* Police Justice.

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

Dated..... 18..... 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..... 18..... Police Justice.

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Police Court--- 2 District. 1797

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Anthony Warner  
4857 vs. John O'Connell  
Charles Walker

Prothonotary  
Office

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Dated Dec 2 1890

Duffy Magistrate.  
Everett Lewis Officer.

20 Precinct.

Witnesses

No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ 300 to answer

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BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

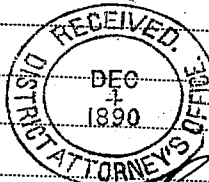
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No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street.



# Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*J. Charles Walker*

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

*J. Charles Walker* —

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

The said

*J. Charles Walker*

late of the *Twentieth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York  
aforesaid, on the *second* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and *eighty-ninety*, with force and arms, in the  
*day* — time of the same day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, the  
dwelling house of one *a certain building, to wit:*

*the building of one Anthony Wenner*

there situate, 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 *Anthony Wenner in the*  
*said building* ~~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

*John R. Fellows,*  
*District Attorney*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Wallach, Sampson

**DATE:**

12/08/90



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Bail fixed at \$1000

Witnesses:

Oldrup, Jerry  
Officer Fucin

Counsel,

Filed

day of

1890

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Sampson Wallach

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Albia Van Cennelver

Foreman.

Complaint sent to the Court  
of Special Sessions,

Part III, Dec 16, 1890.

Paired  
by Karl M. Wallach  
222 E. 79th St

Permitting, advance to be  
used for immoral purposes.  
[Section 322, Penal Code]

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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

*Sampson Wallach*

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by this

indictment, accuse *Sampson Wallach* —

of the crime of *knowingly permitting a person*  
*to build up the rear of said premises,*  
committed as follows:

The said *Sampson Wallach*, —

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*eighteenth* day of *November*, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and ninety —, at the City and County aforesaid,

*being the owner of a certain building situated*  
*in the Nineteenth Ward of the said City, and*  
*known and designated as number two hundred*  
*and twenty-five East Forty-first Street, did*

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unlawfully permit a portion of the said building  
to be used by one Jennie Hart for the purposes of,  
and as a house of ill-fame, and a house and  
place for persons to visit for unlawful sexual  
intercourse, and a disorderly house; 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

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Lawler, John

**DATE:**

12/11/90



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Ware, John

**DATE:**

12/11/90



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Miss Anna  
Officer Corbitt

Filed

Filed 11 day of Dec 1887

## Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

Ms.

John Ware  
and,

and

John Lawler

JOHN R. FELLOWS.

*District Attorney.*

Part III December 15, 1900  
No. 1. Tried and Acquitted

# A True Bill

William W. Kennedys  
Foreman.

*Foreman.*

Leads to...

Heads, Amy Edey  
Elmira Ref

Dec 16/92 R.B.M.

Dec 16/91

W.B.M.

Burglary in the THIRD DEGREE  
and Petit Larceny  
(Section 498, 506, 512 & 513 Code)

(Section 498,



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Police Court— District.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.:of No. 416 Greenwich Street, aged 28 years,occupation Meat & Provisions being duly sworndeposes and says, that the premises No. 416 Greenwich Street,  
in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a Store and dwellingand which was occupied by deponent as a Store~~and in which there was at the time a human being, by name~~were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly removinga wire screen made of  
heavy wire over the windows  
of said premiseson the 23 day of November 1890 in the evening time, and the  
following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:Three Hams of the value of Three dollars.  
and a quantity of cigars of the  
value of Three dollars together of  
the value of six dollarsthe 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 by

John Ware and John Lawlerfor the reasons following, to wit: That deponent was informed byOfficer Thomas O. Curigh of the 5 Precinctthat at about the hour of nine o'clock P.M. of saiddate he observed said Ware in said premisesand the premises broken as described. Deponentfurther says that said Ware employed to himthat said Lawler was implicated in saidBurglary and prompted him Ware to committhe act. Deponent further says that he examinedsaid premises and found them broken as describedSubscribed & sworn to before me this 23rd day of November 1890  
J. B. White

Officer Curigh

Louis Hearn

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Thomas E. Enright  
Police Officer of No. \_\_\_\_\_  
aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, occupation \_\_\_\_\_

John J. Pearson Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Louis H. Hume

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

Sworn to before me, this 17 day of December 1898  
A. J. White Thomas E. Enright  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*John Ware*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*16 years.*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Ms.*

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

Answer.

*54 Mott St.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Cracker Baker.*

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

Answer.

*I was compelled through  
fear by other boys to commit  
the act.*  
*John Ware*

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

*John Lawler* 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 Lawler*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *18 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *NY*

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

Answer. *528 W 38th St n mos*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Nothing at present*

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 Lawler*

day of

Taken before me this

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 Two Hundred Dollars, each and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated December 4 1890 T. H. Justice Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

Police Court---

1824  
District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Louis White*  
416 - vs. *Bremwick St.*  
*John Ware*  
*John Lawler*

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Dated *Dec 24 1890*

*White* Magistrate.

*Everitt* Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses *Call Officer*

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

\$ *1000* to answer



*B. P. L.*

# 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 Ware and  
John Lawler*

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

*John Ware and John Lawler*

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

The said

*John Ware and John Lawler, both*

late of the *Fifth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York  
aforesaid, on the *twenty-third* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and *eighty-ninety*, with force and arms, in the  
*night* - time of the same day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, the  
dwelling house of one *a certain building, to wit:*

*the store of one Louis Heim*

there situate, 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 *Louis Heim in the*  
*said store* 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.



## SECOND COUNT—

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

*John Ware and John Lawler*  
 of the CRIME OF *Petty* LARCENY, committed as follows:  
 The said *John Ware and John Lawler, both*

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 *night-* time of said day, with force and arms,

*three horns of the value of one dollar each, and sixty cigars of the value of five cents each*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one *Louis Heim*

*store*  
 in the dwelling-house of the said *Louis Heim* —

*in the store*  
 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.

*John R. Fellows,*  
*District Attorney.*

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**BOX:**

421

**FOLDER:**

3896

**DESCRIPTION:**

Ward, William

**DATE:**

12/09/90



3896

# 87.

Witnesses:

*Officer G. Schramm*

Counsel,  
Filed *9* day of *Dec.* 18*90*  
Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*R*

*William Ward*

*26. [Signature]*

CONCEALED WEAPON.  
(Section 410, Penal Code).

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*John R. Fellows*

Foreman.

*Dec 10/90*

*Henry G. [Signature]*

*S. P. 2 yrs. - B.M.*

1147

Police Court,

3<sup>rd</sup> DistrictCity and County } ss.  
of New York,of No. 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct Street, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,

occupation Officer being duly sworn, deposes and says,

that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1890, at the City of New

York, in the County of New York, William Ward (now

here) did carry concealed upon his person, to wit: in the right hip pocket of his pants, an instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as the slingshot, in violation of Section 110 of the Penal Code of the State of New York, deponent presuming that it was the intention of Defendant to use said weapon against another.

Wherefore, deponent charges defendant with having said weapon in his possession in violation of Section 110 of the Penal Code of the State of New York, and prays that defendant be dealt with as the law directs, having carried said weapon as aforesaid, at & on said date.

Sworn to before me  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1890  
C. H. [Signature]

Gustav Schramm

Police Justice.

~~Gustav Schramm~~

1148

Sec. 198-200.

3 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK ss.

William Ward

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.

William Ward

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

2 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

United States

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

Answer.

9 Bowery — 3 months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Electrician

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.

You carried said weapon  
without the intention of injuring  
anyone.

Wm. Ward.

Taken before me this  
day of Dec 188

John J. McLaughlin

1149

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 *Five* Hundred Dollars,..... and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he *give such bail*.

Dated *Decr* 18 *90* *[Signature]* Police Justice.

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

Dated..... 18..... 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..... 18..... Police Justice.

1150

Police Court---

1822 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Justas Schramm*  
vs. *12 - Precinct*  
*William Ward*

Offence  
*Carrying Concealed Weapon*

BAILED,

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

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

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

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

Dated *Dec 14* 189*0*  
*Hogan* Magistrate.

*Justas Schramm* Officer.  
*12 -* Precinct.

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

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

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

\$ *500 -* to answer *GV*

*Corn*





# 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 Ward*

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

*William Ward*

of a FELONY, committed as follows:

The said

*William Ward*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *fourth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~eighty-ninety~~ *eighty-ninety* at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, feloniously did furtively carry, concealed on his person, a certain instrument and weapon of the kind commonly known as *a slung-shot* with intent then and there feloniously to use the same against some person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

## SECOND COUNT—

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

*William Ward*

of a FELONY, committed as follows:

The said

*William Ward*

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, feloniously did possess a certain instrument and weapon of the kind commonly known as *a slung-shot* by him then and there concealed, and furtively carried on his person, with intent then and there feloniously to use the same against some person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

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**BOX:**

421

**FOLDER:**

3896

**DESCRIPTION:**

Waterman, John

**DATE:**

12/03/90



3896

#63  
Counsel, *J*  
Filed *Dec* 1890  
Pleads,

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*H*  
*John Waterman*  
Grand Larceny, Second Degree.  
[Sections 628, 681, Pennl Code].

*16*  
*Gr. J. Johnson*  
JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*William K. Pennington*  
Foreman.  
*Dec 14 90*  
*Reads Dec 2nd*  
*Elmer J. P. P.M.*

*James H. H. H.*

1154

Police Court—1st District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

of No. 62 W. Moore Street, aged 39 years,  
occupation Butcher being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 25 day of November 1884 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 day time, the following property, viz:

Good and lawful money  
of the United States of  
the amount and value  
of two hundred and fifty  
dollars  
\$250.00

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 John Waterman (working for the reasons following to-wit: This defendant who was in the employ of deponent was sent by deponent with said money to deposit the same in the People's Bank. The defendant failed to deposit said money and was arrested by Officer Kevin Kennedy on one of the Boston boats about to go to Boston. The defendant had a quantity of the money in his possession when arrested.

Bernard Klein

Sworn to before me, this 26 day of November 1884

1080 Police Justice.

1155

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 45 years, occupation Police Officer of No.

28th Precinct

Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

Bernard Levin

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

Sworn to before me, this

26  
day of November 1887

John J. Timmerly

A. D. Barry

Police Justice.

1156

Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

District Police Court.

*John Waterman* 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 ; that the statement is designed to  
enable h if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h ;  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that h waiver cannot be used  
against h on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *John Waterman*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *34 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

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

Answer. *62 N. Morris St. 2 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Corn and hay*

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 guilty*

*J. Waterman*

Taken before me this

*day of* *Jan* 1880

Police Justice

1157

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.....

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

Dated *June 26* 18 *74* *de B. D. Dwyer* Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18.....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.....18.....Police Justice.



1158

Police Court---

1992 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Bernard Klein*  
62-28 North Moore  
*John Watson*

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3  
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Dated *Nov 26 90* 1890

*Paper* Magistrate.

*Sherry* Officer.

28 Precinct.

Witnesses *officers*

No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ 500 = to answer *G. S.*

*Committed*

*G. L. W.*



BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street.

1159

3

District Police Court.

Sec. 193-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

*Louis Solomon* 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.

*Louis Solomon*

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.

*739 Duane St (7 Months)*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Dancer*

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*  
*Louis Solomon*

Taken before me this

day of *August* 188*8*

*[Signature]*  
Police Justice

1160

3

District Police Court.

Sec. 188-200.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

*John Waterman* 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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty*

*John Waterman*

Taken before me this

day of

188

Police Justice

1161

Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

30 District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty*  
*Nathan Brewer*  
*mark*

Taken before me this

day of

Police Justice

1162

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 Defendants

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

Dated Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 188 [Signature] 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.

1163

BAILED,

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

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

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

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

No. 3, by Jacob Horowitz

Residence 417 1/2 Grand Street.

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

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

388 3 @ 1941  
Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE vs.  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Isaac Friend  
158 Ludlow  
John Hartman  
John Coleman  
Har Brown

Dated Dec 15th 1888

Isaac Friend Magistrate.

Isaac Friend Officer.

11 Precinct.

Witnesses

No. Friend's wife Street.

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

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

\$ 1000 to answer G.D.

1164

Police Court—

3<sup>rd</sup> District.City and County } ss.:  
of New York,

of No.

150 Ludlow  
TailorIsaac Friend  
Street, aged 78 years,

being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No. 150 Ludlow Street, 78 Ward

in the City and County aforesaid the said being a five story Brick

tenement and the second floor of

which was occupied by deponent as a dwelling

and in which there was at the time a human being, by name

we BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly unlocking  
the sitting room door of said  
dwellingon the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Decem 188 in the Day time, and the  
following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, vizA quantity  
of Men's Apparel; Coats,  
Suits, Hats, jewelry and (\$40)  
and Forty Dollars in current  
money of the United States, all  
of the Total Value of Two hundred  
And Forty Dollars (\$240)

the property of

Isaac Friend  
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 byJohn Waterman, Louis Blomen and  
Nathan Brown (now here)for the reasons following, to wit: at three O'clock on said  
day and date Deponent's wife  
locked, bolted and effectually closed  
said dwelling; about four O'clock  
on the said day and date Deponent  
on his return home from work  
he found said property gone; and  
property was found in the  
possession of said Nathan Brown



And said Brown claimed to have bought said property from the Defendant, Waterman, and the Defendant Solomon was, in said Waterman company; Whereupon Deponent now charges said Defendants with Burglariously entering said apartment, and taking, stealing and carrying away said property and prays that they be dealt with as the Law directs, sworn to before me

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1888 }  
*Thos. Train*  
*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.  
 Dated 1888 Police Justice.  
 I have admitted the above named  
 to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
 Dated 1888 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 1888 Police Justice.

Police Court, District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
 on the complaint of

Offence—BURGLARY.

vs.

1  
2  
3  
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Dated 1888

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses.

No. Street.

No.

No. Street.

No.

No. Street.

\$ to answer General Sessions.

John Waterman  
age 18

Born England

Capt. Tailor

Res 40 Ludlow

Single

Parents Living

Res 40 Ludlow

Louis Solomon

age 21

Born N.Y.C.

Capt.

Res 71 Norfolk

~~Single~~

~~Married~~  
Father Living

Res 71 Norfolk

Court of General Sessions -  
 Before Hon. Frederick M. Smyth -  
 Recorder -

The People x  
 agst  
 John Waterman. }

City and County of New York ss:  
 Philip Goldstein being duly sworn  
 says - that he resides at 332 E 124<sup>th</sup> Street  
 in this City - that he is the Manager  
 of the Vienna Suit and Cloak Com-  
 pany at No. 38 Wooster Street in  
 said City of New York.

That he is well acquainted with  
 the above named defendant and has  
 known him during his employment  
 with Mr. Fisher - That after said  
 defendant left Mr. Fisher's employment  
 he came directly to deponent where  
 he remained until on or about the  
 first day of December, 1888, when  
 deponent was obliged to lay him  
 off, with other employees, on account  
 of business being very slack.

That while said defendant was in  
 deponent's employ, he was always hon-

est faithful and trustworthy - that deponent has given him money repeatedly to pay bills and he has promptly paid same - that he in the course of his business, has given parcels of cloth, clothings etc into said defendants hands for delivery, which said defendant has carried ~~as above~~ to the proper destination -

That deponent has never had any Complaint to make against said defendant, for or on account of his honesty or integrity, nor has he heard Complaint ever made against said defendant in that regard -

That he was very much astonished to hear of his arrest, as is herein - before stated, he considered him perfectly honest and reliable -

Sworn to before us this }

24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1889

Imothy Donovan  
Clerk of Deeds  
N.Y.C.

Philip Goldstein

VIENNA SUIT AND  
CLOAK CO.

Court of  
General Sessions

The People vs

agst  
John Waterman.

Applicant of  
Philip Goldstein

1170

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 Watermann*

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by  
this indictment, accuse

*John Watermann*

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

The said

*John Watermann*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *25th*  
day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
*ninety*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the  
*day* time of the same day, divers 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 a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, for the  
payment of and of the value of *one hundred and twenty-five*

dollars; divers other promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due  
and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as Bank Notes), of a number and denomination  
to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, for the payment of and of the value of  
*one hundred and twenty-five*  
dollars; divers United States Silver Certificates of a number and denomination to the Grand  
Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *one hundred and twenty-five*

dollars; divers United States Gold Certificates of a number and denomination to the  
Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *one hundred and twenty-five*

dollars; divers coins of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid  
unknown, of the value of *fifty dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Bernard Heism*  
then and there being found,

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.

JOHN R. FELLOWS, *District Attorney.*