

Summary of the evidence in the case against Charles Warner, alias R.A. Hart, alias C.S. Ware, alias Charles Stanley Walker, charged with murdering Miss Jean Milne at Elmgrove, Broughty Ferry, between 13th October and 2nd November 1912.

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Miss Jean Milne, a maiden lady, 69 years of age, resided alone at Elmgrove, Broughty Ferry. Elmgrove is a mansion house of 23 apartments, standing in two acres of ground and surrounded with orchards, trees, shrubs, &c. The main entrance is from Grove Road. Miss Milne was a lady of eccentric habits, and had few friends or visitors, and very few people ever visited Elmgrove. She often left home without informing anyone, and went on a trip or to London, and often remained away as long as 5 and 6 months at a time. She seems to have only occupied two apartments in Elmgrove, viz:- The dining-room and a bedroom. Many of the other apartments have not been occupied for years. Except for the remains of a mutton pie, a scone, a piece of a brown loaf, some sugar, tea, some dates and a quantity of apples (taken from the orchard) there was no food in the house.

The following list of witnesses, with a short summary of what they speak to, gives an idea of the case against the accused

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Mr J.A. Kyd, Solicitor, Dundee.	{ Speaks to deceased's estate, and also to her many investments, &c. &c. &c.
Mr Thomas Kerr Rodden, Burgh Surveyor, Broughty Ferry.	{ Produces plans of the interior & exterior and grounds of Elmgrove and surrounding houses and street.
John Adamson Rogger, Photographer, Broughty Ferry.	{ Produces photographs of Elmgrove, also of deceased lady and scene of crime, &c.
Frank Godwin Milne, Nephew & heir.	{ Knew very little of deceased's movements and nothing of her private affairs.
James Slidders, Postman, Broughty Ferry.	{ At 8 p.m. on 2nd Nov. 1912 informed Con. Brown that he thought there was something wrong at Elmgrove, as the letter box was full & he had not seen Miss Milne for some time.

Walter /

Walter Neilson Coullie, Joiner,  
Broughty Ferry.

{ Effects an entrance to Elmgrove at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 3rd Nov. 1912, by kitchen window, and finds Miss Milne dead in hall of house, her body being covered by a sheet.

John Forbes, Sergeant, and  
James Suttie & James Brown,  
Constables, Broughty Ferry.

{ Corroborate and speak to the nature of crime, deceased's legs being tied, the telephone wires cut, and there being evidence that the lady had been brutally murdered.

*Professor Sutherland and  
Dr. Templeman & Sturrock.*

{ Make P.M. on 3rd Nov. 1912, and certify death as due to shock and haemorrhage, due to a succession of blows by a blunt instrument, and that death must have taken place between 2 & 3 weeks ago.

The evidence as to when Miss Milne was last seen alive is very unsatisfactory, but everything points to the murder having been committed either on 15th or 16th October 1912.

Misses Sampson, Dundee.

{ Saw Miss Milne on Monday, 14th Oct., 1912.

Mrs Dr. Young, South Tay St.,  
Dundee.

{ Saw Miss Milne at 12-30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th Oct. in High St, Dundee

Dorothy M. Stone, 7 Louise  
Terrace, Broughty Ferry.

{ Saw Miss Milne at 4 p.m. on 15th Oct in Meadowside, Dundee.

Eliza McConnachie, Downfield.

{ Saw Miss Milne either on 11th or 18th ? Oct. in Union St., Dundee, at 3 p.m.

Mary McIntosh, Downfield.

Corroborates last witness.

Alexr. Troup, Broughty Ferry.

{ Saw Miss Milne at her bedroom window on Monday, 21st Oct.

Duncan McGregor Thomson,  
Broughty Ferry.

{ Saw Miss Milne in car at 5-30 p.m. either on 22nd or 23rd Oct.

#### Evidence of Identification.

John Wood, Broughty Ferry.

{ Identifies Warner as calling at Elmgrove at 4-30 p.m. on 17th Sep., 1912.

Jessie McIntosh & Ina McIntosh,  
Broughty Ferry.

{ Identify Warner as leaving Elmgrove at 8-40 p.m. on 7th Oct. 1912.

Jack Duncan, Alexr. Potter &  
Henry C. Bannerman, Broughty  
Ferry.

{ See a man entering grounds at 7-30 on a night about 14th or 15th Oct. 1912. Potter says Warner is the man; others cannot say definitely but think he is the man they saw.

James Don, Broughty Ferry.

{ Sees Warner leave Elmgrove at 4-30 a.m. on Wednesday, 16th Oct. 1912.

James /

James M. Malcolm, Broughty Ferry.

{ Sees Warner enter car in Broughty Ferry at 5-30 a.m. on 16th Oct. 1912.

Margaret Campbell.

{ Sees a man walking in grounds of Elmgrove at 10 a.m. on 15th Oct. 1912. Thinks Warner is the man.

Annie Gall Liddell.

{ Speaks to a man calling at Post Office, Broughty Ferry, asking for Elmgrove. She thinks Warner is the man, but cannot swear to it.

James Delaney & Thomas Speaton.

{ Do. Do. Cannot say whether Warner is the man.

John Alfred Wright, Hairdresser, Dundee.

{ Took moustache off a man at 9 a.m. on a Monday about middle of Oct. Cannot say definitely Warner is the man.

Description of a man seen by James Don, issuing from the grounds of Elmgrove, at 4-30 a.m. on Wednesday, 16th October 1912:-

Between 30 & 40 years of age; 5 ft. 8 or 9 ins. in height; approximate weight between 11 & 12 stones; sharp featured; very pale complexion; slight fair moustache; carried his head erect and swung his arms when walking; dressed in a dark overcoat (which reached a little below his knees) the collar of which was turned up; trousers of a dark colour; of respectable appearance and looked like a gentleman.

Description of a man seen by Margaret Campbell, walking in the grounds of Elmgrove at 10-30 a.m. on a day in the first or second week in October 1912:-

From 30 to 40 years of age; about 6 feet in height; well made and well set up; a handsome-looking man; evidently a gentleman; dressed in an evening suit, showing an expensive starched white shirt-front; bareheaded.

Description of a man seen by three boys Duncan, Petter & Bannerman, entering the grounds about 7-30 p.m. on a Tuesday night about three weeks ago:-

About 5 ft. 9 ins. in height; wearing a black overcoat, and thinks a tall hat. The witnesses did not see the man's face, and have no idea of his age.

Description of a man seen by Jessie & Ina McIntosh, issuing from the grounds of Elmgrove at 8-40 p.m. on Monday, 7th October 1912:-

About 40 years of age; 5 ft. 9 ins. in height; broad shoulders; fair moustache; piercing eyes; heavy eyebrows; dressed in a dark overcoat, with collar turned up; grey tweed cap drawn down over his eyes; white collar and brown tie; well set up and of refined and gentlemanly appearance; boots shining and hair well groomed; a man of the better class, and a stranger to Broughty Ferry.

List of Witnesses' Statements in the case of Murder  
of Miss Jean Milne, Elmgrove, Broughty Ferry, on or  
about 14th October 1912, submitted to the Procurator  
Fiscal on 12th November 1912.

1. Frank Godwin Milne, Nephew, 54 Bensham Lane, West Croyden, Surrey
2. Euphemia Welsh or Tosh, South Street, Forfar.
3. James Slidders, Postman, Brook Street, Broughty Ferry.
4. John Forbes, Police Sergeant, Broughty Ferry.
5. James Brown, Police Constable, Broughty Ferry.
6. James Suttie, Police Constable, Broughty Ferry.
7. Walter Neilson Coullie, Joiner, Inverleith, Broughty Ferry.
8. Elizabeth Niven or Scott, Beachgrove, Broughty Ferry.
9. James Urquhart, Labourer, 2 Fort Street, Broughty Ferry.
10. John Wood, Gardener, Chapel Lane, Broughty Ferry.
11. James Don, Scavenger, 27 Ambrose Street, Broughty Ferry.
12. Margaret Campbell, c/o Luke, Caenlochan Villas, Broughty Ferry.
13. Helen Thomson or Luke, Caenlochan Villas, Broughty Ferry.
14. Jack Duncan, School boy, Strathview, Edward Road, Broughty Ferry.
15. Alexander Potter, School boy, Caenlochan, Broughty Ferry.
16. Henry Campbell Bannerman, School boy, Caenlochan Villas, B. Ferry.
17. Jessie McIntosh, Factory Worker, 46 Links Cottages, Broughty Ferry.
18. Ina McIntosh, Bleachfield Worker, Do. Do.
19. Mrs Dr. Young, South Tay Street, Dundee.
20. Eliza McIntosh or McConnachie, Downfield, Dundee, *of Mrs McIntosh, Downfield.*
21. James McRae, Vandriver, 9 Hunter Street, Dundee.
22. James Michael Malcolm, Labourer, 14 Waverley Bds., Broughty Ferry.
23. John Norrie, Taxi Driver, 20 Union Street, Dundee.
24. Stephen John Keay, Taxi Driver, 76 Loches Road, Dundee.
25. Frederick Ewen, Taxi Driver, 80 Annfield Road, Dundee.
26. John Adamson Rodger, Photographer, 336 Brook St., Broughty Ferry.
27. Thomas Kerr Roddan, Burgh Surveyor, Broughty Ferry.
28. Andrew Brown, Booking Clerk, Waverley Station, Edinburgh.

Also the following witnesses' statements from London.

1. Arthur Ford, Bookkeeper, Strand Palace Hotel, London.
2. Emily Funge, Chambermaid, Do. Do.
3. Beatrice Lambert, Cashier, Do. Do.
4. John Frame, Manager, Bonnington Hotel, London.
5. Jessie Stephens, 21 Bloomsbury Square, London.
6. Minnie Gibbons, Clerkess, Bonnington Hotel, London.
7. George G. Hay, Secretary, Oroya Exploration Co. Ltd., 1 London Wall Bds., London.
8. Rosa Parker, Housekeeper, Bonnington Hotel, London.
9. Maggie Gill, Chambermaid, Do. Do.
10. Annie Gow Saunders, 159 Tufnell Park Road, London.

Productions.

1. Copy telegram to Detective-Lieut. Trench, B. Ferry, on 7th Novr. 1912.
2. Copy letter to R.W. Nash Esq., on 8th November 1912.
3. Copy letter to F.G. Milne Esq., on 8th November 1912.
4. Copy letter from Nash to Miss Milne.
5. Copy letter from Wray to Miss Milne.
6. Copy Post Card from Miss Milne to Miss Saunders.
7. Copy letter from Miss Milne to Miss Saunders.
8. Copy letter from Miss Saunders to Miss Milne.
9. Copy telegram from Detective-Lieut. Trench.
10. Copy telegram from Chief Constable Sempill to Detective-Lieut. Trench.
11. Report by Chief Inspector Collins re finger-prints.
12. Copy telegram to Chief Constable, Glasgow, from Chief Constable Sempill.
13. Copy telegram to Detective-Lieut. Trench from Chief Constable Sempill.

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Additional List of Witnesses' Statements handed  
to Procurator Fiscal on 21st November 1912.

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29. Andrew Hay, Pedlar, 28 Arbroath Road, Dundee.
30. Duncan McGregor Thomson, Clerk, Castle Street, Broughty Ferry.
31. Sophia Bald, Cairneymount, Broughty Ferry.
32. Dorothy Marion Stone, 7 Louise Terrace, Broughty Ferry.
33. William Boyd, Claremount, Broughty Ferry.

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34. John T Trench, Detective-Lieut., Glasgow Police.
35. John Robertson, Head Warder, H.M., Prison, Dundee.
36. Margaret Sampson, 2 Blackness Crescent, Dundee.
37. Mary Sampson, Do. Do.
38. James Delaney, Sub Post Office, Broughty Ferry.
39. Annie Gail Liddell, Do. Do.
40. John Alfred Wright, Hairdresser, Dundee.
41. John Thomson, Foreman, Cleansing Department, Broughty Ferry.
42. Thomas Ernest Brett, 78 Waterloo Road, London.
43. Georgina Brett, Do. Do.
44. Sarah Ann Eggalden or Dover, 21 Caledonia Street, Kings Cross N., London.
45. Arthur Cecil Hind, Do. Do.
46. George R. Bowles, P.O., Tonbridge, Kent.
47. Thomas Allin, 17 Victoria Street, London.
48. Letter from Supt. Neaves re photograph of Warner.
49. Copy statement made by Warner as "C.S. Ware" to Mr Allin.
50. List re identification of Warner at Scotland Yard.
51. Warner's statements.

52. Rev. Charles Shaw, Dundee.
53. Alexander Troup, 15 Lawrence Street, Broughty Ferry.
54. Joseph Hill, Chief Warder, H.M. Prison, Maidstone.

Handed to Procurator Fiscal on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1912

55. David M. Nicoll, Merchant, 22 Hammur Street, Monifeth.

Handed to Procurator Fiscal after 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1912.

56. John Bald, Cairneymount, Broughty Ferry.
57. Margory Elgin or Cascady, "Elgina", Brook Street, Broughty Ferry.
58. Rev. W. Strong Fleet, Guildford.
59. Report by Det. Insp. Milne, Glasgow, as to Mr. Glen, St. George, etc.
60. Robert Laton Wallace, Steward, Janfield, Langbank, Renfrewshire.
61. Letter from Supt. Lindsay, Glasgow, with statement by John Gray, Glasgow.
62. Report by Supt. MacKinnon, Inverness, as to interview with Officers etc. of the Cavalry.
63. Letter from Supt. Ross, Stornoway, as to Officers of S.S. "Claymore" identifying Miss Milne's photo.
64. Report by Det. Insp. Milne, Glasgow, with statement by Miss Rosser, Partick.
65. John Robertson, Supt. of the Seamen's Institute, Leith.
66. Report by Mr. Campbell, Det. Officer, Dundee, with statements by James Cairns and W. Milne, both saddlers in the employment of W. Reid, 19 Union St., Dundee.
67. Mary Dawson & Margaret Dawson, 40 Rosebank Road, Dundee, and Mary Smith or Dally, 90 Logic Street, Lochee.
68. Clarence Herbert Murray, Mining Engineer, London.
69. Report by Det. Serg. Hedges, Scotland Yard, as to Warner being charged with being drunk on licensed premises.
70. Mrs. Amner, S. 6, Nine Street Police Station, London.
71. Charles Clark, Do. Do. Do.
72. Charles Cuss, Do. Do. Do.

73. Florence Chlendorf, Boarding-house keeper, 20 Waterloo Road, St. L.
74. Matilda Williamson, wife of Dudley Williamson, Gunsmith, 5 Waterloo Road, St. L.
75. John Logan, 138 Brigstock Road, Thornton Heath.
76. Elizabeth Smith or Ritchie, "Lindisfarne", Broughty Ferry.
77. Robert Henry Cox, British Vice Consul, Antwerp.
78. Henry Brust, Hotel Rubens, Antwerp.
79. Armand Riederich, Waiter, Antwerp.
80. Bert Sydney Aubrey, Porter, Hotel d'Alsace, Antwerp.
81. Jozef Kentsch, Hotel keeper, D. D.
82. Jacques Smit, Hotel Transvaal, Antwerp.
83. Leonh. Mirbach, Hotel Rheinland, Antwerp.
84. Annie Harwood Trenning or Graham, 10 Riversdale Road, Seacombe.
85. Ann Myfanwy Jones, 102 Magazine Lane, New Brighton.
86. Katherine Methven Zylfe, Waitress, 15, Gibbs Lane, Leith.
87. Margaret Galloway or Browning, wife of & residing with Samuel Browning, Temperance Hotel keeper, 7 Brighton Street, Dundee.
88. Samuel Browning aforesaid.
89. Bessie Shepherd, Waitress, 70 Kethergate, Dundee.
90. James Shaw Williamson, Waiter, 3a, King Street, Dundee.
91. Report by Insp. Stewart, Dumfermline, with statement from Peter Stormonth, Teacher, Millhill Street, Dumfermline.
92. Report by Det. - Lieut. Murray, Glasgow, with statement from David McGrouther, Glen Alva, Bishopbriggs.
93. Letter from Det. - Lieut. Trench, Glasgow, to Cb. Sempill, as to identification of Warner by the said David McGrouther.
94. Statement of Chief Constable Sempill, Broughty Ferry.
95. Report by Sergt. Cosgrove, Rotterdam, as to Warner's stay with John MacField, & letter from Scotland Yard accompanying same.
96. George Scrymgeour, Journalist, Cadzow, Newport.
97. John Farley Braid, Cashier, 4 Aberlemno Terrace, Dundee.
98. Letter from Cb. Greenock, with statement by Archibald McChail.
99. Report by Det. - Sergt. Meloy, Liverpool, as to Warner purchasing ticket from Liverpool to Antwerp, at Cook's Agency.
100. Letter from New Scotland Yard as to fingerprints on door-plate at Emgrove.
101. Norval Scrymgeour, Journalist, Helen Bank, Longforgan.
102. Elizabeth Davidson or Dumbat, 1 Camperdown Place, Broughty Ferry.
103. Ann Salmond or Rodger, The Elms, West Newport.
104. Helen Salmond, The Elms, West Newport.
105. D. Sturrock, Broughty Ferry; & Sergt. Forbes.

LIST of original Letters and Statements handed to Procurator  
Fiscal on 9th December 1912, to be returned.

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58. Letter from W. Strong Fleet, Guildford, dated 18th Nov. 1912, as to Miss Milne being on board the S.S. "Cavalier".
59. Report by Detective-Insp. Weir, Glasgow, as to Miss Milne's stay in Glasgow and her correspondence with Mrs Glen, 18 Percy Street, Ibrox.
60. Statement by Robert Paton Wallace, Steward, Janefield, Langbank, Renfrewshire.
61. Letter dated 18th Nov. 1912 from Supt. Lindsay, Glasgow, with statement by John Greig, 31 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.
62. Report by Insp. MacKenzie, Inverness, dated 11th Nov. 1912, as to interview with Officers, &c. of the "Cavalier".
63. Letter from Supt. Ross, Stornoway, dated 18th Nov. 1912, as to Officers of S.S. "Claymore" identifying Miss Milne's photo.
64. Report by Detective-Insp. Weir, Glasgow, with statement by Miss Rosser, 82 Dumbarton Road, Partick.
65. Statement by John Robertson, Superintendent of the Seaman's Institute, residing at 6 Union Street, Leith.
66. Report by William Campbell, Detective Officer, Dundee, with statement by James Connor, Saddler, in the employment of William T. Reid, Saddler, 19 Union Street, Dundee, corroborated by William Milne, Do. Do. Do.
67. Statement by Mary Dawson, Manageress, 40 Rosebank Road, Dundee, corroborated by Margaret Dawson, same address, and Mary Smith or Dailly, 90 Logie Street, Lochee.

Further list of productions.

31. Carving Fork, stained with blood.
32. Side Curtain Hook found in main hall.
33. Match box and matches found in Miss Milne's bedroom, to show the kind of matches used by the deceased.
34. Carving Knife & Steel found in centre drawer of side-board in dining-room, similar to carving fork produced, taken possession of on 20th November 1912.
35. Two purses produced, found in Miss Milne's bedroom and taken possession of on 20th November 1912.
36. Two handbags produced, found on dining-room table and taken possession of on 20th November 1912.
37. A handbag found in Miss Milne's bedroom, and taken possession of on 20th November 1912.
38. Finger plate on kitchen door, with fingerprint bloodstains thereon, taken possession of on 20th November 1912.
39. Small table in main hall with bloodstains thereon, taken possession of on 20th November 1912.
40. Green Curtain that was hanging at entrance to main hall by vestibule, taken possession of on 19th November 1912.
41. Lace Curtain that was hanging at entrance to main hall by vestibule, taken possession of on 19th November 1912.
42. Poker found in Miss Milne's bedroom, taken possession of on 5/11/12.
43. Half cotton sheet found in kitchen, similar to half sheet on body of deceased, and taken possession of on 4th November 1912.
44. Velvet neck band found lying on floor of main hall and taken possession of on 3rd November 1912.
45. A cardboard case for a brooch, found in Miss Milne's bedroom and taken possession of on 25th November 1912.
46. A case for finger-ring, found in Miss Milne's bedroom and taken possession of on 25th November 1912.
47. A lady's black cloak found in dining-room and taken possession of on 25th November 1912.
48. A fir stool found in Miss Milne's bedroom and taken possession of on 25th November 1912.
49. A pair of light coloured gloves found in Miss Milne's bedroom, and which the deceased was wearing the last days she was seen alive, and taken possession of on 25th November 1912.
50. A pair of eyeglasses in case, found in Miss Milne's bedroom, and taken possession of on 25th November 1912.
51. A flower vase, which was on second step of back stair and was full of urine, and taken possession of on 3rd December 1912.
52. A black veil found in Miss Milne's bedroom, which she was wearing the last days she was seen alive, taken possession of on 25/11/12.
53. A handbag found in main hall and taken possession of on 9/12/12.
54. A handbag found in main hall and taken possession of on 9/12/12.

FRANK GODWIN MILNE, "31", Motor Engineer, 54 Bensham Lane,  
West Croyden, Surrey, states:-

I am a nephew of the deceased Miss Jean Milne. I last saw her alive some time in July 1912,- the exact date I cannot say. She was then in London. She had not informed me of her intention of coming to London. The first intimation I had of her being there was the receipt of a Post Card or letter ( I cannot remember which) from her, saying that she would be pleased to see me at the Palace Hotel, Strand, where she was staying. About a week after receiving this invitation, I called at the Palace Hotel and saw her. She appeared to be in good health and was quite cheerful. The next time I saw her was about a fortnight afterwards, when I again visited her at the hotel.

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EUPHEMIA WELSH OR TOSH, "76", widow, Southbank House, South Street, Forfar, states:-

The deceased Jean Milne was my aunt, my mother's youngest sister, but I have not seen her since she was a girl. I remember of her visiting my mother several times, but I paid little attention to her, and have never had any correspondence with her. I remember of meeting James Milne, my uncle, about eight years ago in the house of William Samson, Grocer & Spirit Merchant, 26 High Street, Arbroath. I had a short conversation with him at that time, but had no correspondence with him after, and knew nothing about him. I have a brother named William Welsh, a retired foundry worker, who resides in Helen Street, Arbroath, and who may be able to give some information regarding my aunt, as he was often visited by my uncle, James Milne, when he was in Arbroath doing business with William Samson aforesaid, who is my nephew. I have also two nieces, named Jessie Welsh and Isabella Welsh, who reside in Reform Street, Kirriemuir, but I do not think they knew much about Miss Milne.

JAMES SLIDDERS, "54". Postman, Lenas Cottages, Brook Street, Broughty Ferry, states:-

I am a postman on the district in which Elmgrove is situated, and I deliver Miss Milne's letters by putting them in a locked letter box fixed on to the inside of Court door, leading to the kitchen door. I do not ring any bell. The only time I go with letters to the front door is when I have got a registered letter, and I often had considerable difficulty in getting Miss Milne to answer the bell. About a month ago from Thursday, 31st October, or Friday, 1st November, 1912, between 10 & 10-30 a.m. I met Miss Milne running up Grove Road towards the Car route in Strathern Road. She was on the opposite side of the street from me, and nodded to me but did not speak to me. On the week ending 26th October 1912 I knew the letter box on Miss Milne's back door had not been emptied for several days, and during the week ending 2nd November 1912 it was getting quite full of letters. I had difficulty in putting them in. On Friday, 1st November 1912 I reported the matter to the Post master. On Saturday, 2nd November 1912 about 8 p.m. I met Con. Brown in Duntrune Terrace and told him how full Miss Milne's letter box was getting, and that surely something was wrong. I knew that the front door had not been opened since Thursday, 31st October 1912, as there was a small book or pamphlet on the handle of the door.

JOHN FORBES, Police Sergeant, Broughty Ferry Burgh Police, states:-

On Saturday, 2nd November 1912 about 8-30 p.m. I came into the Police Office, when the Chief Constable informed me that he had received a telephone message from Constable Brown that the postman (witness Slidders) had informed him that the letter box at Elmgrove, occupied by Miss Milne, had not been emptied for about three weeks, and was noe full. I was then instructed to go

A. and investigate. I took a lamp with me and went there, finding Constable Brown at the Entrance gate to Elmgrove. The small gate was not locked. Con. Brown and I proceeded up the drive to the house, tried the front door and found it was locked. I then examined the big lock and saw the key was inside. The pamphlet referred to by the witness Slidders was on the handle of the door. We then examined the house and found everything secure. The letter box in the back entrance door to court, leading to kitchen door, was full of letters. I then went to Mr Swan, off Westlea, and got the use of his telephone, and communicated what I had learned to the Chief Constable, and it was arranged that I would get a joiner on the following morning and make an entrance into the house. I

C. made that arrangement later on. On Sunday, 3rd November 1912 at 9 a.m., Con. Brown & I, in company with the witness Coullie, proceeded to Elmgrove. I provided myself with a bunch of keys. I tried to open the front door check lock, but without success. I then instructed witness Coullie to break a pane of glass in the kitchen window, to unshrub the window and to enter thereby and open the front door for us, which he did. When witness Coullie opened the front door for us, he said "she is lying dead in the hall here". We entered,- I going first. There is a front hall with a cloak-room to the left, then a glass door leading to the vestibule, and at the entrance to the main hall there is no door, but on the right hand side there hangs a large heavy green curtain, and on the left hand side there is a lace curtain. It was then 9-20 a.m. I found both curtains tied together with a piece of cord produced (No.1). The two curtains were tied about 3 feet 6 inches from the ground /

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ground, and below the knot were drawn together, so as to obscure the possibility of anyone seeing in by a window of obscured glass, which looks right into the front hall and vestibule. I pulled the piece of cord off, it being not firmly tied, and we passed into the main hall. I found about 2 feet 9 inches from the foot of the stair Miss Milne lying on the carpet on the floor, with her head towards the entrance, her feet towards the wayleading towards the diningroom. On making examination I found she was all blood on the top of her head, and her face was much swollen. She was lying on her right side, her left arm lying across her right arm, stretched out in front of her body. Her clothes were all full of blood, a half cotton sheet doubled and covering her back and back of head. I saw at once decomposition had set in. On further examination I found her legs were tied at the ankles with a green curtain rope produced (No.2). I then gave instructions to Con. Brown and witness Coullie not to touch anything until seen by the Chief Constable. We then had a look through the rooms, thinking the motive of the murder was robbery, but on a cursory examination of them I found the only drawers that were drawn out were the three drawers in the sideboard in the dining-room, and a travelling case in the main hall, nearby to the deceased, which was open, but not much out of order and had no appearance of being searched for money or anything else. I then told Con. Brown and witness Coullie to remain in charge, and I would go and inform the Chief Constable, which I did. The Chief Constable accompanied me at once. After the Chief Constable and I had another examination of the main hall  
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G. and the rooms of the house, the Chief Constable left to telephone for the Medical Officer (Dr. Sturrock) and W.F. Mackintosh Esq., Procurator Fiscal. I continued my investigations, and as I knew from the Chief Constable that Mr Roddan, Burgh Surveyor, was to take measurements and make a plan of the hall and how the different articles were placed and the position of the deceased's body, I did not take exact measurements. I found part of a gold Ear-ring produced (No. 3), lying on the floor within a foot of her feet; other gold Ear-ring and small gold brooch produced (No.4) lying about / (A)

about 2 feet 6 inches from the body to the south near centre room door; a pair of spectacles produced (No.5) lying on the floor close beside her back; a gold brooch produced (No.6) lying on her clothing at her back; an upper set of false teeth produced (No.7) lying on right hand corner of door mat at entrance to Drawing-room, and about 3 feet 9 inches from the body; a lower set of false teeth produced (No.8) lying on third step of stair within 9 inches of the left hand side wall of the stair; hair pad produced (No.9) lying at back of body, partly hid by her clothing; glass vase produced (No.10) lying on the floor, which had fallen off a small table, and quite close to said table, on the right hand side of entrance to main hall; a metal vase produced (No.11), lying on the floor about 2 feet from the body; a broken gas globe produced (No.12), lying in a flower plate on the floor between the Drawing-room door and entrance to main hall; some withered bay branches which were lying on the floor in the corner between Dining-room and middle doors, and lying on the top of these branches was a lady's hat and hat pin produced (No.13), the inside of hat full of blood stains, the hat pin bent to the shape of the head, apparently by the blows and a fall; a patch of blood on carpet on the floor to the left of the stair; a large pool of blood about 18 inches to the south of the body in direct line with where her head was lying, opposite the Drawing-room, and a small blood stain nearer the Drawing-room door; and there was a tin box, unlocked; a travelling case open; two hand bags shut, in the south side of the hall, between middle room door and Dining-room door; card box containing lace, on the floor beside the open travelling case; hall floor bestrewn with burnt matches produced (No. 14); a pair of gardener's pruning sycamiters produced (No.15) lying on a table on the south side of main hall, behind where travelling case and tin box were; knob broken off a poker (No.16) produced, found lying inderneath some withered bay branches which had been used for decoration, which were lying at side of wall on the floor beside the left side of stair; a broken poker produced (No.17) was lying on a round table to the right of stair, and on the knob of /

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of poker and on broken poker stem were stains of blood and hair adhering to them; on the carpet produced (No.18) there is another stain of blood, where deceased's head was resting; on the carpet of the stair on the third step was another large stain of blood, said carpet being produced (No.19). There are six steps in the stair to the first turning, and from there, there are nine steps to the next turning, and on the square flat landing there was found the green curtain rope produced (No.20). There are other nine steps to the top of the stair. The two telephone wires were cut, the wire coming down perpendicular; the wall to the instrument; said-wires produced (No.21). The wire running along the wall in a level direction from telephone instrument; said wire produced (No.22). The telephone number is 1Y2. Trimming of hat produced (No.23) was lying partly underneath the deceased's body, and part of it stretched out on the floor behind her back. It is practically covered with blood stains; stone produced (No.24) was found lying inside door of cloak room, and has the appearance that part of it had been broken off recently, but no blood stains thereon; a number of broken pieces of stone produced (No.25) similar to production No.24, were found lying scattered about the main hall; six gold finger rings produced (No.26); a gold watch, chain and appendage produced (No.27) was taken off her body before removal to the Mortuary. During the forenoon Dr. Sturrock arrived and had an examination of the body. In the afternoon Dr. Templeman, Dundee and Dr. Sturrock had another examination of the body, and until then none of the foregoing articles produced were touched, neither was the body of the deceased. The half cotton sheet produced (No.28) that was partly covering her body and head, had some spots of blood thereon. Chief Constable Sempill found towel produced (No.29) in scullery off kitchen. This towel has one spot of blood thereon and was slightly discoloured, as if it had been used to dry some person's hands.

B. At 5 p.m. the body was lifted on to a shell, as it was lying on the floor, without disturbing the clothing. At 5-13 p.m. I accompanied witness

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Carrollie to the Mortuary in Dundee, and had the body placed there for the purpose of having a post mortem examination by Professor F. H. Sutherland and Drs. Sturrock & Templeman. The clothing taken off the body was taken here by Con. Suttie on 4th inst., but they have not yet been labelled and numbered. Chief Constable Sempill found an Evening Telegraph Newspaper, 5th edition, dated 14th October 1912, produced (No.30). It was lying on the Dining room table, and had never been opened or read. The house has been carefully searched for any clue that could be got. The witness Rodger, Photographer, took a photograph of the position of the body before anything was disturbed.

I have been informed from a private source that two days after the murder was committed, a telephone call came from London for Elmgrove, - LY2 Broughty Ferry, but of course got no answer.

Additional statement given to P.F. on 23/12/12.

On Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1912, I made careful inquiry at all dwelling-houses in the vicinity of Elmgrove, but failed to get any person who saw either light or smoke about Elmgrove. I also made inquiry at night tramway car conductors, but none of them ever remind of Miss Milne tendering a sovereign as payment of her fare. There are other fare conductors to be seen yet, they being off duty yesterday. All the conductors seen state that Miss Milne had always plenty of money in her handbag, and generally a lot of gold. She showed it quite openly when looking for small change to pay her fare.

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JAMES BROWN, Police Constable, Broughty Ferry Burgh Police,

states:-

On Saturday, 2nd November 1912 about 8 p.m. I was on duty in Duntrune Terrace, West Ferry, when I met witness Slidders, who stood and spoke to me, telling me that he thought something must be wrong at Elmgrove, occupied by Miss Milne, as he did not think her letter box had been emptied for nearly three weeks, and was not quite full. I knew Miss Milne had not notified the Police that she was going away, which she generally does. I thought it advisable to go and examine the house, which I did and found the house correct as far as could be seen from the outside. I then went to Mr Swan, of Westlea, nearby, and telephoned the Chief Constable what I had learned, and remained at Elmgrove until the arrival of Sergt. Forbes. I can corroborate Sergt. Forbes' statement from A to B, and also can speak to the productions signed by me.

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JAMES SUTTIE, Police Constable, Broughty Ferry Burgh Police,

states:-

On Sunday, 3rd November 1912 I came on duty at 10 a.m., on hearing in the Police Office that Miss Milne of Elmgrove had been found dead, and was also informed that Sergt. Forbes and Con. Brown were there. I proceeded there at once, arriving on the scene about 10-20 a.m. I can corroborate Sergt. Forbes' statement from G to H.

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WALTER NEILSON COULLIE, "25", Joiner, Inverleith, Broughty Ferry,  
states:-

On Saturday, 2nd November 1912 about 10 p.m. I got instructions from Sergeant Forbes to come to the Police Office on ~~Saturday~~ <sup>Sunday</sup>, 3rd November 1912 at 9 a.m., and to bring tools with me to force an entrance into Elmgrove. On Sunday, 3rd November 1912 at 9 a.m. I went to the Police Office, and along with Sergeant Forbes and Constable Brown we proceeded to Elmgrove, occupied by Miss Milne. On arrival the e the front door was tied by Sergt. Forbes with a number of keys he had, but without success. Sergt. Forbes then instructed me to break a pane of glass in the kitchen window and undo the snib, and to enter and open the front door, which I did. I then proceeded along the passage to the front door, and while passing through the front hall I saw Miss Milne lying dead on the floor. I passed on. The glass door, which is between the hall and the front door, was shut but not locked. I opened the door for Sergt. Forbes and Constable Brown. I told them Miss Milne was lying in the <sup>hall</sup> ~~floor~~ dead. I can corroborate Sergt. Forbes' statement from C to D and from E to F. During the evening of same date I got instructions to remove Miss Milne's body to the mortuary, in Dundee. At 5-13 p.m. I, in company with Sergt. Forbes, had the body of the deceased removed there. On Monday, 4th November 1912 I took the body back to Elmgrove.