

27th December, 1912.

ANN SALMOND, OR ROBGER, widow, residing at The Elms, West Newport,
says:-

I knew the late Miss Jean Milne, of Elmgrove, Broughty Ferry. We were both members of Free St. Andrew's Church, Dundee. I first met and spoke to Miss Milne at a ladies' meeting in connection with the church about 20 years ago. Since that time I have frequently met her in connection with church work. She very frequently, too, walked with my sister and myself part of the way to the station after leaving church. On one of these occasions, fully five years ago, after leaving church she walked with myself and my friend, the late Miss Petrie, Dundee, part of the way to Tay Bridge Station, and when we were walking down Reform Street she very much surprised us by saying that she intended shortly to take to herself a companion, immediately supplementing this by explaining "a life companion". Miss Petrie and I took this to mean that she intended getting married. We parted at the foot of Reform Street, Dundee, and I congratulated Miss Milne and said "I hope you are making a good choice". Miss Milne never again referred to her approaching marriage, to me, but a few weeks afterwards Miss Petrie asked me not to speak about what Miss Milne had told us as to her getting married, as it was now broken off. I do not know of anyone else whom Miss Milne had told of her approaching marriage. Neither my sister nor myself were on visiting terms with Miss Milne, and the only times we met was at church. The last time I saw her would be during May 1912, that being the last occasion I was at church.

Miss Petrie died about five years ago, shortly after Miss Milne told us about her getting married.

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HELEN SALMOND, Spinster, residing at The Elms, West Newport, says:-

I knew the late Miss Jean Milne, of Elmgrove, Broughty Ferry. We belonged to the same church, Free St. Andrew's, Dundee, - minister Rev. Mr Shaw. We were not on visiting terms with each other, but frequently on leaving church she accompanied us as far as Lamb's Temperance Hotel in Reform Street, on our way down to Tay Bridge Station to get our train over to Newport. She always went into Lamb's Hotel, where, I understand, she had lunch. She sat a little behind us to the left, in the church. The last time I saw her in church was either one Sunday or two Sundays (I cannot be certain as to which) before the Communion. The Communion was on I did not see her to speak to on that occasion.

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DOCTOR JOHN FREDERICK STURROCK, M.B., residing at Arima, Brook Street, Broughty Ferry, says:-

On Wednesday, 16th October 1912, between 12-30 & 1 p.m., I was driving along Strathern Road. Just before coming to Fairfield Road I looked up from my newspaper and saw a lady whom I took to be Miss Milne, principally on account of her being very youthfully dressed for her apparent age. On considering the matter I came to the conclusion I was mistaken, as I have on several occasions since, seen the same lady, similarly dressed, in the West Ferry.

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

The lady referred to in Dr. Sturrock's statement is a Mrs McDougall, who resides in Caenlochan Villas, and there is also a Miss Jane Miller, 176 King Street, Broughty Ferry, and both these ladies are somewhat like, in appearance and style of dress, the deceased Miss Jean Milne. Both dress much younger than their years.

H.M. Prison, Dundee,

Dec. 1st, 1912.

Friend Antrey,

Pay particular attention to this letter as I am in Scotland charged with murder. You spoke of going South but I sincerely hope you are still in Antwerp. You remember you told me you walked from London to Dover in two days. Well, I stole an overcoat in London and started to walk to Dover but was arrested at Tonbridge. I had Lodging and Breakfast and could not pay so was sent to Maidstone Prison for 14 days under the name of Charles Warner. On my discharge I was arrested and charged with murder in Scotland. I was never in Scotland and have given Police full account of my movements since landing at Havre, August 19th. Go and see Mr Cox, Vice Consul and tell him everything you know about me and dates and also name I lived under at your Hotel. Tell him exact date, how you got my parcel at Station and put me in small room over night. Tell him about my putting my name in Book next day and also about writing to Turkish Consul. Be careful about dates. Tell about maid locking ^{my} ~~see~~ room door on me and then letting me in. Your Boss can prove everything. Don't forget about young American that you took to ship. When the Officers come tell them everything. I mean the Boy I borrowed 5 F. from. Browning I think. Mention about Mr Thomas, 'the Cowboy'. He came to Antwerp on same train as I did from Rotterdam. Get the date he registered at your hotel. Try also and find out exact date I first spoke to you, and you told me about a cheap Hotel in Brussels. Take young Boy from Terminal Hotel to Mr Cox and tell about Raincoat with German. In case this letter is forwarded to you write to the Police here or Mr Cox in Antwerp. Be sure and speak about the Warrant you told me Boss took out.

Truly yours,

(Signed) C.S. Walker.

Bad pen.

Also tell about Transvaal Hotel and Rhineland Hotel.

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H.M. Prison, Dundee,

Dec. 1st, 1912.

Mr Cox,

I am enclosing a chart which may help you to locate hotels I spoke about, as they are very small. Hotel Alsace is run by an Alsatian and his wife. They have a German maid, speaks English. This Hotel I stopped at from Oct. 9th until Oct. 16th. There is a German Engineer boarding there and also another German, his wife and child. The Transvaal is closer to Station. I think American's name I took to Red Star Office, Tuesday, Oct. 15th, is Browning. He had a long talk with Proprietor in German. I am referring now to Alsace. I understand Chief Constable is coming to see you soon. I will write you later.

Very truly, Sir,

(Signed) C.S. Walker.

The Hotel marked Ruteus
is the one run by the German
who knows me well. He loaned
me 15 Francs on my Raincoat,
Sept. 25th, and Wednesday, Oct. 16th.

he gave me
Fr. 50, making a
total of Fr. 14.50.

I gave him receipt.
San Antonio Hotel. X

Place Verte.

London Hotel. X

X Hotel Ruteus.

X Cathedral.

X
Europa Hotel.

Alsace Hotel.
C. S. Warren.

Consulate.
C. S. Ware.
C. S. Ware.

Alsace Hotel. X

Men's Lavatory.

Barb.

Stoway

300.

Soldiers' drinking cafe.

Barb. Stoway

One Block.

side entrance. P.O.

Main Street.

Main entrance.

Station.

Lemington Hotel X

Sergeant Forbes and some Constables of the Broughty

Ferry Police Force.

I saw the body ~~(which was covered by a sheet)~~ of
the late Miss Milne, lying in the Main Hall of
Himgrove.

The body was fully dressed.

I saw that the clothes on the upper part of her
body were much bloodstained.

I saw that her legs were tied with

GREEN CURTAIN ROPE (PRODUCED).

I saw deceased's hat, which was a

~~WOMAN'S HAT~~ (produced)
LADY'S STRAW HAT

lying near the body, and I saw that it was much
bloodstained.

I saw the

STEM OF A POKER

(now produced) ^{lying} ~~lying~~ on a table in the Main Hall

behind the body, and I also saw the

HEAD OF A POKER

which was found below some branches lying in the
vestibule/

vestibule and close to the Main Hall.

The head of the poker was of course separated from the stem and I saw that the head and the stem together formed a complete poker, and that the fracture was recent.

I regarded the poker as in all likelihood an instrument which had been used in assaulting the deceased.

I also saw a

CARVING FORK

with two prongs lying in the hall near the body smeared with blood.

The body was lying on the right side.

After examining the body I came to the conclusion that Miss Milne had been murdered.

I was present at the post mortem examination of the body which took place in the Mortuary, Constitution Road, Dundee, at 8.30 that same evening.

The/

The Post Mortem examination was conducted by

Dr Charles Templeman and Professor Gutherland.

Deceased's clothing was removed, and consisted of

BLUE CLOAK

LINEN BLOUSE WITH LACE ATTACHED

GAMISOLE OR SLIP BODY

THREE KNITTED SPENCERS

PAIR OF CORSETS

LINEN CHERMISE

FLANNELETTE CHERMISE

BLUE SERGE SKIRT

KNITTED PETTICOAT

PAIR OF LINEN DRAWERS

PAIR OF STOCKINGS

PAIR OF GARTERS AND

PAIR OF SHOES

(ALL PRODUCED)

These articles of clothing were all taken off or

cut off deceased's body in the Mortuary.

ON/

On taking off the clothes I noticed in the top
apron a split stitch, which struck me as not
having been due to wear, ^{and} remembering the fork,
I wondered whether it could have been caused by
the fork.

When the clothes were taken off I noticed on the
right side of the chest two round punctures, which
I thought might have been caused by the fork.

I drew the attention of the doctors performing the
examination to the punctures, and it was suggested
by them that these were maggot holes.

On the suggestion of Mr Sempill I asked whether
Miss Milne had been criminally assaulted.

The doctors who made the examination said there was
no appearance of it.

I suggested to the doctors making the examination
that the back be examined.

The body was lifted by the left shoulder [^] raised from [^] the table, and it was said by the doctors making
the examination that there were only post mortem
marks/

marks on the back.

After the Post Mortem examination was over I returned

with Chief Constable Sempill to Broughty Ferry.

Chief Constable Sempill went away to London on

6th November, 1912, in connection with this case.

During his absence I could not get the idea out of

my head that the fork had something to do with the

murder.

Mr Sempill returned on 16th November, and on 16th

November, I met Mr Sempill and Lieutenant Trench

in Brook Street.

I stopped and asked them if Miss Milne's clothing

had been examined, because if not, they should do

so, if only to gratify my curiosity, as I thought

the fork had something to do with the murder, and

I wished the clothes to be carefully examined for

marks.

They stated that the clothing had been examined but

that no special inspection had been made to see

whether ^{there} ~~there~~ were such marks.

Accordingly/

Accordingly on Tuesday, 19th October, along with

Lieutenant Trench and Sergeant Forbes I saw the clothing and it was found to be punctured by marks corresponding to the prongs of the fork.

There were twenty punctures on the back representing ten stabs - eight punctures representing four stabs on the right breast, two punctures representing one stab on the left breast just over the heart, and two punctures on the right wrist representing one stab.

These punctures went through all the clothing from Blouse to Flannelette Chemise inclusive, while the punctures on the wrist were through the sleeve of the blouse.

The punctures on the back and breasts were above the line of the corset.

I requested Mr Sempill to send for the Procurator Fiscal and Dr Templeman, as I wished to inform them of the existence of these punctures, and I had a meeting/

DR STURROCK (CONTINUED)

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meeting with them at Broughty Ferry on Tuesday
19th November, when they were shown the punctures
in the clothing.

ALL TRUTH.

DUNDEE, 8th December 1912.

JOHN FORBES, Police Sergeant, Broughty Ferry Police,

States:-

a.

I knew the late Miss Jean Milne quite well.

She resided alone at Elmgrove, Grove Road, within the

Burgh of Broughty Ferry.

Elmgrove is a two storey dwelling house of considerable size.

It contains dining room, Drawing room, Morning room or Parlour with several lavatories and W. Cs; a number of bedrooms and a good deal of servants' accommodation.

It is a large handsome house.

It has a Conservatory and Green house and a number of outhouses outside.

It has a good deal of ground, (between one and two acres), and it stands in the middle of that.

The ground is walled in by a substantial stone wall, at least as high as a man of ordinary height.

There is only one entrance gate which is in Grove Road.

That gate consists of a large gate and a small gate.

The large gate is suitable for carriages, the small one for pedestrians only.

The two gates are beside each other.

When Miss Milne went ^{away} from home both gates were secured.

When she was at home the large gate was fastened from inside by bolts, and the small gate was left open.

There were also two entrances from Strathearn Road, but these were completely larricated and had been for years. You could ^{only} get in at Grove Road entrance.

She kept no servant.

He and resided within Elmgrove House & Grounds except herself.

B.

On Saturday 2nd November 1912 about 8.30 p.m. I came

into the Broughty Ferry Police Office when Chief

Constable Rossill informed ^{me} that he had received a

telephone message from Constable Brown that the

postman (witness James Slidders) had informed him

that the Letter Box at Elmgrove, occupied by Miss

Milne had not been emptied for about three weeks, and was now full.

I was then instructed to go 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 but the large gate was barred inside.

Constable Brown and I proceeded up the avenue to the

house, tried the front door and found it was locked.

I then examined the big lock of front door and saw the key was inside.

There was a pamphlet on the handle of the front door.

It had no postmark on it and was not preserved.

It had been hand delivered.

The Letter Box in the back entrance door to court, lead:

ing to kitchen door, was full of letters.

I then went to Mr. Swan, of 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 made that arrangement accordingly.

On Sunday 3rd November, 1912 at 9 a.m. Constable Brown and I, in company with the witness Walter Neilson Coullie, Joiner, proceeded to Elm Grove.

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 /

in the kitchen window at back of house, to unsnib 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 cloakroom 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, both just at entrance to main hall.

I found both curtains tied together with a

Label No.

PIECE OF CORD (produced).

The two curtains were tied about 3 feet 6 inches from the ground, and drawn together by a knot, so as to prevent 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 nine inches from the foot of the stair

Miss /

Miss Milne lying on the carpet on the floor of Main Hall with her head towards the entrance, her feet pointing towards the Dining room.

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.

She was fully dressed and her clothes not disordered.

Her clothes were all full of blood, a half cotton sheet doubled, and covering her back and back of head.

The

Label No.

SHIRT

is produced.

It had some spots of blood on it.

I saw at once decomposition had set in.

On further examination I found her legs were tied at the ankles with a

Label No.

GREEN CURTAIN ROPE

(produced).

I then gave instructions to Constable 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 /

of the murder was robbery, but on a cursory examination 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 near the deceased which was open, and which contained Ladies' garments, including underclothing.

This had no appearance of being searched for money or anything else.

No drawers or cabinets appeared to have been forced open.

I then told Constable Brown and Witness Coullie to remain in charge, and I would go and inform the Chief Constable, which I did.

Chief Constable Sempill accompanied me at once.

After the Chief Constable and I had another examination of the main hall and the rooms of the house, we then saw the telephone wires of the telephone which is in the main hall had been cut.

Label No.

FOUR PIECES OF TELEPHONE WIRE

are produced, which I cut off.

These are the ends of the two cut wires.

The Chief constable left to telephone for the Medical Officer (Dr Sturrock) and Mr W. F. Mackintosh, Procurator Fiscal.

I /