

Q. Which one? A. This ear, the left.

Q. You were busy in your own house? A. Yes.

Q. When did you hear of any trouble next door? A. I did not hear of the trouble until that evening when Mr. King came home and he told me of the disturbance next door—

(Objected to.)

Q. He told you there was some disturbance next door? A. Yes.

(Objected to.)

(The Court): He didn't tell her anything except there was a disturbance next door—that is, she didn't tell anything about that; that is all right. He called her attention to it.

Q. You didn't go into the house that night? A. No, sir.

Q. Why? A. Well, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon were strangers to me, and I had seen so many people in there that evening, and I didn't feel that my services were needed, because she was an absolute stranger to me.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Q. When did you first meet Mrs. Brandon? A. I first met Mrs. Brandon on the Monday evening that I arrived there.

Q. Who introduced you to Mrs. Brandon? A. Mr. King.

Q. Your husband? A. Yes.

Q. Where were you when you were introduced? A. We were on the front, the front porch of Mrs. Brandon's.

Q. Did you see her the next day? A. On Tuesday?

Q. Yes. A. I saw them.

Q. Did you talk to her? A. Yes.

Q. How many times did you talk that day? A. Just talked to her that morning and that evening as I went out, just twice.

Q. Did you say to anybody as to what was said to you by Mrs. Brandon after the unfortunate woman was found dead?

(Objected to.)

(The Court): How was the question?

Q. (Mr. Brady): Did you say anything to anyone after Mrs. Brandon was found dead as to what Mrs. Brandon had told her, in order to give any information to the authorities as to who might have been the guilty party?

(The Court): She can answer that question yes or no.

(Mr. Green): Have my brother frame the question.

Q. After the authorities had been looking around for some clue on someone who may have committed the alleged crime, did you tell any of them that Mrs. Brandon had told you which might in any way give them a clue as to who might be the guilty party?

(Objected to.)

(The Court): She can answer that yes or no.

A. No.

Q. Did you not tell the authorities that Mrs. Brandon had told you something about a photograph or something like that?

(Objected to.)

(Objection sustained.)

Q. Did Mrs. Brandon at any time confide to you during those days? Did Mrs. Brandon confide in you during the time of your acquaintance with her, anything pertaining to her life?

(Objected to.)

(Objection sustained.)

Q. You say the reason why you would not go in next door was you were not well acquainted with the Brandons? A. Yes.

Q. You were not well acquainted? A. Yes. We were strangers to speak of.

Q. You had not met on Monday night immediately on your arrival at Annapolis? A. No.

Q. I thought you said you had? A. We did meet her, but not as soon as I arrived in Annapolis.

Q. That same evening? A. Yes.

Q. You talked to her the next evening? A. Yes.

Q. You talked to her that afternoon? A. No, sir.

Q. When was the next time? A. I spoke to her that evening as I went out.

Q. You talked to her on the morning of the 8th, the day on which the body was found, about 10 o'clock? A. Yes; I did.

Q. Then after you heard of Mrs. Brandon's death you did not think you were well enough acquainted under those circumstances to go in and see what was going on and see whether you could render any assistance to her? A. No.

Q. Now, what time was it that your husband came home? A. What day?

Q. That day of the 8th? A. The day of the 8th; you mean in the evening?

Q. Yes. A. He arrived home about 4.30 from work.

Q. You say he told you immediately upon his arrival of what was going on next door? A. He said there was a commotion on the outside.

Q. A commotion on the outside? A. A lot of people had gathered together out front.

Q. Mr. Brandon says he didn't arrive home until about quarter of 5? A. Well, he came home from work and went to the express agent to see about the box and rug that we had expected. We expected dishes and a small rug to arrive that day, but, finding they were not at the house as we expected them, he went to the agent at the express office and inquired about them, and he learned that they were there, and then he brought them home, what he could bring back, and that was when he told me he saw this commotion.

Q. What time was that? A. That was a little after 5.

Q. A little after 5? A. Between 5 and around 6.

Q. Between 5 and what? A. Well, around 5 o'clock.

Q. How was your home or your little flat situated as to Mrs. Brandon's flat, or Mr. Brandon's flat? A. Our apartment is right next to theirs.

Q. What time were you opening your box, taking out the clothes, or your china, I think you said, from a box? A. Yes; a large packing box.

Q. What time were you doing that? A. It was during the afternoon.

Q. What were you doing in the morning? A. In the morning I had the dishes to wash up and the bed to make, and I was in the back of the house cleaning my kitchen and bedroom.

Q. What were you doing between the hours of 11 and 12; where were you? A. I was in the back of the house. I had the work to do myself, and it took me a little while in cleaning up and all.

Q. It didn't take you very long to clean up that little flat? A. Well, I was arranging things there that I got out of that trunk. We brought pictures down and put them up in the bedroom.

Q. You say you were in the kitchen? A. And in the bedroom.

Q. Where was this box you were unpacking, in the kitchen or the bedroom? A. The box was in the parlor.

Q. You were packing this box? A. I was not packing the box that morning. I took the things out of the trunk that morning and brought them in the bedroom and kitchen, and also had some pictures there. We had them down there in the bedroom.

Q. What time in the morning were you unpacking that box or the trunk? A. I can't say just what time it was in the morning.

Q. Was it 11 o'clock? May it have been between 11 and 12 o'clock? A. Around that time.

Q. Between 11 and 12 o'clock? A. Around that time.

Q. Your flat or apartment was just about the size of Mrs. Brandon's? A. Yes.

Q. How were the walls? Were they very thick or thin; very thick walls between the two houses? A. I don't really know; I can't say.

Q. You could not say? A. No.

Q. Very small houses, were they? A. Well, I considered the back part rather small; the front room is large, the bedroom and kitchen were not so large.

Q. How long was your husband occupying that apartment before you came? A. Well, he came around the last part of July.

Q. The last part of July? A. Yes.

Q. About how many weeks before? A. Just before; two or three weeks.

Q. Two or three weeks before? A. Yes.

Q. When were you married, Mrs. King? A. I was married on December 16, 1916.

Q. Where? A. In Washington, D. C.

Q. Who did you talk with first after you learned of Mrs. Brandon's death?

(Objected to.)

(The Court): Who did you talk with after the death?

(Mr. Brady): Yes.

(The Court): What is the object?

(Mr. Brady): I suppose the object is the same as I had in asking Mr. Brandon; as your Honor said, I had better prove that by the detectives or the officers of the law, so I withdrew it.

Q. Were you suspicioned of having killed Mrs. Brandon?

(Objected to; objection sustained; exception noted.)

(Mr. Grason): We offer to prove that she was and that suspicion was directed and we offer to prove it as evidence tending to go to this jury as affecting the weight of her evidence.

(The Court): By whom?

(Mr. Grason): By the authorities and she was actually taken in charge for this reason.

To which ruling of the Court the Traverser by his counsel excepted and prays the Court to sign and seal this his Eighth Bill of Exceptions, which is accordingly done this 23rd day of September, 1918.

FRANK I. DUNCAN. (Seal)

TRAVERSER'S NINTH BILL OF EXCEPTIONS.

After the occurrence of the matters set out in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth bill of exceptions, all of which is hereby made a part hereof as fully as if the same were herein repeated at large, the same witness MRS. THOMAS A. KING testified as follows:

Q. Was your husband placed under surveillance by the authorities as being suspected of this crime?

(Objected to; objection sustained; exception noted.)

(Objected to; objection sustained; exception noted.)

Q. Was your husband placed under surveillance by the authorities being suspected of this crime?

(Objected to; objection sustained; exception noted.)

Q. Were you talked to by the authorities?

(Objected to; objection sustained; exception noted.)

(Mr. Grason): We would like to ask a question for the record?

(Mr. Hartman): We don't think a question ought to be asked after it was ruled on. If they want to make an offer let them dictate it to the stenographer and then submit it.

(The Court): That is the rule.

(Mr. Brady): That is the rule?

(The Court): Yes.

To which ruling of the Court the traverser, by his counsel, excepted and prays the Court to sign and seal this his ninth bill of exceptions, which is accordingly done this — day of April, 1918.

(Exception refused.)

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TRAVERSER'S TENTH BILL OF EXCEPTIONS.

After the occurrence of the matters set out in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth bills of exceptions, all of which is hereby made a part hereof as fully as if the same were herein repeated at large, the same witness MRS. THOMAS A. KING testified as follows:

(Mr. Grason: Dictating to Stenographer): Before you were talked to by the authorities, don't you know that your husband had been charged with the crime of this murder by the authorities?

(Offer:—We offer to prove that she was talked to by the authorities respecting this murder and that at that time she knew that the authorities had charged her husband with the commission of this crime.)

(Objected to; objection sustained; exception noted.)

To which ruling of the Court the traverser by his counsel excepted and prays the Court to sign and seal this his tenth bill of exceptions, which is accordingly done this 23 day of September, 1918.

FRANK I. DUNCAN. (Seal)

Testimony of MRS. THOMAS A. KING continued.

Q. About that wide, I presume (indicating)? A. As wide as that rail in front of you?

Q. As wide as that rail in front of you? A. Yes, I think it is rather narrow.

Q. You recognize that photograph? A. Yes.

Q. This is the door into whose house? A. Into the Brandon's house.

Q. And this? A. Our house.

Q. What is that like? A. That is the alley way.

Q. What is that (indicating)? A. This is the back of the house, this is the fence between the two houses.

Q. Between the two yards? A. Yes.

Q. And this is what? A. The steps to the porch.

Q. Of whose house? A. Of the Brandon house.

(Mr. Green): Now, we would like to submit these photographs, as evidence to the jury.

(Note): Photographs shown to the jury and explained by the witness and Mr. Green.

Q. Do you know what this is? A. Steps to the second floor.

Q. Your back porch is where? A. Next to the Brandon's.

(Mr. Green): With the Court's permission I would like to have these photographs marked as the ones identified by Mr. Brandon.

(The Court): The stenographer will mark them.

(Note): Pictures marked as exhibits.

(Mr. Brady): We object to one of these photographs as having been identified by Mr. Brandon.

(The Court): I asked the question specially, so they could be marked if he identified all these and he said yes.

RE-CROSS EXAMINATION.

(Mr. Brady): This little alley way between your home and that of Mr. Brandon's was under cover, there was a roof over it? A. Yes.

Q. Now, back of your home what was there, was that built up or was that a commons? A. Why, there is a rather high fence, that is in the yard, the fence was rather high there, but of course I was not there long enough to take a good notice of the back appearance, but I went upstairs to get our cut glass that we had stored away and I noticed there was quite a lot of little houses in the back, but there appeared to be quite a good deal of ground back there.

Q. Directly back how far were the houses away from you?
A. Well, I could not say just how far they were.