

there be safely kept in the jail of Anne Arundel County until such time as the Governor of Maryland shall appoint when you shall be taken thence by the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County and hanged by the neck until you are dead, and May God have mercy on your soul."

March 1, 1918—

March 2, 1918—Order for an appeal to Court of Appeals of Maryland with affidavit of counsel filed.

March 2, 1918—Order of Court extending time for filing bill of exceptions filed.

March 23, 1918—Order of Court further extending time for signing of bill of exceptions filed.

April 12, 1918—Order of Court extending time for signing bill of exceptions to the 30th day of April, 1918, filed.

April 29, 1918—Petition with Order of Court thereon extending time for filing bills of exceptions until 15th day of May, 1918, filed.

Sept. 23, 1918—Order of Court extending time for ten days for signing and filing bill of exceptions filed.

Sept. 24, 1918—Certificate of Judge Frank I. Duncan to the Judges of the Court of Appeals of Maryland filed.

Sept. 24, 1918—Bill of exceptions filed.

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#### TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD.

(Filed Nov. 12th, 1917.)

*State of Maryland,*

*Anne Arundel County, Sct—*

At a session of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, in the Fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland, begun and held at the Court House in the City of Annapolis in and

for Anne Arundel County, on the third Monday of October, it being the fifteenth day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Present—

The Honorabue Robert Moss Associate Judge.  
John R. Sullivan, Esq., Sheriff.  
Geo. Wells, Clerk.

Among other, were the following proceedings to wit:

*State of Maryland vs. John Snowden.*

Be it remembered that at this present term, Benjamin Watkins, Everett Warren, George E. Wooley, William F. Kuethe, Milton Stansbury, Virgil C. Franklin, John H. Wells, Gassaway Dawson, Harry E. Bean, Wilson G. Weems, R. Malcolm Hunter, George A. Grinder, Oden O. Sansbury, Jeremiah Jones, Walter H. Meade, George E. Simpson, Samuel Brooks, Jr., William J. Flood, Samuel Wood, Daniel S. Sprogle, George Garner, Charles Wilson and Penrylin S. Watts, good and lawful men of Anne Arundel County, who, being then and there empannelled, sworn and charged to enquire for the State of Maryland for the body of Anne Arundel County, having withdrawn from the bar of the Court here, afterwards return and present to the Court here, a presentment in form following, to wit:

October Term, 1917.

The Grand Inquest of the State of Maryland for the body of Anne Arundel County, upon their oath do present that John Snowden did unlawfully, feloniously and of his malice aforethought at the county aforesaid, did kill and murder Lottie May Brandon, by choking her and striking her on the head with some blunt instrument, inflicting a mortal wound of which the said Lottie May Brandon, died, on or about the eighth day of August, 1917.

Benj. Watkins, Foreman.

Whereupon the said State of Maryland, by Nicholas H. Green, State's Attorney exhibits to the Grand Inquest now here empannelled, sworn and charged to enquire for the State of Maryland, for the body of Anne Arundel County an indictment against the said John Snowden, in form following, to wit:

*State of Maryland,*

*Anne Arundel County, to Wit—*

The Jurors of the State of Maryland, for the body of Anne Arundel County, do on their oath present that John Snowden, late of the county aforesaid, on the eighth day of August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventeen, with force and arms, at the county aforesaid, in and upon one Lottie May Brandon, in the peace of God and of the said State then and there being feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought did make an assault, and that he the said John Snowden, then and there the said Lottie May Brandon, by and upon the neck and throat of her the said Lottie May Brandon, with both the hands of him the said John Snowden, did feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought, grasp and seize, thereby choking and strangling the said Lottie May Brandon, and that he the said John Snowden, with a certain blunt instrument, a further description whereof is unknown to the Jurors aforesaid, in his hand then and there had and held the said Lottie May Brandon, in and upon the head of her the said Lottie May Brandon then and there feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought, did strike, giving to her the said Lottie May Brandon, then and there, with the blunt instrument aforesaid, a further description whereof is unknown to the Jurors aforesaid, as aforesaid, by the stroke aforesaid, in and upon the head of her the said Lottie May Brandon, a mortal wound, of which said choking, strangling and mortal wound she the said Lottie May Brandon then and there died.

And so the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do say that the said John Snowden, her the said Lottie May Brandon in the manner and by the means aforesaid feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought did kill and murder, contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.