

whereas now twelve good & lawfull men of the County with shal the matter in hand
as the B. the new. & or counsel. And so returned as follows viz William
Dor. Samuel. Tal. M. Harris. Matthew. Wallis. Samuel. Jones. G. M. Kellam
James. Henry. Philip. G. Gordon. Tillman. Thomas. Willis. David. Griffith. Windsor
Count. 12. who being legally returned summoned & sworn, that they heard & understood
the foresaid proceedings, & received their Charges & are sent forth to determine of same

And this day being the 10th day of September 1692. the Jurors of the said
said Jury returned to the Bar in Court, & being called each man particularly by his name
& being examined one all unanimously agreed of their verdict. The pt of the said
Call, is thus read as followeth. viz. We find for the pt according to the Verdict

For the sake of brevity

Wm. Byers Foreman

Their Majties Compts. The Jurors for the said Malice at a Grand
Oyer & Return. Truly hold at Mene in the second Tuesday in
May 1692. 3 last past, being sworn upon the holy Evangelists, do present
and find that Mary Derry of the County of Spenser at Shinneston
and wife in the Jurisdiction of this Court, not having the fear of God before her eyes but
by the instigation of the Devil, prompted by a wicked & abominable Lust wife and Thomas
Williams of Shinneston & Blawer, heretofore of still fame. Some time before the 15th of
December. an. Dom. 1691. Did Commit that most terrible & abominable Sin of Fornication
of her Body had a bastard Child, where in its own Nature is a deadly sinfull and
injurious to the Law. Yet the said Mary not satisfied with that unlawful act whereof
itself is so heinous as said is. But at Shinneston & together with the said Thomas
Williams, did Enter, plett & in their mind wickedly & heinously resolve the death
murder & destruction of the said Child, that it might not be known, but to the knowledge
of all persons & secretly & cunningly they did enter into the house of
of the said Thomas Williams where with they assisted of the said Thomas who was
labored of a Child whether male or female is not known to God & the said Child was
Thomas & Mary. The said Child most heinously murdered & buried in the house of