

Report of Post Mortem on the body of Julia WALLACE, found murdered at 29, Wolverton Street, on the 20.1.31.

On 21.1.31 at Princes Dock Mortuary, I made a P.M. examination of the body of Julia Wallace. Woman about 55 years, 5'3/4", lightly built, prominent abdomen. No linea albicantes. The external genital orifice was quite clean with no evidence of blood. There was a small recent bruise mark on the inside of the left upper arm. There were no other external marks of violence on the trunk or limbs. The hair was matted with blood and brain tissue. The hair was removed. Two inches above the zygoma was a large lacerated wound 2" x 3" from which brain and bone were protruding. On the back of the head on the left side were ten diagonal apparently incised wounds. On removal of the scalp the left frontal bone was driven into the front of the brain corresponding to the external wound. The whole of the left side of the back of the skull was driven in and broken into pieces. The injury extended into the middle and rear fossae, fracturing the base of the skull breaking up the rear part of the cerebellum bursting the tentorium cerebelli and breaking up the left side of the cerebellum. The left lateral sinus was broken across also the meningeal arteries. The appearance was as if a terrific force with a large surface had driven in the scalp bursting it in parallel lines, with the appearance of several incised wounds, but the edges of these wounds were not sharp.



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The lungs, heart, kidney and spleen were normal. The stomach contained about four ounces of semifluid food consisting of currants, raisins and unmasticated lumps of carbohydrate. The small bowel was normal, the caecum ascending and transverse colon were enormously and chronically distended (typical constipation bowel). Uterus virginal and clean. The vagina clean and no evidence of bleeding. The right ovary normal, left ovary  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  fibroid.

I am of the opinion that death was due to fracture of the skull by someone striking the deceased three or four times with terrific force with a hard large-headed instrument.