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(with apologies to Nina & How Brown)

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*Charles Dobell*



*[Illustrated Police News, 27/10/1888]*

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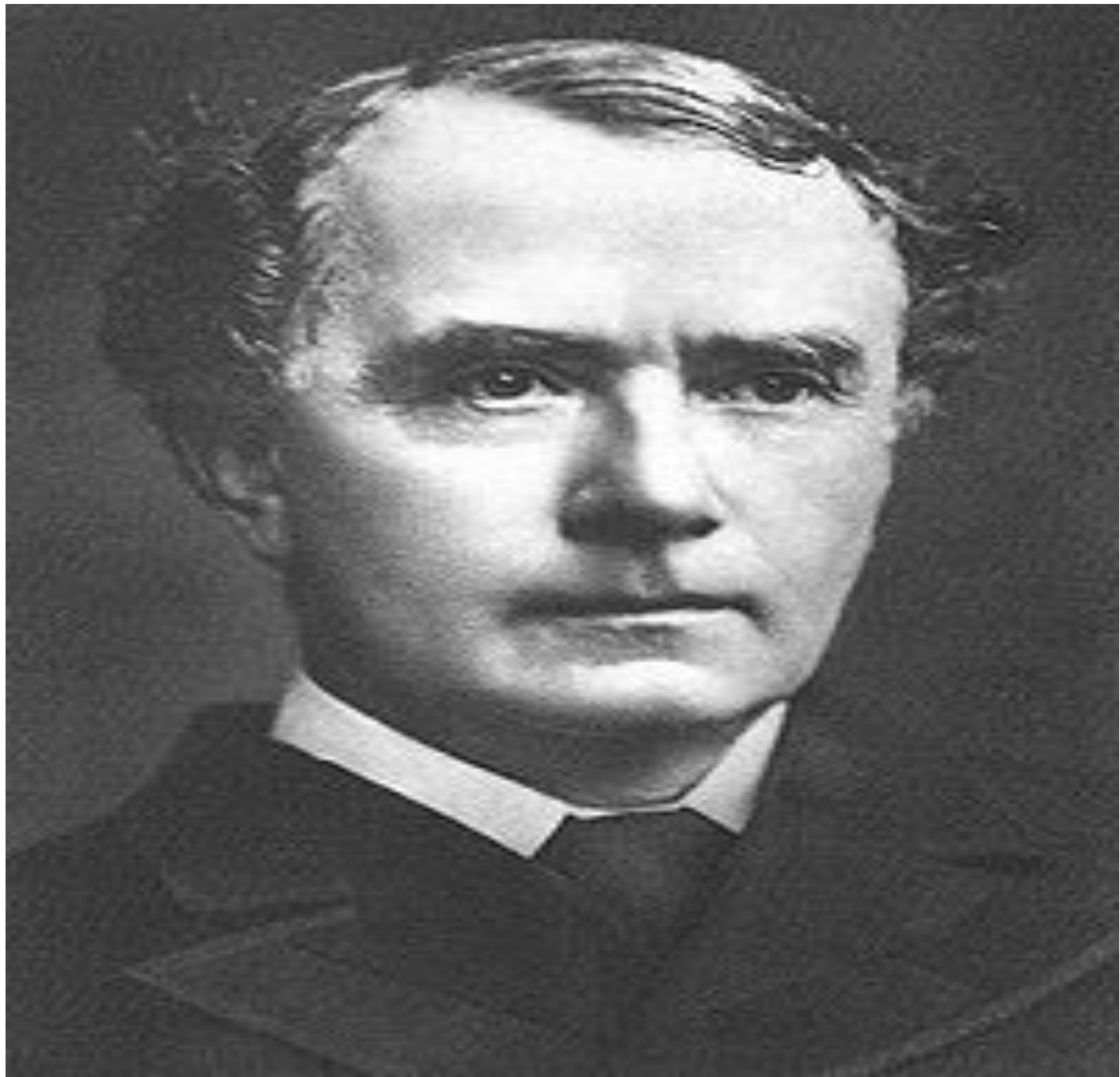


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*[New Zealand Herald, 8/12/88]*

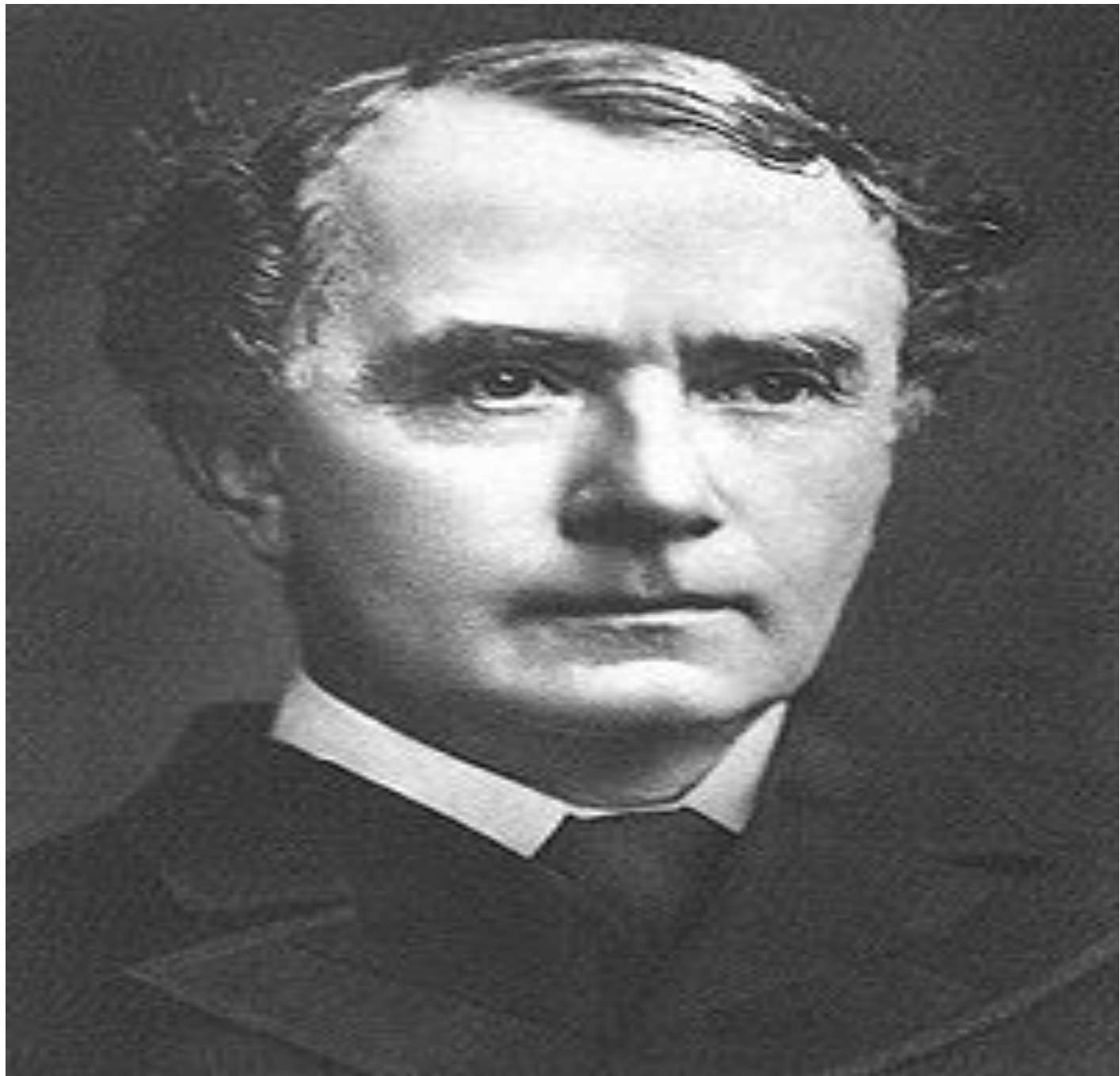
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Mr. Channing, for Mr. S. Smith, asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether his attention had been drawn to the report that the two boys now waiting their trial for murder in Maidstone Gaol had been addicted by their own confession to the reading of such books as 'Dick Turpin' and 'Varney the Vampire: or, the Feast of Blood' and 'Sweeney Todd' and that one of them had told a correspondent of the Tunbridge Wells Advertiser that he was prepared for his fate now he had made his name known; whether he was aware that there was an enormous circulation of criminal literature among the young, and that about 25 English newspapers had been publishing the lives of Charles Peace, William Palmer, the Rugeley Poisoner, and the murders of Burke and Hare; whether he was aware that those stories attractively written were widely circulated and read by enormous numbers of children, and instigated many of them to the commission of crimes.<sup>20</sup>

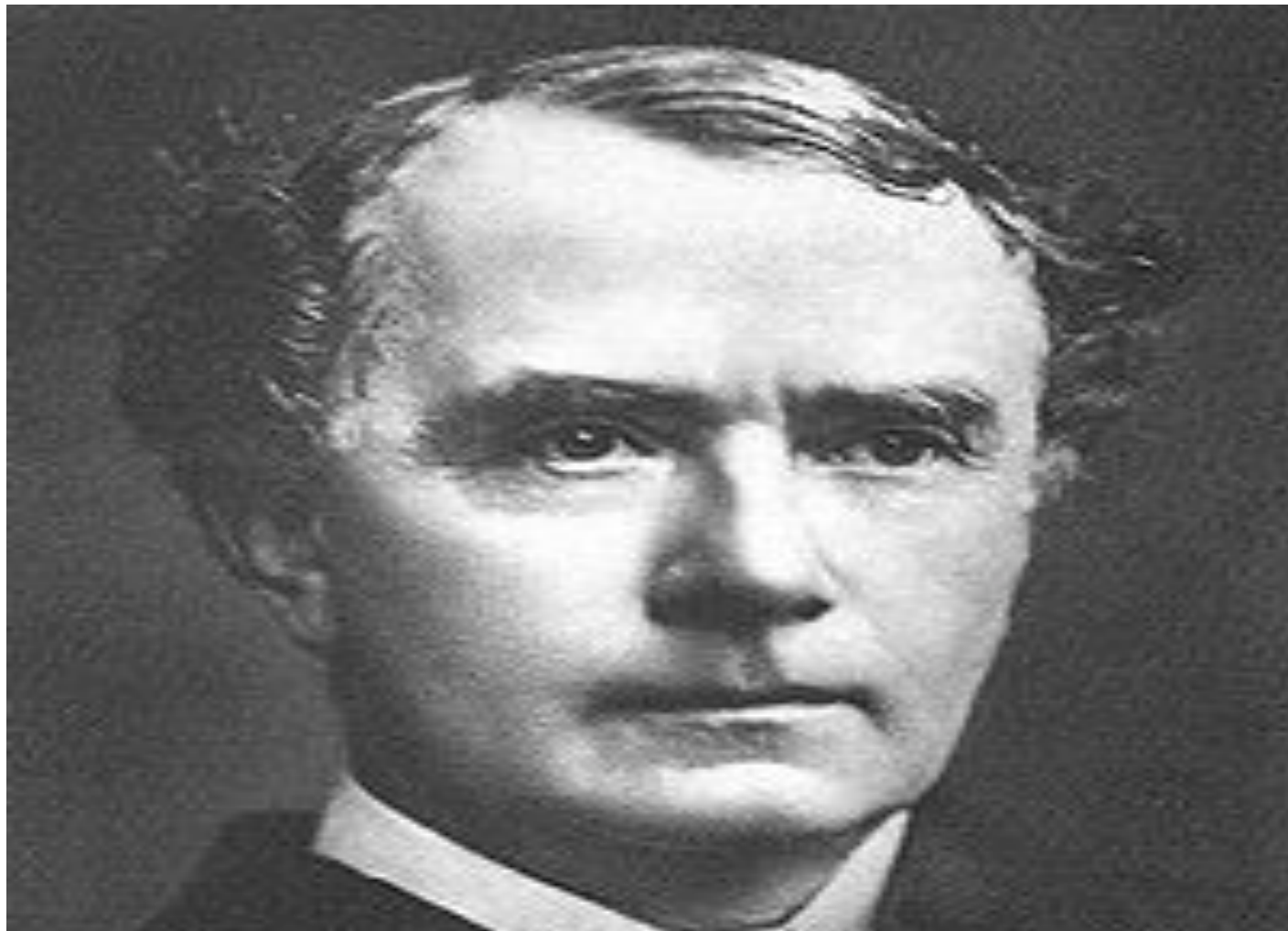
[*The Wonderful and Surprising History of Sweeney Todd*, Robert L. Mack, 2008]



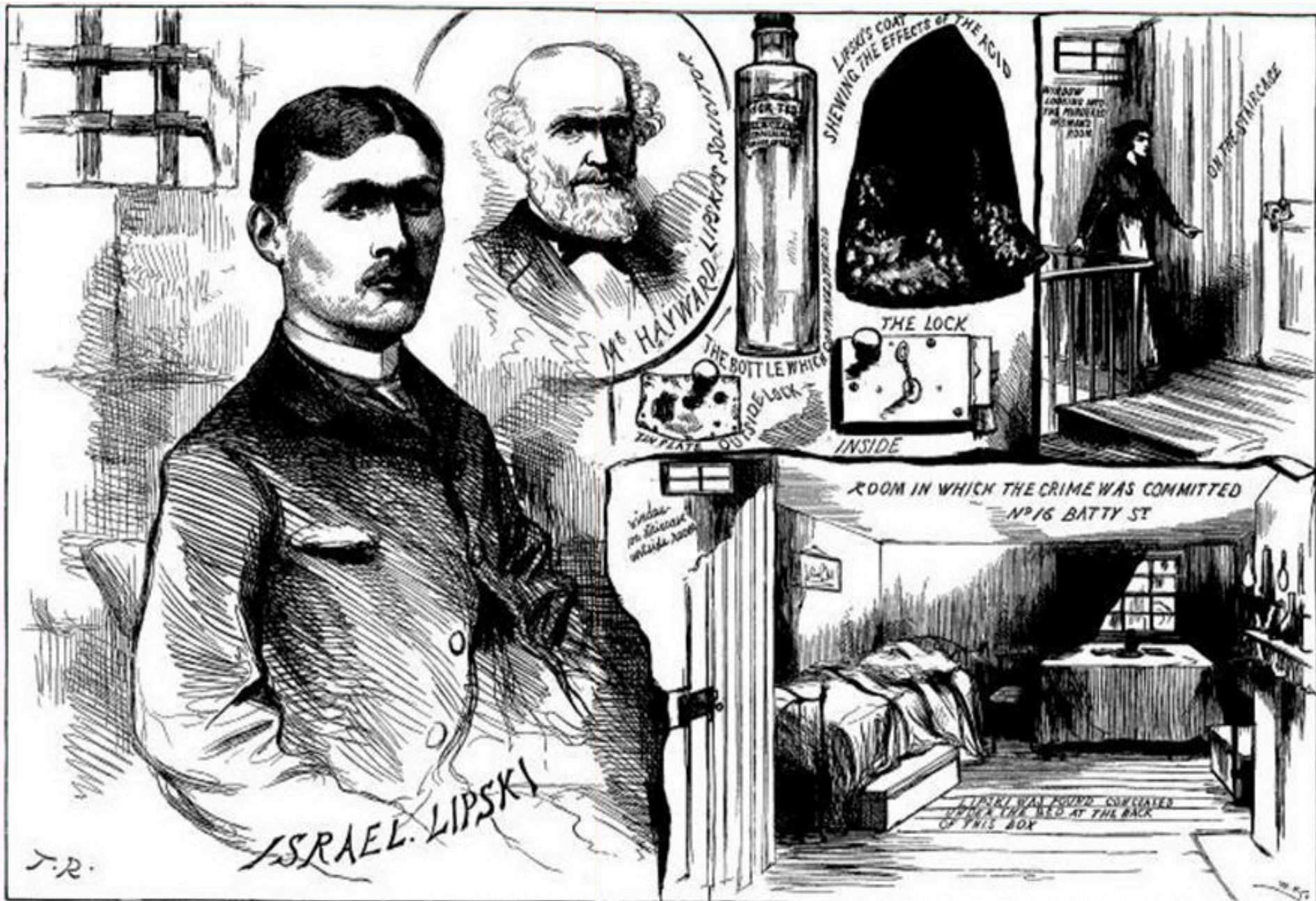








“IS HE THE WHITECHAPEL MURDERER?”



ISRAEL LIPSKI'S MURDER OF MIRIAM ANGEL; PORTRAIT OF THE MURDERER AND SOLICITOR, AND SCENE OF THE CRIME.—[See "Law and Police."]



# NOTICE.

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## MEETINGS IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE.

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In consequence of the disorderly scenes which have recently occurred in Trafalgar Square, and of the danger to the peace of the Metropolis from meetings held there, and with a view to prevent such disorderly proceedings, and to preserve the peace:—

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This Notice is not intended to interfere with the use by the Public of Trafalgar Square for all ordinary purposes, or to affect the Regulations issued by me with respect to Lord Mayor's Day.

Metropolitan Police Office,  
1, Whitehall Place,  
10th September, 1887.

CHARLES WARREN,

*The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.*

‘WHITECHAPEL will, we hope, be up in Parliament to-night. Mr. MATTHEWS will be forced, by Tory as well as Liberal members, to say whether he stands by Sir CHARLES WARREN, and whether it is with his approval that Mr. MONRO was elbowed out of his post, **Whitechapel has avenged us for Trafalgar-square**, for Coercion in Ireland and in London, for a score things which are rather more culpable than the failure to take the Whitechapel murderer. (...)

**WARREN and MATTHEWS then may go; but Whitechapel will remain’.**

*[The Star, 12/11/88]*

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# THE STRING OF PEARLS;

OR,  
THE SAILOR'S GIFT.

A ROMANCE OF PECULIAR INTEREST.

"And now, Tobias, listen to me, and treasure up every word I say." "Yes, sir." "I'll cut your throat from ear to ear, if you repeat one word of what passes in this shop, or dare to make any supposition, or draw any conclusion from anything you may see, or hear, or fancy you see or hear."



THE BARBER'S LESSON TO HIS APPRENTICE.

No. 1.

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Who was Executed at York for Horse-stealing, under  
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- VI. An Account of his Exploits in *Lincolnshire* and *Yorkshire*, with the Manner of his being Apprehended.
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BUT SOME THINGS  
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# VARNEY, THE VAMPYRE;

OR,

## THE FEAST OF BLOOD

A Romance.



### CHAPTER I.

----" How graves give up their dead.  
And how the night air hideous grows  
With shrieks!"

MIDNIGHT. — THE HAIL-STORM. — THE  
DREADFUL VISITOR.—THE VAMPYRE

THE solemn tones of an old cathedral clock have announced midnight—the air is thick and heavy—a strange, death like stillness pervades all nature. Like the ominous calm which precedes some more than usually terrific outbreak of the elements, they seem to have paused even in their ordinary fluctuations, to gather a terrific strength for the great effort. A faint peal of thunder now comes from far off like a signal gun for the battle of the winds to begin, it appeared to awaken them from their lethargy, and one awful, warring hurricane swept over a whole city, producing more devastation in the four or five minutes it lasted, than would a half century of ordinary phenomena.

It was as if some giant had blown upon some toy town, and scattered many of the buildings before the hot blast of his terrific

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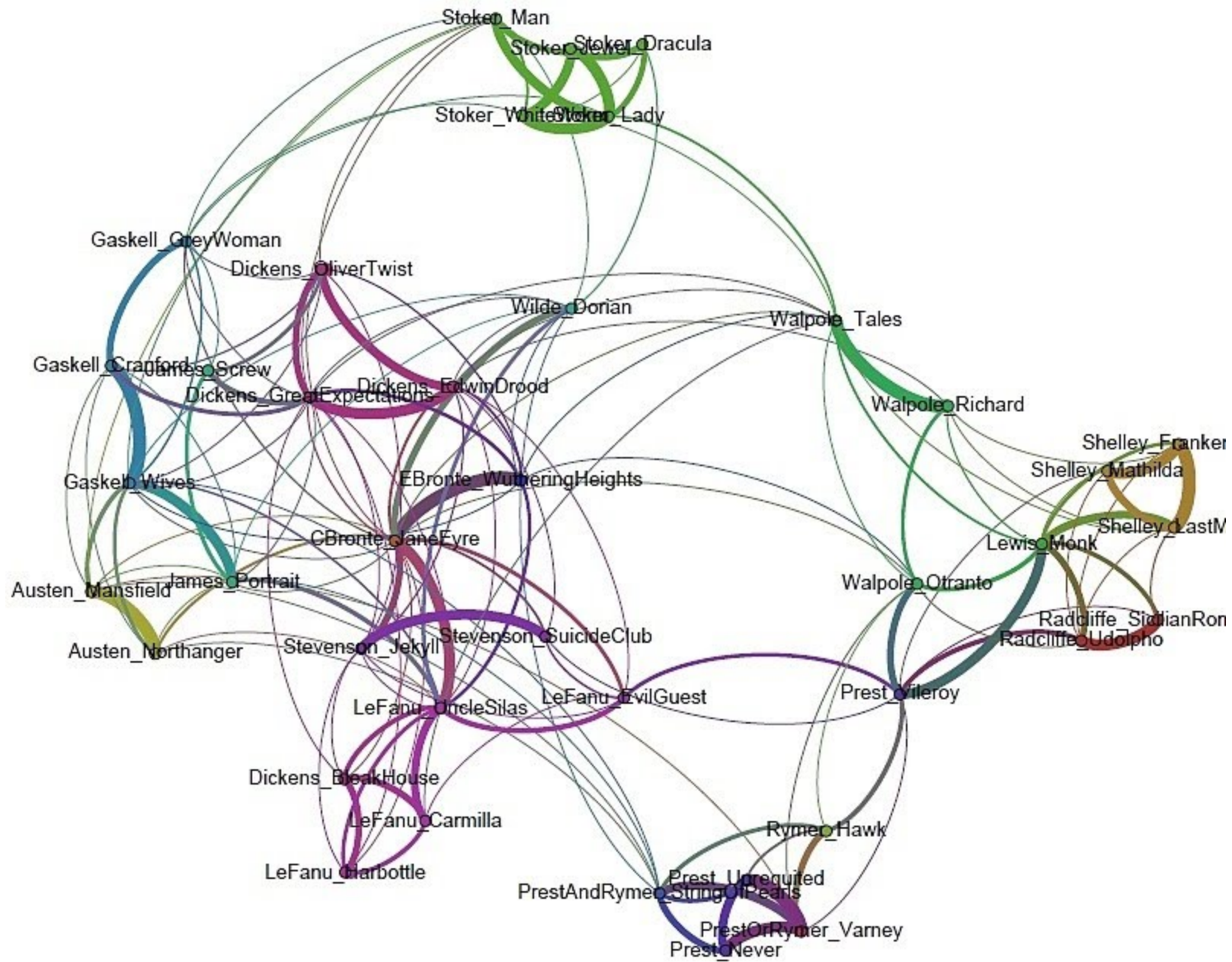
[*Varney the Vampire; or The Feast of Blood*, 1847]

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“What – what was it?”, she gasped, “real or a delusion? Oh God, what was it? A figure, tall and gaunt, endeavouring from the outside to unclasp the window. I saw it. That flash of lightning revealed it to me. It stood the whole length of the window!”

[*Varney the Vampire; or The Feast of Blood*, 1847]



Who was Varney's Maker?, Jan Czekalksi







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[The Bury and Norwich Post, 31/7/88]

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

| * Civil Parish [or Township] of |   | City or Municipal Borough of                            | Municipal Ward of               | Parliamentary Borough of   | Town of        | Village or Hamlet, &c., of | Local Board, or [Improvement Commissioners District] of | Ecclesiastical District of      |                                   |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| St John<br>Lanes                |   | Rory Woodward   | North                           | Bury St Edm                |                |                            | Bury St Edm   | St John                         |                                   |   |
| No. of Schedule                 | ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE | HOUSES<br>Un-<br>habited<br>(U.) or<br>Building<br>(B.) | NAME and Surname of each Person | RELATION to Head of Family | CON-<br>DITION | AGE of                     |   | Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION | WHERE BORN                        | Whether<br>1. Deaf-and-Dumb<br>2. Blind<br>3. Imbecile or Idiot<br>4. Lunatic |
|                                 |   |   |                                 |                            |                | Males                      | Females   |                                 |                                   |   |
| 108                             | 6 W. Lanes Villas                           | 1   | William Crisp                   | Head                       | Mar            | 27                         |   | Railway Signalman               | Luffall Rendlesham                |   |
|                                 |   |   | Harrist do                      | Wife                       |                | 29                         |   |                                 | do Ufford                         |   |
|                                 |   |   | Oliver H do                     | Son                        | Wm             | 1                          |   |                                 | do Bury                           |   |
|                                 |   |   | Elyth S do                      | Son                        |                | 3 1/2                      | 0   |                                 | do do                             |   |
| 109                             | 6 <sup>n</sup> do                           | 1   | Elyth Scarfe                    | Son                        |                | 20                         |   | Railway Porter                  | do Thurston                       |   |
| 110                             | 7 do  | 1   | Bensley Lawrence                | Head                       | Mar            | 36                         |   | Engine Driver                   | do <del>North</del> Thropham      |   |
|                                 |   |   | Maria do                        | Wife                       |                | 33                         |   |                                 | do <del>North</del> Rockwicks     |   |
|                                 |   |   | George B. do                    | Son                        | Wm             | 12                         |   | Grand Boy                       | do <del>North</del> Middleboro'   |   |
|                                 |   |   | Thomas do                       | "                          | "              | 10                         |   | Scholar                         | do <del>North</del> Old Buckenham |   |
|                                 |   |   | Ann M do                        | Son                        | "              | 7                          |   | do                              | Luffall Bury                      |   |

1858. Marriage solemnized at St Andrew's Church in the Parish of Snettiston in the County of Norfolk

| No. | When Married.                 | Name and Surname.      | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------|------|------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 39  | April 8 <sup>th</sup><br>1858 | Bensley Silas Lawrence | 24   | Bachelor   | Miller              | Snettiston                         | William Lawrence           | Labourer                      |
|     |                               | Maria Twigg            | 21   | Spinster   | Servant             | Snettiston                         | George Twigg               | Farmer                        |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by \_\_\_\_\_ or after Reading by us,

This Marriage was solemnized between us,

Bensley Silas Lawrence  
Maria Twigg

in the Presence of us,

Elizabeth Smith George Lawrence his Clerk  
Alfred Loveday Cydia Loveday

Edw J Kipfel Rector

# Workers stumble on 8ft cannabis plants growing on Norfolk Broads

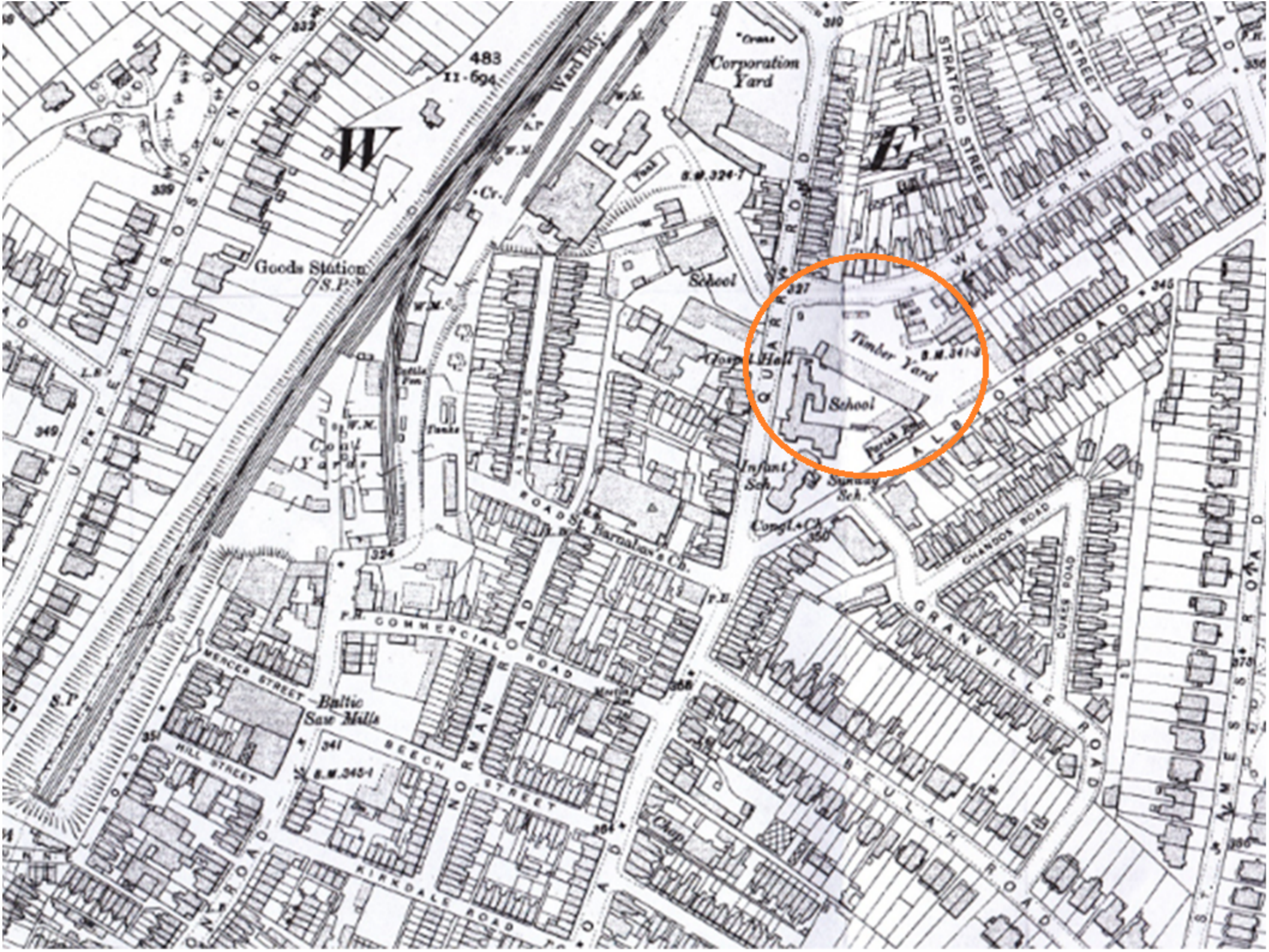
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Dan Grimmer



Pc David Mills (left) and Pc Paul Bassham (right), with the cannabis plants found at Postwick. Photo: Norfolk Constabulary.

[*Eastern Daily Press*]



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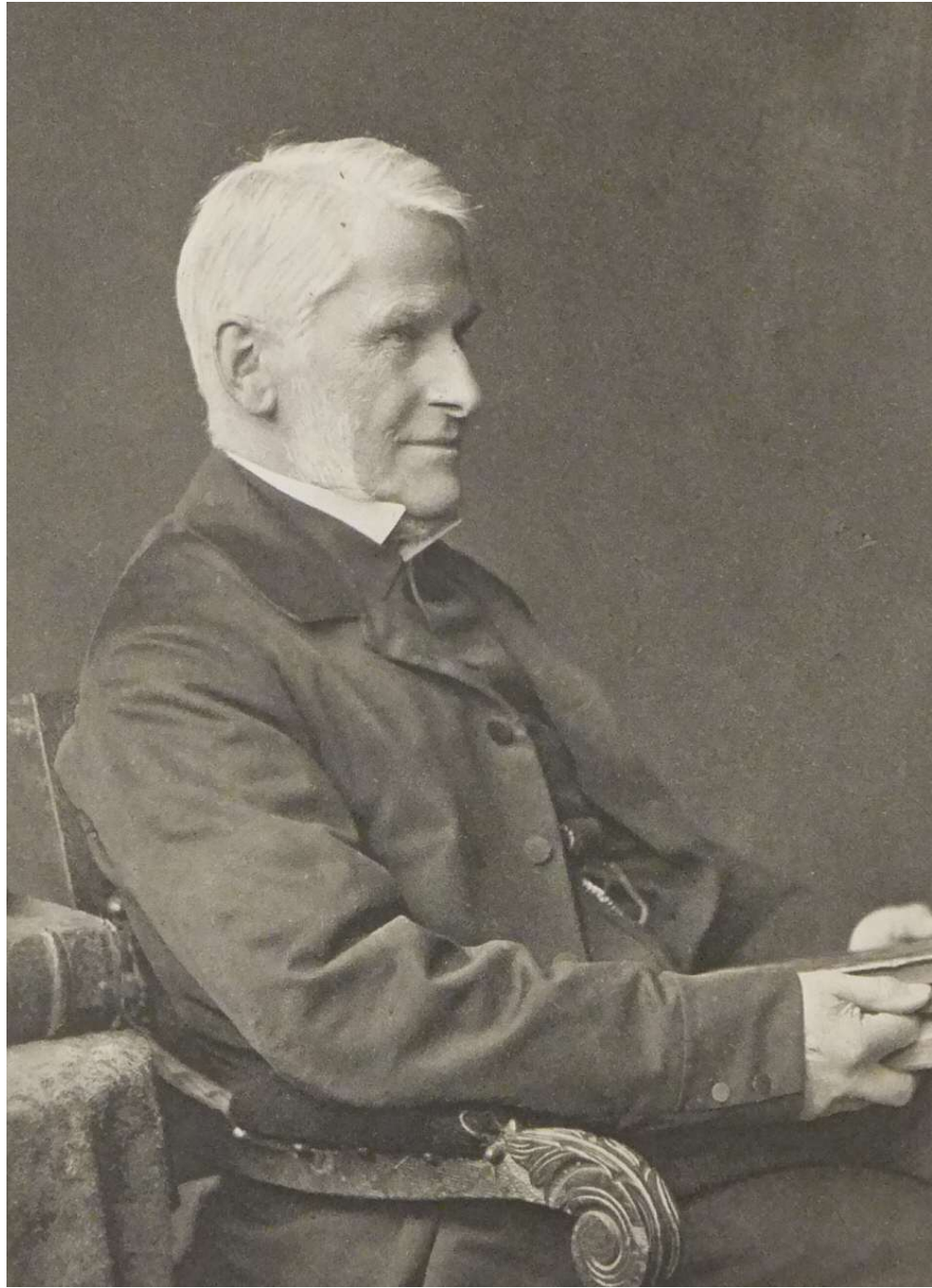
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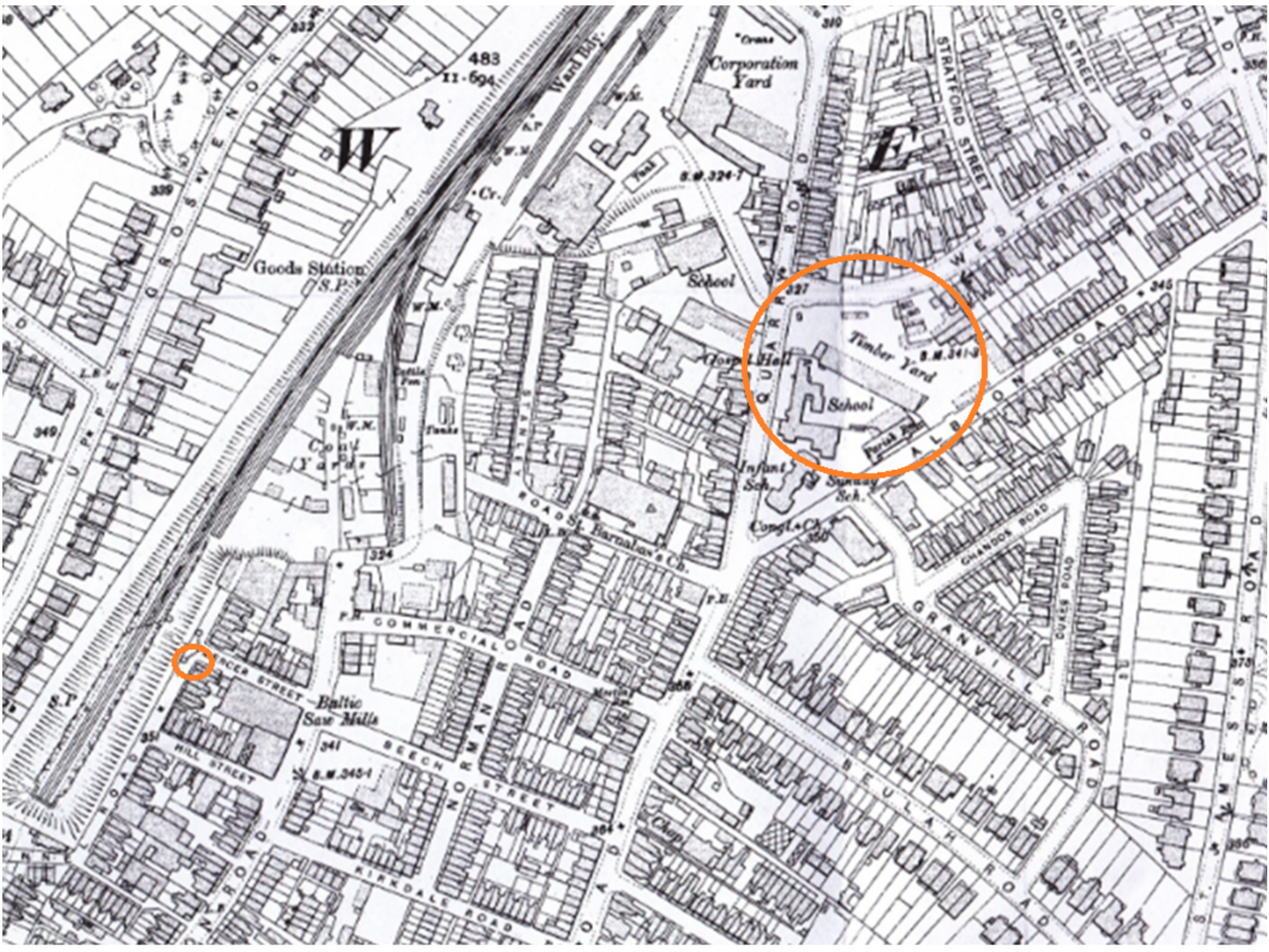
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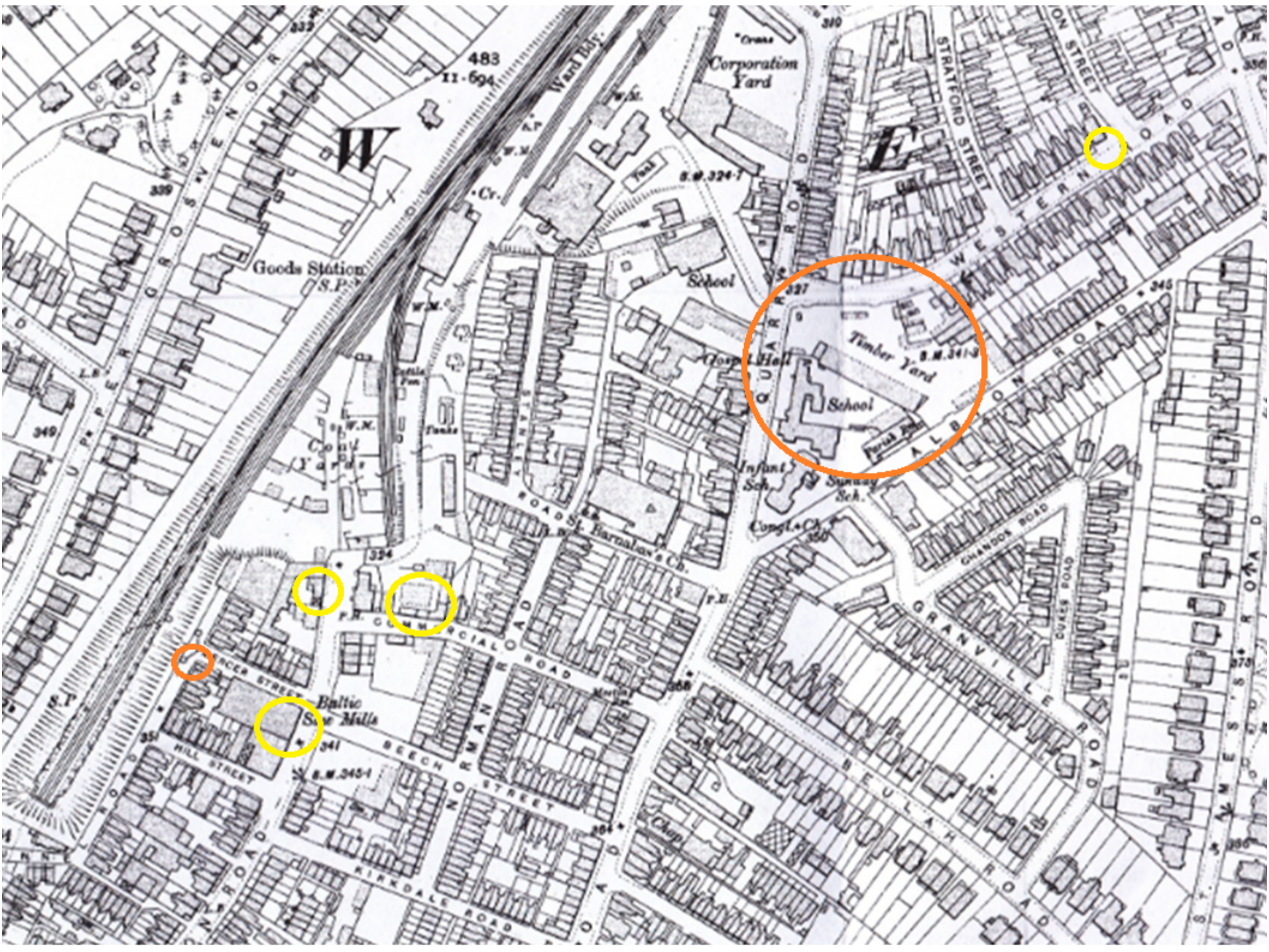
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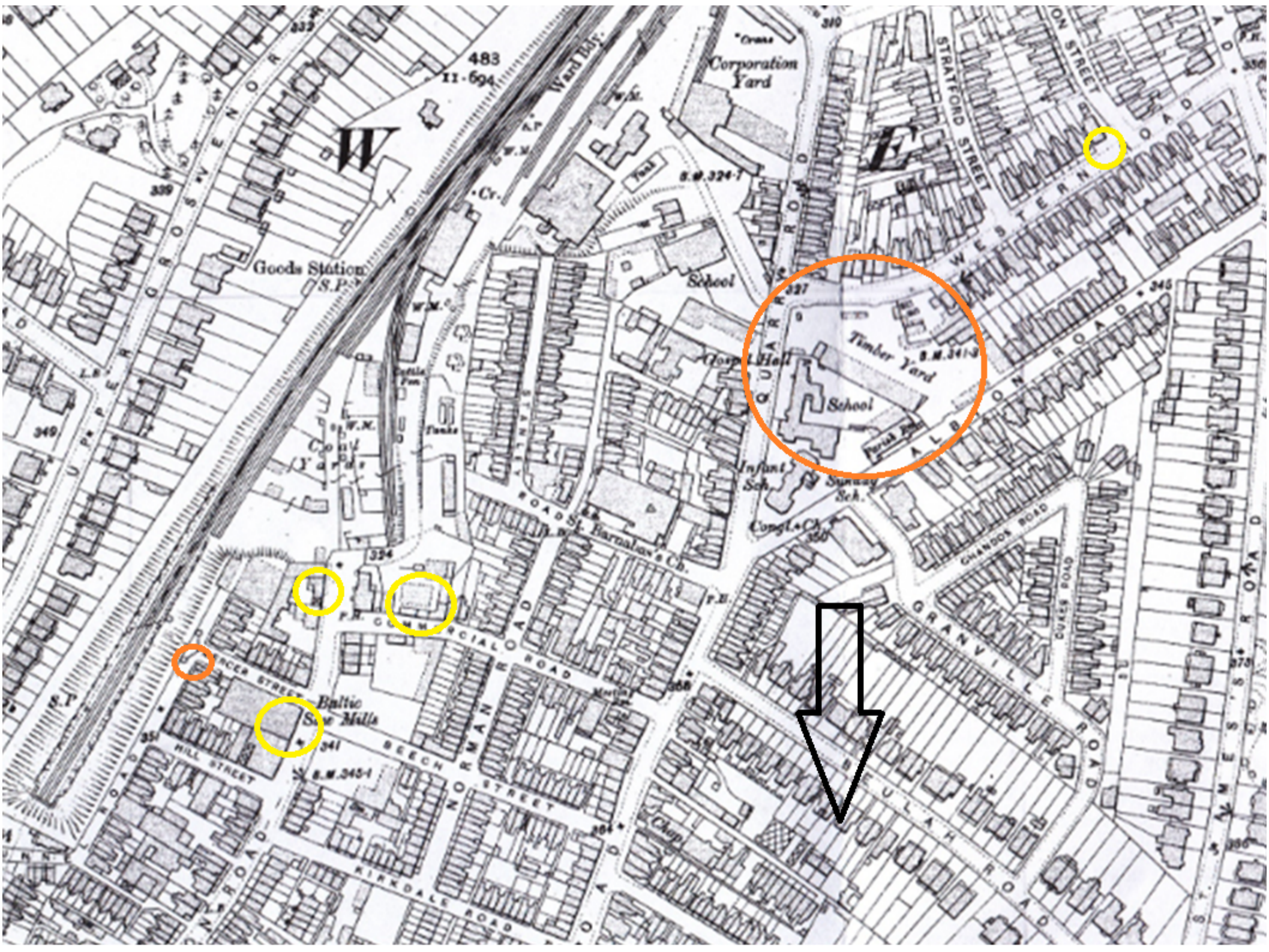
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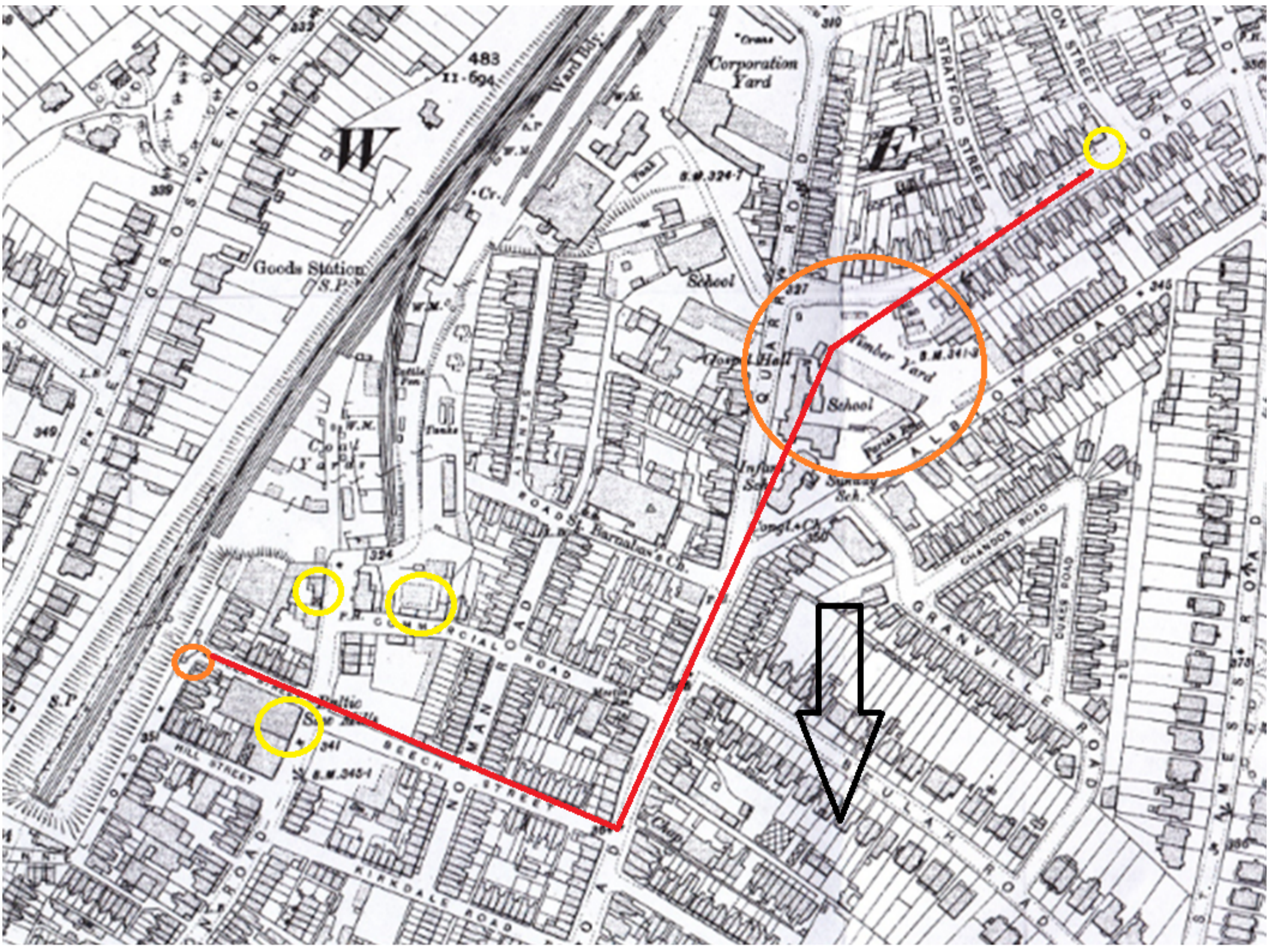
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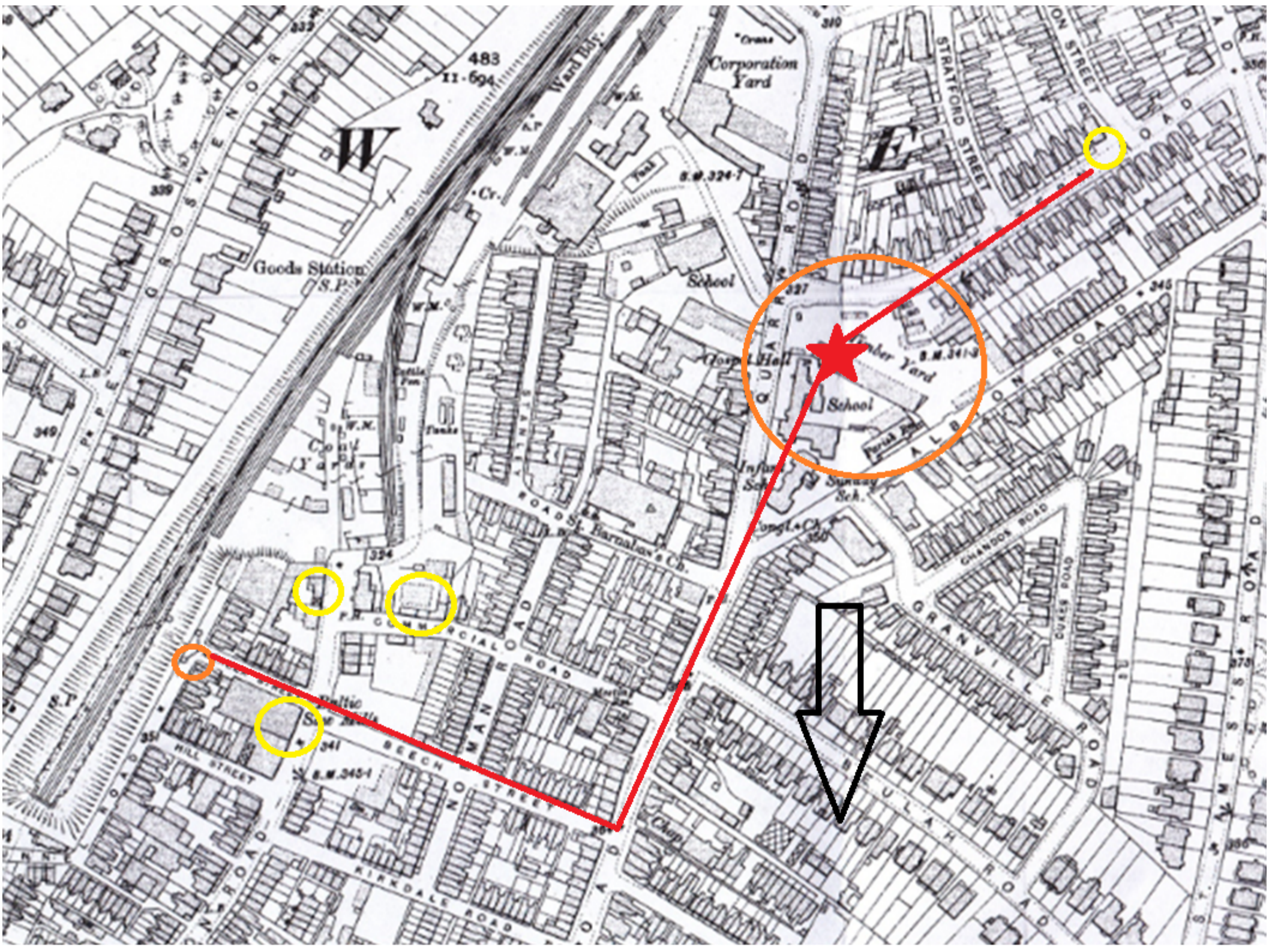
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## THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of the deceased man Lawrence took place on Wednesday, at the New Cemetery, at 3, and notwithstanding the downpour of rain, was witnessed and followed by a vast concourse of spectators. The Baltic Saw Mills were closed, and the whole of the employées of the Company followed to show their last mark of respect for the deceased. All along the line of route blinds were down, and some places of business had shutters up. Mr Judd was the undertaker, and first conveyed the remains, which were enclosed in a plain coffin covered with black cloth from the Hospital to Mercer-street, where the relatives joined the procession in several carriages, while the employées at the works numbering between 30 and 40, assembled outside the mills and followed on foot, headed by the manager, Mr Potter. The heads of the firm, Mr Powell and Mr Catchpole, attended the funeral as a mark of respect to their old servant, who was much esteemed for his integrity of character by Mr Powell, who had brought him with him from Bury St. Edmonds. At the cemetery the burial service of the Church of England was impressively performed by the chaplain. From the cemetery gates some of the old hands acted as bearers, viz. Messrs. Moon (the foreman of the works), Fermor, Neal, Woodgate, Ticehurst, and Baker. Several wreaths were placed on the coffin including two from the firm.

[The (Kent and Sussex)  
Courier, 27/7/88]



Sir –

**Two months having now passed, I venture to ask you to be kind enough to allow me a small space in your valuable paper for a few facts concerning the death of the late Mr. Lawrence.** In the first place I beg to state that the evidence given at the inquest and afterwards has been utterly false, with the exception of the two lads in the timber [yard]. I beg to correct the wrong statement that Mrs. Lawrence gave, for I, the murderer, did not summon [sic] him from his house at all, as it was outside the backdoor when I first spoke to him, or my intension was to have shot him on the spot. **Lawrence was very talkative when he was out of doors, little thinking of the death he had so shortly got to die. The last words he spoke when in my company was when he caught sight of the pistol sticking out of my pocket. He said “What do you carry them there sort of things around with you for?”. My answer was ‘To shoot down dogs and curs like you’. (What, would you shoot a -.) Bang! and once more Tunbridge Wells was startled by another mistery [sic] which is never likely to be found out.**

(....)

I remain, yours truly,

**Another Whitechapel Murderer.**

*[Letter to Tunbridge Wells Advertiser, delivered 27/9/88]*





**“I am a captain in the Salvation Army, and know the two prisoners, who previous to their arrest were in the habit of attending the Salvation Army meetings. On Thursday, Oct(ober) 11, we had a meeting. (...)**

**At the conclusion of the address there was a prayer meeting, and I invited any present who were willing to give themselves up to God to come forward to the table. None in the meeting accepted the invitation except the two prisoners.**

The usual method is for the penitents...to pray that they might be guided by the Spirit of God to give up everything that was **wrong... Gower seemed to have difficulty. He had been at the table for an hour, and did not seem to be thoroughly saved. As to Dobell, he seemed more penitent. At the finish they both prayed aloud.” (...)**

## REGISTRATION DISTRICT

## TONBRIDGE

1870

BIRTH in the Sub-district of Tonbridge

in the County of Kent

Columns:-

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No.

When and where born

Name, if any

Sex

Name and surname of father

Name, surname and maiden surname of mother

Occupation of father

Signature, description and residence of informant

When registered

Signature of registrar

Name entered after registration

|    |  |               |     |               |                                    |                      |  |                         |                            |  |
|----|--|---------------|-----|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 79 | Eighth March 1870<br>Cage Green<br>Tonbridge | William Henry | Boy | William Gower | Mary Anne Gower<br>formerly Blundy | Resident's<br>Labour | The mate of William Gower<br>father<br>Cage Green<br>Tonbridge | Thirty-first March 1870 | Jos. Southall<br>Registrar |  |
|----|--|---------------|-----|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|

|    |                |               |          |     |    |         |      |           |
|----|----------------|---------------|----------|-----|----|---------|------|-----------|
| 67 | 44 Mile Road 1 | William Gower | Head     | Mar | 34 | Carter  | Kent | Sarge     |
|    |                | Mary do       | Wife     | Mar | 44 |         | do   | Rainham   |
|    |                | Ann E. do     | Daughter |     | 13 | Scholar | do   | Millon    |
|    |                | William A. do | Son      |     | 11 | do      | do   | Tonbridge |
|    |                | Emily J. do   | Daughter |     | 7  | do      | do   | do        |

REGISTRATION DISTRICT

CRANBROOK UNION

1871

BIRTH in the Sub-district of Cranbrook

in the County of Kent

Columns:- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
 No. When and where born Name, if any Sex Name and surname of father Name, surname and maiden surname of mother Occupation of father Signature, description and residence of informant When registered Signature of registrar Name entered after registration

|     |  |                |     |               |                                    |        |   |                          |                              |  |
|-----|--|----------------|-----|---------------|------------------------------------|--------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 350 | Seventeenth January 1871<br>Chequer Tree Farm<br>Cranbrook | Charles Joseph | Boy | Arthur Dobell | Elizabeth Dobell formerly Unistone | Farmer | Arthur Dobell<br>Father<br>Chequer Tree Farm<br>Cranbrook | Fourteenth February 1871 | Thomas Hollands<br>Registrar |  |
|-----|--|----------------|-----|---------------|------------------------------------|--------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|

|    |     |    |   |                   |         |      |    |                        |                    |
|----|-----|----|---|-------------------|---------|------|----|------------------------|--------------------|
| 85 | 23. | Do | 1 | John Verney       | Do      | Ann  | 10 | Insurance Agent        | Kent Cranbrook     |
|    |     |    |   | Arthur Dobell     | Head    | Mar  | 11 |                        | Do Do              |
|    |     |    |   | Elizabeth Do      | Wife    | Do   | 12 | Telegraph Clerk        | Do Do              |
|    |     |    |   | Frederick, A. Do  | Son     | Ann  | 16 | Scholar                | Do Do              |
|    |     |    |   | Frank, W. Do      | Do      | Do   | 12 | Do                     | Do Do              |
|    |     |    |   | Charles, J. Do    | Do      | Do   | 10 | Do                     | Do Do              |
|    |     |    |   | Caleb, R. Do      | Do      | Do   | 6  | Do                     | Do Do              |
|    |     |    |   | George D. Hailley | Boarder | Mar. | 11 | Brick-yard Manager     | Yorkshire Bradford |
|    |     |    |   | Fred Do           | Do      | Do   | 12 | Labourer in Brick-yard | Do Radcliffe       |

“I am a captain in the Salvation Army, and know the two prisoners, who previous to their arrest were in the habit of attending the Salvation Army meetings. On Thursday, Oct(ober) 11, we had a meeting. (...)

At the conclusion of the address there was a prayer meeting, and I invited any present who were willing to give themselves up to God to come forward to the table. None in the meeting accepted the invitation except the two prisoners.

The usual method is for the penitents...to pray that they might be guided by the Spirit of God to give up everything that was wrong... Gower seemed to have difficulty. He had been at the table for an hour, and did not seem to be thoroughly saved. As to Dobell, he seemed more penitent. At the finish they both prayed aloud.” (...)

**“There has been nothing bad done in Tunbridge Wells but that me and my mate have been at the bottom of. We have been two bad characters. We were at the bottom of the...murder of July 20<sup>th</sup>.**

*[New Zealand Herald, 2/2/89]*

**‘I added “Are you sorry for what you have done?”. He answered “Well sometimes; but sometimes we feel that if we were to rise again we would do it again” (...)**

My dear mate,

The Holy Ghost entered your heart last night. God only knows I wish it had mine.

There seems to be something I could not give up.

I went to the Captain this morning and confessed all to him.

He wants to see us both to-night, so please come down to my home at six o'clock instead of 5.30 –

YOURS, MATE.

*[Letter from William Gower to Charles Dobell, written 11/10/88]*

‘About four o’clock on the afternoon of the same day I accompanied Superintendent Embery to the Baltic Sawmills. I waited outside while Mr Embery went in and brought out Gower. I shook hands with him, and he said **“Well captain, I thought you may have waited until to-night”**. I replied “I have my orders to obey.” (...)

I walked with him to the police station. On the way he said **“Well captain, what would you advise me to do?”**. **“Out with it”**, I answered. **“It will be the better for you”**.

*[New Zealand Herald, 2/2/89]*



Police-Constable William Bennett, Tunbridge Wells, described the arrest of Dobell on the instructions of Superintendent Embury. It took place in his mother's house. Bennett stated: When I told him the charge he said, "All right, I will come." I cautioned him that anything he might say could be used against him. On the way to the police station he said, "I do not know anything about the murder; I am quite innocent of it." A little way further on he said, "Where's my mate? Is he at the police station?" "Who do you mean by your mate?" I inquired. "William Gower," he said. I told him that Gower was at the police station. When we got there, while we were sitting together in the muster-room, he, without anything being said on my part, remarked, "There is only one thing I don't like, and that is the evidence given by Mrs. Lawrence at the inquest. She says that I called her husband out, but that is wrong. He was already outside when I got there. I intended to shoot him on the spot, but thought I heard some people in the passage. A good many people wondered why Lawrence was found on the timber side of the road, but I coaxed him across, telling him that he would see Mr. Potter coming down the road better." Superintendent Embury said to him, while he was sitting by me, "I am told that you and Gower tossed up to see which should shoot Lawrence, and Gower says that you fired the shot." Dobell answered "Yes," and then he added, voluntarily, "You are right; you have got the murderer."

[New Zealand Herald, 2/2/89]

# Confessing to a Salvation Army Officer

At the Maidstone Assizes on December 16, before Mr Justice Matthew, the trial was commenced of two young men, named William Gower, 18, moulder, and Charles Joseph Dobell, 19, plumber. (...)

**The two lads sat in the dock quietly and composedly while the evidence was given against them, nor did Gower exhibit any emotion even when his mother and sister appeared in the witness box at the close of the day and gave testimony on his behalf. They are in appearance respectable young artisans, dressed as becomes their station is life, in workaday clothes.**

*[New Zealand Herald, 2/2/89]*

signed.  
Mr W. C. Cripps said, on behalf of the police and also the authorities of the town, he offered their most sincere thanks to the Captain of the Salvation Army and to all those who had assisted up to the present in the investigation of this crime. The Bench would remember that the prisoners stated that they were at the bottom of all the mischief in the town. He was now in a position to state that since the hearing the previous day the prisoners had made a voluntary confession of a long string of crimes which had up to the present remained undiscovered in the town and in respect to which unfortunately suspicion had fallen in some cases on innocent persons. He then read a list of these offences. In October, 1887, they set fire to an empty house in Upper Grosvenor-road and on November 29 they set fire to another house in the same road the circumstances of which were made known at the time. In December they set fire to an empty house belonging to Mr Judd, also another house in Park-road, and the back of a house in Grosvenor-road. They set fire to two faggot stacks at Southborough on two separate occasions, also a stack in a field near the old Town Hall, Tonbridge, and on several occasions they admitted setting fire to furze on the Tunbridge Wells Common. In February of the present year they broke into a house in Tunnel-road and stole some birds. This case would be remembered by their worship. They were disturbed during their operations and ran away leaving the sword stick now produced behind them. That sword stick Dobell had the morning identified as his property.

The next incident was on Oct. 11th, when Dobell talking to a fellow workman about the Whitechapel murders said "I too have shot a man." The other man however passed it off as a joke. The two men appeared to have both joined the Salvation Army, and were present at the meeting on Oct. 11th, when the officer made an appeal which was part of the service for people to come up to the penitent form and confess their sins to God. What effect that service had on the men that night he did not know, but the next morning Gower had an interview with the Captain of the Salvation Army.



'For the defence Mr Richard called:

Mary Ann Gower, who said: "The prisoner Gower is my son. I recollect the night of July 20. I went to bed about ten. My son was not in, and my daughter Annie sat up for him. I heard him come in about five minutes after I had got into bed. I heard him go upstairs. When I heard of the murder next day I said to my daughter "Thank God, mine were all indoors last night".

Cross examined: She said she did not know her son had a pistol. Knew he was a close companion of Dobell. There was nothing to fix July 20 in her mind except the remark she made to her daughter the day after the murder. The letter found at Dobell's was like her son's handwriting.

Annie Gower said, "I am a dressmaker and a sister of the prisoner Gower. I remember July 20. My mother went to bed that night a few minutes before ten, and my brother came in a few minutes after. He was certainly in before a quarter-past ten".

The court then adjourned.

*[New Zealand Herald, 2/2/89]*

[COPY].

Petition to the Right Hon. Henry Matthews,  
her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home  
Department, Whitehall.

We, the undersigned, being inhabitants of Tun-  
bridge Wells (and neighbourhood) in the County  
of Kent, desire most respectfully to pray, that the  
recommendation of the jury for mercy to William  
Gower and Charles Joseph Dobell, convicted of the  
murder of Cyrus Bensley Lawrence, at the late  
Assizes at Maidstone, may be favourably con-  
sidered by her Majesty the Queen. We pray this  
on the ground of the extreme youth of the convicts ;  
Gower being 18, and Dobell only 17 last birthday,  
and we venture humbly to ask, that the sentence  
of death may be commuted to such punishment as  
shall be considered right by her Majesty.

And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

'From William Gower, Her Majesty's Prison, Maidstone, to Captain Cottrill [sic], Salvation Army Barracks, Tunbridge Wells, October 17, 1888.

"Dear Captain Cottrill and friends of the Salvation Army – I am now in my cell waiting my trial. I cannot say that I am unhappy, because I know that Jesus is with me. (...)

**Both me and my mate had a very happy journey. We kept our spirits up, and did not get downhearted in the least. No sooner did we get in the cells than we began to whistle praises to God for preserving us thus far. But we soon got stopped. Never mind. We can praise Him all the same. (...)**

I see by the rules that I may be visited by not more than two person on one day in the week for a quarter of an hour at a time, under such regulations as may be made. Please come and see me if you can.

Give my love to all – **I remain, yours truly, the happy gaol bird, William Gower.'**

*[New Zealand Herald, 2/2/89]*



THE DECISION OF THE HOME  
OFFICE.

THE OFFICIAL LETTER.

All through Monday the utmost suspense was entertained, and a placard was exhibited in Mr Ashby Wood's window stating, "No news yet," in order to meet the eager demand of the public for the result of the petition, the supplementary batch of signatures to which was dispatched on Saturday, and brought up the total number from Tunbridge Wells to 2,016, this being exclusive of nearly a thousand secured by Capt. Cotterill, at Hastings. It had been arranged by the local committee that the reply to the petition should be sent to Canon Hoare, who had headed it with his signature, and yesterday (Tuesday) morning the following communication was received, placing beyond doubt the fate of the unhappy criminals:—

*Pressing.]*

"Whitehall,

"31st December, 1888.

"SIR,—I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you with reference to your application in favour of the convicts, Charles Dabell and William Gower, who now lie under sentence of death, that he has not been able to discover any sufficient grounds to justify him in advising Her Majesty to interfere with the due course of the law.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"E. LEY PEMBERTON.

"The Rev. Canon Hoare,

"Trinity Vicarage,

"Tunbridge Wells."

[The (Kent and  
Sussex) Courier,  
2/1/89]

## *EXECUTION of the TUNBRIDGE WELLS MURDERERS.*

WILLIAM GOWER, aged 18, a moulder, and Charles Joseph Dobell, 19, a plumber, were hanged at Maidstone gaol, on December 30, for the murder of Bonsley Cyrus Lawrence. [We gave, a week or two ago, a detailed statement of the circumstances of the murder, and how it was found out by the confession of Dobell to a Salvation Army captain.] On the day preceding the execution both convicts spent the greater part of the day in writing to their friends, after they had been told there was no hope of a reprieve. They retired to rest at 11 o'clock, and appeared to sleep well. They rose at six next morning and breakfasted. The chaplain, the Rev. W. Packson, who had been unremitting in his attentions, was with them early, and both prisoners prayed fervently. Both men walked firmly to the scaffold, and there was not the slightest appearance of halting of either. Gower first took his place on the drop, and both calmly adjusted their feet to the chalk mark prepared by the executioner. The chaplain repeated the last words of the solemn service while Berry adjusted the white caps. As soon as the bolt was drawn the drop fell, and death was instantaneous, there being, however, a slight quivering of the rope to which Dobell was attached. Those present who had attended many previous executions declared that they never saw anyone meet their fate with more calmness.

[*New Zealand Herald*, 16/2/89]

‘Berry...is a very pleasant, middle-aged man, having a family of six children, and carrying on business in his native town.

**He arranged with Mr Brown, eating-house keeper, of Beech-street, to send his meals in the prison, and he stipulated that his breakfast, which includes fried soles, should be sent after the execution so that he could partake of the meal between discharging his duty and cutting down the bodies at nine o’clock, preparatory for the inquest by Mr. T. Buss’**

*[The (Kent and Sussex) Courier, 2/1/89]*

## AN APPEAL FOR MARIA LAWRENCE.

At the request of one or two gentlemen we have decided to throw open our columns to an appeal on behalf of the widow of Bensley Cyrus Lawrence, who was foully murdered in the Baltic Timber Yard on Friday, July 20th, 1888. Now that the last act in the dreadful tragedy has been reached and the demands of justice have been satisfied, we feel that an opportune time has arrived when an appeal may be made on behalf of Mrs Maria Lawrence, whose claims on the large-hearted sympathy of the whole town in the distress thus brought upon her have been, we fear, up to the present to some extent, overlooked except for the private help of a few benevolent persons. In announcing that subscriptions will be gladly received at the *Courier* Office, Grove Hill-road, and that all amounts, whether large or small, will be duly acknowledged in the columns of the *Courier* during the limited time that the subscription list will be kept open, we feel that the appeal which we have undertaken to make, is one that will not lack a share of that Christian liberality which is always extended to every deserving work in Tunbridge Wells. In making ourselves the medium through which subscriptions will be received, we feel that few cases have a larger claim on the public sympathy than that of Maria Lawrence, who has been cruelly bereft of the breadwinner, an inoffensive, steady, and industrious labouring man whose sole offence appears to have been his fidelity to his masters' interest. Those with whom we are associated in this appeal earnestly trust that a substantial sum may be raised, and suggestions as to its disposal will be seriously considered. It is proposed to keep the list open for three weeks, and in that time we trust that many will take the opportunity of shewing their sympathy, even by the smallest subscriptions. We have great pleasure in announcing the following, the first named being from gentlemen who have very kindly interested themselves in promoting this matter:—

[The (Kent and  
Sussex) Courier,  
4/1/89]

THE "COURIER" APPEAL FOR MRS.  
LAWRENCE.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,—As you are aware, I have now entered into possession of the freehold house and shop at 14, Quarry road, which has been so kindly provided for me by means of the *Courier* fund, and which I intend to carry on as a sweets and general business, and hope to receive a fair share of support. You have already thanked those who so generously responded to your appeal in the *Courier*, but I beg through your columns to express my heartfelt thanks on behalf of myself and family for this timely and substantial sympathy in our deep bereavement. I feel I cannot allow the opportunity to pass without doing this. My sincere thanks are also due to the Editor and Proprietor of the *Courier* for promoting the fund, to Mr Councillor Braby and Mr W. J. Smith, of London road, who suggested the raising of a fund in a letter to your columns, to Mr W. C. Gripps, who has in various ways afforded such valuable assistance free of charge, to Mr Cotteril, the Captain of the Salvation Army, and to those who are acting as trustees of the fund—Mr C. B. Powell (the Baltic Saw Mills), Mr M. A. H. Edwards, and Mr John Braby. Trusting you will insert this letter,

I remain,

Yours obediently,

MARIA LAWRENCE.

14, Quarry road, Tunbridge Wells,

[The (Kent  
and Sussex)  
*Courier*,  
11/10/89]



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| 524 | 14 Vernon Rd  | Edward Barnes   | Head     | M.                            | 32 | <del>Butcher</del>                             | X | do Lamb Wells             |
|     |   | Lophia do       | Wife     | M.                            | 32 |  |   | Middlesex. Shepperton     |
|     |   | Edward J do     | Son      |                               | 2  |  |   | Kent. Lamb Wells          |
|     |   | Elsie do        | Daughter |                               |    |  |   | do do                     |
|     |   | Kate Williamson | Boarder  |                               |    |  |   | <del>Green Ashborne</del> |
|     |   | Frederick Bay   | Boarder  |                               | 14 | Page Boy                                       | X | Kent. Ashford             |
| 525 | 12 Vernon Rd  | William Gower   | Head     | M.                            | 46 | <del>Head Porter to Bath &amp; Eastmills</del> | X | do Leigh                  |
|     |   | Mary A do       | Wife     | M.                            | 56 |  |   | do Rainham                |
|     |   | Ann B do        | Daughter |                               | 33 | Dressmaker                                     | X | do Milton                 |
|     |   | Emily J do      | Daughter |                               | 17 | Dressmaker                                     | X | do Tonbridge              |
| 526 | 10 Vernon Rd  | Lusan Pennell   | Head     | Mid.                          | 57 | Charwoman                                      | X | Stacey. New Kentbury      |
|     |   | Emily do        | Daughter |                               | 22 | Housemaid. (Dom. Serv)                         | X | Kent. Lamb Wells          |
|     |   | Edward do       | Son      |                               | 13 | Scholar  |   | do do                     |
|     |   | Frederick do    | Son      |                               | 9  | Scholar  |   | do do                     |
|     |   | George. Const   | Boarder  |                               | 28 | General Labourer                               | X | do do                     |
| 8   | Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms ...) | 6               | 3        | Total of Males and Females... | 14 | 16   |   |                           |

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| 96                    | 21 John Street                                     | 1                |                       |                           |          |   | Arthur Akhurst                          | Head                                  | M                                    | 33                                  |         | Woker                          | At Home   | Sussex, Brighton                  |                  |    |  |
|                       |  |                  |                       |                           |          |   | Minnie Do.                              | Wife                                  | M                                    | 33                                  |         |                                |   | Sussex, Capford                   |                  |    |  |
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|                       |  |                  |                       |                           |          |   | Lily Do.                                | Daughter                              | S                                    | 5                                   |         |                                |   | Do Do                             |                  |    |  |
|                       |  |                  |                       |                           |          |   | Henry Do.                               | Son                                   | S                                    | 4                                   |         |                                |   | Do Do                             |                  |    |  |
|                       |  |                  |                       |                           |          |   | Harriet Do.                             | Mother                                | Wid                                  | 46                                  |         |                                |   | Kent, Mersworth                   |                  |    |  |
| 97                    | 23 Do.   | 1                |                       |                           |          |   | Arthur Sobell                           | Head                                  | M                                    | 62                                  |         | Employer                       |   | Kent, Cranbrook                   |                  |    |  |
|                       |  |                  |                       |                           |          |   | Elizabeth Do.                           | Wife                                  | M                                    | 60                                  |         |                                |   | Do Do                             |                  |    |  |

| Name.          | Corps. | Rank.   | Regt. No. |
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| DOBELL         | R.F.   | 2nd Lt. | 157967    |
| Caleb Clifford |        | 2nd Lt. |           |

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| 1932 DEATH in the Sub-district of Tunbridge Wells | in the County of Kent |

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No.            When and where died            Name and surname            Sex            Age            Occupation            Cause of death            Signature, description and residence of informant            When registered            Signature of registrar

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| 251 | Sixth January 1932<br>16 Audley Road<br>Tunbridge Wells | Maria Lawrence | f | 95 | Widow of<br>Bensley<br>Cyrus<br>Lawrence<br>Saw mills<br>Engine driver | (copied) Bronchitis<br>B-myocardial<br>Degeneration<br>Certified by<br>J. M. Miller<br>M.B. | B. J. Lawrence<br>Son<br>63 Stone Street<br>Tunbridge Wells | January<br>1932 | Registrar |
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| 351 | Sixth January 1932<br>16 Audley Road<br>Tunbridge Wells | Maria Lawrence | Female | 95 years | Widow of<br>Cyrus Lawrence<br>Saw mills<br>Engine driver | 10th Bronchitis<br>B. Myocardial<br>Degeneration<br>Certified<br>J. H. Miller<br>M.B. | B. J. ...<br>63 ... |
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| K. S. Strange .....                          | 7   | 11 | 0  |
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| Baltic Saw Mills (Tun. Wells) ..             | 3   | 10 | 6  |
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Quarry road, Camden  
road to St. James' road.

- 1 Bridge James, grocer
- 3 Waters Thos. Truman,  
cycle depôt
- 5 Stewart John
- 7 Nuth Joseph
- 9 Crittenden Frederick  
Chatfield Wm. cycle ma  
BAPTIST MISSION HALL.  
Jeffery James N. car-  
penter
- 13 Coleman William Thos.  
furniture broker
- 15 Prentice Caleb, hair  
dresser
- 17 Chatfield Wm. shoe ma
- 19 Monckton Mrs. Clarissa,  
laundress
- 21 Peckham Mrs. A. tbcnst
- 23 Noakes Alfred, butcher  
*here are St. Stephen's cotts.*
25. Milton Wm. corn dealr
- 27 Lawrence Mrs. Maria,  
confectioner
- 29 Brown Mrs. Helen,  
dress maker
- 31 Hamblin James
- 33 Lyford Mrs. wardrb. dlr
- 35 Southgate Walter E.  
refreshment rooms  
GOSPEL HALL

JOHN STREET, *St. John's road*  
*to Standen road.*

- 1 Waite Wm. bricklayer
- 3 Crittle A. T. picture frame  
maker and gilder  
*here is William street.*
- 5 Holt Alfred, baker
- 7 Bourne Wm. paperhanger
- 9 Avery James, bus driver
- 9 Jeffrey Mrs. dressmaker
- 11 Bartlett Nathaniel, plasterer
- 13 Partner The Misses
- 15 Ford Samuel, labourer
- 17 Carter Alfred, butler
- 19 Sharvill Stephen
- 21 Farrace Mrs. Ruth, needle-  
woman
- 23 Dobell Arthur, confectioner
- 25 Hollman Wm. Tunbridge ware  
maker
- 27 Ashdown Frederick, draper's  
assistant

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| 1889 DEATH in the Sub-district of East Maidstone | in the County of Kent |

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| 100 | Second<br>January<br>1889<br>Her Majesty's<br>Gaol<br>Maidstone | Charles<br>Joseph<br>Dobell | male | 14<br>years<br>of<br>11<br>months | Plumber | Sentence of<br>Death for the murder<br>of Penaley Cyprus<br>dawnance duly<br>executed according<br>to law | Certificate received<br>from Thomas Buss<br>Coroner for Kent<br>Inquest held 2nd<br>January 1889 | Fourth<br>January<br>1889 | Joseph<br>Ancomb<br>Registrar |
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**‘One naturally expects a hard indifference from an old criminal, but it saddens me to see it in the young, and yet two of the youngest men – or, rather, boys – that I have executed were callous to the last degree. They were Charles Dobell (aged 17) and William Gower (18) (...)**

**They seem to have conducted themselves with a sort of bravado which, if genuine, would have done credit to a patriot or martyr sacrificing for country or for faith, or to one of their backwoods heroes (...)**

**After they were sentenced they paid careful attention to the Chaplain's words, but they showed no sign of emotion, and it was said that 'it was doubtful whether at any time they fully realised the serious nature of their position'. They walked to the scaffold in defiant manner, more upright than was their wont, and neither of them looked or spoke to the other. There was no farewell, no word of repentance or regret, merely a brief supplication to God to receive them'.**

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