

his feet. Heard the gun (at the garrison) before I went there. When I went in, I saw some blood on the chest. The body was lying on the floor; said to the person "are you his father?" "No," he said "but his friend." I never saw the elderly man before. In about half an hour, she (Mrs. Sparks) came out of the inside room and knelt down by the side of her husband and began to cry. I said, "Mrs. Sparks, you told me this morning you would kill your husband, and I believe you did." She made no answer. I remained there till the constable came; she was black in the face. Mr. Rogers came and asked where the shoemaker was. She said he had cleared out. I was perfectly sober; I had not tasted a drop.

*Mary O'Keefe, sworn.*—I lived underneath the room where Sparks was killed; the persons living above were Sparks, his wife, and Bryson. I heard quarrelling all night; heard quarrelling at 7 o'clock on Sunday morning; was woke a couple of times before seven when I got up. Between 11 and 12 I heard a great crash as if they were struggling with each other; there was more than one overhead. When going out at foot of the stairs, I saw Bryson at the top of the stairs and I shouted out "it is a shame for you to be quarrelling on Sunday." He said "come to the top of the stairs and see they are murdering each other, and I cannot help it." I went to Mr. Allen to tell him of the quarrelling and noise. While speaking with Mr. Allen, I saw Bryson standing at the window; he let down the blind.

*Lydia Calwell, sworn.*—Between 11 and 12 o'clock I heard a great noise; heard deceased say "you have took a knife to me."

*Ellen Abbott, (coloured woman) sworn.*—After the church hour on the day of the murder, I heard a great noise in the next yard; I ran up stairs and saw some person fall from one window towards the other. I saw some person at the window. Saw prisoner when produced the next day, thinks she was the same person. In my own mind I imagine I saw him (Bryson) once or twice opposite the window.

*Cross Examined.*—Saw the prisoner whom I take to be Bryson standing at the window; I saw the side of his face merely; he was about three feet from the hind door, which he appeared as if he had stepped from.

*Dr. Helliwell, sworn.*—I examined the body of Sparks; saw a scratch on the neck; found a wound near the heart; it was in an oblique direction.

*Cross-Examined.*—He had very much the appearance of a drunkard; he appeared to be about 25. The scratch on the face may have been from a finger nail.

*Jeremiah Young, sworn.*—I live in Albert Street; was in Sparks' house the day of the murder; saw Mrs. Sparks pulling at a body. A person said to me that she had killed a man. The feet of the body lay towards the north and the head towards the south. She said that the "shoemaker had done it, and that he had gone these two hours."

*Cross-Examined.*—I noticed a deal of quarrelling on the previous evening. Saw her pulling the body se-

veral times, and heard her say "get up, you shall lie there no longer." Saw Mrs. Sparks beside the body kneeling down and crying. I asked her where the shoemaker was; she said he had been gone for two hours. It was between three and four o'clock when I was present.

*Sarah Graham, sworn.*—I know William Sparks; he lived above us in Elizabeth Street. I understood the female prisoner was married to Sparks. I went up stairs and found Sparks lying dead; part of the body was on a chest. The shoemaker's table was between the body and the hind door; the head lay toward the fire place; there was blood on his arm and on his left breast. Went into the room and found Mrs. Sparks in bed, I put my hand on her arm and said Mrs. Sparks, don't be lying there, your husband is dead. She said, "Mrs. Graham, it is not I who did it."

*Cross Examined.*—Have seen Sparks frequently drunk, more than ten times: so drunk he could hardly walk.

*Robert Campbell, sworn.*—When I went to the house I found Sophia Sparks in the inside room. She said "Bryson had killed him and had gone away," and that "he (Bryson) was in the habit of resorting to Col. Allen's bush." She went with him in a cab to find him there. She said "he had struck him with a knife." I saw O'Dee, who said "she had struck him with a white handled knife or aimed to do so."

*Cross Examined.*—O'Dee said the knife had been taken from Haslip. I took Bryson out of the closet; he had his back towards the door; was lying on his right side. He appeared at first as if he had been drinking; he, however, recovered himself. I asked him about the murder of Sparks. He said "she had done it;" he said he heard it, but did not like to come out or have any thing to do with it.

*Daniel Rogers, sworn.*—I went to the house on the day of the murder, and found O'Dee there on the shoemaker's bench, I asked—what has been going on here? he said nothing.

*Geo. Allen, (High Bailiff) sworn.*—On Monday, I asked the Policemen the result of the search. On Tuesday I made a search for the knife. Constable Trotter discovered a knife in the corner of the cupboard; only found the blade at first, but afterwards found the handle. I found another knife on his seat. The white handled knife was not to be found.

*Philip Steers, (Constable) sworn.*—I went to Sparks house on the day of the murder. Mrs. Sparks said she thought it was Bryson who killed Sparks, and that he had gone away she did not know where. She said that it had been done with a white-handled knife, and that Bryson had taken it away. When I first went into the room she was lying over her husband, she said she had been lying down and had seen Bryson spring from her husband.

*Agnes Adams, sworn.*—I was at my door on the day of the murder, and heard scolding in Sparks' house; I went under the window and heard her (Mrs. Sparks) say "you sha'n't controul me, why did you marry me? did you not know what I was before you married me?"