

was the time to kill the housekeeper, and Mr. Kinnear when he returns home, and I'll assist you, and you are a coward if you don't do it. I frequently refused to do as she wished, and she said I should never have an hour's luck if I did not do as she wished me. I will not say how Mr. Kinnear and Nancy Montgomery were killed, *but I should not have done it*, if I had not been urged to do so by Grace Marks. After Nancy Montgomery was put in the cellar, Grace several times went down there, and she afterwards told me she had taken her purse from her pocket, and she asked me if she should take her ear-rings off; I persuaded her not to do so. The gold snuff-box, and other things belonging to Mr. Kinnear she gave me when we were at Lewiston. Grace Marks is wrong in stating she had no hand in the murder; she was the means from beginning to end.

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TUESDAY, 21st November, 1843.

At an early hour this morning, an immense number of persons assembled around the Gaol, in the City of Toronto, to witness the execution of *James McDermott*: it being expected that the execution would take place at eight o'clock, but the Sheriff had arranged it should not take place until twelve o'clock. At ten o'clock in the morning, the prisoner said his confession of yesterday was true, and he wished further to state, that when the housekeeper was thrown down the cellar, after being knocked down, *Grace Marks* followed him into the cellar, and brought a piece of white cloth with her; he held the housekeeper's hands, she being then insensible, and *Grace Marks* tied the cloth tight round her neck and strangled her: he had nothing more to say. A few minutes before twelve o'clock, he was brought out into the hall of the Gaol, being pinioned. Mr. Hay, the Catholic clergyman, prayed with him for a few moments; he appeared perfectly calm and penitent. The Sheriff asked him if he wished to say any thing, he replied, he had nothing further to say, and with a firm step walked on to the scaffold, accompanied by Mr. Hay, and another Catholic clergyman: he knelt down, and in two minutes was launched into eternity. The assemblage of people was immense; the utmost order and decorum prevailed, and at one o'clock the body was cut down and taken into the Gaol. It is understood a cast of the head is to be taken, and the body dissected.

*Mr. James McDermott & Nancy Montgomery*