

EVIDENCE FLORENCE LOWE

15/03/1899

A school teacher and a spinster, and said to be a very intelligent girl, and by no means the type from whom sensation-mongers are drawn. She was at the time of the murder living at her parents' home at Deep Gully, now living at Clark's, the butcher.

She deposed that she was at the Gatton College on Boxing Day. She left for her parents' home at Deep Gully on horseback about 7 o'clock in the evening.

She first met Mrs. Carroll at a party near O'Cleary's, and next met Paddy Murphy and another on horseback. She next met Michael Donoghue and Thomas Drew. This was at Sandy Flats. The next she saw was Sergeant Arrell and Michael Connolly on the hill, all making for Gatton. She reached Moran's sliprails at fifteen minutes past 9.

It was moonlight, but clouds were over the moon.

Her horse was walking steadily, and a man was coming down towards her. He was in the middle of the road, but he passed on her right-hand side, the side of the road opposite the sliprails at a distance of about three yards. He was about 5ft. 7in. in height, stoutly built, had a large moustache, and a very remarkable face but is uncertain of the features.

She said the man wore a coat, rather long, and which came down in front. She prepared to quicken her pace, but did not do so. He spoke, but she did not hear what he said.

He muttered something, but she could not say what.

He looked up, and she saw his face.

She could not say what he was like, or if he had a beard or a moustache, but she thought he had no beard.

He was dressed in dark clothes, and wore a slouch hat.

His voice was different from any she had heard before.

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Miss Lowe, said when interviewed to-day that she was not quite sure of being able to identify the man.

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Florence Lowe, and Thomas Drew, who passed the sliprails at different hours on the night of the tragedy, picked Burgess out as the man they had seen there.

Miss Lowe says that she is positive that Burgess is the same individual and had no hesitation in selecting him, and says that she could not possibly be mistaken.

The police are now satisfied that his identification is complete.

Miss Lowe, also, picked Burgess out by his voice during the identification proceedings, as the man who had accosted her at Moran's sliprails.

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