

The State }
Flora Keall } Judge's Minutes -

David B. Clark - Fall of 1870 Oct 3^d 08-4 -
between daylight and sun-
up in going to well at old hotel - On the
steps of the dining room, I saw unmistakable
signs of the birth of an infant - I went to
the door of the cellar under this room &
heard an infant cry - and going in to
find the door I found ~~the body~~ an infant
male child - I thought it to be a colored
child - It was alive - wrapped in a col-
ier wrapper - sent for Dr. H. Stroughorn
Mayor & proprietor - He directed Fannie
Stroughorn to take the child and take care
of it - She went across the street and
got another woman and went back in
to the yard - and came back to us - We
then went to the cellar and the child was
sick there - Had been gone not more than
three minutes - began search - When I
got to Mr. Kitchen saw several persons -
in the dining room when I went
into the dining room Flora
Keall was standing a few steps in
front of me - I saw an other

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found patches on her handkerchief on
her hand - the print of a bloody hand -
The Prisoner objects to statements of the girl's
I was made to witness at this time -

Objections overruled - Deft's excepts -
Mr Strongborn - Harrianna Jackson
and three or four more - were pres-
ent - I asked Prisoner what she had
done with the child - She said she knew
nothing about it - I told her that there
were marks on the Handkerchief which
prove that she did - ~~I went out at once~~
She then said the last she saw of the child
it was such behind the door in the cellar
I told her that it had been found
there - She then went out at once
Myself, Sergeant Bower &
& Cook followed her - She went
around the house and went under
the house - on the south side and
came out on the west side - She
then said what are all these white
men following me for I told
her the child had been recovered
and we were looking for it at Hay-
market. All he was with a white
man and says, tell me where
the child is -

Maywood Beverly - I do I can make
 white man - I have
 seen a ~~white man~~ live child - and
 statements excluded after this point -
 Clark resumed - I followed the woman
 under the barn and came out with her
 had conversation with her then - I then
 went under the barn and in a small
 excavation under the side of the pillar
 I found the body of the child - It was in the
 same calico wrapper I had seen before
 It was under three or four rocks - The
 largest rock as big as my hat rim and
 2 inches thick was on the face of the child -
 Two other rocks on the breast - Beverly
 took it up and brought it out - on the
 west side where Miss - & others were stand-
 ing - Miss caught the bundle and ran up
 the steps - Mr. Strongborn told Beverly to take
 it - She seemed to be unwilling - Beverly
 took it and put it in the kitchen on the
 table - I saw her - the evening before
 she had then the appearance of a woman
 far advanced in pregnancy - she
 did not present that appearance the
 next morning - There was blood
 on the floor and fluid in the little
 water bottle and even on the steps

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I thought the bloody mess I saw on the steps was an after-birth - Then went into little dining room or pantry - and saw blood on the floor - A large space of blood as large as half the table. Think there were drops towards the steps.

C. J. Wood Beverly - Clark called me & told me a newborn child was born - I went into the little dining room and saw a pool of blood about the size of a barrel head - There was something in the steps - I don't know what a - but as Clark described - There were blood tracks from this room to the cellar door - At the door you could hear the child crying - It was behind the ~~door~~ wrapped in a calico skirt - It was before ~~the~~ carriage one told Mr. J. W. Beck - from street & told him - Come back after a short time - I met Mrs. in the door of the little room. She had water carriage in and everything of the blood and after bath was all cleaned up nice - Steps and all - I had not been more than five or six steps I think -

Harriman put her - came up with
 at that time - and said to Felton
 This is the very strongest who
 had the child - Clark and myself
 and the women went under the
 room - She was much flustered
 and I kept near her and she
 went near two pillars and then I
 saw part of the child I had seen before
 I said here was the child and she
 tried to grab it - There were three
 rocks on it - two about the size of
 my hand and one about 12 x 15
 inches - I took the child - It was quite
 warm - I took it out and she looked
 from me then Strangham told me
 I was to take hold of that woman - I
 did & saw the woman put her
 hand after and take the child from
 her and take it to the kitchen - She
 got hot water and tried to bring it
 to - I saw blood on her handkerchief
 Had seen her a few days before and she
 seemed pleasant but not that
 appearance afterwards nor that
 appearance - The larger rock would
 weigh 8 or 12 pounds -

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