

Q Have more than one room in the house?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you know that Mamie Thurman and Harry Robertson were sweethearts? A No, sir.

Q Did she ever talk to you about him? A No, sir.

Q Did she ever talk to you about bringing clean linen out there and spending the night? A No, sir.

Q Do you know Queen Reeves? A I do.

Q A colored woman? A I do.

Q Was she staying with you at that time?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where is she now? A I don't know.

Q Don't know where she is? A No, sir.

Q Did she see this package? A Yes, sir.

Q Saw it on Wednesday night, when you opened it?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was she there on Saturday night and saw Mrs. Thurman there? A No, sir.

Q You sent her to the hotel that night, didn't you?

A I didn't send her anywhere.

Q She stayed at the hotel that night, didn't she?

A She stayed because she wanted to.

Q You tell the jury that this defendant was never at your home? A No, sir.

Q Never talked to you about Harry Robertson?

A No, sir.

Q Neither did Mamie Thurman ever talk to you about him?     A No, sir.

Q No arrangements were made with you for Harry Robertson to spend the night Saturday night at your home with Mamie Thurman?     A No, sir.

JUDGE DAMRON: That is all.

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CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. CHAMBERS:

Q You say Mattie Bell is your mother?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you are the woman that cleaned for Mrs. Thurman up at the house?     A Yes, sir.

Q She came to your house the Saturday night before she was killed purposely to get you to go Monday?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, that is right, isn't it?     A Yes, sir.

Q How long had you been cleaning at her house?

A This year.

Q All this year?     A I don't know whether I started in January or February.

Q What day did you clean at her home?

A Any day I could get off to clean.

Q Did you have any certain day?

A Friday when I wasn't busy.

Q Then when you were busy what day did you clean?

A Well, any day I wasn't busy.

Q Just any day? A Yes, sir.

Q Would you just go, or would she come after you and let you know when to come? A She would generally always call me up if I was somewhere she could call me; if I wasn't here then I would know what day to do.

Q Did she always know where you were?

A Sometimes she did and sometimes she didn't.

Q She kept pretty close tab on you, did she?

A Well, not so much.

Q This Saturday night before she was killed she did come to your house, didn't she? A She did.

Q Raining, wasn't it? A Yes, sir.

Q How long did she stay? A About ten minutes.

Q What time did she come there?

A About eight o'clock.

Q How do you know? A What the clock said.

Q Did you look at it? A I did.

Q What time was it? A It was eight o'clock.

Q Did you look at the clock when she left?

A I did.

Q What time was it? A Ten minutes after eight.

Q Ten minutes after eight? A Yes.

Q You looked at the clock when she came and looked at it when she left that Saturday night?

A Yes, sir.

Q And what time was it this thing came up on the Tuesday and blew the horn?

A When she left.

Q Well, what time? A Ten minutes after eight.

Q Ten minutes after eight. As soon as it blew, did she get up and go out? A She did.

Q Did you go to the door?

A I went to the front room.

Q Did you look out the window or look out the door?

A She went to the door and opened it herself.

Q And then what did you do? A I didn't do nothing; went on back in there and went to bed.

Q Did you watch her get in the car? A No, sir.

Q How do you know she got in it, then?

A I don't know it. That is what they said she did.

Q What who said? A Everybody.

Q Who is everybody? A Well, how do I know?

Q Tell the jury the name of one person that said she got in the car. A I don't know the name of one person said she got in the car.

Q You say everybody said it. Who? Tell them the name of one man or woman said she got in the car.

A I don't know the name of one man or woman said she got in the car.

Q What did you mean by telling the jury everybody said

she got in the car, or everybody said they saw her get in?

A I didn't tell the jury that.

Q You didn't? A No.

Q You don't know whether she got in the car at all or not, do you? A No.

Q Why did you tell them she got in the car?

A I didn't tell them.

Q You didn't? A No.

Q Now, let's see, when is the last time you cleaned Mr. Thurman's home?

THE WITNESS: Last time I cleaned it?

MR. CHAMBERS: Yes. A I don't know.

Q Well, Mamie Thurman was at your house on the Saturday night before she was killed, wasn't she?

A She was.

Q And wanted you to come and clean the house Monday?

A I didn't say come and clean the house Monday.

Q When did she tell you to come to clean it?

THE WITNESS: Did you hear her say she said to come and clean the house Monday?

MR. CHAMBERS: That is what I understood you to say.

A She said she wanted me to do some work Monday.

Q Did you go to do it Monday? A I did.

Q What kind of work?

A I mopped the bathroom.

Q Is that all you did? A That is all I did.

Q You mopped the Thurman bathroom Monday, then?

A Yes.

Q That is cleaning house, isn't it?

A No, that is mopping the bathroom.

Q Did you clean the house or work at the Thurman home on Tuesday? A I did not.

Q Did you on Wednesday?

A I straightened up the house Wednesday.

Q Who sent for you? A Mr. Thurman.

Q How did he send for you?

A Well, he told me to come down there that night, and after she was found another lady told me I had better go down there, maybe I could help him that day.

Q When did Mr. Thurman tell you?

A He told me that morning.

Q What morning? A Wednesday morning.

Q What time in the day? A About nine o'clock.

Q Where? A At my mama's house.

Q Where was that? A In the east end.

Q In the east end. What were you doing up at your mother's on Wednesday morning?

A Because I wanted to go there.

Q What time did you leave home to go there?

A About seven o'clock.

Q How? A Near seven o'clock.

- Q Had Mr. Thurman been down to your home on High Street before you went? A He had.
- Q What time did he come? A At six o'clock. ✓
- Q How long was it after he came until you left? A When I got on my clothes.
- Q Who went with you? A Queen Reeves.
- Q Did you stop on the way? A I did.
- Q Where? A I stopped two or three places.
- Q Tell us where you stopped. A I stopped at Mrs. R. D. Booker's.
- Q All right, I know you stopped at her house on the hill. Then where did you go? A I went to mama's house.
- Q Did you come down to Thurman's home? A Not then.
- Q When did you come? A After three o'clock.
- Q What for? A I thought maybe I could help him.
- Q Uh-huh. Who came with you at three o'clock to Thurman's home? A Queen Reeves.
- Q That is the colored lady you say you don't know where she is? A No.
- Q What did you and Queen do there? A Queen didn't do nothing. I washed up the dishes.
- Q Is that all you did? A Yes.
- Q Pour out anything? A Yes, I poured out something.

Q What? A Well, you know.

Q No, I don't. I want to see if you will tell. What did you pour out? A Poured out home brew.

Q Who told you to? A I told myself.

Q How long did you spend there cleaning up at the Thurman home that afternoon at three o'clock?

A I don't know.

Q Don't know that? Did you stay there for an hour?

A I guess I did.

Q When was it Mrs. Thurman told you she would give you a couple sheets? A Friday.

Q Had you worked there Friday? A I had.

Q All day? A No.

Q How long? A Half a day.

Q Well, you saw the bed linens, didn't you?

A Sure I saw them.

Q They were there in this two-room apartment, weren't they? A They were.

Q All together, were they not? A They were.

Q And you tell this jury the reason you didn't get them that Friday was because Mrs. Thurman said she didn't have time to get them for you?

A Because she wanted to give me some of her oldest ones, and didn't have time to pick them out. Do you think she was going to give me her good ones?

Q She was there?



A She was there, but she had something else to do.

Q That Saturday night when she came out to your home before she was killed, she brought some sheets with her to your home? A Yes, sir.

Q And gave them to you? A She did.

Q Don't you know Mrs. Thurman had been in the habit of meeting men at your house? A She had not.

Q And had brought out some clean linens to use rather than use your linens?

A Huh.

THE COURT: Answer the question.

MR. CHAMBERS: Isn't that so?

A No.

Q You know Sam Thomas, don't you?

A No.

Q You don't know him? A No, don't know nothing about Sam Thomas.

Q Wasn't there a colored man roomed at your house?

A Yes, there was a colored man.

Q You refused to let him room longer?

A No.

Q To refresh your memory, don't you know you made him leave there because you told him there was a white lady would pay you more for that room than he would pay you?

A No.

Q How? A No.

Q You deny that? A Yes, I deny it.

Q You deny that you even know Sam Thomas?

A Yes, I deny even knowing Sam Thomas.

Q You know this Queenie Reeves?

A Yes, I know her.

Q Sometimes known as Queenie Lewis?

A I don't know that.

Q What night was it she left your house and went to the Pioneer? A I don't know nothing about the Pioneer.

Q In response to your attorney's question you told him--

A He didn't say nothing about no Pioneer.

Q Where did she stay? A The Dana.

Q That is the colored hotel? What time in the night was it she left your home and went to the Dana Hotel?

A Saturday night.

Q Was that the same night Mrs. Thurman brought those sheets out there? A Yes.

Q You didn't make Queenie leave?

A I didn't tell her to leave.

Q What did she leave for? A That was her business.

Q Don't you know what she left for? A No.

Q What time was it this Wednesday morning that Mr. Thurman was there? A Six o'clock.

Q Did you look at the clock? A I did.

Q Then what time was it you left and went up to your

mother's in the east end?

A It was about nine o'clock, when I got to my mother's.

Q Didn't you look at the clock when you left?

A No.

Q You say you know Harry Robertson?

A No, I don't know Harry Robertson.

Q Did he ever meet Mrs. Thurman at your house?

A No.

Q Did you ever hear her mention his name?

A No.

Q She never was out there with him?

A No.

Q This Saturday night she didn't tell you where she was going? A No.

Q She didn't tell you who was coming after her?

A No.

Q And you don't know who came after her?

A No.

MR. CHAMBERS: That is all.

BY JUDGE DAMRON:

Q Do you know where Crooked Creek is?

A No, sir.

Q Never heard of it? A No, sir.

JUDGE DAMRON: That is all.

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W. L. B R A N D O N, called as a witness in behalf of the State, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. CHAFIN:

Q Tell the jury your name.

A W. L. Brandon.

Q Mr. Brandon, where do you live?

A I room in the Middelberg Addition, 121 River Drive, I believe they call it.

Q That is in the county here? A Yes, sir.

Q In what kind of business are you engaged?

A Wholesale grocery business.

Q For whom do you work? A Logan Grocery Company.

Q That is here in town, too, is it?

A Yes, sir.

Q Mr. Brandon, how long have you been working for Logan Grocery? A Ten years next March.

Q What kind of work do you do? A Salesman.

Q Did you know Mrs. Mamie Thurman in her lifetime?

A Why, I knew her when I saw her, yes.

Q About how long had you been acquainted with her?

A Well, since she worked in the-- Just about the time she started to work in the Guyan Valley Bank I knew who she was.

Q That was some several months before her death,

wasn't it? A Yes.

Q Mr. Brandon, do you remember hearing about her body being found on the 22 Trace Mountain on the 22nd day of last June? A Yes, sir.

Q I will ask you to state to the jury whether or not you saw Mrs. Thurman the night before her body was found on Trace Mountain? A Yes, sir, I did.

Q Where? A I saw her on Dingess Street about between eight-thirty and nine o'clock.

Q That is the street running by the court house out here next to the Aracoma Drug and the Guyan Valley Bank, isn't it-- No, Dingess Street is the one comes by the depot?

A Comes by the depot and by the wholesale house.

Q Do you know where the Midelberg Theatre is in town?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where did you see her that night with reference to the Midelberg Theatre?

A She was about ten steps from the corner there, Midelberg corner, at the Midelberg Theatre.

Q How was she traveling with reference to Stratton Street, towards Stratton Street or away from it?

A Going towards Stratton Street at the time I saw her.

Q Also in the direction of the Logan Bus Terminal?

A Yes, sir.

Q You say it was between eight-thirty and nine o'clock

you saw her? A It was between eight-thirty and nine.

Q Was anyone with her? A No one with her.

Q Anyone with you? A I was by myself.

Q Did you speak to her? A I said "Howdy do."

She said "Good evening," and I didn't stop.

Q About how far were you from her when you passed her?

A Well, I just passed her on the sidewalk. We were pretty close together. The sidewalk is not very wide along there.

Q Do you recall how she was dressed at that time?

A Yes, I think she had on a light dress with possibly blue spots, blue dots or something like that in it. I guess you would call it a street dress or house dress.

Q Do you know where the graveyard is back on the hill here back of town?

A Yes. I have never been up in that part of town very much. I have passed by it, though.

Q Was she going in the direction of the graveyard or away from it at the time you met her?

A She was coming towards the Midelberg Theatre; she would be coming from that direction.

Q I know that. I want the jury to get that.

A She was coming from that direction.

Q Did you see her any more that night?

A No, sir, that was the last time I saw her.

Q How do you fix the time that it was around nine

o'clock, if you have any way to fix that?

A Well, I left the Masonic Temple here at eight-thirty. There was a meeting that night. I attended a lodge meeting. I think we had a degree, and the Lodge closed at eight-thirty, and I left there just a few minutes afterwards and went to the office of the wholesale grocery house, and at nine o'clock I was back up at the Smokehouse to get the returns from the prize fight.

Q You were on your way to the Logan Grocery office when you met Mrs. Thurman? A Yes, sir.

MR. CHAFIN: That is all.

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CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. CHAMBERS:

Q In order that the jury may get it clearly, you went down Stratton Street when you left the Masonic Temple?

A Yes, sir.

Q By the Middelberg Theatre and turned to your right to go to the Logan Grocery Company office?

A Yes, sir, of course -

Q Well, while you were on your way on Dingess Street you met Mrs. Thurman? A Yes, sir.

Q Just passed her on the street?

A Just passed her on the street.

Q You don't know where she had been or where she was going? A No, sir.

Q Or where she went after she passed you?

A I didn't look back to see what direction she went in.

MR. CHAMBERS: All right.

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Thereupon Court adjourned until tomorrow morning, October 11, 1932, at nine o'clock.

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OCTOBER 11, 1932

MORNING SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment, the trial of the case was resumed at nine o'clock A. M.

Appearances same as heretofore noted.

JUDGE DAMRON: Your Honor, this is a deaf and dumb witness. I don't know whether you have anyone that can talk to him on his hands here in town or not.

MR. CHAFIN: We have some parties that talk to him. He worked for Mr. Murphy over here for a number of years, and Mr. Murphy is likewise a witness in the case. I don't know whether there would be any objection to his acting in that capacity or not.

MR. CHAMBERS: There is no objection to Mr. Murphy.

G A R L A N D D A V I S, called as a witness in behalf of the State, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:



Q How long was she an employee of that bank?

A I imagine two or three years. I don't remember exactly.

Q Do you know a Mr. Townsend? A Yes, sir.

Q Was he likewise an employee of that bank?

A Yes, sir.

Q In what room did he work?

A He worked downstairs as a teller.

Q And when the two banks merged did he go with the First National? A Yes, sir.

Q Still with them? A Yes, sir.

Q How long have you known Jack Thurman, the husband of the deceased woman?

A About the same time; about seven or eight years, I imagine. I don't remember exactly.

Q Is he a city policeman? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you occupy any position with the city?

A President of the City Commission.

Q Where did he live the last two or three years?

A He lived in an apartment over my garage.

Q You live on Stratton Street? Or does your property abut on Stratton Street?

A My property faces Stratton Street, but the lot goes clear through to Main, too, from one street to the other.

Q Goes from Stratton Street to Main Street?

A To Main Street, yes, sir.

(The testimony of the witness was given through Mr. James Murphy, who was sworn as an interpreter.)

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY JUDGE DAMRON:

Q Is your name Garland Davis? A Yes.

Q How old are you? A Thirty-two.

Q Where do you live? A Holden.

Q How long have you lived there? A Two years.

Q Did you live there on June 22, 1932?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know where No. 22 Mountain, called Trace Mountain, is? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you find a dead body on the right side of this mountain on the 22nd day of June? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you know who it was when you found it?

A No, sir, he didn't know her.

Q Had you ever known Mamie Thurman prior to the day her body was found on this mountain?

A He said he had seen her before.

Q Who, if anyone, was with you?

BY MR. CHAMBERS:

Q How did he say he had seen her before? He didn't make any signs. He just nodded his head in the affirmative.

THE INTERPRETER: I asked him.

Q You repeated the question Judge Damron asked, did you?

THE INTERPRETER: Yes, sir.

BY JUDGE DAMRON:

Q Who, if anyone, was with you at the time you found the body?

A Somebody by the name of Neely.

Q What was his first name, if he knows?

A He does not know.

Q What were you doing at the time you found the body?

A He was picking blackberries.

Q Were you and Neely both picking blackberries?

A He said when he found the body he went up on the road and saw Neely up there. He went by in a truck, and he told Neely then.

Q Was Neely the first one you told about finding a body?

A Yes, sir.

Q What did you and Neely do, if anything, or where did you go?

A He said that there was a car come up and he got in the car and went down to 21 Mine and told some people there.

Q What became of Neely?

A He said he went with him down to this mine.

Q Did you come back to the dead body after you went down to the mine?

A Yes, sir.

Q Who came with you?

A He said he come back with Neely.

Q Did he come back in a truck?

A Yes, sir.

Q Who was driving the truck?

A Neely.

Q Did anyone come back to the dead body besides you and Neely? A He said Neely was the only one he told, and he was coming by in a truck and he told him, and then just went on down the hill to this mine and told these men down at the mine.

Q I asked you if anyone came back with them up to the dead body in the truck, and, if so, who it was.

A He said Henshaw and Holland came back with him, yes, sir.

Q Who are Henshaw and Holland? What are their first names?

A Don't know.

Q Was anyone at the body when he and these other three men came back to it in the truck? Ask him if anybody had come or was there anyone there when they got back.

A Neely was the only one there.

Q Well, Neely went down to the mine with him, didn't he?

A He said that he caught a car and went on down to the mine by himself on this car, and then when he got back Neely was there.

Q Did you stay there until the officers came and until the undertaker got there?

A He said that he stayed there until two o'clock, and I can't get him to understand what I mean. He didn't stay there for very long, though, I don't think.

Q Can't you ask him if the officers came while he was there?

A He said he stayed there about two hours after they come. He was there when they came.

Q Was the body in the same position when the officers came as it was when you found it?

A Yes, sir.

Q At the time you found the body did you find anything around there or see anything around there near to it in the way of a lady's shoe or pocketbook?

A He found a pocketbook, but he didn't find the shoe.

Q Where was the pocketbook lying with reference to where the body was?

✓ A About nine feet.

Q Did you move it? A He left it there.

Q Is this the pocketbook you found there?

A That is it.

Q Did you open the pocketbook? A Yes, sir.

Q What did you find in it?

A Powder and cigarettes.

Q Was there any money in the pocketbook at the time you opened it? A About eight dollars.

Q Did you take anything out of the pocketbook or put anything in it after you found it, or did you leave it in the same condition as it was when you found it?

A No, sir, I left it like it was.

JUDGE DAMRON: That is all with him, your Honor.

MR. CHAMBERS: Tell him he may stand aside.

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H A R R Y R O B E R T S O N, called as a witness in behalf of the State, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY JUDGE DAMRON:

Q Is your name Harry Robertson? A Yes, sir.

Q How old are you, Mr. Robertson?

A Forty years old.

Q Where do you live? A I live in the City of Logan, 510 Stratton Street.

Q How long have you lived there?

A Fourteen years.

Q Are you married or single? A Married.

Q What size family have you?

A I have a son and daughter.

Q Wife living? A Yes, sir.

Q What is your profession or calling?

A I have been a bookkeeper in the bank for about eighteen years.

Q What bank were you bookkeeper for?

A Guyan Valley Bank until the merger, and then with the First National.

Q Are you a stockholder in that bank?

THE WITNESS: In the First National?

JUDGE DAMRON: Yes.

A No, sir.

Q Were you in the Guyan Valley Bank?

A Had five shares of stock, yes, sir.

Q You are the son of the late Sid Robertson?

A Yes, sir.

Q After the two banks merged did you go with the  
First National? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you know Mamie Thurman in her lifetime?

A Yes, sir.

Q How long had you known her? A Seven or eight  
years. I don't remember exactly how long.

Q Was she ever an employee of the Guyan Valley Bank?

A Yes, sir.

Q In what capacity? A Well, I suppose you would  
call it clerk. She balanced passbooks and did different  
work.

Q Was she an employee at the same time you were?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did she work in the same department or same room  
that you did? A Yes, sir.

Q Did she check your work?

A No, she didn't check my work.

Q Did she have anything to do with your work?

A Well, no, she didn't really have anything to do  
with my work.

Q And Main Street runs along the river?

A Parallel with the river, yes, sir.

Q It is on Main Street that the apartment abuts--or the garage in which the Thurman's lived?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you build that garage? A Yes, sir.

Q What size garage is it?

A I think it must be about 16 by 20, something like that.

Q Two-car garage? A Yes, sir.

Q With second story? A Yes, sir.

Q And is the second story where you had the apartment?

A Yes, sir, two rooms and bath up over the garage,

Q Did you rent that apartment to Jack Thurman and his deceased wife? A Yes, sir.

Q How long had they been living there?

A Ever since the garage was completed. I think probably about ever since they had been here.

Q And you lived immediately in front of it?

A Yes, I lived in front of it.

Q Your home is a two-story brick? A Yes, sir.

Q How many rooms? A It has got eight rooms.

Q Basement? A Yes, sir.

Q Attic? A Yes, sir.

Q How do you get from your home onto Main Street?

A Have a walkway out from the back steps.



Q Do those steps lead down from the apartment in which the Thurmans lived to Main Street?

A Well, there is steps from the apartment down to a little walk, and then out to the steps and down.

Q And you, from your home, came down the same way that the Thurmans did to the street?

A Yes, if I happened to come out that way I did.

Q You say this is a two-car garage?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is there water in the garage? A Yes, sir.

Q In which side? A In the upper side.

Q What cars do you own?

THE WITNESS: Sir?

Q What cars do you own? What make?

A I have a Packard and a Ford.

Q Did you own those two cars on the 21st day of June?

A Yes, sir.

Q And had owned them for some time before that?

A Yes, sir.

Q What is the Packard, a seven-passenger car or five?

A Five-passenger sedan.

Q And what is the Ford?

A It is a sedan, four-door sedan.

Q Two seats? A Yes, sir.

Q Had the Ford sedan two seats in it on the 21st of June? A No, sir, not to my knowledge.

Q How many?

A One.

Q Had the rear seat been removed?

A We kept that out, hardly ever used that.

Q And wasn't in there on that day?

A No, sir.

Q Do you know the defendant, Clarence Stephenson?

A Yes, sir.

Q How long have you known him?

A I imagine about seven or eight years.

Q Was he ever employed by you?

A No, he wasn't employed by me.

Q Ever work for you?     A He stayed at my home, yes, sir, did odd jobs.

Q How long has he been staying at your home?

A He stayed there on two different occasions. The last time I think he came there in January. I am not positive.

Q Of this year?     A Yes, sir.

Q And how long had he been away from your home when he came back in January?     A I don't remember that.

Q Well, would you say a long or short while?

A Well, it was when he was crippled, or got his fingers cut off, the first ones. I don't remember when it was.

Q How long had he been at your home before that? How long had he stayed there, Mr. Robertson?

A Before--

Q Before he came back the last time, in January.

A I think he stayed about two months, something like that, the first time.

Q Stayed at your home? A Yes, sir.

Q And then came back, you think in January, and stayed there? A I am not sure. I think it was in January.

Q Stayed at your home simply as a member of the family, without being paid anything?

A Well, yes, he stayed there.

Q Where did he sleep? A He slept in the attic.

Q That is the third floor of your residence?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did he have anything to do with your cars?

A Why, yes, he used the car.

Q Which car did he use?

A He used the Ford car. He had used the other one on a few occasions.

Q On two occasions?

A A few. I don't remember.

Q He used the Ford, generally? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you any dogs? A Yes, sir.

Q How many dogs have you?

A I have twelve now.

Q How many had you on the 21st of June?

A I couldn't say. I expect we probably had twenty some dogs. They were not all at home. All my dogs were not at home.

Q What character were those dogs? Were they fox hounds? A Yes, sir.

Q All of them?

A All we have now are fox hounds.

Q Did you have a place you kept them around home up there? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you hunt a good deal? A Well, not so awful much. We usually go once a week.

Q Do you maintain any hunting camp?

A No, sir.

Q Go on fox hunts?

THE WITNESS: Sir?

Q Do you fox hunt? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you have any particular camps around in the neighborhood where you fox hunt?

A There is a camp on Trace Mountain we used to go to.

Q Is that what they call Mountain 22?

A Yes, sir.

Q How do you reach that mountain from Logan, over the public highway? A Yes, sir.

Q Paved road from here?

A Paved road out there.

Q How far would you say it is from town, Mr. Robertson? A I imagine it is about ten mile. I think it is eight miles from here to the top where you top up on Trace. I believe that is right, and it is about two mile.

around the ridge, I imagine.

Q You reach your camp out there entirely over the road leading from Logan?

A It is not my camp. I didn't build it at all.

Q Who built it? A Albert Gore built it, and some of his other hunting buddies built it. I didn't build it.

Q Built on company land? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you rent it? A No, sir.

Q What did you have to do with it?

A I helped to buy a stove that went in it, is all I had to do with it.

Q And you went there and stayed while you were fox hunting? A Yes, we would go there on cold nights and stay.

Q How would you transport your dogs from Logan to this camp?

A Take them in the car.

Q In what car? A Well, lately we had the Ford. I did have a Chevrolet before it.

Q Did you find it necessary, in the transportation of your dogs, to remove the back seat?

A Well, yes.

Q Is that why you did that?

A Yes, sir, to give us more room.

Q How many dogs would you usually take out there?

A Well, we usually took the ones that were able to

run, in condition to run. We would have eight or ten, twelve, sometimes fourteen.

Q When you speak of "we", whom do you mean?

A Whoever went with me.

Q Did the defendant, Clarence Stephenson, usually go?

A He did if he was at home, he always went with me.

Q He drove the car? A Well, not all the time.

Q Well, he would drive it when he would go, would he?

A I usually drove when we went together.

Q When you and Clarence went together you drove?

A Yes, sir.

Q What did he do? A He rode out there.

Q What for? A To go hunting.

Q Oh, he went hunting with you. Mr. Broom go with you any? A Yes, sir.

Q Does he stay at your home? A No, sir.

Q Had he been going with you recently?

A Yes, sir.

Q You and Mr. Broom and the defendant. Who else, if you recall, went out to this camp?

A I have not been to that camp for over a year. I have only been on Trace Mountain fox hunting three times since last Winter.

Q Where did you stay these three times?

A Along the highway out there. I didn't leave the highway.

Q You mean on the mountain?

A Yes, sir.

Q Close to this camp? A Yes, sir.

Q Any other camp out there?

A Not that I know of.

Q In transporting these dogs, would they stay in the back end of the car? A Yes, sir.

Q Were you out there on the 29th of March this year?

A I don't remember the day. I was out there sometime.

Q In March? A I think so.

Q You say that you had known the Thurmans practically ever since they lived here in Logan?

A Yes, sir.

Q And had rented them this apartment for the last several years? A Yes, sir.

Q In what part of your residence did you sleep?

A In the sleeping porch on the rear of my home.

Q Is that the same side as the apartment in which the Thurmans lived? A Yes, sir.

Q You could look out of your sleeping porch to the apartment where they lived? A Yes, sir.

Q Were they tenants of yours and occupying this apartment--

A Yes, sir.

Q (Continuing)--on the 21st day of June?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is Mamie Thurman living or dead?

A She is dead, I understand.

Q Did you see her after she died?

A No, sir.

Q Did you see her before she died, shortly?

A I saw her, yes, sir, the night before she died; I saw her go out.

Q What time in the evening or night before she died did you see her?

A I imagine about eight o'clock.

Q Where were you? A In my kitchen.

Q Who was with you, if anyone?

A Clarence and my wife was in the kitchen.

Q And when you say Clarence you mean the defendant?

A Yes, sir.

Q You saw Mamie Thurman leave her home about eight o'clock that night? A Yes, sir.

Q Had you been down the street that night?

A Not at that time.

Q What was the defendant doing in your kitchen when Mrs. Thurman left her home?

A I don't remember. He was running in and out there, feeding the dogs. I don't know what he was doing.

Q Did Mrs. Thurman have to come out her door and go down the steps in front of your kitchen?

A It is some little distance.

Q It was in fair view of your kitchen?



A Yes, sir. The steps come out of the apartment down like this, and there is a little walkway then, I guess probably ten feet, and steps goes down onto Main Street.

Q Was she carrying anything?

A Not that I know of.

Q Had you seen her that day before that?

A No, sir.

Q That the first time and the last time you saw her alive?

A Yes, sir, that is the first and last time I ever saw her.

Q What did Clarence, the defendant, do after Mrs. Thurman left her home?

A I don't know what he did.

Q Do you know where he went?

A I left before he did. I don't know what he--

Q Which way did you go?

A Well, I went out back and got in my car.

Q That the same way that Mrs. Thurman went?

A Yes, sir.

Q And what car did you get in?

A Got in my Packard. I had it parked out there.

Q Where was the Ford sedan?

A I don't know. In the garage, I suppose.

Q You don't know whether it was in the garage or not?

A No, sir.