

Casebook

- Media Influence

↳ myths surrounding murder,
entire world

Whitechapel, Spitalfields, Aldgate, London Proper
Believed Methods

- 1 - facing each other
- 2 - Victim would lift skirt / remove clothes
and left defenseless
↳ death by strangulation
- 3 - Placed victims on ground → head to
his left → proven b/c based on
where found no person could strike
(blocked)
4. Cut throats (blood spilled to pool,
meaning lying on the ground)
cut left to right (left-handed)
- 5- removed organs

NDT Article

- all but 5 mutilated
- Catherine Eddowes - Kidney removal
 - ↳ Sent to George Lusk Whitechapel Vigilance committee

Dr. Thomas Horrocks Openshaw → sent for examination

Eddowes Kidney

- Kidney in Corpse had Bright's Disease → Kidney sent in same stage

Reasons for taking Kidney

- possession of conscience, emotions, desires described in Bible as being in Kidney
- trophy

Introduction

- 1880's - Unemployment and poverty, living mainly in Whitechapel

~ 1200 prostitutes in Whitechapel

victims

August - Nov 1888

Many victims, but main focus on "Canonical five"

- Mary Ann Nichols
- Annie Chapman
- Elizabeth Stride
- Catherine Eddowes
- Mary Kelly

Mary Ann Nichols

- Throat cut ear-to-ear
- abdomen cut open

An Chapman

- Swollen face (strangulation)
- Throat cut through spine
- portions of small intestine out of body - still attached
- abdominal wall, uterus, upper vagina & parts of bladder missing

↳ suspects thought to have had anatomical knowledge b/c of accuracy with removal

Elizabeth Stride

Catherine Eddowes

↳ Same night

⇒ looked like was caught - 1/2 incision

↳ face mutilated, left kidney carefully taken out, uterus divided horizontally

Mary Jane Kelly

↳ face severely mutilated, only victim in home

• surface of abdomen & thighs removed, abdominal cavity emptied, breasts cut off, organs scattered and put under and around body

Dr. Bond: All by same murderer because

- Throats cut in similar manner
- all victims lying down, mutilation same manner

Letter from hell

- many letters claiming from J&R
 - kidney evaluated by Dr. Gordon Brown
 - ↳ opinion did NOT survive - only second hand
- Bright's Disease Assumption

Against Findings

- common misdiagnoses of Bright's Disease, cause considered excessive drinking, very ~~popular~~ popular in Whitechapel
- Some say journalists created letter Hoax

Rumbelow - The Complete Jack the Ripper

"the Ripper killings" were the first case of sex crime in the sense that we understand it today"

... "inaugurated the age of sex crime Victorian crime"

- ↳ East end, classes very important
- East end - poverty, overcrowded, drinking

Cuts - left-handed suspect
Hard to id Nichols - only

- comb
- white handkerchief
- broken mirror

Coat belonged to workhouse, found to be living in lodge - seen alive 1 hr before murder drunk

- prostitutes murdered in same manner before close to murder scene

2nd murder

- rings and pennies laid at woman's feet, 2 pills in envelope w/ letter M on front

Double Murders

Writing

"The Jews are not the men that will be blamed for nothing"

Stride - seen within 1 hr of murder

- petitions to Queen for help in East End

Shankey - Jack the Ripper

- Queen Victoria - asked to capture killer

- Burgho & Barnaby, ~~constables~~ constables dressed in women's clothes to lure killer

- Worldwide investigation

- police records

- pathologist reports

"Pick your ripper" suspects

Paul Begg

Martha Tabram - related murder

→ → Very good photos, illustrations