

DENIES GRIFFITHS IS LUNACY VICTIM

Counsel for Aged Retired Manufacturer Defends Charge in Superior Court

NIECE ASKS FOR GUARDIAN

A claim in the Superior Court today that George Griffiths, of Wayne, is a "profound, dominating lunatic" was disputed vehemently by counsel for the aged manufacturer, who is eighty-two and blind.

Claim Griffiths Is Sane

Attorneys for Mrs. Kurtz opposed the petition, claiming that Mr. Griffiths is sane and that he was merely incompetent to change his residence from Germantown, where he had been living, to Wayne, where he purchased a home.

Charges Wealth Sought

Mr. Duane alleged that Mrs. Kurtz has not seen her uncle since she was thirteen years old and that she is designing solely to probe into the aged man's wealth and to learn what disposition will be made of the property.

James and Schuck Indulged in Orgy

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Adelphi Hotel, where the man who had got in the car left.

Gave Lavish Tips

"I was then instructed to take them to a suburban hotel for food, and I suggested going to Three Tuns, which we did. On the way I blew a shoe and James not only helped me a fix but gave me a \$10 tip. During the Three Tuns we found the place closed, and returned toward the city. I blew another shoe and received another \$10 tip. James in giving it to me remarked, 'You'll never have to pay for the next one.' I remarked, 'He had better pay it now, as one of the shoes is pretty well gone,' which he did."

Looked for Apartments

"Then we went to Sixty-third and Market streets, and I went with me. I then drove James to Fifty-eighth street and Baltimore avenue, where he bought a newspaper for the purpose of looking for apartments. We then went to Fifty-ninth street near Christian and also Sixty-first and Pine streets and looked for apartments, but James didn't like the neighborhood. We then went to Sixty-sixth and Spruce streets, where we had dinner."

Tells of Telephone Talk

Ward then testified that James said: "Is that you, Pop?" Another name for Ward.

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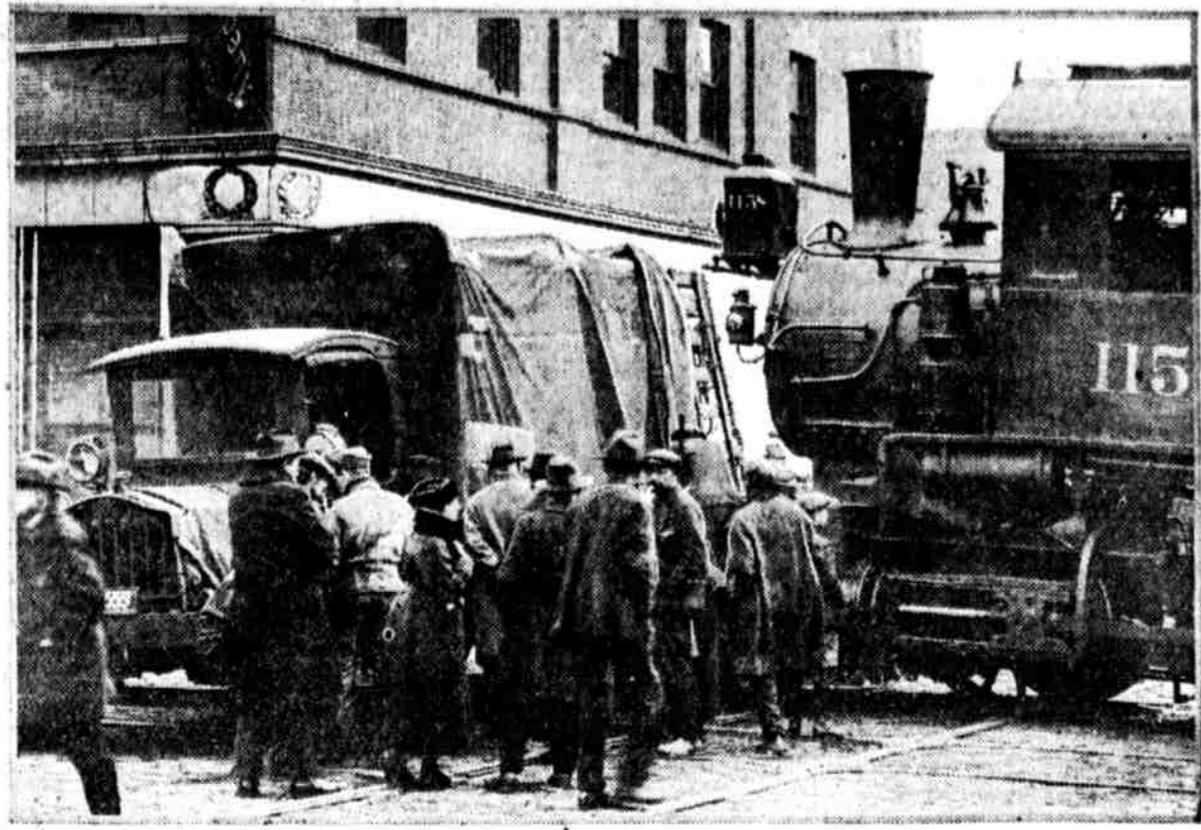
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TRUCK SMASHED BY ENGINE



A Philadelphia and Reading Railway engine this morning smashed into a loaded truck at Sixth and Willow streets. No one was injured but traffic was delayed some time by the accident.

Thought of Entering Business

The following day James called at my house, but I was out.

Nervous at Probe Prospect

"On October 12, Columbus Day, he called at my house. He told me that he had been on a spree, but was all right now and said 'Never again.' He also told me that he had been summoned to the prosecutor's office and had been questioned very closely regarding the disappearance of Paul. He said that they knew he was with Paul in the car on the day he disappeared; that they knew he had gone to the ferry; that they knew that when he reached Delaware avenue and Market street, Camden, instead of proceeding to the ferry entrance the car had gone in an opposite direction."

James Appeared Frightened

"James appeared frightened and nervous when he told me that when the prosecutor starts to investigate he 'blows' investigate."

James Said He Had Made Repairs

"I was not certain of what date the repairs might have been made, but my books show that the repairs were completed October 14."

Lawrence Johnson, His Son, Was Shown a Few Coins

"Lawrence Johnson, his son, was shown a few coins, which the prosecution alleges was used to buy Paul's body. The witness identified it as one he had seen in the back seat of James' car."

Mr. Wolvertson Sent a Court Attache to Look for Mr. Straw

"Mr. Straw was brought in and introduced to the witness. The witness was asked did he remember making a statement that he had seen the rope in the car previous to the crime."

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How James Flung Money After Paul Was Slain

Fifty dollars a day for taxicab hire. Five to fifteen-dollar tips to chauffeur. Ten dollars for every tire blow-out. Fur-collared overcoat, gift to chauffeur. Silks and other finery, and shoes for women friends.

Garage Man on Stand

William F. Alberson, who conducts a garage at Mt. Ephraim, stated that he had known James for about six or seven weeks and that on the night of October 9 James had brought a Ford car to his garage for repairs. The car, he said, had a broken windshield, smashed headlights, and the upholstery had been torn and removed in various places.

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Fiance Not Blamed by Unmarried Bride

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"I saw it October 10." "Where was the machine?" "In our garage at Brooklawn." "This testimony surprises me intensely," Prosecutor Wolvertson said to the court. "It does not agree with what the witness told Assistant Prosecutor Straw."

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