

will as show them their
photographs.

The men I intend send-
ing are Francis Timmins
recently arrived from
Queensland where he has
held the position of a
first class detective for
some years, he is a New
South Wales Native, has a
thorough knowledge of
bush work and has ex-
cellent recommendations
from the Queensland Police,
the other is Detective A. D.
Wilson who has recently
joined he is a smart active
man, accustomed to bush
work, both are well known
in the District both to
the public & Police.

I have chosen these men
as I do not think it would
be politic to send one of
the known detectives as they
could not pass long with-
out being recognized, it

I need scarcely mention

That it is absolutely ne-
cessary that this person
in the North Eastern District
should be kept an entire
secret both from the public
and police.

Give report further
tomorrow as early as pos-
sible.

Thos. Lawrence
Super. in C.

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Police Department

Shepparton 21st January 1892.

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Re. James Wallace, suspected of aiding
and abetting the late Kelly gang.

I beg to report for your
information that I have obtained
some particulars relative to James
Wallace late School teacher at
Bobniawanah from Mrs Cox of
Katamatite and forward her statement
herewith, with the request that you
will be good enough to forward it
to the A. C. C. of Police for transmission
to Mr. Harrison.

McConisidine
Det 2nd Co. 110

Submitted to the Acting
Chief Commissioner

~~James Wallace~~
Det 2nd Co. 110
for Inspector
24-1-82

Det. Mountfort
Bralla.

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Forwarded H.M. Harman

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Prof. Hornum
Q.C.C.-K
25-1-82

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Re James Wallace

Witness

Statement

Fanny Mary Grace Cox

States I am a married woman and reside with my husband who is a Police Constable at Katamatite, on September 1879 I was single my maiden name was Rogers my father kept an Hotel at Beechworth and I managed a shop there for him. I know James Wallace last School teacher at Botmawanah he used frequently stay at my father's Hotel whilst on Beechworth and he has purchased trine fish from me on several occasions I cannot now recollect how much, he generally used to leave the Hotel at Beechworth either very late at night or early in the morning now I know this is that he used to ask me to leave the back door open saying that he would be off early. In September previously mentioned I was staying at a Mr. Allans at Oxley (Wallace's father in law) whilst there I went on one Saturday to have tea at James Wallace's house at Botmawanah Wallace was there whilst at tea Wallace's little boy a child about five years old who was sitting next me

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at the table, he was playing with
my watch chain, he whispered to me
"Nea Kelly has not got a watch and
chain like you, and a d d d" "do you
know Nea Kelly, I said to the child
"No I don't know him", he said "he
was here the other day and gave me
a shilling", I think Wallace must have
overheard what the child said as he
Wallace said to me, "What has the child
been saying to you Miss Brown I said
"he has been telling me that the Kelly's
have been paying for a visit" Wallace
then said "don't take any notice of
what the child has been saying"
he appeared very much annoyed
and told Mr Wallace to put the
child to bed, and I heard the child
very slapped afterwards.

Law Department.

Date

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Police reports re North Eastern district.

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Also
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not to Police 13/5/81

have perused this file - It may be found desirable to change the men, but the investigation should be continued - Although the information obtained cannot be available as legal evidence, it will be found valuable and may assist at a later stage in bringing some of the persons affected to Justice

Gerrit Verpeck

27 July 1880.

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This matter has received continued and careful attention, but all efforts have failed to discover the maker of the armour. The Detective specially entrusted with the investigation has, for the present, been withdrawn from the No 2 Dist, but the local police will continue their exertions in the case, and if any information of value is gained I will not fail to communicate it to the Hon: the Attorney General.

A. F. L. Standish
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Atty General's Office
25/8/88
Yds Hon:
The Attorney Genl

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Penalla Police Station
January 24th 1882

Re. special enquiry relative to Sal. Wallace.

We have the honor to reply
for your information that on Tuesday the
1st inst. we proceeded to Glenrowan to
interview mounted constable Alexander
with reference the property found at Glenrowan
on the 28th and 29th of June 1880 the day
the Kelly gang were captured,

Robert Alexander States that on the
evening of the 28th he in company with
constable stillard Nathan Dowling and
Hagor were directed to remain at
the Glenrowan station with constable
Bracken. On the following morning
the 29th constable Nathan stillard Hagor
and Dowling brought four (2) horses and
four (4) saddles to the Police Station and
handed them over to me (constable Bracken
was absent at Penalla at the time)
they said they found them at Mc Donnell
Railway Inn Glenrowan and that
they were the property of the late
Kelly gang; the horses were placed in
the Police yard and the saddles
remained on the station until Const.

P. J. Harrison togt. Bracken returned from Penalla at
St. J. Low Darganville about 1.0. Clock midday

Robert Alexander
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When Constable Bracken returned the
despatches Constable Meehan and myself
with the four horses and four (4)
saddles to Benalla Police Station
On the way to Benalla one of the
horses broke away from us and
was not recovered for some days
after Meehan and I delivered
the four (4) saddles & three (3)
horses over to Sergeant Whelan
On the evening of the 29th I
have not seen them since then
I do not think I would be able
to identify either the saddles
or the horses as I did not
mark them; But I can positively
prove the saddles I gave up to
Sgt Whelan are the same saddles
that was handed to me by Constable
Gordon Meehan Major F. Stiller.
as having been found at the Glenora
Farm Glenrowan on the same morning
viz 29th of June 1880;

On Wednesday we proceeded to
Ballan Ballan to interview Constable
Bracken, Bracken states that on the
morning of the 29th of June 1880
the day after the Kelly Gang were
captured he left Glenrowan got to
attend an inquest on the body of
at Benalla, and the
inquest being adjourned he returned
to Glenrowan about 10 o'clock same day
on his return to the station he was

Constable Bracken
Interviewed,

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informed by the Constables Station
there that they found four (4) horses
and four (4) saddles at McDonald's
Iron Storehouse left there by the
Kelly Gang, he at once dispatched
Constable Alexander and Graham
to Bonalla Police Station with
them to hand them over to Supt.
Whelan; Bracken states he took
no particular notice of the
saddles found and would not
be able to identify them again.

Constable Lillard

On the same day we returned
to Shepparton to interview Constable
Lillard, who is stationed there and
who states as follows. I remember
the 28th of June the day the
Kelly Gang were captured at
Shepparton, I remember a Brown
man being shot said to be Dan Kelly.
I remember she had on her a Police saddle.
I also remember a Chestnut mare
with a good Bullwhack hide saddle
Millerant Maker Wanjarratti she
was taken charge of by Supt.
Gallier I also remember a
horse and pack saddle being
found they were all forwarded
to Bonalla, I remember the
following morning the 29th
in company with Constables
Graham Dowling and Major Grogan
McDonald's Shepparton Iron Storehouse
information received, and there found

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four (4) horses & four (4) saddles
(we were informed they were left
there by the Kelly Gang) we took
the horses and saddles to the
Glenrowan Police Station. on
examination of the saddles I
discovered a police saddle, and
said to the Constables present -
this is one of the saddles taken
from the murdered police at
Stringy Bark Creek there was
two old saddles amongst
and one good saddle the
two old saddles I think I
would know again,
Constable Alexander & Muehan
were dispatched with the horses
and saddles to Benalla, I also
went to Benalla on that morning
the 29th I rode the horse furnished
with the pack saddle and handed
it over to Sgt. Whelan at Benalla
Sergeants Alexander & Muehan
lost one of the four (4) horses on
the road to Benalla at least the
lost one so when I met them in
Benalla the same night on the
30th of the same month I found a
rather horse and saddle said to be
Edward Kelly's horse and saddle I
took it to Benalla & handed it over
to Sgt. Whelan, I did not make
any of the saddles at the time
and I cannot say until I see them
whether I will be able to identify

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any of the saddles or horses
the only horse and the saddle
I think I would be able to identify
as I placed the saddle on the horse
and he bucked it off

Constable Major

On Friday I proceeded to Colac
there saw Constable Major who
states as follows I remember the
morning of the 29th of June 1880
the day the Kellys were captured
I remember meeting the up train
to Melbourne at Glenrowan at 8.30.
On there saw Detention Ward 288,
who informed me that there were
four (4) horses and four (4) saddles
the property of the Kelly Gang at
McDonald's public house. My
company with Constable Meehan,
Dooling and Elliott we proceeded
to McDonald's stables there found
four (4) horses and four (4) saddles
the Police saddle one pretty good
saddle and two (2) old saddles
we took possession of all and
conveyed them to the Glenrowan
Police Station later on the same day
Constable Meehan and Alexander
removed the horses & saddles to
Bonalla, I did not pay any special
attention to the saddles I did not
mark them and I do not think
I would be able to identify any
of them again as the saddles were
found at McDonald's stables

Mary Ann Stanish

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On Monday I proceeded to Brecon
Railway Station for the purpose
of interviewing Mr. and Mrs.
Stanish. The latter I heard good from
me some good information.
on examination Mrs. Ann Stanish
stated that she is the wife of S. Stanish
and remembered the morning of the
24th of June the day the Kelly gang
of outlaws stuck up the Glamorgan
Railway Station. She remembered
that Kelly, Jos. Byrnes, Dan Kelly
and Steve Hart coming to her place
between 2 or 3 a.m. on the morning
of the 24th of June 1880. She also
remembered that Kelly telling
Jos. Byrnes and Steve Hart to
put the horses into Mr. Donald's
Stables, she saw Jos. Byrnes
and Steve Hart go into the
bush at the rear of Mr. Donald's
and bring four (4) horses and
saddles and placed them in
Mr. Donald's Stables. She did
not see the horses again until
she saw the police but the possession
of them on the morning of the
29th and lead them to the Glamorgan
Police Station. She identified the
horses as the same horses Jos.
Byrnes and Steve Hart placed in the
Stables as one of them was a
small grey pony. The saddles
she would not be able to identify

Which Downing

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On Tuesday the 24th I interviewed
Constable Downing now stationed at
Sunderland, who states I remember the
morning of the 29th of June 1880
the day after the Kellys were captured
at Glenrowan. I remember being in
company with Constables Nathan
Pegor and Stillard we went to
McDonalds Public house and in his
stables we found four (4) horses and
four (4) saddles. Which we took
possession of. I heard some of the
Constables say that one of the
stringybark Murdered Police saddles
were amongst them, I did not examine
the saddles I would not know them
again, I believe the horses and saddles
were forwarded to Benalla but
I would not swear,

A. J. Sherrill.

On the same day 24th I interviewed
A. J. Sherrill. who states, I know James Wallace
for many years we were school mates
I remember 1878 when the Kellys were
murdered at Stringybark Creek by the Kelly
gang. I know the Kelly gang and Peters
was a school mate of Wallace's & mine
I remember all the time the Kellys were
at large, and I know James Wallace was
an active sympathizer of the gang. I
had a very good opportunity of judging
it as Wallace frequently came to me
and my brothers William & Aaron
and wanted us to go out into the bush

J. J. Merrill
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With him on horse back to make
trucks to secure to Alice and to try what
the black trucks were made off but on
all occasions I declined to have anything
to do with him. James Wallace borrowing
a saddle from my Mother in the
Month of August 1849 he promised
to return it but he failed to do so
about a fortnight after borrowing
it he paid my Mother £3 for
the saddle and said he could
not return it. I also saw Wallace
at our place on a Sunday in
August 1849 he came from the
direction of Buckworth he
had a horse and buggy with
him in the buggy he had
a bag of bread, a case of
Brandy and a quantity
of preserved meat & tinned
fish, he had dinner at our
place on that day and left
going in the direction of Hurdle
Creek Wallace was constantly
moying me with questions
eg. If I could tell him the
movements of the Police to
try and ascertain for him how
many were stationed in Buckworth
and what was their opinion as to
whether the Kellys had left the
Country or not. Wallace told
me that Joe Byrne was in the
habit of calling at his place

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That he was a good fellow and
that he would do him no harm.
On the occasion when annoyed by
Wallace as to the movements of the
Police, I told him that I saw four (4)
mounted men going down the old
Eldorado road, he (Wallace) immediately
went to Mrs. Byrnes and informed
her of what I had told him. This
I am certain of for Patsey Byrnes
told me immediately. Wallace
was on the most intimate terms
with Mrs. Byrnes and all her
family & was a frequent visitor
during the time the Kelly Gang
were at large.

On Wednesday I proceeded to
Binnella to complete the enquiry
& make out the Brief. I expect to
have all complete and be able to
hand the Brief to you on Monday
the 30th instant.

R. E. Ward
Det. 2338

P.S.

Detective Connelley is absent, he
may have some news from
Patonnatche, when he returns tomorrow.

M. E. W.

Delaware Department
Benalla January 1882

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Special Inquiry re James Wallace

We beg to report for your information, that on Saturday the 4th inst. we proceeded to Elmore with a view of making enquiries relative to James Wallace's Father ever having been a dealer in Old Metal & I vide previous report of 22nd December 1881. We found that Wallace son^r was at present absent at work but Constable Beard informed us that Wallace only dealt in Butter Eggs & Fruit that he never heard of him dealing in Old Metals.

We instructed Constable Beard who knows nothing of the nature of the enquiry, to see Wallace son^r on his return and put the following questions to him viz. Whether he Wallace within the last three years has ever dealt in Old Metals Eggs bones &c. We gave as a pretext to Constable Beard that we were making enquiries relative to Copper plates stolen

W. H. Hargreaves
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Some time ago, and he was to
make this inquiry on the ground
of the old Metal Dealers Act.

On Sunday we proceeded to
Hurdle Creek and Stanley to
interview a State School Master
named M. C. Allen whose friends
reside in Oley near Hurdle Creek
he informed us that he had
heard that James Wallace
late schoolmaster had purchased
several pairs of Mole skin
trousers of a larger size than
he Wallace could wear himself
from a storekeeper in Wang
Aratta being questioned
for his authority he could
give no authority as it was only
commonly reported since
Wallace's suspension.

On Monday we continued
our inquiries at Black Springs
and New Town and interviewed
Mr. Dale School Master Hills
borough, who we had heard
could give us assistance in
our inquiry he informed
us that Mr. Hugh Ferguson
of Hurdle Creek told him that
on a day morning the time the
Kelly Gang were at large, he
was company with others,

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were at the Bobinawarrak Post Office, at that time it was reported that Jos Byrnes the Bushranger was sick. They were speaking about Byrnes Wallace Clarke put at the Post Office and said it could not be true as I saw Byrnes last night he was all right then;

On Tuesday we continued our enquiries at the Woolshed of Mr. Sherrill Junior but failed to find out anything of importance with the exception of that James that she informed us that James Wallace was very thick with a Black Smith named 'Stranghan' on the Woolshed who was suspected by the people there of making Jos Byrnes's Armour, Stranghan was particularly intimate with Mr. Byrnes. We endeavoured to obtain some further information on this subject but failed to do so.

On Wednesday we continued our enquiries and proceeded to Warape where John Sherrill Senior is employed working in the bush for the purpose of obtaining his statement to enable us to make out our Brief.

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but were unable to see him
On the following day Thursday
We saw him and obtained
a statement from him
See Brief.

Friday we had an
interview with a Confidential
person at the Wolshego re the
Connection between Wallace
and Straghair Black Smith
brother, relative to the making
of Byrns Armor. We ascertained
that Wallace was on very
intimate terms with Straghair
and used to leave his horse
there when visiting Mr. Sherrill
or Byrns and also that Straghair
used to work late at night.
We have very little doubt but
that Straghair made the
Byrns Armor, but through
the length of time that has
elapsed there is no possible
means of obtaining any
proof against him.

On Saturday we left for Winnipeg
On arriving there we tried to obtain
any corroboration of the statement
that we had heard at Puchanville
relative to the purchase of Brown's
Holstein which Wallace was
alleged to have purchased
in Panglossville.

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though we made every possible
inquiry we failed in our object.
We then proceeded to Ellawa
and saw all the Storekeepers
there, viz. Mr. John Gardiner
and Mr. Warren, all the infor-
-mation Mr. Gardiner could
give, relative to this matter
was that Wallace was a
customer of his, and supplies
for the family were entered
in fact he was a credit cus-
-tomer and had a running
account; but he does not appear
to have had any suspicious
items booked to him; but that
Mr. Gardiner and his daughter
Isabella told us that Wallace
had made frequent purch-
-ases of tinned fish, such
as Sardines Salmon &c.
also Bread and sometimes
a bottle of Brandy for all
of which he paid Cash, the
money used to make these
purchases at night after
the store was closed, this
occurred during the time the
Kelly gang were at large but
they cannot fix dates.

We next saw Mr. Warren
who kindly allowed us to sea-
-mine his books, but they
disclosed nothing suspicious

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With reference to Wallace's purchases with this exception that on the 11th, 16th & 18th of August 1849, he purchased bread to the amount of 29 loaves which seems largely in excess of what he required for his private use; We questioned Mr. Warren as to whether Wallace had made any cash purchases of him, he replied in the negative.

The following day we proceeded to Colfax but failed to detect anything fresh there from hence we proceeded to Moorpark and saw the Lord Rapers again there Wallace does not appear to have dealt with either of them although he frequently visited and had tea at Mrs. Hewes' Hotel and there.

On talking over the Kelly business with Mr. Hewes he informs us that the only suspicious transaction he had about that time was when a young man named McFarquhar (or McFarquhar) of the Kelly gang made some trifling purchases at his store and in payment there of tendered a few South Wales

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New South Wales 500 £ note
which was double of one of
the Guildenry Bank notes.

We next saw Mr. Ferguson
of Durrell Creek, referred to
in a previous portion of this
report. He admitted having
had conversation with W. Pale
schoolmaster relative to Wallace
having said something about
the Gallaw for Lyons, but
denied that he himself had
heard Wallace say anything
and had only repeated what
he had heard. but could not
give us his authority, or the
names of any one who heard
or took part in the alleged
conversation and this must be
put down to one of the ill-
famous which are flying about
with reference to this matter
on which no reliance can be
placed.

On Monday we returned to
Wangarratta en route to Benalla
where we saw Mr. Munro
who denies that Mr. McGregor
ever showed him the letter
referred to in our previous
report, but states that he had
a conversation with McGregor
at Durrell Creek on this subject
but this was after they both

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Left School Mr. McGregor
Must have been mistaken
in his statement to us and
any conversation he had
with Mr. Morrow on this
Subject Wallace not being present
is utterly valueless not being
admissible as evidence.

In reaching Pinnalla
we set to work to trace the
saddle which has been
identified by Mr. Sheritt
and experienced great
difficulty and it is very
doubtful if the saddle
can be traced to the
possession of the Kelly gang.
We proceeded to Clewiston
today and obtained the
names of all the Constables
who were stationed there
at and immediately after
the capture of the Kelly gang
with a view of ascertaining
who actually took possession
of the saddles and other property
at Clewiston supposed to have
belonged to the Kelly gang and when
and where they found them, this
being to the statement that existed
at the time; appears to us to be very
difficult as none of the saddles
were marked and as some eight
(8) saddles were taken possession