



PHRASES



- the complexion was fair
- victim (Opfer), witness (Zeuge), suspect (verdächtiger)
- to be a part-time criminal
- to have impeccable alibis
- to have homicidal tendencies *tendencies*
- mutilations (Verstümmelungen)
- to see a pool of blood
- he was ~~convicted~~ for being a thief *convicted of...*
- the throat had been cut
- a rumor was spread
- somebody was haggling with a customer (mit einem Kunden verhandeln)
- nobody saw/heard/noticed anything uncommon (niemand hat etwas unübliches bemerkt)
- to have surgical skills (doctor) *surgical*
- pain protection money
- the body of the prostitute was ripped open gruesomely
- to do something gruesomely
- to sleep or stay in a lodging house
- a leather apron (Lederschürze) was found next to a dead woman
- to die (sterben)
- he was a strong police suspect
- The death of (a) the woman (Emma Smith) caused only little attention
- she was dead after a few seconds
- the panic vanished as no more murders happened in September
- there was a double murder (⇒ two murders within one hour, within a square mile) in Whitechapel
- this murder was even more brutal than the others
- Three successful murders will have the effect of whetting the murderer's *appetite* still further...

The Setting

It all happened in the Victorian times, in Whitechapel (a place near London), where 80,000 people lived miserable lives, there was a lot of poverty. Half of their children died before the age of five. Also Whitechapel was a dark, dirty and very scary place and according to Ms. Song, who was in Whitechapel two weeks ago, for a Jack the Ripper tour, it still is.

This might also be the reason, why many Londoners never even thought about going there, and the police didn't care what was happening in Whitechapel.

There were three classes in Whitechapel:

- THE POOR PEOPLE, who worked as builders, labourers, shopkeepers, factory worker or sweatshop workers. But for them it didn't really matter, which of those jobs they chose.

They (The poor people) always got too less money for food... So they were NOT well paid in all jobs they could do. THE VERY POOR PEOPLE were mainly women and their children. This class washed and saved for a tiny amount of money, which they then used for buying their daily bread.

And there was the last group or class of people who don't really have a name they are just the rest. So the PEOPLE OF THE REST were people who didn't have a real job, so they were loafers, criminals, very poor, and most of them were lazy too.

The poor people struggled with their money, but the other classes never had enough for anything, not for food, not for clothes, for nothing. Those, who had a little money left, and who didn't have a place to sleep rent a room for one night in so-called lodging houses. Sometimes there were over 80 people sleeping in one room.

The others, who had enough money left had to sleep on staircases, door not ways or on the streets.

At this time many of these people drank alcohol, because they wanted to escape from their poor world.

Many women were prostitutes, because for them it was the only way of making enough money to survive.

Now the police says that there were about 1200 prostitutes in 1888 just in Whitechapel.

These prostitutes did their job in those rooms you can rent at the lodging houses, or just at dark places.

So because the police didn't care about Whitechapel, crime and violence was very common.

On April the 3rd, a prostitute, named Emma Smith was attacked and killed, but this was unreported by the newspaper.

Was this the first murder of Jack the Ripper (done by him)?

WHITE

CHAPPEL

My Suspects

John Pizer

Aaron Kosminski

I think that it was John Pizer, although he had impeccable alibis, because he did not have to kill the woman himself, I mean the woman (Annie Chapman) where the feather apron was found next to the woman's dead body.

He could also have sent another person or one of his complizers to murder Annie Chapman.

(I assume that there wasn't just one person 'presenting' Jack the Ripper, I think that there was a group of criminals murdering all those women)

Another reason why I (think) suspect him for being part of the 'Jack the Ripper gang' is because his nickname was 'leather apron' and a 'leather apron' was found next to one of their victims

But I also suspect Aaron Kosminski, because I think that Jack the Ripper would have enough influence of the people, so he could make them believe that he isn't dangerous. And also he had homicidal tendencies, so he was a bit crazy.

Another thing why I suspected him is that he hated women, especially prostitutes and they could have mixed him up with Nathan Kaminsky, because their names are very similar.

JOHN PIZER

AARON KOSMINSKI

The Victims

John Pizer was a bootmaker too, but he also was a part time criminal who was known for frightening prostitutes.

His nickname was 'Leather apron', this is also why he was suspected. There was a leather apron lying next to the dead body of Annie Chapman. He was also a strong suspect, but he had impeccable alibis.

John Pizer was probably from England.

Aaron Kosminski has always lived in Whitechapel, maybe as a hairdresser, but we have no proof for that (him being one)

Aaron Kosminski had homicidal tendencies, but nobody was really scared of him, nobody claimed him for being dangerous, so one can't say that he was Jack the Ripper.

Aaron Kosminski was suspected years after the murders because it could have been that the police in Whitechapel mixed him up with Nathan Kraminsky, because their names were very similar

Michael Ostrog was a Russian, who moved to Whitechapel.

He was a trained doctor, so she had surgical skills, as the people say Jack the Ripper had surgical skills (and was left handed?!)

He also was convinced for being a thief, so he was already a bit 'criminal'...

These were, as the title says, the five main suspects.

This means there were a lot more suspects, but these five were the most important...

The murderer of the following victims must have been very cruel, because he or she killed so many people, very brutally.

All of his or her victims were women prostitutes, and nearly all of them were found with a lot of mutilations done to them.

All the murders happened within just one square mile, we assume that all nine murders were done by Jack the Ripper, but one can't be sure...

EMMA SMITH... X (3.4.1888)

... was a friendless widow, who was attacked in Brick Lane, early on the 3rd of April in 1888.

She was a prostitute in order to earn enough money to then buy herself alcohol (she had an internal problem with her drunkenness).

As she was found all her money she had just earned was gone, (although she was badly cut and bruised (she was bleeding internally too) she (Emma Smith) was still alive when they found her.

Because of that she was brought to a hospital immediately. At the hospital she was able to speak at first, so she told the police that there were 3 men attacking her.

This is the reason why the police then thought that it was a gang. Emma Smith died the day after. All in all her death caused only little attention, and until now we aren't sure if Emma Smith was really a victim of Jack the Ripper...

MARTHA TABRAM... (6. 8. 1888)

... was a prostitute as well, who drank a lot of alcohol as Emma Smith. On the day she died she was drinking with a friend, at least this is what we think she was doing. She was found on the 6th of August in a pool of her own blood in a stair case of a loading house. She was stabbed in the chest, the neck and in the rest of her body too. Also her murderer could have been Jack the Ripper, but we can't say that for sure.

MARY ANN NICOLS... X

... was a heavy drinker and she never had any money left, so she went back on the street to earn some more money. (She also was a prostitute) Her body was found in Buck's row. Her throat had been cut and her lower body was ripped open. But nobody heard a sound. After this murder a rumor was spread: "The murderer has surgical skills and he might be left handed", also now we still can't be 100% sure if this rumor was true. We can just assume if it was...

ANNIE CHAPMAN... (8. 9. 1888)

... was found on the 8th of September at the back yard of a loading house in Hanburg street. The day before she was haggling with a customer outside of this loading house. Again her throat was cut and her body was torn open gruesomely. But something was different: Next to her a leather apron was found. Out of the 17 people, who slept in this loading house that night nobody noticed anything uncommon. After Annie Chapman's death the people (also newspaper) started caring and rocked themselves down. But the panic vanished as there were no more murders in September.

The main Suspects

Until now we still have no proof who exactly Jack the Ripper was.

But the police suspects five men, that could have done it.

There are different theories, saying that for example Aaron Kosminski or another was Jack the Ripper, but they aren't 100% proofed.

George Chapman

George Chapman, was known as a very violent person. He was always very violent with women and he also poisoned three.

We think that he moved from Poland to England, but we can't say that for sure.

As he lived in Whitechapel he was a hairdresser and surgeon student.

Later on he became a strong police suspect, because he has killed women before and was always very violent...

Nathan Kaminsky

Nathan Kaminsky came from Poland as well and after he moved to Whitechapel he worked as a bootmaker there.

Also he was known for being violent.

At the time when all these murders happened Nathan Kaminsky was twenty-three years old.

Already at the age of 23 he was infected with the illness syphilis.

He was suspected very late (for being Jack the Ripper) but this doesn't give him an alibi, he could be the murderer of these nine women as well as any other of the suspects.

Until now we have no clue who the woman was, so please help if you know any woman that...

- ... was about 1,60 meter tall,
- ... had long brown hair,
- ... had bright blue eyes,
- ... was about 45 years old
- ... you haven't seen since yesterday

Then please help and see the police so you can help them to identify the woman that was found this morning, by a man who slept in the lodging house.

WARNING: There is a murderer in White chapel! Don't leave your home if it isn't really necessary!!
 Especially if you are a woman, keep safe because the murderer seems to choose only women as his victims. And if you once really have to leave your home don't go anywhere on your own!!!
 Always move in groups!!!
 Hopefully this way fewer murders will happen and white chapel will be a safer place again...

THE DOUBLE MURDER (30.9.1888)

On the 30th of September two prostitutes were found dead. ELIZABETH STRIDE was found with her throat cut in Brener street.

And less than an hour later, (less a mile away) another woman prostitute was found. CATHERINE EDDOWS was her name. Her throat was cut open too, but also the rest of her body was ripped open even more disgustingly than any other woman, who was killed before. And also one kidney was taken out of her.

After this double murder the people were even more scared than before and White chapel got famous for these murders.

MARY JANE KELLY... (9. November 1888)

... drank a lot of alcohol and she was killed very cruelly on the 9th of november. The land lord's assistant found her in her own apartment in her own, lying in her bed.

ALICE MC KENZIE... (17. July 1889)

... was found with her throat cut open and she had a lot of wounds in her stomach and abdomen.

FRANCES COLES... (February 1891)

... was also found with her throat cut open, but she didn't have any other mutilations. She was the very last that was killed. She died in February 1891, so nearly two years after the murder on Alice Mc Kenzie. Another reason why we can't say for sure that her murderer was Jack the Ripper.

Dear BOSS!

I keep hearing the police have caught me, but they won't fix me just yet.

I have laughed when they look so clever and talk about being on the right track. I am down on whores and shant quit ripping them till I do get buckled.

Grand work the last job was.

I gave the lady no time to squeal. How can they catch me now. I love my work and I want to start again.

You will soon hear of me with my funny little games. I've saved some of the red stuff in a gingerbeer bottle over the last job to write with but it went thick with glue and I can't use it.

Red ink is fit enough I hope ha ha. The next job I do I shall clip the ears off and send to the police officers just for jolly wouldnt you.

Keep the letter till I do a bit more work, then give it out straight.

My knife is nice and sharp, I want to get to get to work right away if I get a chance. Good luck.

Yours truly, Jack the Ripper

Don't mind me giving the trade name the trade name.

JACK THE RIPPER

ANOTHER DREADFUL MURDER IN WHITECHAPEL

Another woman was murdered this night. Three successful murders must have had the effect of whetting the murderer's appetite still further. This might be the reason of the death of this woman.

Right now the police is identifying the body of a 45 year old woman, which was found in the backyard of a lodging house in Hanburg street.

It was said, that this woman was haggling with a customer of a lodging house, the day before she died.

Out of the 17 people, who stayed in this lodging house that night, nobody saw or heard anything uncommon.

According to the police this can hardly be, because the body of the woman was found even more mutilated than the previous victims. Her throat was ripped open gruesomely and all the rest of her body was torn open in a very brutal way. It would have been impossible for the murderer to kill his victim in such a brutal way without making any sound.

As the woman was found this morning, her complexion was fair and her blood was everywhere.