

<u>Agatha Black</u> <u>Interview:</u>

-Charlotte said you arrived at the house with some medication for Edmund?

-Yes, my late husband was a pharmacist.

-And you didn't give the medication to Charlotte or Maggie?

-No, I delivered it to Mr. DeLacey myself. With careful instructions on how he should take it.

-And he was feeling fine at the time?

-Yes

-And when you arrived, Mr. and Mrs. St. Laurent were arguing out front?

-Yes, about money I think

All the kids in town think you're some kind of witch? -*Shrugs* Children have very active imaginations.

Even adults can have very active imaginations.

So, you were the last person to see Mr. DeLacey alive?

-*laughs lightly* oh, no dear, that of course would be Helen, his killer .

October 31th, 1910: 1:43pm

Before many of the quests arrived, Sarah-Jane passed a healthy sum of money to Maggie, giving Maggie the directions to give this money to Hugh upon his arrival. When Hugh arrived, he spoke to Edmund in the dining room briefly until Maggie moved the men upstairs and passed the money from Sarah along to Hugh. Genevieve and Charlotte both saw this exchange but with a view from opposite entrances of the dining room; Genevieve saw what Maggie was really doing, while Charlotte assumed Hugh was passing money to Maggie. Hugh takes the tray upstairs, Edmund follows. Once upstairs, Hugh pays Edmund the money that was owed. Hugh and Sarah-Jane were having an affair you see. An affair that Edmund not only knew about, but also had proof of. When Hugh lost all of Edmund's lent money betting on horses, King Arthur to be exact, Edmund grew impatient and threatened to expose Hugh's secrets if Hugh did not come up with the money. With all his own money lost to gambling, Hugh turned to his mistress for financial aid.

Once Hugh paid Edmund, the two made amends. While Hugh and Genevieve argued on the porch, Sarah-Jane and Helen led a sing along at Helen's request. The sing along was a distraction orchestrated by Helen, giving Agatha the chance to sneak upstairs and kill Edmund on Helen's behalf. Helen believed the rumours that Agatha was a witch and Agatha, figuring Helen could never kill Edmund herself, simply played along for the monetary gain of the situation. But Agatha didn't kill Edmund; instead, she dropped off a perfectly normal bottle of pain killer and made her way back downstairs.

Louis went upstairs to grab some toys after Agatha had came back downstairs. Helen, who was in the kitchen getting jam, saw that the boy was in not distress, despite his father supposedly being murdered. When Louis told her that Edmund had asked the boy to get him some water, Helen knew that Agatha had failed at her job. So, she waited until Louis dropped off the water and came back downstairs. Using the back staircase of course, as to not disturb the other guests. Helen grabbed the can opener and Edmund met his demise while asleep in his room.

October 31th, 1910: 1:43pm (PAGE 2)

Poor innocent widow Helen George, blamed Mr. DeLacey for the death of her husband, Wyatt George. Wyatt and Edmund had gone ice boating earlier that year. Wyatt had advised Edmund that the ice was too thin when Edmund had reached the George household that afternoon, but Edmund was insistent. When Edmund fell in the frigid water, Wyatt heroically saved the man's life while sacrificing his own. With a heavy heart, Edmund did not hesitate to publish the truth about Wyatt's bravery in honour of his diseased friend. While most people simply offered Edmund flowers and their deepest condolences, Helen had different plans in mind for Edmund. Edmund had stolen her chance at love not once, but twice. Not only that, but he had been treated favourably for it! Convincing everyone that there was no infidelity involved when he left her for Charlotte back when they were teenagers. Then he murders her beloved husband and again manages to convince everyone that he can do no wrong! Livid and seeking revenge, Helen believed she could only get justice for herself and her husband by taking matters into her own hands.

Helen was arrested October 31st, 1910. If anyone else in that crowded house saw Helen sneaking upstairs that day, they did not say anything to the constables. And if the DeLacey's pet dog grew incredibly ill after the murder, no one suspected it was because he got his nose a little too close to something that reeked of death more than the corpse of his owner.



<u>Helen George</u> <u>Interview:</u>

-Mrs. DeLacey says you went into the kitchen to pick out some jam?

-That's right, dear. I just love her strawberry rhubarb jam.

-Did you speak to anyone?

-Louis asked me for a glass of water

-So, you got him the water?

-Yes, and then I used the outhouse

-Where did Louis go?

-Upstairs

<u>Arabella</u> DeLacey <u>Interview:</u>



-Were you outside the whole time your mother's book club met?

-Yes

-Who did you see outside?

-: Mr. and Mrs. Laurent fighting on the porch. Mrs. Mathews went to the outhouse.

-What about Mrs. George?

-No, I never saw her

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Right now, there are a great deal of moments which I hold with a heavy heart. Even some of my proudest accomplishments come with sorrows. Far too often we take this life of ours for granted. Rather, someday I will find it in my heart to forgive myself. I love my family dearly. And I will never leave them. Everyone can grow with time and with time nothing can stay the same forever.

Dearly,

Edmund DeLacey

Ontario Provincial Police Force

Investigation Report

Southwestern District

strict Lambton Section 28 October 19¹⁰

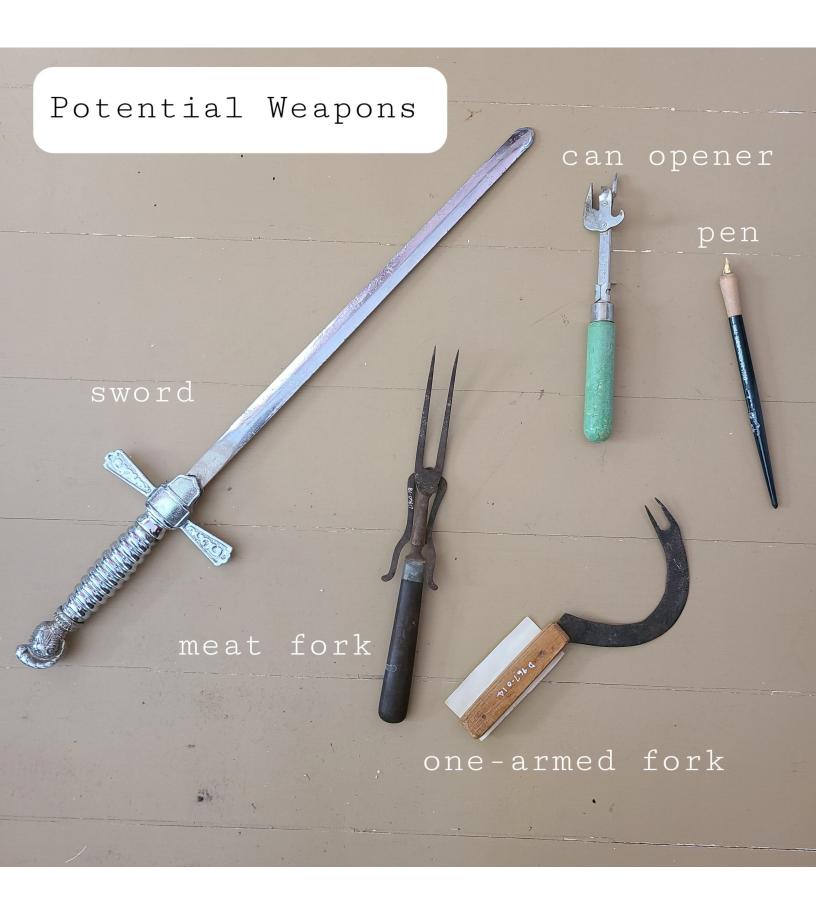
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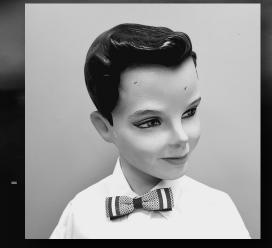
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Constable John L. Mahoney

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On the afternoon of October 24, shortly after 3pm, the DeLacey family maid, Miss Maggie McMurphy found the inanimate body of Edmund DeLacey in his bed with his chest and neck soaked in blood. At approximately 3:50pm, Sombra Township's Dr. MacDonald arrived and found the deceased in his bed laying on his right side with two stab wounds to his upper right chest and neck. Dr. MacDonald says that other than the wounds, Mr. DeLacey was reposed as if taking a nap, with the bed coverings and his tea tray little disturbed. The bottle of analgesic found beside the body remained sealed and no signs of poison were found during examination of the body or refresh-The attacker ments. must then have struck with the element of surprise while DeLacey slept. next visited the body being held securing with the undertaker and found that the wounds were most unusual, each blow leaving a jagged and deeper crescent-snaped puncture and separa Constable





Louis DeLacey Interview:

Where did you last see your father?

-Upstairs in his room, I was grabbing some toys. He asked me to fetch him a glass of water

-Did he have a tea tray from Maggie?

-Yes

-Did you see anyone else upstairs?

-No

-And he was fine at this time?

-Yes

-So, you fetched him the water?

nods

-I see, and you used the back staircase?

-Yes, mommy doesn't like us using the main one when the book ladies are here



Louis DeLacey Interview Page 2:

-Anyone in the kitchen?

-Yes, Ms. George was in the kitchen. She asked me what I was doing, I said I was getting my dad some water, when I came back, she said I should go play on the porch with my sister, but when I went out, Mr. and Mrs. St. Laurent were fighting there.

-Do you know what they were fighting about?

-Something about Miss Maggie



Sarah-Jane Mathews Interview:

-So, you were having an affair with Hugh?

-Wha-what?! Of course not --

places photo of Hugh and Sarah on the desk

-*blushes, then huffs* Okay fine, but we didn't
kill him!

-*shrugs* Well, he knew about your secret

-We paid him to keep quiet

-What's that now?

-Hugh owed Edmund a lot of money. Threatened to expose us in the newspaper if he didn't pay him back. Hugh couldn't afford it so I payed Edmund myself.

-When did you pay him?

-I didn't, I gave the money to Maggie, because I trust her. Told her to give it to Hugh. I didn't tell her what it was for.



Sarah-Jane Mathews Interview Page 2:

-How much?

-\$400, plus a few dollars. I told Maggie to keep the extra, as a thank you, and because I figured she could use it in case anyone saw the two of them, make it look like Hugh was the one giving her money

-So, Maggie gave Hugh money, that she got from you. To pay off Edmund. And you told her to make it look as if Hugh was paying her?

-That's right

-And where were you between 1:43 and 2:15?

-I was in the living room the entire time. Except when I left to use the outhouse.

-Did anyone see you at the outhouse?

-Yes, the children



<u>Maggie McMurphy</u> <u>Interview:</u>

-Did Sarah give you money to give to Hugh?

-Yes

-Did she tell you what it was for?

-No, just that he would be expecting it from me and to not let anyone see us

-What was on the tray that Hugh took upstairs for you?

-A teapot, two teacups with saucers, a bowl of sugar with a spoon, a jar of milk, and sponge cakes

-no water?

-No

<u>Genevieve St. Laurent</u> <u>Interview:</u>

-Were you aware that your husband owed Edmund money? -I had my suspicions.



-And this caused the tension between them?

-Of course, but my husband would never murder his dearest friend! Who else would tolerate him then?

-What were you and your husband talking about on the front porch that afternoon?

-I was questioning why Maggie was giving him money

-Maggie gave him money?

-Yes, he tried to tell me that he gave her money, for her sick mother. But I don't believe him.

-What do you suspect this money was for then?

-*Scoffs* I have no idea why a maid would be giving money to my husband.

-So, you don't think this suspicious exchange of money had anything to do with Edmund's murder?

-My husband is a shady man, but not a murderer.



<u>Genevieve St. Laurent</u> Interview Page 2:

-So, what do you suppose the money was for then?

-*rolls eyes* I told you I don't know. Why don't you ask my husband or the maid yourself?

-What happened between you and Edmund after his publishing error cost your company nearly **\$1000**

-*scoffs* That wasn't a very subtle accusation. Nothing happened. Sicken Lumber proofread the advertisement, it was our own mistake as well. We do not blame Edmund.

What were the shares suppose to be valued as?

-\$12.34

-Do you have the copy that was given to the company prior to publishing?

-Yes, in my office

-We will be needing that ma'am

-Sure, whatever. But if you don't mind, I need to get back to work.

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Evidence collected from the office of

Edmund DeLacey

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send the following message, without repeating, subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

Mr. Edmund DeLacey, Regarding newspaper position 25% ownership with \$655 salary per yr. Please respond promptly

London Free Press

<u>Charlotte DeLacey</u> <u>Interview:</u>



-Do you know anyone that would have wanted to kill your husband?

-No, Of course not

-Do you recall anything suspicious happening the day he was murdered?

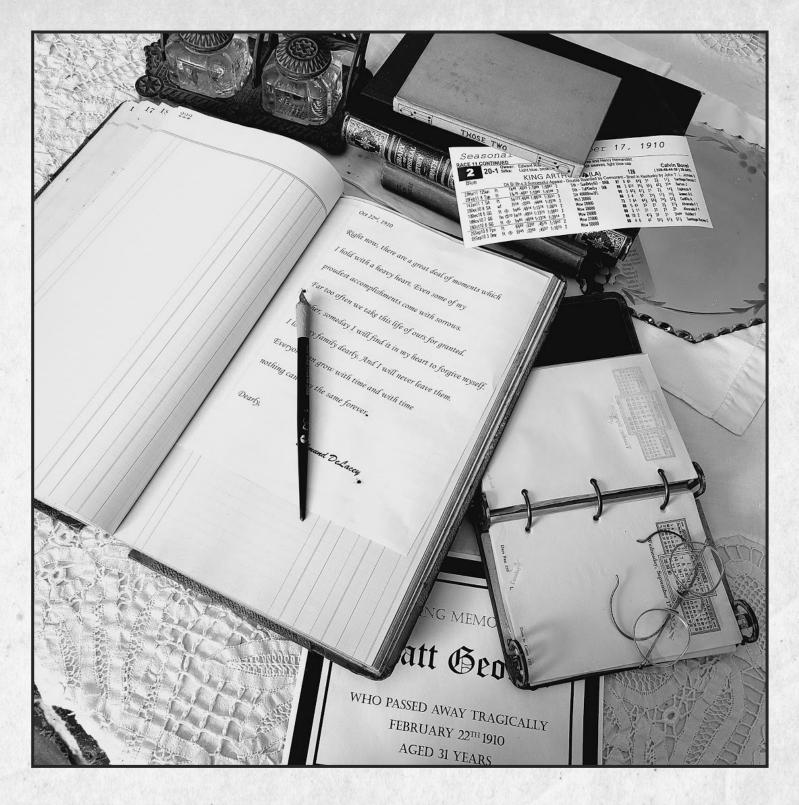
-Yes, I went into the dining room to get Maggie the good china plate when I saw Maggie with the men's tea tray. I noticed Hugh hand Maggie a large stack of money under the table, before I had entered the room. I assumed it was for her mother. She has fallen extremely ill you know. And Hugh is a compassionate man, The St. Laurents are very wealthy.

-Did you know about your' Husband's job offer in London?

-*glaring* I did.



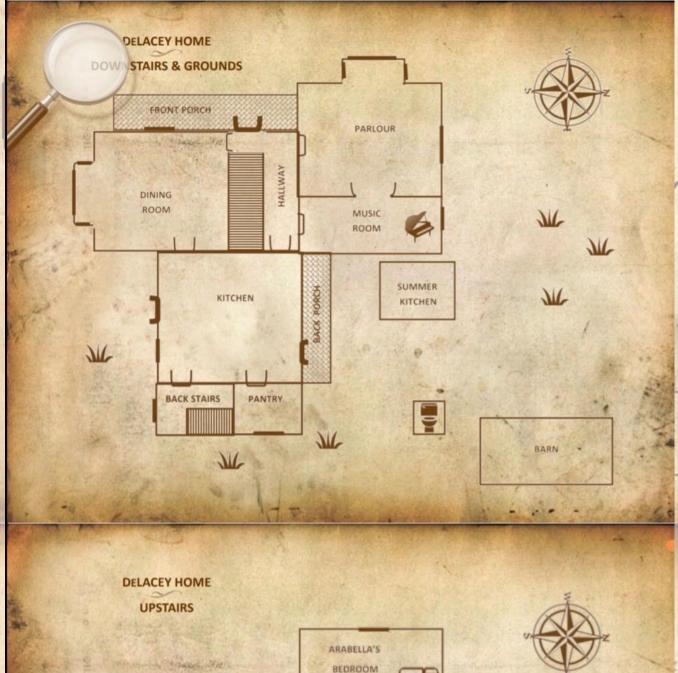
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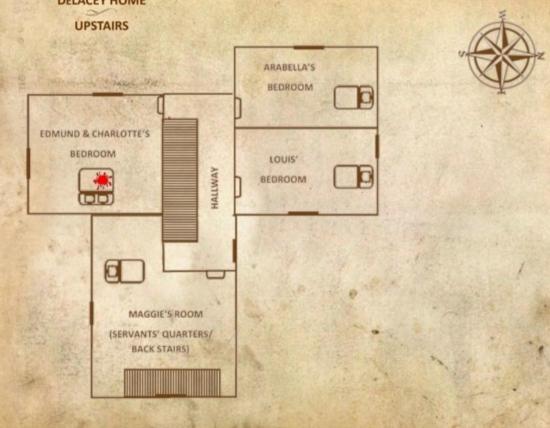


Last Known Where-Abouts

of Edmund DeLacey:

The DeLacey Dining Room





October 24th, 1910: 1:43pm

Charlotte is hosting the monthly Literary Society meeting in her home one crisp sunny Saturday. Maggie is serving Earl Grey tea and sponge cakes. Genevieve and Hugh St. Laurent are the second to last guests to arrive through the front door. Genevieve goes to the parlour with the other women while Hugh goes to the dining room where Edmund is writing his best ideas for his latest story down in his notebook. Maggie brings the men their tea but upon seeing the mess in the dining room and hearing the women laughing in the parlour, Maggie moves the men upstairs. The true gentleman that he is, Hugh offers to carry the tray upstairs so that Maggie can get back to her work. The men take the main staircase, and many guests notice but pay no mind.

About 15 minutes later, Hugh comes down, saying goodbye to the ladies before leaving through the front door. His wife follows him outside, saying she will be back in a moment.

Helen and Sarah-Jane lead the group in a sing-along prior to starting their official meeting as Charlotte is still giving Maggie some last-minute directions in the kitchen to ensure everything is perfect for her guests. Agatha arrives last and she has brought some medication for Edmund's arm. Sarah-Jane excuses herself to the outhouse and Helen announces that she is going to the kitchen to select a different jam from Charlotte's extensive collection. The ladies all settle in for their meeting after reconvening in the parlour.

Maggie's terrified scream echoes through the house from upstairs and the ladies rush up after her to find Edmund has been murdered.

Profiles

Edmund DeLacey



Edmund DeLacey, devoted husband of Charlotte DeLacey and father of two, was once a sailor until the recent and dreadful ice boating accident on the St. Clair River where he tragically lost his arm and his dear friend Wyatt lost his life. Edmund was raised in a wealthy household and grew up in the ten room Victorian home where his family currently

resides. Since the accident, Edmund has become the owner and operator of the Sombra Outlook. He is well known for his ability to uncover the hidden truths.

Charlotte DeLacey



Charlotte DeLacey is the loving wife of Edmund and mother of two children, Louis and Arabella. They met on a hayride in the late heat of August while attending high school in Wallaceburg. They wed in mid-April of **1902**, just after Charlotte's **18th** birthday. As president to the Literary Society, Charlotte enjoys hosting guests and planning fine events. While Charlotte is known to love her

husband dearly, her dreams of moving to the bustling city of London and joining the upper echelons of society are well known to her closest confidantes. In the 8 years of their marriage, Charlotte and Edmund have never argued except when Mr. Green recently offered a handsome sum for the family home which would allow them the freedom to move to the city and Edmund refused.



Louis DeLacey Age: 8



Arabella DeLacey

Age: 7

Genevieve St. Laurent



Wife of Hugh St. Laurent and mother of two, Genevieve is co-owner of her family's Lumber business, Sicken Lumber. Along with the other major businesses, Sicken Lumber owns interests in the Sombra Outlook. Recently, Edmund made a typing error on the newspaper, advertising Sicken's share price as significantly cheaper than intended, thus

costing Sicken Lumber, **\$900**. Despite this mix-up, Genevieve and Hugh are still Charlotte and Edmund's closest friends and the two families regularly go sail boating together on the St. Clair. Genevieve is a member of the Literary Society and sings in the church choir.

Hugh St. Laurent



Edmund's closest friend, husband of Genevieve St. Laurent, and father of Pierre and Marie. Hugh is the Captain of the tugboat Victory, owned by his wife's family lumber company. When home from cruising the Great Lakes, Hugh enjoys the finer things in life including whiskey at the Grand Union and betting on his favourite horse, King Arthur,

at the Sombra Racetrack. The wives have noticed that Edmund and Hugh have been unusually tense around each other as of late and Hugh has been away for work more frequently over the past several months.

Helen George



Helen George is the childhood best friend of Edmund DeLacey. As teenagers, everyone expected Helen and Edmund to marry but Edmund met Charlotte and fell madly in love. Edmund broke off the assumed arrangement with Helen. Helen married four years later only to have her husband tragically pass away. Now a widow, she is the devoted treasurer of the Literary

Society, successful hat maker, and close confidant of Charlotte DeLacey. The DeLaceys frequently invite her over for Sunday brunch.

Maggie McMurphy



Maggie McMurphy has been the maid of DeLacey household since the DeLacey's first married. The daughter of Irish immigrants, she comes from a large family and over the last six months, has expressed her concern for her ill mother to the DeLacey's who give their deepest sympathies. While devoted to the DeLacey family, Maggie has been seeking opportunities for greater income to aid her struggling family.

Sarah-Jane Mathews



Sarah-Jane and her husband Jack Mathews are neighbours of the DeLacey's. Every Saturday Sarah comes to the DeLacey household to teach piano lessons to Louis and Arabella. She is the quiet, well-mannered, secretary of the Literary Society. Her husband Jack was recently let go from the Sombra Outlook due to some peculiar financial strains on the seemingly successful newspaper.

Agatha Black



Agatha Black is the widow of pharmacist Bill Black. The local children fear walking past her unkept home near the graveyard. There have been whispers of her leaving the woods late at night with a covered basket in tow, collecting frogs at the brick pond, chanting poetry in the graveyard, and lighting black candles in the window. While all her friends

in the Literary Society know that she is a bit eccentric, the children's rumours are nonsense as far as they are concerned.