

agony; cannot conceive of a man strangled by a ligature, without congestion of the lungs. If force enough is applied to prevent respiration, think the effect would be to leave clotted blood in the heart. I should not be able to draw an opinion of the cause of Stiles' death from the medical testimony that has been given,—it does not satisfy me that death resulted from the pressure of a ligature around the neck,—the state of the brain testified, might have resulted from disease.

Dr. William Workman. Have been a practicing physician over 20 years,—have been accustomed to make and see post-mortem examinations. From the testimony presented in this case, I should

not be satisfied that Stiles died from strangulation; should not be satisfied to form an opinion relative to strangulation, in this instance, without an examination of all the internal organs.

Dr. Samuel B. Woodward. Reside in Worcester; am superintendent of the Hospital; cannot form a satisfactory opinion as to the cause of Stiles' death, from the medical evidence that has been given—should not think the mark on his neck was so large as in many cases I have known when life has been restored. If a man had a curved back and a short neck, and his head was unsupported, his position would be favorable to congestion of the brain.

IN REBUTTAL.

Dr. B. F. Heywood (recalled). The skin on the front part of Stiles' neck was brought to me from the tomb—the marks are distinctly to be seen. Dr. Green and myself examined it at the time, sufficiently to satisfy ourselves as to its cause.

Dr. F. Heywood. I went to the tomb to remove the heart, lungs and skin of the neck. There has been nothing put upon the skin to color it. It has been preserved by simply drying it on a board.

John D. Goddard. Reside in Shrewsbury—have known Ruth Willard about 30 years. She has lived in Shrewsbury till within four or five years—her general reputation in the neighborhood for truth and veracity, is not very good.

Alonso Stiles. Am the brother of William Stiles; lived about a mile from William at the time of the birth of his child—he was at my house at the time; never knew of his trying to commit suicide, or being subject to fits.

The defense was opened by *Mr. Bullock* and closed by *Mr. Thomas*.

ARGUMENT OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Mr. Wilkinson. Gentlemen of the jury: I am aware that this case is an important one to the defendant, but it is