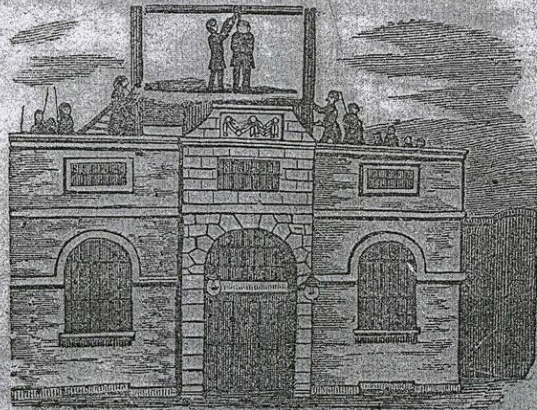


LIFE, TRIAL AND EXECUTION OF DEDEA REDANIES, For the MURDER OF Caroline and Maria Back.

Copy of Verses

Oh list awhile both far and near
Good people one and all,
And shed a tear of pity tears,
A Foreigners down fall
I killed two maids two pretty maids,
For which I'm doomed to die,
On Thursday morn poor Redanie
On Maidstone Gallow high
Chorus
Behold poor Dedea Redanies
For Murder die on Maidstone tree,
My dear my sweet Maria Back,
It does distract my mind,
That fatal day I did her slay
And I'm so sorry for my sin,
I stabbed her with a deadly knife
I threw her on the ground
I took away each precious life,
Not far from Folkstone town
It was near the town of Dover
Those two sisters did reside
I thought my pretty Caroline
Would be my future bride,
But on a Sunday morning
On the moments that are past
I well the time remember, 'twas
The third of August last



Far from their home and parents
Those virgins did decay
Immense, youth and beauty
I did savagely destroy,
I left the lovely sisters
Both weeping in their gore
Then strolled away and thus day
I'll see them never more.
I drew their pretty Likenesses
While I in jail did lie,
Maria and my dear Caroline
Was always standing by,
I gazed upon their portraits
When comfort I did find,
To look upon Maria and
My own dear Caroline,
Far from my native country
From kindred, friend and home
There is no one to comfort me
For I am in a foreign land,
Tried by the laws of England
And doomed to hang like
A poor degraded Foreigner
On Maidstone dismal tree.
The hangman is approaching
My end is drawing nigh,
Behold the fatal moments
In a foreign land I die,
For the murder of two pretty maids
Two lovely sisters kind,
Whose names was sweet Maria
And my charming Caroline.

Execution

[By Electric Telegraph.]

Execution. Dedea Redanie has just suffered the penalty of the law. Mansel who shot his corporal was to have been executed at the same time, but owing to the application of the prisoner's counsel, the Attorney General has granted a writ of error, in consequence of the jury being allowed, and three of those challenged afterwards setting a writ, which was received for the 21st February for the final decision of the Judges. Redanie, from the fall, fell satisfied that his life would be forfeited, and from the mild way in which he has conducted himself since his condemnation, he has won the good opinion of all the officials of the prison, as well as those who are in the habit of visiting it, and the chaplain of the prison has been in his company for several hours daily for some time past; and sitting with him during the whole of last night. This morning the sheriff of the county visited him, and conferred with him for some time, and it being announced that the fatal hour had arrived, the executioner was introduced into the prison. The prisoner took little notice of him, and submitted to the process of pinning in the great cap, and the executioner fastened his arms with a strap which he fastened round his neck, and then, in readiness for the execution, the prisoner lying down, the executioner started for the scaffold and upon reaching the top, another strap was fastened round the captive's legs, and the cage was then fastened round his neck. "Carry that burdened down the steps, withdraw the hold, and the wretched man was launched into eternity.

Condemned Sermon

The condemned sermon was preached in the chapel of the prison on Sunday last by the reverend ordinary, and a number of persons were admitted by the favour of the sheriff and governor present. The sermon was preached by imploring the hearers to abstain from their wicked ways and to take a warning in the case by the position of the unhappy man that before them, availing a violent death by the laws of the country. He said that had the prisoner's mind been properly inclined to the love of God, and thereby prevented his bad passions from controlling him, he would have avoided a violent death and lived a blameless life, a respectable member of society. He also exhorted the prisoners especially to turn from their evil ways before it was too late, and although they had been once guilty of crime, they might still be reclaimed from their present depraved position. He then concluded by asking his hearers to pray for the unhappy man who would shortly leave this world and be gathered into eternity. The prisoner paid great attention to the sermon and was greatly distressed, and was obliged to be assisted from the pew to the interior of the prison.

Prisoner's Conduct

As another proof of the singular character of this man—we may mention that he has preserved what he calls a "life" memorandum, a man appointed to write out his life, and which consists of a pencil drawing of the prisoner. It is done on a sheet of common note paper, and is divided into two "columns," representing respectively the murder of each girl. On the one side he has seen the figure of a woman in the ground under a tree, with blood issuing from two wounds in her bosom; while above is the representation of an skirt, who is supposed to be carrying away the soul of the girl to heaven; the other side is depicted the background, and in the murder was committed shortly before her death, this is probably a faithful representation of the facts; there is an inscription underneath of "Farewell my dear Maria—adieu a life" and "On the other half of the sheet of note-paper, is the representation of the death of Caroline, the murderer's exchequer, and here the girl is drawn as leaning upon a dirty "bunsel," who has his left arm round her waist, and his right hand in her hair, holding her at intervals "farewell," as the prisoner himself expressed it. Blood is issuing from the wounds in the bosom; on the ground is seen the knife covered with blood; while above is the tree and angel, as in the other case. There is a "last" inscription, "death of Caroline Back from Dedea Redanies, of August 31st, 1856," and "Farewell my dear Caroline." Both drawings are extremely well done, considering the small amount of materials at the prisoner's command, and of which our engraving is a correct representation.

The Mother's Dream

Never since the time of the murder of Maria Martin by Cowley, at the Red Barn, at Polstead in Suffolk, has a dream been so fearfully realized

The scene of the Murder, Sketched by Redanies



as the one of the mothers of the unfortunate Redanie who was so lately murdered by Redanie the foreign soldier, it appears, while the father, the same girl, and the mother were a distant part, the mother actually dreamt that her daughters were murdered by the soldier, and that their bodies would be found lying on the beach, which our readers are well aware has been the case, in fact, this dream when it was related it was the cause of the soldier's apprehension so quickly.

Copy of a Letter

Dear Father and Mother Back,
For the last time in this world pray forgive the wicked and wretched Dedea Redanie, who prays to God to forgive him also, for the sake of my very much loved Caroline and Maria, who I hope to meet again in heaven, the almighty pleasure—Oh, never while I live shall I forget the look of my dear darling, dying, murdered Caroline when I was leaving her at the spot. Oh, dear mother Back I thought poor Dedea's heart would break, but it will soon be all past when I shall be as good as a dog, oh, no pity for me, would God had saved my hand just now, oh, it's too late, oh, too late, I die, farewell to all here on earth in the words of young Dedea Redanie, Dear mother Back please accept the only token I have left to give, which was intended for my dear Caroline (Oh my heart be comforted, my Maria's body is in my ring, farewell dear father and mother, Back hoping we may all meet in eternal bliss, in the happy prayer of the unfortunate Dedea Redanie.

The Trial

On Thursday last prisoner was tried on the charge of having murdered Maria Back. The facts of the case lay in a very narrow compass. The prisoner was in August last stationed at Shoreham, and was in the habit of going to the

scene of the parents of the deceased girls, who were in humble circumstances at Dover, with the officers from to watch. By this means he became acquainted with the family, and was on very intimate terms with the deceased, Caroline Back, and these appeared to be no doubt that he was very much attached to her. It seemed that a short time before the fatal occurrence there had been some ill feeling between the prisoner and the deceased Caroline, and that the latter returned to the prisoner his portrait, which he had given to her, and he wore it on and appeared very angry. On the 3rd of August, at about three o'clock in the morning, the prisoner left the house of the deceased parents at Dover, accompanied by both the girls, and he represented that he was going to take them to Shoreham to visit some friends in the sister. They were seen on the road about 5 o'clock apparently on friendly terms, and the girls were never seen again alive; but about 9 o'clock both the girls' bodies were found in hollows called Steady Hills, quite dead, and situated in various places, apparently by a dagger or some instrument of that description, and a black cape which each of them wore when they left Dover but had been in every way. The prisoner next takes into custody, on the following day, near Canterbury, with both the capes on his person, worn as an article of dress, but before the sheriff could secure him he stabbed himself in the breast with a dagger, and inflicted very severe injury, and a considerable time elapsed before he recovered. The prisoner never appeared to have denied that he committed the act, and immediately after the trial and had been prosecuted to write a letter to Mrs. Back, the mother of the deceased, of which he already been printed, the prisoner also wrote a letter to Lieutenant St. Hauls, an officer belonging to his regiment, in which he likewise accepted his crime, and, in addition to the above facts, a man named Hinton, who was a prisoner in Canterbury jail at the time Redanie was confined, then stated that the prisoner told him that he had seen a letter addressed to Caroline by an soldierman at Woolwich, in which he requested her to come there to him, and that when she gave him his portrait, she told him that she intended to go to Woolwich, and that he determined he would not let her go, and was immediately and purchased the knife with the intention to destroy her.

Mr. Hinton addressed the jury and endeavoured to show that he had seen the letter under some circumstances, and that the letter was a true copy of the original, and that the prisoner was a man of insidious character, and having committed the crime, he immediately returned a verdict of guilty and the jury in a long time on the black cap, returned the prisoner to death in the same manner as the same telling him, that there was not the slightest hope of mercy for him in this world.

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