## THE ALLEGED BLACKMAIL



- 0. THE ALLEGED BLACKMAIL Story Preface
- 1. TARGETED MURDERS?
- 2. WHITECHAPEL: SCENE OF DESPAIR
- 3. THE TERROR BEGINS
- 4. A HORRIBLE DEATH
- 5. DARK ANNIE
- 6. SIR WILLIAM GULL

## 7. THE ALLEGED BLACKMAIL

- 8. LIZ STRIDE
- 9. KATE EDDOWES
- 10. JACK THE RIPPER
- 11. MARY KELLY
- 12. INSPECTOR FRED ABBERLINE
- 13. REACTION TO THE CRIMES



Mary Jane (Jeanette) Kelly was born in County Limerick, Ireland circa 1863. During the time that Jack the Ripper was terrorizing London's East End, she was about 25 years old. This image, purporting to depict a sketch of Mary Kelly, was published in *The Penny Illustrated Paper* on November 24, 1888.

Mary Kelly knew too much and talked too much. Her friends in Whitechapel agreed that she should try to sell her silence about what she knew. At least ... that's how one (far-fetched?) version of the Ripper tale is told. What information did Mary supposedly have?

- Knowledge about the secret royal baby, Queen Victoria's great-granddaughter Alice Margaret Crook;
- Knowledge about the child's mother, Annie Crook; and
- Knowledge about the baby's alleged father, Prince Eddie.

The women concocted a scheme—so the story goes—to blackmail the royal family through Prince Eddie's friend and mentor, <u>Walter Sickert</u> (the <u>famous artist</u>). What did they risk their lives for? The sum of 10 pounds sterling.

According to the story, Sickert received a blackmail note from Mary Kelly. That note found its way into the hands of Dr. William Gull who then supposedly used his hands for the most gruesome work of his career.

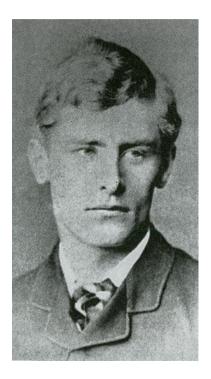
See Alignments to State and Common Core standards for this story online at:

http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/AcademicAlignment/THE-ALLEGED-BLACKMAIL-Jack-the-Ripper

See Learning Tasks for this story online at:

http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/AcademicActivities/THE-ALLEGED-BLACKMAIL-Jack-the-Ripper

Media Stream

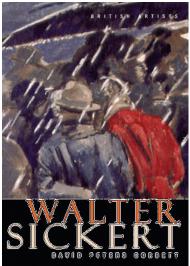


Walter Sickert - British Artist

Image of Walter Sickert, online courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

View this asset at:

http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/Walter-Sickert-British-Artist

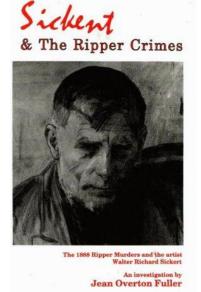


## Walter Sickert - by David Peters Corbett

Image online, courtesy <u>amazon.com</u> website.

View this asset at:

http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/Walter-Sickert-by-David-Peters-Corbett



## Sickert & the Ripper Crimes- Jean Overton Fuller

Image online, courtesy <u>amazon.com</u> website.

View this asset at:

http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/Sickert-the-Ripper-Crimes-Jean-Overton-Fuller