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The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) issues a Special Bulletin on January 21, 1947. It asks for information regarding the whereabouts of Elizabeth Short between the 9th and 15th of January of that year. By piecing together whatever information they could glean, the police are hoping to find answers to many questions.

More than sixty years later, however, the case remains open. Image online via the FBI files on Elizabeth's murder.

Arriving in Los Angeles, Elizabeth dropped off her luggage at the Greyhound bus station. Manley then drove her to the Biltmore Hotel. As he testified at the inquest, he never saw her again:

Q: Were you acquainted with the deceased in this case, Elizabeth Short?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: How long had you known her; approximately how long?

A: Approximately, a month.

Q: When did you see her, meet her the last time.

A: I saw Miss Short January 9th, which was the last time.

Q: Where was that?

A: I left Miss Short at the Biltmore Hotel at 6:30 P.M., January 9, 1947.

Q: Where had you picked her up from?

A: I had driven her to Los Angeles from San Diego.

Q: Had you met her in San Diego and brought her to Los Angeles?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: Had she asked you to bring her to Los Angeles?

A: Yes.

Q: Did she say why she wanted to come to Los Angeles?

A: She said she didn't like San Diego.

Q: Did she say what she was going to do when she got here or where she was going?

A: She said she was going to meet her sister in Los Angeles and was going to spend a couple of days up in Berkeley with her sister and then go to Boston which was her home.

Q: And you left her at the Biltmore Hotel?

A: That's correct.

Q: Did she give you any address where she was expected to stay here?

A: No, sir.

Q: And that was the last time you saw her?

A: That was the last time.

Q: And that was January 9th?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: At what time?

A: 6:30.

Q: And you haven't seen or heard from her since?

A: No, sir.

Q: Is there anything else you can tell the Jury for the benefit of the officers that might aid in determining the perpetrator of this crime?

A: No, sir.

Q: You have given them every assistance you can, have you?

A: Yes, sir.

Leaving the Biltmore Hotel - once the home site (between 1880-1888) of Dr. Remi Nadeau, famous French-Canadian pioneer whose mule teams transported silver ore, mined from Cerro Gordo, across the desert to his seagoing freighters - Elizabeth disappeared into the night of January 9th.

According to published reports, she was not seen alive again.

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Elizabeth (Betty) Short

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Biltmore Hotel: Street View

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Robert Manley: On the Witness Stand

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LA's Biltmore Hotel - Aerial View

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Dining at The Biltmore Hotel

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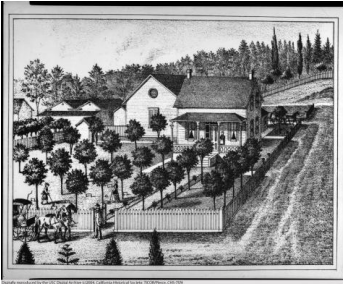


LA Biltmore Hotel - Exterior Facade

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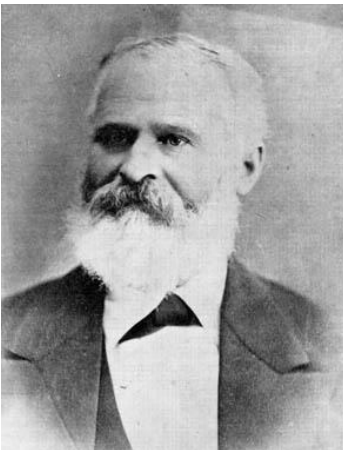


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Dr. Remi Nadeau

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