

Henry Slack supposed to meet his Death
by being murdered on 28th 10^{mo} 1850

On 4th of 11^{mo} (2nd 48) went accompanied by young Ellis
to Henry Slack's Hut about 6 miles west of W. Pt. it was
raining heavy all the while I was there it had rained
on the night of the 2^d and also during the night of 3^d.
In the Hut I saw a Constable & Edward Farr Shaw's Shepherd -
The Shepherd conducted me to the water hole - from which the
deceased H. Slack used to obtain Water, close to the Water hole
was a large tree on which about the height of 5 ft. was
an indentation in the bark as if occasioned by a blow
from a stone, a stone of about 5^{lb} weight lay at the
foot of the tree. The outermost coat of the bark had fallen
off & the layer then exposed had a white appearance, which
when examined by a glass resembled minute fungi, or
bark as if from a blow this may have been caused by
the moisture which the bark must have absorbed, as to the
indentation it appeared exactly as from a blow
At the Water hole on the farther side from the Hut stood
two Cans and a short distance from them was a Panmikin
At a distance from the Water hole perhaps about 40. or 50 yds
more opposite to the Hut than the Water hole lay the
body of H. Slack ^{on his back} with the feet towards the Hut. The body
stretched out the arms by the sides the hands ^{partly} clenched
the ^{hands} nails blue. it was so covered with living maggots
that several pailfuls of Water were required to wash them
away before it could be more particularly examined
The part where the body lay was of broken iron stone
partly imbedded in the ground - many several of these stones

were displaced, and had evidently been used to perpetrate the foul deed - #

The clothes about the neck & chest were disarranged & torn. the neckcloth was tied in a sailor's knot but the knot had been drawn to the end forming a large loop which had been pulled over the head. backwards, the front of the waistcoat was torn from the back part the front was unbuttoned. the bottom of the shirt was torn from the body ^{on the right side} of the shirt were several small holes as if cut by shot the fabric of the cloth being torn away only on one side the other part still remaining entire and the tissue uninjured there might be a dozen holes spread out the cloth being driven inwards. on the opposite side there were but 2 or 3 shot holes with a large hole as if a number of shot had passed out together. the cloth being on this side driven outwards. The trousers were buttoned & fitted very tight. from the swelling of the body through decomposition, one brace was loose in front the other fast before & behind. his boots were on his trousers not torn. On cutting open the trousers in marks of violence were observed, a peculiar oval mark the size of an egg was on the right thigh which when cut into exhibited no discoloration or ecchymosis of the subacut tissue.

The decomposition of the whole body was extreme he was supposed to have been murdered on 20th 11th. the day he was last seen at Swansea

The head face & neck must have been mashed into a pulp. the frontal & part of the parietal bones were broken into small fragments, no part of the bones of face or lower jaw were left unbroken the largest piece of the lower jaw did not measure two inches in length its

condyles were separated from their articulations. & the
battering was continued until the occiput was
driven into what was then hard ground more than
2 inches, a portion of the scalp that covered the
last detached piece of frontal bone was jagged &
not cut showing that the weapon used was blunt.
The skull easily separated from the vertebrae of the
neck, all the ligaments being decomposed.

The Sternum of ribs were bare of flesh.
The Thoracic & Abdominal viscera were so decomposed
as not to be distinguished.

When the body was brought to Swansea the
it was taken to the Sea & washed the maggots which
were again collected washed away but after
very minute examination no trace of shot - could
be discovered in any of the bones -

The Stones were examined but no trace
of blood could be seen on them except one which
had some white fibrous matter on it, nor where
any pools of blood discovered - this however was
owing to two causes.

1st There were two half grown puppies loose, this
Shag being tied up in his hutch. If these driven thro'
slamets may have licked up the blood brains & flesh
that must have been scattered about.

2^d The Rain that had fallen previously had washed
away all the traces that the Dogs might have left.
3^d The maggots had also asphyxiated.

2. Where the Sags ever tried with
Falconer

Time Diagram
— made

Alves - 64 - 16
Phee - 32
Gal - 32
Sod - 64
Liny - 32

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✱ Schindler Cruciform Crank
2 shaft
Sagitta Dentata
Pronounced