

The murderer in the case is **Harry Richards**, also known as William Henry Rickards. He worked as a doorman at Millington & Son from January 21st, 1924. According to a newspaper article, he operated under an alias in the businesses he later robbed. Marjorie's diary refers to him as "H" and he fits the description of the man seen with her at the docks.

His time card and alibis suggest that he had the opportunity to commit the crime. Marjorie was aware of Harry's involvement in the robberies and had evidence in her possession. She also wrote in her diary that she planned to go to the police.

Harry's alibis are inconsistent with eyewitness accounts. Terrence Dawkins claimed the car was still parked at 12:30 PM, while both him and Mr. Lane the chemist said it was gone by 1:30 PM. However, Harry claimed he saw the car drive off at 11:45 AM. When he returned to work at 1:15 PM to clock in Edward Dixon left work, indicating they met and potentially discussed how to dispose of the body together.

The accomplice in this case is **Edward Philip Dixon**, also known as Edward Richard Philips. He worked as a tally clerk at Millington & Son from September 1st, 1923. His fingerprints were found on the car and he was described in the newspaper articles as "Ted Silver." We know from the private investigators report he had grey hair. He and Harry lived at the same address, shared the same lunch breaks, and started working at Millington & Son around the same time, suggesting they were involved in a planned robbery. He helped move and dispose of the body. It is likely the pair are also responsible for the missing keys.

Father - Charles Arthur Millington: He has a motive for killing Marjorie as she had tickets to Calais that were found burnt behind her fire grate. We know he disowned Lillian, Marjorie's older sister, as she eloped at 16. In the engagement announcement, it states that Marjorie Millington is "the only daughter". However, Charles has an alibi as he was in a meeting with Lord Fairbourne, placing an order, during the time of the murder.

STEP FATHER - Mr Kenneth Holmes: Has a strained relationship with Marjorie but no reason is provided in evidence. He has an alibi as he was driving his train during the time of the murder.

Fiancé - Ralph William Fairbourne: Engaged to Marjorie, their marriage was one of convenience. Marjorie's diaries suggest Ralph may have had feelings for her, but she did not reciprocate. Ralph had a possible motive of jealousy or embarrassment. This is supported by Marjorie's missing engagement ring, which was later used by Ralph in his marriage to Evelyn. However, he had an alibi as he was driving the Fairbourne Textiles delivery van at the time of the murder, as confirmed by his signature as driver which matches a wedding thank you card sent to Mr. Millington. According to the clues, Ralph saw Marjorie on the day she was killed, and she told him about her plans to leave with her boyfriend. She then returned his ring and wished him luck with Evelyn."

Lady's Companion - Miss Evelyn Spears: There is a potential motive of jealousy as she believed Marjorie was pregnant with another man's child and wanted Ralph for herself. She had feelings for Ralph since school, but couldn't marry him due to her family's financial struggles. She has an alibi as her train tickets to Poole were used.

Boyfriend - Thomas Dylan Oakley (T.D.): Works at Millington & Sons, first mentioned in Marjorie's journal in March. The hotel sighting was thought to be genuine, and the timing matches a visit to her aunt in St Ives, with Okehampton on the route back to Gloucestershire. The name "Elms" is a play on Thomas' surname "Oakley." He and Marjorie were planning to leave for France. The ticket found in Mr. Millington's study was for a few days later. T.D. matches the description of the man who bought the only other copy of

the book used to create the code. He had the opportunity to deliver the note when he visited the ladies' department on the Saturday morning. Although there is evidence that he could have been violent, having hurt Marjorie and assaulting a man as a child, there doesn't seem to be a reason for him to have killed her.

Theo Daniels: Cannot be T.D. as described in Marjorie's diaries. He has no motive for killing Marjorie. Also, he cannot be the man who purchased the book as Terrence Dawkins described the man as "tall," and at over 6 feet tall himself, Terrence would be unlikely to describe a 5'9" man as such. According to Marjorie's diaries, T.D. is the oldest of three brothers, but articles about Theo's accident as a child suggest that he has an older sister. Although Theo claimed he hadn't spoken to Marjorie, it's possible they lost touch after performing in a school play together, as reported in a newspaper article. There is no evidence to suggest a motive for Theo to have killed Marjorie. If Theo or his family had sought revenge, it's more likely they would have targeted Marjorie's father, Charles Millington, as Marjorie was too young to be held responsible at the time of Theo's accident. Additionally, Theo has a distinctive scar that would likely have been mentioned if he were T.D., but it wasn't.

Tanner Davidson: He could have been a potential suspect as T.D., as he had worked at Millington & Sons for roughly a year prior to being dismissed for theft of cloth. Therefore, it's unlikely that he only met Marjorie in March 1924. He had a motive to harm Marjorie, as she was the one who reported him to the police for theft, as shown by his criminal record. He sent the ransom note and was arrested for extortion, but he has a solid alibi as he was in prison at the time of Marjorie's disappearance, as shown by his criminal record.

UNCLE - Rufus W. Fairfax: He had a motive to kill Marjorie as he was aware that she had seen him embracing another man, which could have led to him losing his status as an MP and a judge as homosexuality was illegal in England at the time. He initially tried to help with the investigation but lied about the last time he saw Marjorie. Despite this, he has an alibi as he was in court at the time of Marjorie's disappearance, as reported in a newspaper article.

SISTER - Lillian Mary Ealey (Millington): Lillian may have had a motive, as she was disinherited by her father. On the day Marjorie went missing, she was in Garenton visiting her aunt and uncle, as indicated in a death notice. The sisters' letters to each other were positive and indicated a happy relationship, with Marjorie confiding in her sister about her boyfriend.

STALKER - Henry Williamson: He was the tailor at Millington & Sons. The letters sent by the stalker to Marjorie contained chess terms such as "Gambit," "capture," "win," and "game," and the signature was a knight or horse. This, combined with the use of sewing terminology in the final letter, such as "Bias," "Baste," and "Drape," makes Henry the most likely suspect. Marjorie mentioned in her journal that the letters made her uncomfortable. However, Henry has an alibi, as he was attending a chess match in Bristol with Russell Walters and was interviewed for a newspaper at the time of Marjorie's disappearance.

Russell Walters: It is possible that he could have been the stalker, as the chess terms in the letters match his background as a chess player. However, his use of sewing terminology and understanding of clothing appears unrealistic given that he works in gardening. He was present in the store in the morning when Marjorie went missing, but he left to travel to Bristol for a chess match and has an alibi as he was participating in the match.