

March 3rd, 1932.

Statement of Olly Whateley

Age 47

Residence - Lindbergh residence, Hopewell, N. J.

Occupation - Butler.

Statement made to Capt. Patrick J. Brady, Jersey City Police,
Trp. L. J. Bornmann, N. J. State Police, Lieut. John J.
Sweeney, Newark Police.

I was born in Birmingham, Warwickshire County, England. I attended school until I was 15 and then took up the trade of jeweler and I served my apprenticeship with Tandy & Sons of Birmingham and continued in their employ for about 20 years. Up until the time of the World War at which time I was employed in munition plant in Birmingham. After the war I went into business as a manufacturing jeweler and had my shop on Vyse St., Birmingham, until 1926 at which time I went to work for my brother-in-law who was in the machine business in Birmingham; his name is Geo. Ward, manager of the Ward & Co., Machine Shop on Dale Rd., Birmingham. I stayed with them until 1929 and left them to come to this country in March 1929 with my wife, Elsie.

My first position in this country was with J. H. Potter of Mendham, N. J., near Morristown, N. J. I was employed as a butler and my wife as a cook. We stayed with Mr. Potter for about 3 months when we left voluntarily and my wife took a position in New Rochelle, N. Y. I had been promised a position in that town and after waiting for a week I applied to the employment agency run by Hutchinson on Madison Ave., New York City, the concern that placed us with Mr. Potter. The employment agency placed us as caretakers of a house owned by Mr. Grosvenor of Old Westberry, Long Island. This was only a temporary position and we stayed there for 7 weeks and we went back to New Rochelle and lived with a Miss DeValancitis who lives on Franklin Ave., New Rochelle. We stayed there approximately 4 or 5 weeks when we obtained a position with Mr. Lindbergh through the Hutchinson employment agency; October 15, 1930 at Mr. Lindbergh's home in Princeton and stayed there until October 28, 1931, when we moved to Mr. Lindbergh's new home in Hopewell.

On Tuesday, March 1st, at 8:20 P.M. Mr. Chas. Lindbergh, Sr. arrived home and present at that time was Mrs. Chas. Lindbergh, my wife, Elsie, Betty Gow the nurse and myself and to the best of my knowledge the Lindbergh baby was up in bed, because the last time I saw the child was about 6:00 P. M.

It was customary for Mr. and Mrs. Lindbergh and the baby to stay here over the week-end and on Monday mornings Mr. Lindbergh usually left the house and around ten o'clock it was customary for me to drive Mrs. Lindbergh and the baby to Englewood. On the Monday preceding the kidnapping I heard Mrs. Lindbergh say to my wife I don't think I will take the baby out today, in any event not before noon. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon my wife informed me that Mrs. Lindbergh

decided to stay in Hopewell with the baby because it had a slight cold.

About 6 o'clock Monday evening my wife told me that Mr. Lindbergh would not be home all night Monday night. In the house at that time was Mrs. Lindbergh and the baby and my wife and myself. The nurse Betty was in Englewood as it was customary for her to have the week-ends off.

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About 10:30 A. M. Tuesday Mrs. Lindbergh told me to look up the train times from Englewood as she decided to keep the baby in Hopewell for a while longer and thought it best that the nurse come down from Englewood. After I obtained the train time I called the nurse in Englewood and told her to take a train that would bring her into Hopewell about 3:30. A short time later the nurse called back and told me that due to the delay in waiting for the train she had obtained permission from Mrs. Morrow to have one of the Morrow chauffeurs drive her down, this information was given to Mrs. Lindbergh who approved of it. At about 1:30 in the afternoon the nurse arrived in the Morrow car driven by Chauffeur known to me as Henry. Henry had some lunch and then left. I had supper at about 7:45 P. M. and my wife was preparing supper for the family and at about 8 o'clock Betty came down from the nursery where she had been preparing the baby for bed and came into the sitting room and had something to eat with me and my wife. We sat around until 8:20 when the Colonel arrived, and my wife and I prepared and served dinner for he and Mrs. Lindbergh. After we washed and cleaned up the dishes which I think was about 9 o'clock my wife and I and Betty came into the living room again and sat talking until about 9:15 when the two women went up to my wife's room to try on some dresses. I stayed down in the living room reading a paper and at 10:10 P.M. Betty came rushing in and said quick Whateley the Colonel wants you. As I hurried past her she said, "The baby is gone." When I got upstairs in the nursery the Colonel was there and he told me to hurry and call the police in Hopewell, which I did.

I went back upstairs to the nursery and the Colonel told me to help him search the house which we did. Failing to find the child the Colonel and I went out and searched the grounds and came back in about 10 or 15 minutes after failing to find any traces of the child and my wife was upstairs with Mrs. Lindbergh. During the excitement and up until the arrival of the police which I think was about 10:45 P.M. I noticed that Betty appeared to be truly distracted and appeared to be genuinely upset and was crying.

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