

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

Superior Court,
Criminal Session.

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Affidavit of FRANK J. BURKE

vs.

No. 5546.

NICOLA SACCO and BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI
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FRANK J. BURKE, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he is one and the same person as the FRANK J. BURKE that testified for and on behalf of the defendants in the above entitled cause.

That some time previous to the trial of the above entitled cause the affiant was living at the Norris Hotel in the city of Brockton, county of Plymouth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and while so living at said address the affiant was talking one day with one Wolf, whose surname is to the affiant unknown, about the coming trial of the defendants herein and then and there and at that time the said person told the affiant in substance and effect that he understood that one Roy E. Gould was a witness to the crime committed at South Braintree on April 15th, 1920.

That the affiant knew said Roy E. Gould but did not know his address except that the affiant knew that it was customary for the said Gould to, during the summer months, travel with certain shows and during the winter months to go from factory to factory demonstrating his merchandise.

That immediately after learning from said Wolf that the said Gould had been a witness to said affair, the affiant communicated said information to Fred H. Moore, one of counsel for the defendants herein, and thereupon the said Moore introduced the affiant to one Robert Reid and requested the affiant to give to said Reid all information in his possession relative to the means and method of locating said Gould; that

thereupon the affiant did tell the said Reid all that he knew about said Gould.

That some time previous to the trial of the above entitled cause the affiant went to the State House in the city of Boston and made inquiry at the Division of Standards in the State House in the city of Boston, county of Suffolk, to learn whether the said Roy E. Gould had had a license to act as a peddler for the year 1920 and learned that on April 17th, 1920 the said Roy E. Gould then residing at #137 Columbus Avenue, in the said city of Boston, county of Suffolk, had received a license numbered 1377-B for Bristol County and that thereafter the affiant made inquiry for the said Gould at #137 Columbus Avenue in the said city of Boston and was unable to learn of the then whereabouts of the said Gould and that thereafter the affiant made such inquiry as he was able to make in Bristol County of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to locate the said Gould but was unable to learn anything about him.

That the affiant learned that certain carnival shows were in progress down in the neighborhood of Hartford, State of Connecticut, and the affiant sent a letter to his brother, Edward P. Burke, requesting the said Edward P. Burke to make an investigation and locate, if possible, the said Gould; that thereafter the affiant heard from the said Edward P. Burke and learned that he had been unable to locate the said Gould. The affiant further made inquiry at the Argonne Hotel in the city of Boston for the said Gould previous to the date of trial herein knowing that the said Gould occasionally stopped at said hotel but was unable to locate the said Gould.

That further the affiant made many inquiries among many persons in the city of Boston who were acquainted with the said Gould and was unable to locate him; also made inquiries at and about places where the said Gould would be, the affiant believed, likely to go.

That the affiant first came in contact with said Gould on or about the 2nd day of November, 1921 at the Windsor Hotel, in the city of Portland, State of Maine, and immediately communicated to the said

Fred H. Moore hereinbefore mentioned, the fact that the affiant had located the said Gould, whereupon the said Moore came to Portland and met the said Gould.

Further the affiant sayeth not.

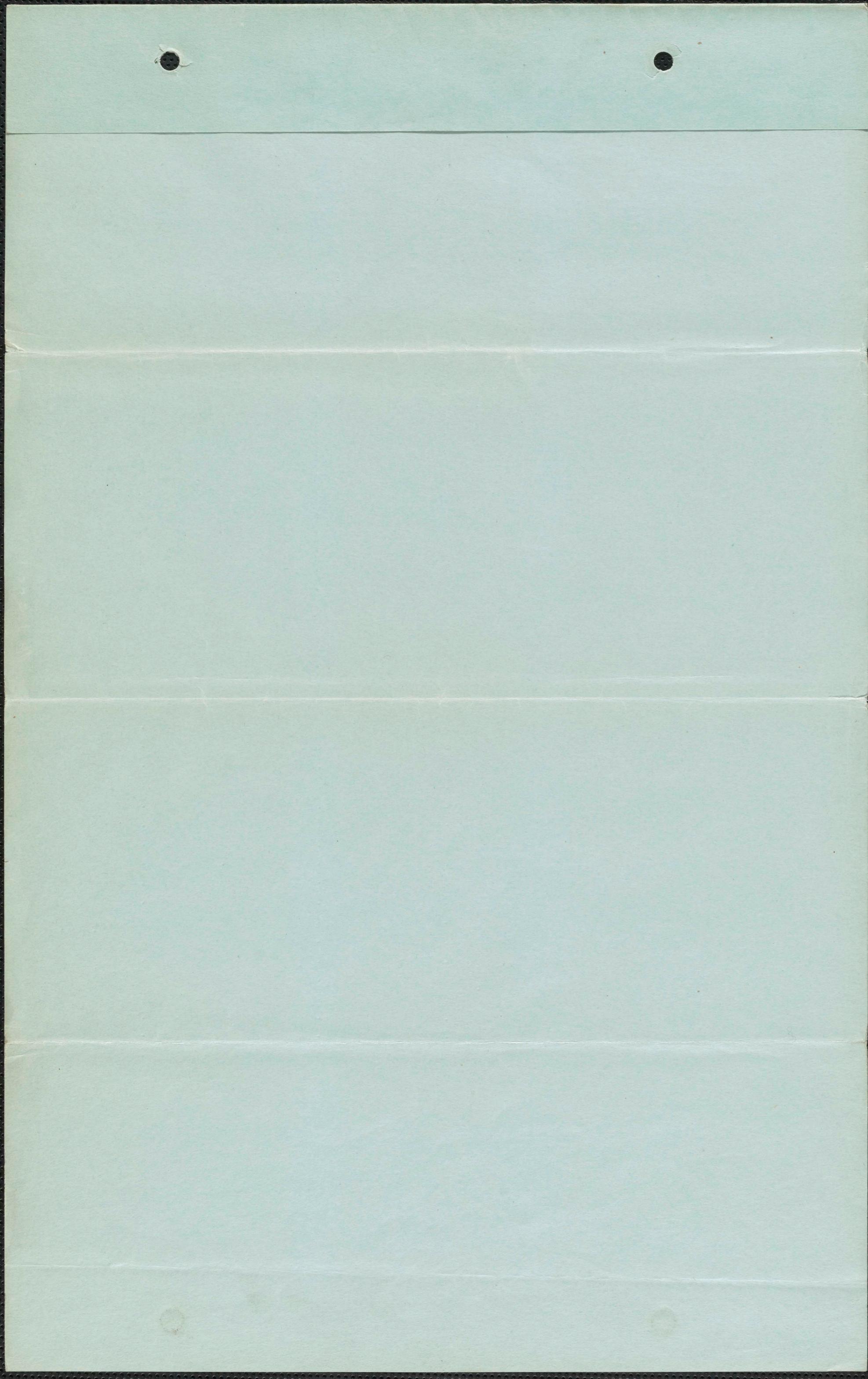
Frank J. Burke

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of April,

1923.

Harold Wisniewski
Notary Public.
My commission expires Jan 31/1923





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