

Memo July 22, 1925

Commonwealth vs Sacco & Vanzetti

Copies of papers to be transmitted to the Clerk of the S.D.C. for the Commonwealth for entry of exceptions will include: —

- 10 copies (printed) of consolidated Bill of Exceptions (1206 pp.) 2 vols. allowed Oct 2, 1924
- 10 " " " Subs. Bill of Exceptions of Vanzetti ^(1st supp mo) (3 pp) 1 vol " May 11/25
- 10 " " " Bill of Exceptions 2nd supp. mo. (37 pp) 1 vol " " 11/25
- 10 " " " Supp. Bill of Exceptions 1st + 5th mos. (197 pp) 1 vol " " 11/25
- 10 " " " corrections of errors & omissions (11 pp) 1 vol 2 plans " " 11/25
1457 pp
- 2 copies (typewritten) of all papers on file in the case except papers used in evidence only, and of ~~so~~ much of all other papers made part of the case or referred to in the bills of exceptions as may be necessary to fully present any question of law raised therein

Plans & Exhibits

Haywood Plan (original)

Breed Place (original)

Exhibit Nos

COUNTY OF NORFOLK
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK SS.

SUPERIOR COURT

COMMONWEALTH

VS.

NICOLA SACCO

BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI.

The annexed Plan was deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court, at Dedham, in March 1925, and is referred to on page 2 of printed copy of the "Correction of Errors and Omissions in Bill of Exceptions" of which the original was filed May 11, 1925.

Attest:

Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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I certify that accompanying this certificate and numbered 1 to 7 inclusive, are the seven parts comprising all the bills of exceptions in the above entitled case, which bills of exceptions are made up of statements of so much of the evidence, proceedings, and other matters as is material to exceptions alleged by the defendants to decisions and rulings of the court, and failure of the court to rule at the trial of said case, which trial was concluded July 14, 1921, and also exceptions to decisions of the court on four of six different supplementary motions of said defendants for new trial, the last of which decisions was rendered October 23, 1926 upon a motion filed May 26, 1926, and the other motions having been severally denied by the court October 1, 1924.

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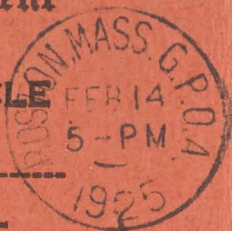
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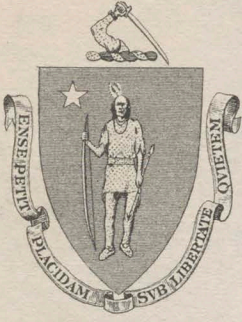
Mr. Hamilton's
Microscope parts

Brass
cylindrical
case

eyepiece
object glass for 'scope

Sent Feb 13/25
to Superior Court
Messengers





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of
Public Safety

State House, Boston

Exhibits at Dedham Court House

- # 1-16 Series of large pictures of Buick car
- # 39-40-42 Enlarged picture of Sacco, grocery bill, and another paper
- # 29-43 Two caps, condition very bad, moth eaten
- # 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ for identification, two overcoats, condition poor, moth eaten
- b Clothing of Beradelli, condition poor, moth eaten
- Clothing of Parmenter, condition fair, moth eaten.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

Superior Court
Criminal Session

.....

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS .

vs. .

ORDER

NICOLA SACCO and BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI.

.....

It is hereby ordered that Hon. Robert B. Worthington, County Clerk of Norfolk County, be and he hereby is authorized and directed to take or allow to be taken under all necessary and proper guard each and all of said exhibits hereinafter named to the studio of Wilbur F. Turner, 61 Hanover Street, in the city of Boston, county of Suffolk, commonwealth of Massachusetts, same to be then and there photographed by said Wilbur F. Turner.

The said exhibits hereinbefore referred to being as follows, to wit:

1. The three so-called Ripley cartridges, and revolver,
2. The five so-called Vanzetti cartridges exhibit 32,
3. The so-called Vanzetti revolver exhibit 27.

By the Court,

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK SS.

SUPERIOR COURT.

COMMONWEALTH

vs.

NICOLA SACCO

BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI.

On motion of defendant

and hereby is

It is Ordered that permission be given that the shell annexed as exhibit "A", and ^{the} two shells annexed as exhibit "B", to supplementary motion for new trial filed November 8, 1921, be taken to a laboratory for the purpose of obtaining photographs thereof of a higher degree of magnification than would be otherwise possible.

Such shells so annexed as exhibits are to be and remain during such removal at all times in the custody or under the direct observation of an officer appointed by the sheriff and that said permission and conditions shall apply also to weapons, bullets and cartridges now in the custody of the Sheriff under order of court dated June 6, 1921.

By the Court

April 17, 1923

Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK SS.

SUPERIOR COURT.

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Such shells so annexed as exhibits are to be and remain during such removal at all times in the custody or under the direct observation of an officer appointed by the sheriff, ^{it is further order} and that said permission and conditions shall apply also to weapons, bullets and cartridges now in the custody of the Sheriff under order of court dated June 6, 1921.

Parcel 1- containing four sets of printed copies of Defendants' Bills of Exceptions, complete in seven parts as follows:

Part 1.	Bill of Exceptions taken at trial (Vol.I)	pp.1 to 608
Part 2.	" " " " (Vol.II)	pp.609 to 1207
	(Exceptions allowed October 2, 1924)	
	(corrected November 10, 1925)	
Part 3.	Supplement to above (including 2 plans-So. Braintree and West Bridgewater)	pp. 1 to 11
	(Exceptions allowed May 11, 1925)	
Part 4.	Substitute Bill of Exceptions to appointment of Special District Atty. at hearing Mar. 9, 1923 on first (Ripley) and fifth (Hamilton & Proctor) supplementary motions for new trial	pp. 1 to 3
	(Exceptions allowed May 11, 1925)	
Part 5.	Supplementary Bill of Exceptions to decision denying first (Ripley) and fifth (Hamilton & Proctor) supplementary motions for new trial	
	(Exceptions allowed May 11, 1925)	pp. 1 to 197
Part 6.	Bill of Exceptions to decision denying second (Gould) supplementary motion for new trial	pp. 1 to 37
	(Exceptions allowed May 11, 1925)	
Part 7.	Amended Bill of Exceptions to decision denying sixth (Madeiros) supplementary motion for new trial	pp. 1 to 421
	(Exceptions allowed November 13, 1926)	
		<hr/> Total 1976 pages

Parcel 2- containing the following described plans:

1st- One rolled mounted plan, measuring five feet by eleven feet, entitled- "A Plan of Pearl Street, South Braintree, Scale 1 in. = 10 ft. C. B. Breed, Engineer."

2nd- One roll containing ten printed copies of above described plan on reduced scale.

3rd- One rolled heavy paper plan measuring 47 inches by 20 inches, entitled "Plan of Johnson House, West Bridgewater, Massachusetts- Scale 1 in. = 10 ft. Haywood and Haywood, Surveyors", together with six printed copies of same plan on reduced scale.

4th- One heavy paper map of Brockton District by Haywood and Haywood- scale 1 in. = 1000 ft.

Parcel 3- containing original exhibits as follows:

One manila clasp envelope enclosing set of nine 10½ by 13 inch mounted photographs taken at South Braintree January 19, 1921, and marked as follows:

Exhibit no.	1	numbered	"9"	on	back
"	2	"	"1"	"	"
"	3	"	"2"	"	"
"	4	"	"5"	"	"
"	5	"	"3"	"	"
"	6	"	"4"	"	"
"	7	"	"6"	"	"
"	8	"	"7"	"	"
"	9	"	"8"	"	"

One manila clasp envelope enclosing set of seven 10½ by 13 inch mounted photographs of Buick car, taken at Boston, January 18, 1921, and marked as follows:

Exhibit No.	10	marked	"B"
"	11	"	"C"
"	12	"	"D"
"	13	"	"E"
"	14	"	"F"
"	15	"	"G"
"	16	"	"H"

Four fibre envelopes containing:

Exhibit no. 18- "mortal" bullet taken from body of Berardelli by Dr. McGrath and marked "III"

Exhibit No. 19- bullet taken from body of Berardelli by Dr. McGrath and marked "II"

Exhibit No. 20- bullet taken from body of Berardelli by Dr. McGrath, and marked "I"

Exhibit No. 21- bullet taken from body of Berardelli by Dr. McGrath, and marked "IIII"

Exhibit No. 24- Bullet found by Dr. Hunting

Exhibit No. 25- Bullet found by nurse

Exhibit No. 27- H & R (Vanzetti) 5 chamber revolver- 38 calibre

Exhibit No. 28- (Sacco) Colt Automatic Pistol- 32 calibre

Exhibit No. 29- Box containing cap

Exhibit No. 30- 4 empty shells received from Thomas Fraher-
April 15, 1920-
2- Peters
1- U. M. C.
1- W. R. A.

(Parcel 3- continued)

- Exhibit No. 31- 32 calibre cartridges (Sacco)
16 - Peters 32 A.C.P.
7 - U S C Co. 32 A.C.P.
6 - W R A C 32 A.C.
3 - Rem - U. M. C. 32 A. C.P.
- Exhibit No. 32- 5-38 calibre (Vanzetti) cartridges
3 "U S S & W"
2 "REM- U.M.C. S&W"
- Exhibit No. 33- 3 (Lowell) Peters shells- 32 calibre
- Exhibit No. 34- 3 (Lowell) Winchester shells, 32 calibre
- Exhibit No. 35- 3 (Lowell) Winchester bullets, 32 calibre
- Exhibit No. 36- 3 (Lowell) Peters bullets, 32 calibre
- Exhibit No. 37- 2 loaded 12-bore shot gun shells, Peters
- Exhibit No. 39- Receipted bill for Groceries (May 20, 1920)
- Exhibit No. 40- Pencilled memo of Sacco's address.
- Exhibit No. 42- Photograph of Sacco
- Exhibit No. 43- Box containing cap
- Exhibit F- 7 (Burns-Lowell test) bullets.

COUNTY OF NORFOLK
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

January 27, 1927.

Walter F. Frederick, Esq.,
Clerk Supreme Judicial Court,
Court House, Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Frederick:

I received a telephone message this morning from Mr. Ehrmann, Counsel for the Defendants in the Sacco case, requesting that a written Stipulation to which are attached certain photographs, be sent in by special messenger for use at the argument now in progress before your court. I am therefore, sending enclosed herewith stipulation of Counsel filed July 16, 1926 (#254) to which are attached photographs of Madeiros, Weeks, Vanzetti, and Sacco.

Very truly yours,

CLERK.

RPW:EMK

THOMPSON, SPRING & MEARS
COUNSELLORS AT LAW
1133-1139 TREMONT BUILDING
TELEPHONES HAYMARKET 0684-0685

WILLIAM G. THOMPSON
ROMNEY SPRING
GEORGE E. MEARS

Boston December 21, 1925

Com. v. Sacco and Vanzetti

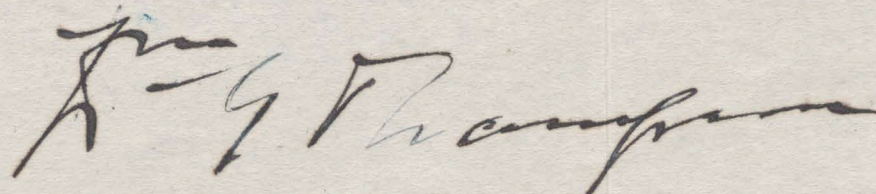
R. B. Worthington, Esq.,
Clerk of Courts,
Dedham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Worthington:

I have your letter of December 19th. On Saturday last I talked over with Mr. Ranney this matter of the exhibits. He says that he does not care to have any of the exhibits at the argument; but my position is very different. I shall need a good many of them, and I should be very glad if you could be there also to find them as they are called for during the argument. You know more about them than any other person, and it would be a great accommodation, I think, both to Mr. Ranney and myself, if you could be present with the exhibits on January 11th.

I am going to send Mr. Ranney in a day or two a list of the exhibits that I want. In general it will be all the exhibits used on the Hamilton motions, including photographs, discs, etc.; the four caps introduced during the trial; Sacco's Colt pistol and Vanzetti's Harrington & Richardson revolver; the mortal bullet, and the other bullets, including the test bullets fired at Lowell; the Ripley cartridges; and perhaps some others.

Very truly yours,



Mr. Herbert E. Hermann

at Sup. J. Ct. telephones

Mr. W. did not ^{send} certain photos
that he should have sent.

Photos of

Sacco - Vanz - Weeks - Maderios

also certain stipulations.

Would like sent as soon as

possible by spec messenger

COUNTY OF NORFOLK
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

October 3, 1924.

Harold P. Williams, Esq.,
60 Congress St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have sent, under separate cover, copies of decisions denying motions for new trials on the McAnarney, Gould and Pelser, Goodrich, Andrews, and Proctor affidavits.

I am enclosing herewith copies of the Court's rulings on defendants' fifty-four requests under the Ripley motion, and eighteen requests on the fifth supplementary motion.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Worthington
Clerk.

RBW/B
Enc.

List of papers enclosed with letter of Nov. 8/33
(F. a. W.)

- 1 Affidavit of Roy E. Gould. Filed Sept. 28. 1923 (# 94)
- 2 Affidavit of Harold P. Williams " Oct. 31. 1923 (# 125)
- 3 Requests for rulings (in Plymouth case)
- 4 Drifts' motion for permission to communicate (assented to May 14/26)
- 5 List of papers -
- 6 Copies of Docket Entries.

FRED A. WALKER
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
410 STATE MUTUAL BUILDING
WORCESTER, MASS.

DIAL 3-0267

November 8, 1933

Clerk Superior Court,
Norfolk County,
Dedham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

It has been a sad duty which has devolved upon me to go over a great many papers and a great deal of debris which was taken from the ruins of the home of my late friend Judge Webster Thayer after it was blown up. Two of these, to wit:- An affidavit of one Roy E. Gould and an affidavit of Harold P. Williams bearing the file mark of your Court, and the third bears the written consent of the Commonwealth. The other two papers may or may not belong in your files.

As a Member of the Bar, I realize that it is my duty to return to you those papers bearing your stamp notwithstanding that I cannot see any further probable advantage to be gained or lost by anyone if they had either been lost or destroyed.

It is my hope in behalf of Mrs. Thayer and Judge Thayer's family who have suffered by the results, direct and indirect of this case, that these papers may be placed in proper custody without notoriety.

Very truly yours,

FAW:G

Fred A. Walker.

COUNTY OF NORFOLK
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

April 26, 1927.

To his Excellency,
Hon. Alvan T. Fuller,
Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
State House,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the requirements
of General Laws, Chapter 279, Section 43, I
herewith deliver to you a certified copy of the
whole record of the conviction and sentence of
Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, persons
convicted of a capital crime to wit:- the
murder of Alexander Berardelli and Frederick A.
Parmenter.

Respectfully yours,

CLERK.

RBW:EMK

COUNTY OF NORFOLK
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

April 26, 1927.

To the Warden of the State Prison,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 279 Section 43, I am transmitting herewith a certified copy of the warrant made out, signed and delivered to the Sheriff of the County of Norfolk stating the conviction of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti of murder in the first degree and the sentence of death pronounced upon them, and the week appointed for the execution of said sentence, and commanding you to cause execution to be done in accordance with the provisions of said sentence upon a day within the week so appointed.

Respectfully yours,

CLERK.

RBWPEMK

COUNTY OF NORFOLK
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

May 6, 1927.

Herman A. MacDonald, Esq.,
Secretary to the Governor,
State House,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Dudley P. Ranney, Esquire, Assistant District Attorney for this County, I am delivering to you herewith for the use of the Governor, two parcels containing original papers in the cases of Commonwealth vs. Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.

The first parcel contains the following papers:

- 1- 58 Defendants' 3rd Supplementary Motion for new trial filed July 22, 1922. (Goodridge)

List of Affidavits

<u>In behalf of Commonwealth</u>	<u>Date of filing</u>
2- 63 Erastus G. Whitney	March 7, 1923
3- 64 Chas. W. Knappenburg	March 7, 1923
4- 65 J. Hunter Black	March 7, 1923
5- 66 Ethel W. Lee	March 7, 1923
6- 67 William R. Corbett	March 7, 1923
7- 68 William Mann	March 7, 1923
8- 69 Robert A. Cony	March 7, 1923
<u>In behalf of Defence</u>	
9- 95 Thomas Doyle	Sept. 26, 1923
10- 111 Ethel W. & Marjorie L. Lee	Oct. 24, 1923
11- 140 Decision of Court	Oct. 1, 1924.

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Aug 5, 27

COUNTY OF NORFOLK
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

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May 6, 1927.

The second parcel contains the following papers:

- 1- 59 4th Supplementary Motion for new trial, filed September 11, 1923. (Andrews)

List of Affidavits

<u>In behalf of Commonwealth</u>	<u>Date of filing</u>
2- 70 Lola Andrews	March 7, 1923
3- 73 F. G. Katzmann	March 8, 1923
4- 74 H. P. Williams	March 8, 1923
5- 75 M. E. Stewart	March 8, 1923
6- 76 M. J. Barrett	March 8, 1923
7- 77 W. E. Gray	March 8, 1923
8- 78 A. L. Brouillard	March 8, 1923
<u>In behalf of Defence</u>	
9- 112 Robert Reed	Oct. 23, 1923
10-113 Fred H. Moore	Oct. 23, 1923
11-114 19 Affidavits, reports of interviews, impounded	Oct. 23, 1923
12-141 Decision of Court	Oct. 1, 1924

Very truly yours,

CLERK.

REW:EMK

Boston, May 6, 1927.

Received the above named papers:

Francis O. Carlson
Asst Secretary to the Governor.

- returned
Aug 15 '27

COUNTY OF NORFOLK
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

May 11, 1927.

Mr. F. O. P. Carlson,
Assistant Secretary,
Executive Chambers,
State House,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Carlson:

I am sending you
enclosed herewith an attested carbon copy
of the certified copy of Record of
Conviction and Sentence of Nicola Sacco
and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, which certified
copy I delivered to the Governor on
April 26, 1927.

I am also enclosing
a copy of the letter delivered with the
certified copy.

Very truly yours,

CLERK.

RBW:EMK



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

13th May, 1927.

Mr. R. B. Worthington,
Clerk of Courts, Norfolk County,
Dedham, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Worthington:

I beg to acknowledge
receipt of certain papers in the Sacco and
Vanzetti case recently delivered at this
office. *Many thanks*

Very truly yours,

Francis O. P. Carlson

Francis O. P. Carlson,
Asst. Secretary to the Governor.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

9th June, 1927.

R. B. Worthington, Esquire,
Clerk of Courts,
Dedham, Massachusetts.

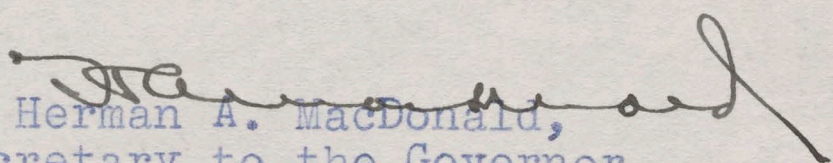
My dear Mr. Worthington:

Mr. Colter, Deputy

Sheriff has just arrived with the maps,
photographs and exhibits in the Sacco -
Vanzetti case.

I have kept all the
material contained in parcel one; also all
the material in parcel two. I have kept
from the material in parcel three only ex-
hibits one to sixteen inclusive. The rest
I have asked the Deputy Sheriff to return to
you.

Yours very truly,


Herman A. MacDonald,
Secretary to the Governor.

COUNTY OF NORFOLK
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

June 9, 1927.

To His Excellency,
Hon. Alvan T. Fuller,
Governor of Massachusetts,
State House,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you herewith for use in consideration of the application for pardon of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, now under sentence of death from this county, three separate parcels containing copies, plans and exhibits relating to the trial of the case in the Superior Court at Dedham in 1921, a more complete description of the contents of said parcels being shown by the accompanying list.

Very truly yours,

CLERK.

RBW:EMK

no list found

COUNTY OF NORFOLK
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

July 12, 1927.

Herman A. MacDonald, Esq.,
Executive Secretary,
State House,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. MacDonald:

In response to your
telephone request, I am sending you
herewith by special messenger, exhibits
in the case of Commonwealth vs. Sacco
and Vanzetti, as shown by list enclosed
herewith.

These are the exhibits
which were previously sent you June 9
by special messenger and returned by him
the same day at your direction. The
so-called Vanzetti revolver was delivered
to an officer from the Board of Public
Safety at the direction of Mr. Wilbar,
District Attorney on June 22, 1927, and
I hold a receipt from Frank G. Hale,
State Police Officer therefor.

Very truly yours,

CLERK.

RBW:EMK

LIST OF EXHIBITS SENT TO EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE HOUSE,
JULY 12, 1927, AT THE REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

- Exhibit 18- Mortal Bullet "111"
- " 19- Bullet 11
- " 20- Bullet "1"
- " 21- Bullet "1111"
- " 24- Bullet found by Dr. Hunting
- " 25- Bullet found by nurse.
- " 28- (Sacco) Colt Automatic 32-calibre
- " 30- 4 "Fraher" Shells-
 - 2- Peters
 - 1- U. M. C.
 - 1- W. R. A.
- " 31- 32 "Sacco" Cartridges
 - 16- Peters 32 A.C.P.
 - 7- U.S.C.Co. 32 A.C.P.
 - 6- W.R.A.C. 32 A. C.
 - 3- Rem- U.M.C. 32 A.C.P.
- " 32- 5 cartridges taken from "Vanzetti" revolver.
 - 3 "U S 38 S & W"
 - 2 "Rem- U.M.C. 38 S & W."
- " 33- 3 Lowell Peters' shells
- " 34- 3 Lowell Winchester Shells.
- " 35- 3 Lowell Winchester Bullets.
- " 36- 3 Lowell Peters' Bullets.
- " 37- 2 12-Bore Shotgun Cartridges.
- " 39- Receipted bill for groceries- May 20/20.
- " 40- Pencilled memo of Sacco's address.
- " 42- Photograph of Sacco

- Exhibit 1-H
- " 3-H
- " 5-H
- " (unmarked) - Unmounted Photographs
(3 Turner and 1 Ekman)

- Exhibit F- 7 Burns' bullets.

*- ret'd
Aug 5, 27*

*not in
bundles*



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

4th August, 1927.

William E. Everett, Esquire,
Asst. Clerk of Court,
Dedham, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Everett :

I am returning herewith, by messenger, various material which you placed before the Governor during his consideration of the appeal of Sacco and Vanzetti for executive clemency, as follows:

Parcel One contains - Johnson house plan (original); map of Brockton district (Hayward - Hayward); plan of Pearl Street, South Braintree (Breed).

Parcel Two contains - No. 114 - various affidavits in envelope returned unopened; exhibits 1 - 9 South Braintree Locus; photographs 10 - 16 Buick Car; Third supplementary motion for new trial (Goodridge, 1923); 9 affidavits decision of court; Fourth supplementary motion for new trial (Andrews, 1922); 9 affidavits decision of court.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of this material on the enclosed carbon copy and return by this messenger.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. MacDonald", written in a cursive style.

Herman A. MacDonald,
Secretary to the Governor.

COUNTY OF NORFOLK
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

August 5, 1927.

Herman A. MacDonald, Esq.,
Executive Secretary,
State House, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In going over the Sacco-Vanzetti exhibits which were delivered by Officer Hale of the State Police, I do not find four unmounted photographs which were sent in with the numerous bullets on the twelfth of July. Three of these were made by Turner of Boston and one by Eckman of Bridgeport, I think, showing either shells or bullets.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Clerk.

WEE/B

C O P Y

September 1, 1927

Dudley P. Ranney, Esq.,
6 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Ranney:

On my return to the office for a day, I find a letter from Mr. Hamilton requesting me to return to him his four pistols which he used for illustration in the Sacco-Vanzetti case, namely:

- 1 Harrington & Richardson 32 calibre pistol automatic,
- 1 Savage 32 calibre automatic pistol,
- 2 Colt 32 calibre automatic pistols.

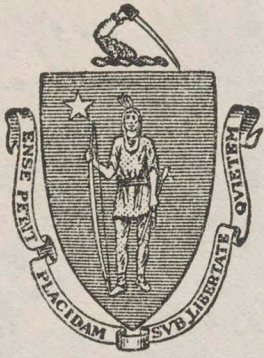
He adds:

"If there is any objection raised because of law relative to shipment of firearms, have them sent to Chief of Police William C. Bell, Auburn Police Department, Auburn, New York."

There is no reason why Mr. Hamilton should not have his property. I should be greatly obliged if you would write a letter to Mr. Worthington, the Clerk of Court, authorizing him to return these firearms to Mr. Albert H. Hamilton, 96 Genesee Street, Auburn, New York, or to Chief of Police Bell of Auburn, New York.

Very truly yours,

Wm. G. Thompson



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WINFIELD M. WILBAR
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Plymouth, Mass. June 21st, 1927.

Robert B. Worthington Esq.,
Clerk of Courts,
Dedham, Mass.

Friend Bob;

Will you turn over to State Detective Frank G. Hale the revolver used as an exhibit at the trial of Bartolomeo Vanzetti and which was found on his person at the time of the latter's arrest. This is upon the request of His Excellency, Governor Alvan T. Fuller. Officer Hale is to transmit said revolver to the Governor for such purposes as he may desire and safely return the same when he has finished with it.

Very truly yours,

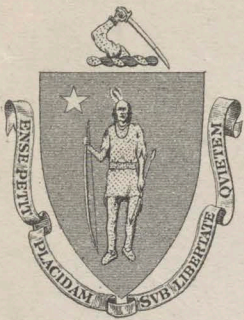
W. M. Wilbar
District Attorney.

June 22, 1927

*Received from Robert B. Worthington, Clerk of Courts, Dedham.
revolver used as an exhibit at the trial of Bartolomeo Vanzetti
for purpose of identification.*

*Gun returned Aug 5, '27
W. Everett
Clerk*

*Frank G. Hale
State Police Officer*



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

*Department of
Public Safety*

State House, Boston, September 1, 1927.

Hon. Winfield F. Wilbar,
District Attorney,
Brockton, Mass.

My dear Wilbar:

As a finale to the Sacco-Vanzetti case, it appears to me that it would be well to gather and secure certain of the exhibits, particularly the firearms, bullets, cartridges and fired shells.

I trust you will agree that these important objects should be placed in our vaults for all time where they will be safe from opportunists as well as enemies.

The ample facilities of the State Police Laboratory will be utilized to obtain a photographic record in the most graphic form of each of the exhibits. The work contemplated will constitute an important addition to the record in this great case.

Judge Webster Thayer has not been approached directly in the matter, but made statement to one of my officers that he would be glad to cooperate.

Very truly yours,

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COMMISSIONER

A. F. Foote
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

A. F. FOOTE,
Commissioner.

CJV'A:MB

*This meets with my approval
H. M. Wilbar
Dist Atty.*

C O P Y

September 8, 1927

William G. Thompson, Esq.,
Tremont Building,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The articles mentioned in your letter of September the first, will be delivered by the Clerk of the Superior Court at Dedham to any person appointed by you in writing.

I do not care to assume any responsibility for the shipment of firearms to Mr. Hamilton and have no doubt that he can make arrangements to procure the same through you at some future time.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

D. P. Ranney



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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September 8, 1927.

Robert B. Worthington, Esq.,
Clerk of the Superior Court,
Dedham, Massachusetts.

Dear Bob:

Our friend, Mr. William G. Thompson, has written me, under date of September 1st, requesting that the following articles be sent to Mr. Hamilton.

- 1. Harrington & Richardson 32 calibre pistol automatic,
- 1 Savage 32 calibre automatic pistol,
- 2 Colt 32 calibre automatic pistols.

I have just written him, saying that these firearms will be delivered to his (Thompson's) appointee in writing, and he will have to assume the difficulties of shipping these firearms to Hamilton.

If, at your convenience, you will fish out these articles and deliver them to Mr. Thompson, I will be much obliged. At any rate, I will see you the first of next week.

Sincerely yours,

Dud Ranney

These were Hamilton's exhibits

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Dedham, Massachusetts.
September 9, 1927.

Received of Robert B. Worthington, Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Norfolk, the following original exhibits introduced by the Commonwealth, used at the trial in the case of Commonwealth vs. Sacco and Vanzetti:

Exhibit 18- Mortal Bullet "111"
" 19- Bullet II
" 20- Bullet "I"
" 21- Bullet "IIII"
" 24- Bullet found by Dr. Hunting
" 25- Bullet found by nurse
" 27- H & R (Vanzetti) Revolver, 38 calibre
" 28- Colt (Sacco) Automatic 32 calibre
" 30- "Fraher" shells (four)
 2- Peters
 1- U. M. C.
 1- W. R. A.
" 31- 32 "Sacco" cartridges
 16- Peters 32 A. C. P.
 7- U S C Co. 32 A. C. P.
 6- W R A C 32 A. C.
 3- Rem- U.M.C. 32 A. C. P.
" 32- 5 cartridges taken from "Vanzetti" revolver.
 3 "U S 38 S&W"
 2 "Rem- U. M.C. 38 S & W"
" 33- 3 Lowell Peters' shells
" 34- 3 Lowell Winchester shells
" 35- 3 Lowell Winchester bullets
" 36- 3 Lowell Peters' bullets
" 37- 2 12-bore shotgun cartridges

CHARLES J. VAN AMBURGH
Expert Assistant to the
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Dedham, Massachusetts.
September 9, 1927.

Received of Robert B. Worthington, Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Norfolk, the following original exhibits introduced by the Commonwealth, used at the trial in the case of Commonwealth vs. Sacco and Vanzetti:

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" 19- Bullet II
" 20- Bullet "I"
" 21- Bullet "IIII"
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" 25- Bullet found by nurse
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" 35- 3 Lowell Winchester Bullets
" 36- Lowell Peters' Bullets
" 37- 2 12-Bore Shotgun cartridges

Charles J. Van Amburgh
Expert - Assistant - to the
Commissioner of Public Safety

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May 20/26





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY OF NORFOLK

OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS

DEDHAM, September 29, 1927.

Received of Clerk of Courts of Superior Court
for the County of Norfolk, one .455 calibre
S. & W. revolver used as an exhibit for the
Commonwealth in the case of Commonwealth vs.
Madeiros.

Michael F. Fleming
State Police Officer

THOMPSON, SPRING & MEARS

COUNSELLORS AT LAW

1133-1139 TREMONT BUILDING

TELEPHONES HAYMARKET 0684-0685

WILLIAM G. THOMPSON

ROMNEY SPRING

GEORGE E. MEARS

Boston October 6, 1927

R. B. Worthington, Esq.,
Clerk of the Superior Court,
Court House, Dedham.

Dear Mr. Worthington:

On September 1st I wrote Mr. Ranney a letter, of which I enclose a copy herewith. On September 8th I received a reply from him, of which I also enclose a copy.

I desire to know whether if I should call at Dedham you would deliver to me the weapons mentioned in my letter of September 1st on my personal receipt. If so, I will call within a day or two and get them.

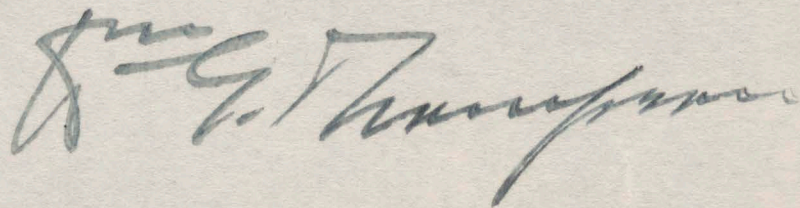
I desire to add that I am in correspondence with Mr. Ranney about the other exhibits in the case, some of which clearly belong to Sacco or Vanzetti. I need hardly say that I think that none of the exhibits should be mislaid or destroyed until an arrangement has been made as to which of them are to be returned.

I should like to know whether you now have in your possession the so-called "mortal bullet"; the other bullets taken from the bodies of the murdered men; Sacco's pistol; the cartridges taken from him at the time of his arrest; Vanzetti's Harrington & Richardson revolver and the cartridges that were in it when it was taken from him; the bullets fired by Burns and Hamilton through Sacco's pistol; Hamilton's photographs; and the other exhibits presented by the defendants to Judge Thayer on the hearing of the var-

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ious motions, including the photographs of various criminals presented at the hearing of the Morelli motion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. G. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

October 8, 1927.

Received of Clerk of Superior Court, Dedham, Mass. the following described articles used by defendant's counsel in hearings in case of Commonwealth vs. Sacco and Vanzetti:

1 H & R Arms Co. self loading pistol
5 shells
5 bullets
cleaning rod

1 Savage
with 5 bullets
and 5 shells

1 Colt automatic #418830
2 bullets - barrel detached
2 shells - cleaning rod.

1 Colt Automatic #427518
small box 7 bullets
and cleaning rod

Exhibit G:

1 Cast of pistol barrel- 5 inches long

1 Cast 1½ inches long "6/18/21
#219722 Colt Auto. Sacco"

Exhibit F:

7 "Burns" bullets.

2 wooden
models of
bullets

W. E. Thompson

GOULSTON & STORRS
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

TELEPHONES { 9650 } LIBERTY
 { 9651 }
CABLE ADDRESS GOULSTON, BOSTON

LEOPOLD M. GOULSTON
HERBERT B. EHRLMANN
EDWIN D. HARRINGTON

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BLDG.
80 FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON, MASS.

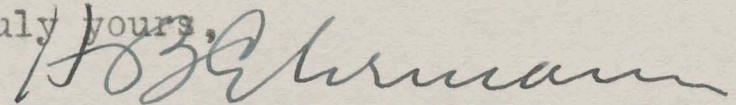
December 14th, 1926.

Mr. R. B. Worthington,
Office of Clerk of Courts,
Dedham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Worthington:

I am enclosing herewith list of exhibits which do not appear in the printed record so far as they are connected with defendants' affidavits. I do not believe I ought to take the responsibility of listing the State's exhibits, but as they are but few in number you will undoubtedly be able to do this very quickly.

Very truly yours,



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK SS

SUPERIOR COURT

COMMONWEALTH

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SACCO and VANZETTI

MEMORANDUM

In the above named case, the Clerk has this day delivered to the Sheriff at the request of the District Attorney, two boxes each containing one Colt automatic pistol, said boxes and contents having been left with the Clerk after use in hearings on motion for new trial in November 1923. One of the pistols is numbered 418830 and the other numbered 427518. In the pistol numbered 418830, it was noted that the barrel appeared to be an old barrel, whereas the rest of the pistol appeared to be new. In the other pistol, the barrel was new and bright as distinguished from the rusty and dirty appearance of the barrel in the other pistol.

February 13, 1924.