

The Murder of Morris Price: Challenge Entry Form

Eligibility

- The competition is public and open to participants from any country. Any participants under 18 must seek the permission of a parent or guardian.
- Participants can use whatever method they wish to decipher the shorthand.
- Submissions must be in English.
- By entering, participants agree that their solutions can be placed under a Creative Commons license and shared on the Dickens Code website; participants can remain anonymous or choose a pseudonym if they wish.

The tasks

Task one

Please transcribe the shorthand on the pages below, writing your transcription on the numbered lines underneath the shorthand symbols. The shorthand covers two sets of evidence:

- The evidence of Henry Featherstone, the surgeon who examined Price's corpse.
- The evidence of John Robert Flynn the constable who investigated the crime in the days after the murder.

Task two

Compare your final transcription with the section of the Full Report highlighted in yellow. Write down in the space provided if your transcription contains any new information that is not in the Full Report.

Help with the transcription

- These are Begbie's notes of what witnesses said at the trial, so the shorthand is likely to produce abbreviated longhand words and sentences.
- If you get stuck, try using the suggestions in our 'Beginner's Guide to Gurney's *Brachygraphy*' and other materials on our website (see <https://dickenscode.org/resources/>).

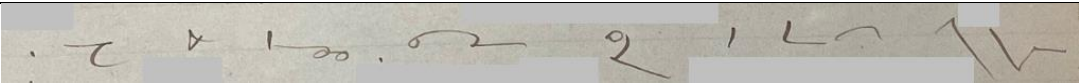
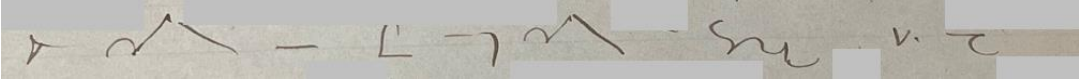


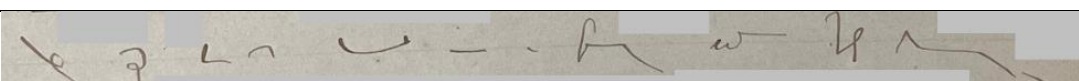
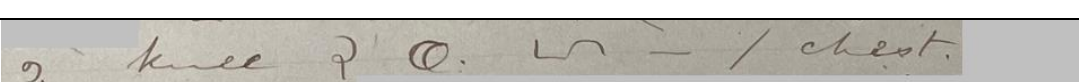
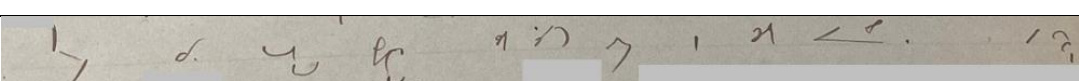
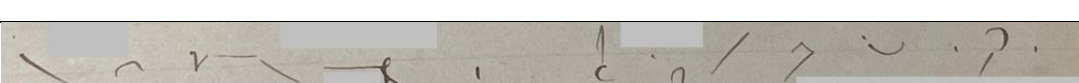
How to enter



Please email your entry form to Hugo and Claire (hugo.bowles@buckingham.ac.uk and claire.wood@leicester.ac.uk) before **midnight (British Summer Time) 2 May 2025**.

Please name your file using the following naming convention: [PriceChallengeYOURNAME]. Please put 'Price challenge: proposed solution' in the subject line.

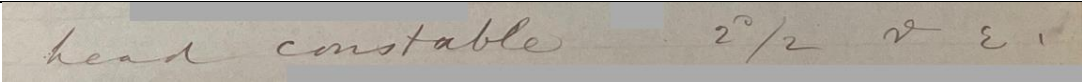
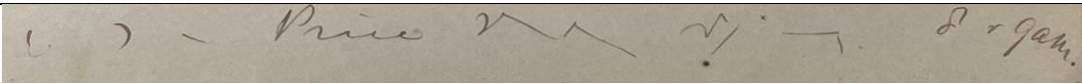
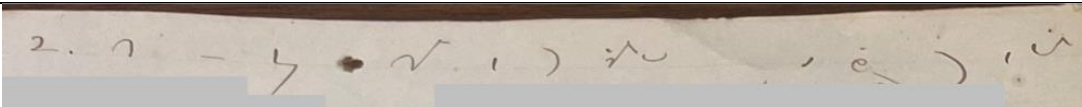
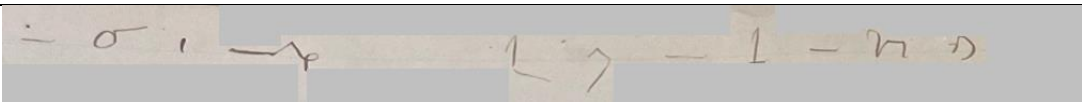
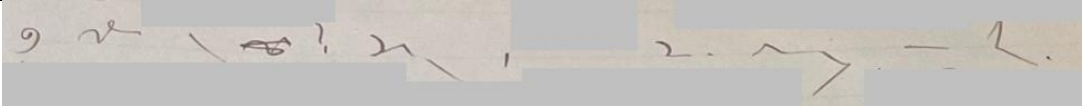
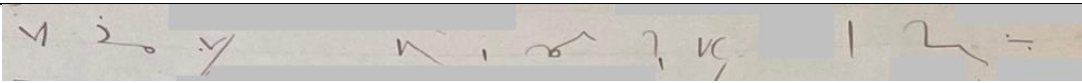
Task one: Transcription

Henry Featherstone's evidence

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John Robert Flynn's evidence

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17	ashes - 1) Elmwood 1/2 (w)
18	2 1/2 1/2 - ashes
19	1 left foot, judged - 1/2 Indian
20	1/4 + 5 Ind. 4 - 1/2 1/2 \$20
21	1 clue \$218 14.7 \$36 - gold coin

Task two: Report

Now compare your transcription with the account of Featherstone's and Flynn's evidence in the Full Report.

Is there anything in your transcription which does not appear in the full report?

If so, please write it in the space below.

By signing this form and emailing in your competition entry, you agree that all or parts of your proposed solution can be placed under a Creative Commons license and shared on the Dickens Code website. If you do not provide a signature, unfortunately we will be unable to process your competition entry.

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Country (optional, used to track international engagement with the project):	
Date:	

For participant's under 18:

Parent or guardian's signature:	
Date:	