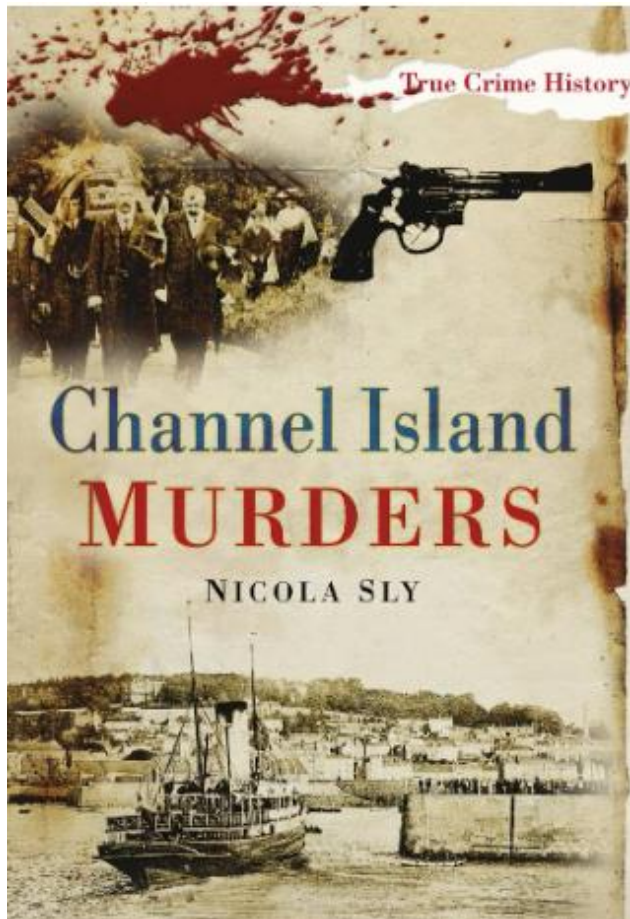


Timothy Kelly – Convict Number 5066 (1840 - 1898)



Book recounting the murders committed by Kelly and Loughnan

Kelly, born in Ireland, was a shoemaker and was convicted of murder at Guernsey Court in 1856 and given a life sentence.

Kelly, with an accomplice called Nugent Loughnan, murdered two Frenchmen, Jean Langlois and Louise Thiesse,. They were trying to get a drink but the two Frenchmen, one the publican, would not let them into the public house as there was a sick child in the house and it was very late. They went outside to persuade Kelly and Loughnan to leave but were brutally attacked.

Langlois, the pub landlord, was stabbed in the heart and died instantly, Thiesse was stabbed in the groin and died soon after from massive blood loss. Kelly and Loughnan returned to their lodgings, but they were arrested the next morning.

On release from prison, he did not reform his ways and had at least 14 convictions between 1862 and 1868 for minor offences such as drunkenness, foul language and being absent without permission.

James Burgess – Convict Number 5203 (1820 – unknown)

He was convicted of larceny at the Central Criminal Court in 1857 for his part in the First Great Train Robbery.

On the night of 15 May 1855, Chaplin & Co. Carriers were transporting three boxes of gold from London, via Folkestone and Boulogne, to Paris. Each solidly constructed box was weighed and sealed at the carriers' office and taken to the London Bridge station.

When the boat reached Boulogne, the safes were unlocked and weighed. None of the boxes showed any sign of interference, but one weighed forty pounds less than it should have done.

Suspicion was immediately on Burgess, and he was interviewed, he had been employed for 13 years and gave a good account of himself. It wasn't until 18 months later those investigations led the police



*Agar and Burgess in the Guards Department of the Train
By Percy Cruikshank - (1857) A Full Report of the Great Gold Robbery,
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back to Burgess and he was arrested. His fellow conspirator William Tester was transported on the Edwin Fox at the same time.