CASE ONE

# A Nightcap at Juniper House



A cozy at-home whodunit.
Read the evidence.
Name the culprit.

1-4 detectives (up to 6 with a second copy) · 60-90 min · ages 12+

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HOW TO PLAY

# Welcome, Detective

Edmund Ashcombe went to sleep in his library armchair on Saturday night and never woke up. The police are sure it was no accident, but the people in the house are all being very polite, and the Chief would like a fresh pair of eyes. Yours.

YOUR TASK

Name the culprit, and explain their motive (why), their means (how they got the poison) and their opportunity (when and where they used it).

BEFORE YOU PLAY

· Print this Case File single-sided, so the evidence can be spread out, plus one Detective Worksheet per detective or team.
· Print the Solution last, without scrolling through it on screen (or ask someone who isn't playing). Fold it with the SEALED cover outside. The blank page behind the cover is a spoiler guard. Tape it shut and put it out of reach.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Read the Case Overview and meet the five suspects.
2. Study evidence E1 to E20 in any order. Compare times, and check each statement against the documents.
3. Track what you learn on the Detective Worksheet.
4. When you are sure, fill in the Accusation Form.
5. Only then open the sealed Solution.

GROUND RULES

· Every evidence document is genuine and accurate.
· Everyone tells the truth in their statement, except the culprit, who may lie.
· The culprit acted alone.
· All times come from the hall clock, which keeps perfect time.
· You need no outside knowledge. Everything is in this file.

TOGETHER OR HEAD TO HEAD

Together: share the pages, read the statements aloud, argue it out and sign one Accusation Form. Head to head: each detective or team keeps its own Worksheet and fills in its own form in secret. Open the Solution only when every form is signed. The optional scoring inside picks the winner.

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# What Happened



At 10:20 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, housekeeper Agnes Pike went to collect the cocoa tray from the library at Juniper House and found the owner, Edmund Ashcombe, asleep in his armchair. He could not be woken.

Dr. Nia Okafor confirmed he had died a short time before. His bedtime cocoa held a very large dose of heart medicine.

Five people were in or around the house that night. One of them did this.

Saturday, Oct 17 | Juniper House | Lake Quill

CASE OVERVIEW

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CASE OVERVIEW

# Juniper House and Its Owner

THE VICTIM

Edmund Ashcombe, 71. Retired mapmaker and owner of Juniper House for forty years. Kind, stubborn and a creature of habit: every night he walked his terrier, Pepper, around the lake path from 9:15 until about 9:50, and every night at 9:30 his cocoa and shortbread were left on the hall table outside the library door.

THE HOUSE

Juniper House is a small guesthouse on the shore of Lake Quill, two miles from the village of Quillmouth. This weekend it was full of visitors for the Quillmouth Map & Book Fair, where Edmund was due to give the Sunday talk.

THE PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE

Clara Ashcombe, his niece · Agnes Pike, his housekeeper · Lydia Fenn, his secretary · Winifred Starling, a guest · Theo Marsh, a guest

FROM THE CHIEF

"I've gathered everything we have: a medical report, my evidence log and notebook, a floor plan, a timeline, five statements, and the papers and receipts we found. Every document is genuine. Read it all, then tell me who, why and how."
Chief Ruth Calloway, Quillmouth Police

EVIDENCE CHECKLIST

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# Clara Ashcombe



Edmund's niece. Runs Fernhill Plant Nursery in Quillmouth and grew up at Juniper House. Staying at the house for the fair weekend.

POSSIBLE MOTIVE
Edmund was due to answer a hotel company's offer for the house on Monday.

SAYS SHE WAS
At the village pub quiz.

Age 34 | Edmund's niece | Nursery owner

SUSPECT ONE

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# Agnes Pike



Housekeeper at Juniper House for thirty years. Lives in Garden Cottage behind the kitchen. Makes Edmund's cocoa every night.

POSSIBLE MOTIVE
A sale could cost her both her job and her home.

SAYS SHE WAS
On the kitchen telephone.

Age 62 | Housekeeper | 30 years' service

SUSPECT TWO

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# Lydia Fenn



Edmund's secretary and archivist for three years, helping him catalogue his map collection. Lives in at the house.

POSSIBLE MOTIVE
Argued with Edmund about her pay on Saturday evening.

SAYS SHE WAS
Playing a word game in the drawing room.

Age 28 | Secretary | Resident

SUSPECT THREE

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# Winifred Starling



Retired schoolteacher and keen map collector. A guest at Juniper House every autumn for eleven years.

POSSIBLE MOTIVE
Edmund outbid her last spring for a map of her grandfather's farm.

SAYS SHE WAS
Playing a word game in the drawing room.

Age 66 | Guest | Map collector

SUSPECT FOUR

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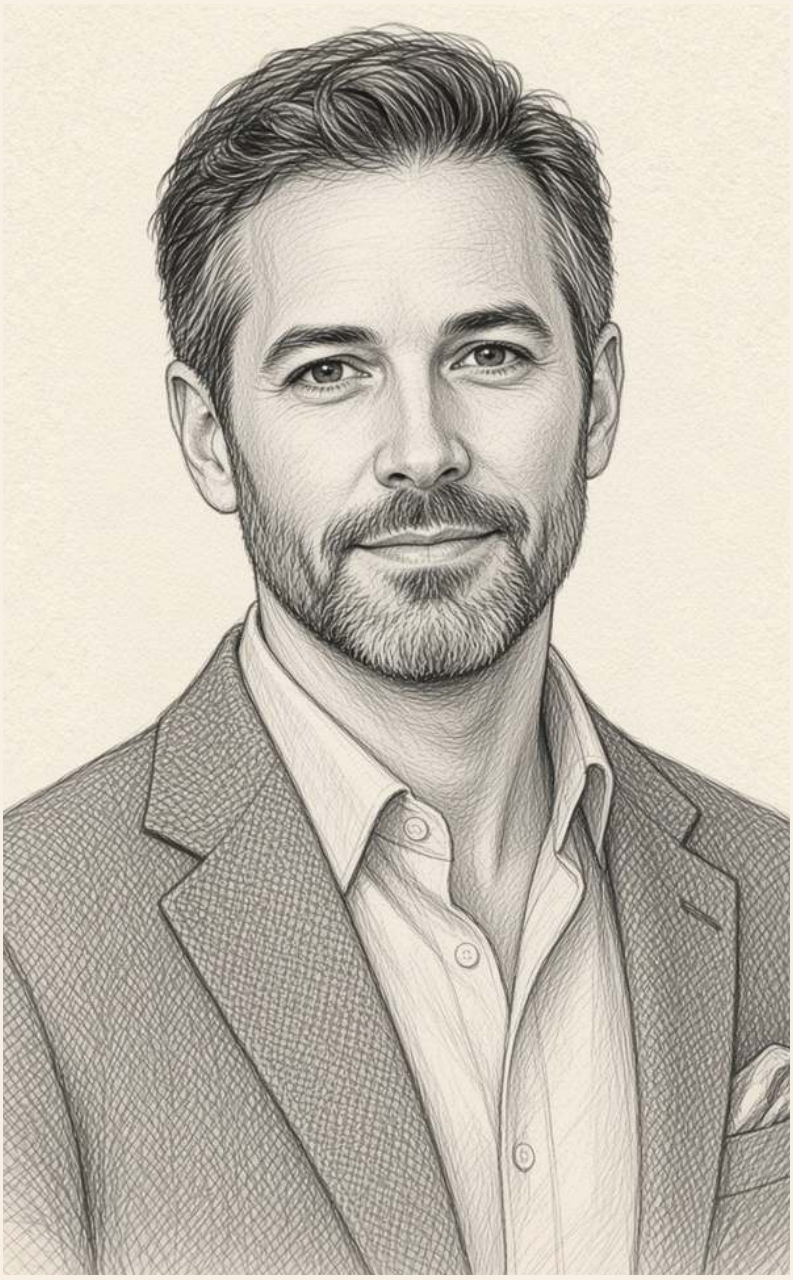
# Theo Marsh



Antique map dealer from Boston, in town for the fair. Has sold Edmund several maps over the years.

POSSIBLE MOTIVE
Hard to see one. Edmund was one of his best customers.

SAYS HE WAS
Asleep in his room.

Age 45 | Guest | Map dealer

SUSPECT FIVE

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EVIDENCE

# E1 · Medical Examiner's Report

Examined by: Dr. Nia Okafor, Quillmouth Medical Practice
Subject: Edmund Ashcombe, 71
Examined: 10:45 p.m., Saturday, October 17, in the library at Juniper House

FINDINGS
No injuries of any kind and no sign of a struggle. Mr. Ashcombe appears to have dozed off in his chair and not woken.

TIME OF DEATH
Between 10:00 and 10:20 p.m.

CAUSE
Heart failure caused by a very large dose of his own prescribed heart medicine: about fifteen tablets taken at once. His normal dose is one tablet each evening.

HOW IT WAS GIVEN
The empty cocoa cup beside him holds a gritty residue of crushed tablet, with flecks of pale-blue tablet coating. The tablets were ground to powder and stirred into the cocoa, where the bitter taste would be easy to miss. A dose this size causes drowsiness within 10 to 20 minutes, which fits a cup drunk at about 9:50 to 10:00 p.m.

WHAT IT WAS NOT
The residue is a manufactured tablet (chalky binder and blue coating). It contains no leaf, flower or other plant material. It is not a sleeping remedy, drops or syrup.

HIS OWN PILLS
His weekly pill organizer, found in his waistcoat pocket, is in perfect order: Saturday evening's single tablet has been taken, and Sunday to Friday are all still there. The tablets in the cocoa did not come from his organizer.

No one else was in the library while I examined him. I have shared these findings with Chief Calloway only.
— N. Okafor, M.D.

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EVIDENCE

# E2 · Police Evidence Log

Quillmouth Police Department · Juniper House · Logged by Chief R. Calloway, Saturday, October 17, 10:55 p.m. onward

ITEM 1 · Library, side table
Blue-and-white cocoa cup, empty, with gritty pale-blue residue (see E1). A plate holding two pieces of shortbread.

ITEM 2 · Hall table, outside the library door
White lace table runner. A faint dusting of pale-blue powder sits right beside the ring left by the cocoa tray. It matches the crushed heart tablets.

ITEM 3 · Hall umbrella stand, under two umbrellas
A pharmacy bottle. Label: "Edmund Ashcombe · Heart tablets · Qty 30 · Filled Oct 17 · Harbor Street Pharmacy." 15 tablets remain inside.

ITEM 4 · Same umbrella stand
A small square of folded paper, dusted inside with the same pale-blue powder. It is a page torn from a printed booklet. Printed on it: "Lot 41. Chart of the Quillmouth shore, hand-colored, c. 1860." Beside it, in a narrow right-hand column headed TRADE: "$1,150."

ITEM 5 · Edmund's waistcoat pocket
Weekly pill organizer (see E1), house keys, a pencil.

ITEM 6 · Library desk
Edmund's diary (E15) and an unsent draft letter (E16).

ITEM 7 · Front desk, hall
Guest register (E11).

NOTE: The cup, bottle and paper carry only smudges. Whoever handled them used gloves or a handkerchief.

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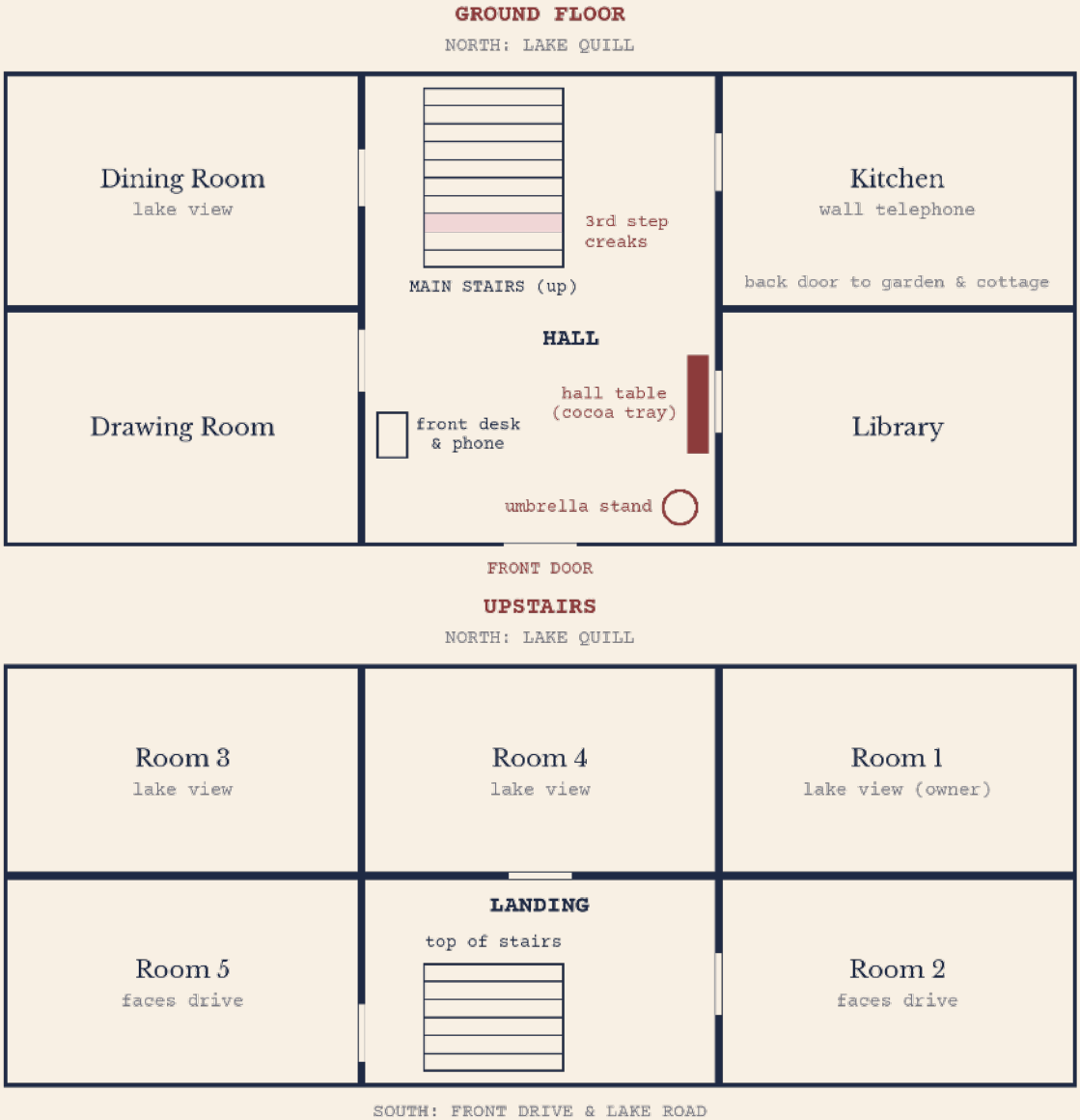
EVIDENCE

# E3 · Floor Plan of Juniper House




- There is only one staircase. There are no back stairs.
- The third step from the bottom creaks loudly.
- The kitchen telephone is fixed to the kitchen wall.
- Village of Quillmouth (The Heron, Grange Hall, Harbor Street): 2 miles by Lake Road. About 40 min on foot, 12 by bicycle, 6 by car.

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EVIDENCE

# E4 · Timeline of Known Events

Compiled by Chief Calloway from the evidence. Times marked * are fixed by a document.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
Evening · Fair guests settle in. Room change noted in the guest register (E11).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
2:00 p.m. · The Map & Book Fair opens at the Grange Hall in the village.
3:00–6:00 · Edmund and Lydia work on the map catalogue in the library.
5:05* · Winifred buys a map at the fair (E14).
5:10* · The pharmacy delivers Edmund's new prescription (E12).
6:00 · The fair closes for the day.
6:30 · Edmund and Lydia disagree about her pay.
7:00–8:30 · Dinner: Edmund, Clara, Lydia, Winifred and Theo, with Agnes serving.
8:40 · Clara cycles into the village for the pub quiz.
9:15 · Edmund sets off with Pepper. Theo says goodnight and goes upstairs.
9:30 · Agnes leaves the cocoa tray on the hall table.
9:31–9:58* · A call on the kitchen telephone (E13).
9:40 · Winifred and Lydia pass the tray on their way to the drawing room.
9:41* · Clara pays at the bar of The Heron (E14).
9:50 · Edmund returns and takes the tray into the library.
10:05 · Winifred and Lydia go up to bed.
10:18* · A taxi collects Clara from The Heron (E14).
10:20 · Agnes finds Edmund.
10:22* · Kitchen phone: call to Dr. Okafor (E13).
10:24* · Kitchen phone: call to the police (E13).
10:31* · Clara's taxi arrives at Juniper House (E14).
10:45 · Dr. Okafor arrives. 10:50 · Chief Calloway arrives.
11:15 p.m.–12:30 a.m. · Statements taken (E5 to E9).

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EVIDENCE

# E5 · Statement of Agnes Pike

Agnes Pike, housekeeper. Taken by Chief Calloway, 11:15 p.m.

I've kept house here thirty years, and every night is the same. Mr. Ashcombe takes Pepper round the lake path at a quarter past nine, and at half past nine I leave his cocoa and four pieces of shortbread on the hall table outside the library door. He doesn't like to be fussed, so I don't knock.

Tonight was no different. I set the tray down at half past nine on the dot. The hall was empty and the cocoa was just as it should be. I made it in the same pan as always.

Then I went straight back to the kitchen, because my sister Rose rings me from Portland every Saturday. We talked until nearly ten. After that I did the washing up.

At twenty past ten I went to fetch the tray and found him in his chair. I thought he was asleep. I rang Dr. Okafor and then the police from the kitchen telephone.

Yes, I knew he was thinking of selling the house. It would have been hard for me. But I'd sooner have lost the house than him.

Earlier, at half past six, I heard Mr. Ashcombe and Miss Fenn having words in the library about her wages. And on Saturday afternoon I was down in the cellar sorting jam jars from four until half past five, so I never heard anyone at the front desk.

That third stair has creaked since the day I arrived. You can hear it all over the ground floor, except in my kitchen.

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# E6 · Statement of Clara Ashcombe

Clara Ashcombe, Edmund's niece. Taken 11:30 p.m.

Uncle Edmund told me last week that a hotel company had made an offer for Juniper House, and that he'd give them his answer on Monday. I grew up here. I was upset, and I wrote him a cross note. I'm not proud of it. We had mostly made it up by dinner.

After dinner I cycled into the village for the Saturday quiz at The Heron. I left at about twenty to nine. My team, the Seedlings, came third. I bought a round at the bar in the break, at about twenty to ten.

My bike lamp gave out, so I took a taxi home with the bike in the back, and got here at about half past ten to find Agnes in a terrible state.

I usually stay in Room 2, but Mr. Marsh asked to swap on Friday evening, so this weekend I've been in Room 4. I didn't mind at all.

You asked about plants, so I'll say it before anyone else does. I grow foxgloves at the nursery, along with a hundred other things. Half of Quillmouth has bought foxgloves from me, Uncle Edmund included. I know how that looks. I loved him. I would never have hurt him.

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# E7 · Statement of Lydia Fenn

Lydia Fenn, secretary. Taken 11:45 p.m.

I've been Mr. Ashcombe's secretary for three years. This weekend we were finishing the catalogue of his map collection. On Saturday we worked in the library from three until six, with the door shut and his gramophone playing, the way he likes it.

At half past six I asked again about the raise he'd promised me. He said "after the fair," and I raised my voice. I'm sorry I did.

After dinner I was in my room until about 9:38, when Mrs. Starling and I came downstairs for our word game. On the way past she stole a piece of shortbread from Mr. Ashcombe's tray. I told her Agnes would notice. I was right beside her: she only touched the plate. The tray looked just as it always does.

We played in the drawing room from about 9:40 until 10:05. Neither of us left the room, not even for a minute. The door was ajar.

At about 9:44 the third stair creaked, as if someone was coming down, and at about 9:48 it creaked again. At 9:50 the front door opened, Mr. Ashcombe called "Goodnight, ladies!", and we heard Pepper's tags jingle into the library.

I knew he had mentioned me in his will. I would much rather have had the raise.

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EVIDENCE

# E8 · Statement of Winifred Starling

Winifred Starling, guest. Taken 12:00 a.m.

I've stayed at Juniper House every autumn for eleven years. On Saturday I spent the whole afternoon at the fair in the village and came back on the six o'clock shuttle bus with the other visitors. I bought a sweet little harbor chart at 5:05; I still have the receipt.

Yes, Edmund outbid me last spring for the map of my grandfather's farm. I was cross for a week. Then he invited me to come and look at it whenever I liked. That was the kind of man he was.

At about twenty to ten, on my way to the drawing room with Lydia, I pinched a piece of shortbread from his tray. Sorry, Agnes. The cocoa had a skin on top, and the white lace runner was spotless. I noticed, because I was careful not to drop crumbs on it.

Lydia and I played our word game until five past ten. I won, for once. Neither of us left the room.

I did hear the third stair creak, once at about a quarter to ten and again a few minutes later. Then at ten to ten Edmund called goodnight through the door.

The sleep drops in my handbag are mine. I haven't slept well since my husband passed.

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EVIDENCE

# E9 · Statement of Theo Marsh

Theo Marsh, guest. Taken 12:15 a.m.

I deal in antique maps: Marsh & Co., Boston, twenty years. Edmund was one of my best customers and a fine man.

We had a small disagreement about a chart I sold him, purely a difference of opinion between experts. We settled it amicably over a brandy in the library at a quarter to nine.

I left the fair early on Saturday, at about four, with a headache, and walked back along Lake Road. I rested in my room. I never saw any delivery or anything of the kind, and I didn't go near the front desk all afternoon.

I asked for Room 2 because it has the better view of the lake.

I said goodnight at 9:15 and went up to my room. I was fast asleep by half past nine. Once I'd gone up, I didn't come back down the stairs until the police arrived.

It's a terrible business. I can't imagine who would want to put Edmund's heart pills in his cocoa. Such a kind old man.

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# E10 · Chief Calloway's Notebook

*Sat. Oct 17, late. Notes for the file.*

*· My officer collected the cup and tray at 10:55, before anyone else went back into the library.*

*· Dr. Okafor gave me her findings privately in the library at 11:00. Nobody else has been told how Mr. Ashcombe died.*

*· From 10:55 everyone waited in the dining room with Officer Reyes and was asked not to discuss the evening.*

*· 11:05, before any statements: with permission, bags and rooms searched. I asked everyone the same question: do you keep any medicines, drugs or plants that could be harmful? Mrs. Starling's handbag: a small bottle of herbal sleep drops (receipt, E14). Nothing else of note.*

*· Statements taken one at a time in the study, 11:15 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., in this order: Pike, Ashcombe, Fenn, Starling, Marsh. I told each person only that Mr. Ashcombe had died and that we are treating it as suspicious. I did not mention the cocoa, the tablets, the bottle or the umbrella stand.*

*· A neighbor saw Edmund and Pepper on the lake path by the boathouse at 9:35. He was out of the house until 9:50.*

*· Pepper is unharmed. He was asleep on Edmund's feet when Agnes found them.*

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# Ell · Juniper House Guest Register

Fair weekend · Thursday, October 15 to Monday, October 19

ROOM 1 · Mr. E. Ashcombe (owner)
ROOM 2 · Miss C. Ashcombe (Thu 15 to Mon 19)
ROOM 3 · Mrs. W. Starling (Thu 15 to Mon 19)
ROOM 4 · Mr. T. Marsh (Fri 16 to Mon 19)
ROOM 5 · Miss L. Fenn (resident, staff)
GARDEN COTTAGE · Mrs. A. Pike (resident, staff)

Note added Fri 16 Oct, 7:00 p.m.:
"Mr. Marsh asked to move to Room 2 'for the lake view.' Miss Ashcombe happy to swap. ROOM 2 is now Mr. T. Marsh and ROOM 4 is now Miss C. Ashcombe. Keys exchanged. — A. P."

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# E12 · Pharmacy Delivery Slip

HARBOR STREET PHARMACY · QUILLMOUTH

Delivery for: Edmund Ashcombe, Juniper House, Lake Road
Contents: 1 sealed bag. Heart tablets, qty 30
Date: Saturday, October 17
Time delivered: 5:10 p.m.
Driver: J. Pruett

Notes: Front desk unattended. Rang the bell twice. A guest came out of Room 2 at the top of the stairs, came down and signed, and said they would pass the bag to Mr. Ashcombe.

Received by (room no.): 2
Signature: (illegible)

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# E13 · Itemized Telephone Record

LAKESHORE TELEPHONE CO. · ITEMIZED CALLS

Line: Juniper House · KITCHEN (wall telephone)
Date: Saturday, October 17

8:02 a.m. · Outgoing · Quillmouth Fish Market · 3 min
9:31 p.m. · Incoming · Portland number (R. Pike) · 27 min
10:22 p.m. · Outgoing · Quillmouth Medical Practice · 2 min
10:24 p.m. · Outgoing · Quillmouth Police · 3 min

Line: Juniper House · FRONT DESK (hall)
No calls after 6:00 p.m. on October 17.

POLICE NOTE, 12:40 a.m. · Officer Reyes
Rang Mrs. Rose Pike in Portland. She says her sister talked the whole 27 minutes and never once put the receiver down.

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# E14 · Receipts Collected

THE HERON · QUILLMOUTH
Saturday Oct 17 · 9:41 p.m.
Quiz table: The Seedlings
4 cider · 1 lemonade · $27.50
Paid by card: C. ASHCOMBE

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QUILLMOUTH CABS
Saturday Oct 17
Pickup 10:18 p.m. · The Heron
Drop-off 10:31 p.m. · Juniper House
1 passenger + 1 bicycle · $14.00

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GRANGE HALL MAP FAIR · STALL 12
Della Ruiz Maps
Saturday Oct 17 · 5:05 p.m.
Small harbor chart, c. 1890 · $85.00
Customer: W. Starling

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HARBOR STREET PHARMACY
Friday Oct 16 · 11:20 a.m.
Herbal sleep drops (valerian), 1 bottle · $9.50
Customer: W. Starling

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EVIDENCE

# E15 · From Edmund's Diary

*Found on the library desk.*

*Friday, October 16*
*Fair guests arrived. Told Clara the hotel people's offer is on the table. She took it hard. Must talk properly after the fair.*

*Theo cornered me again about the Lake Quill chart and offered to buy it back "quietly." No. People have a right to know. I'll say so at Sunday's talk.*

*Saturday, October 17*
*Hotel people rang this morning. Told them yes, in principle. We sign on Monday at noon, and Thistlewood at nine that morning for the will. Must tell Clara first.*

*Lydia and I at the catalogue, 3 till 6, here in the library. Good progress. She asked about the raise again and I was short with her. Will put it right on Monday. She deserves it, and more.*

*6:15. Pharmacy delivery STILL not here. They promised five o'clock. Will ring them Monday. Still have the week's tablets in my organizer, so no harm done.*

*8:45. Theo again, here in the library. Told him plainly: tomorrow at eleven, in front of everyone. He went quite white. I'm sorry for it, but there it is.*

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EVIDENCE

# E16 · Unsent Draft Letter

Found on the library desk, in Edmund's handwriting.

To the Committee, Quillmouth Map & Book Fair
(Draft. To be read out at my talk on Sunday.)

Friends,

At tomorrow's talk I shall show you my "Chart of Lake Quill and the Narrows, 1790," which I bought two years ago for $9,000.

Hold it to a lamp and you will see a watermark in the paper that was not made before 1840. The chart is a skillful copy, and I believe the dealer who sold it to me has sold others like it.

I have asked him to explain, and to refund every buyer. He has declined, so I shall name him on Sunday. I take no pleasure in this, but collectors deserve to know.

E. A.

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EVIDENCE

# E17 · Letter to Edmund

*Delivered by hand on Friday. Found in Edmund's desk drawer.*

*Marsh & Co. · Antique Maps · Boston*

*Friday, October 16*

*Dear Edmund,*

*I beg you to think again about Sunday. A public accusation would finish a business I have spent twenty years building, over what is, at worst, an honest mistake.*

*Let me buy the chart back for double what you paid, and we need never speak of it again. Please, let's settle this privately, as gentlemen.*

*Yours,*
*Theo*

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# E18 · A Note and an Invoice

1 · NOTE FOUND IN EDMUND'S DESK

Thursday

Uncle E,
I can't believe you'd sell Juniper House to a hotel without even asking me. Grandpa built the boathouse with his own two hands. If you do this, I don't think I can ever forgive you.
C.

2 · INVOICE FROM THE GARDEN FILE

FERNHILL PLANT NURSERY · Quillmouth
Invoice 0447 · Wednesday, October 14
To: Juniper House gardens

24 foxglove (Digitalis) plugs · $48.00
12 asters, mixed · $36.00
2 bags leaf compost · $12.00
TOTAL · $96.00
Delivered and planted along the kitchen garden wall.

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# E19 · Letter from the Attorneys

Thistlewood & Vane · Attorneys at Law · Quillmouth

October 9

Dear Mr. Ashcombe,

Re: Changes to your will

As you asked, we have drafted the changes below. Please call in to sign them at your convenience.

· Your map collection goes to Miss Lydia Fenn, "to keep together and care for."
· Juniper House goes to your niece, Miss Clara Ashcombe, unless it is sold during your lifetime.
· $20,000 goes to Mrs. Agnes Pike, together with the use of Garden Cottage for as long as she wishes.

The changes take effect once signed. Until then, your current will stands, and it leaves everything to Miss Ashcombe.

Yours sincerely,
M. Thistlewood

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EVIDENCE

# E20 · Map & Book Fair Program

Grange Hall, Quillmouth · Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18

SATURDAY · 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. · Dealers' hall open
SUNDAY · 11:00 a.m. · Talk: "Forgeries and How to Spot Them," by Edmund Ashcombe

CATALOGUES
Visitors' Catalogue ($5): lot descriptions only.
Dealers' Catalogue: lot descriptions plus trade prices, printed in a narrow right-hand column headed TRADE. Issued only to registered dealers, one copy each. Not for sale.

REGISTERED DEALERS AND WHERE THEY ARE STAYING
Marsh & Co. (Theo Marsh), Boston · Juniper House
Della Ruiz Maps · Harbor Inn
Kowalski Old Books · Harbor Inn
Okoro Prints, Quillmouth · at home

A free shuttle bus runs between the Grange Hall and Juniper House at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

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WORKSHEET

# Suspect Grid

For each suspect, note a possible motive, whether they could get the tablets (means), and whether they could reach the cocoa while it sat on the hall table (opportunity). Write the evidence numbers that prove it.

| Suspect | Motive | Means | Opportunity | Evidence # |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clara Ashcombe | | yes no ? | yes no ? | |
| Agnes Pike | | yes no ? | yes no ? | |
| Lydia Fenn | | yes no ? | yes no ? | |
| Winifred Starling | | yes no ? | yes no ? | |
| Theo Marsh | | yes no ? | yes no ? | |

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WORKSHEET

# Where Was Everyone?

From 9:30 to 9:50 p.m. the cocoa sat on the hall table. For each time, write where each person was and the evidence number that proves it. Below, log any statement that a document contradicts.

| Suspect | 9:30 | 9:35 | 9:40 | 9:45 | 9:50 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clara | | | | | |
| Agnes | | | | | |
| Lydia | | | | | |
| Winifred | | | | | |
| Theo | | | | | |

| Who said it | What they said | Proved false by (E#) |
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WORKSHEET

# Accusation Form

I accuse _____ of poisoning Edmund Ashcombe.

MOTIVE: why did they do it?

_____

MEANS: how did they get the tablets?

_____

OPPORTUNITY: when and where did they add them to the cocoa?

_____

THE CLUE THAT CLINCHED IT (evidence #): _____

Detective(s): _____ Date: _____
(One form per detective or team. Sign before the Solution is opened.)

STUCK? THREE GENTLE NUDGES

1. Where did the tablets in the cocoa come from, and whose hands did they pass through first?
2. Where and when was the powder added? Who could have been there?
3. Check every statement against the documents. Does anyone say something a document proves false, or know something they shouldn't?

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