

# Pearl Bryan: A Tragic Tale in Song and Story

Pearl Bryan was a young woman from Greencastle, Indiana, who was brutally murdered in 1896. Her case became a national sensation, and her story has been told in song and story for over a century.



## "Please Tell Me Where's Her Head": Pearl Bryan in song and story by Paul Slade

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## The Murder

On June 1, 1896, Pearl Bryan went on a buggy ride with two men, Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling. The men took her to a secluded spot in the woods, where they raped and killed her. They then dumped her body in a nearby creek.

The murder was quickly discovered, and Jackson and Walling were arrested. They were convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

## The Songs

The murder of Pearl Bryan inspired a number of songs, including "The Ballad of Pearl Bryan" and "The Greencastle Tragedy." These songs tell the story of Pearl's murder and the subsequent trial and execution of her killers.

The songs about Pearl Bryan are often sung in a mournful tone, and they reflect the public's sympathy for the young woman and her family. The songs also serve as a reminder of the dangers that women faced in the late 19th century.

## **The Stories**

The murder of Pearl Bryan has also been the subject of numerous stories, both fiction and non-fiction. These stories explore the events surrounding the murder and the aftermath, including the trial and execution of Jackson and Walling.

One of the most famous stories about Pearl Bryan is "The Greencastle Tragedy," written by Alfred Henry Lewis. This story was published in 1896, shortly after the murder, and it became a bestseller. The story tells the story of Pearl's murder and the subsequent trial and execution of her killers.

## **The Legacy**

The murder of Pearl Bryan is a tragic story that has been told in song and story for over a century. The songs and stories about Pearl's murder serve as a reminder of the dangers that women faced in the late 19th century, and they continue to inspire sympathy for the young woman and her family.

## **Images**



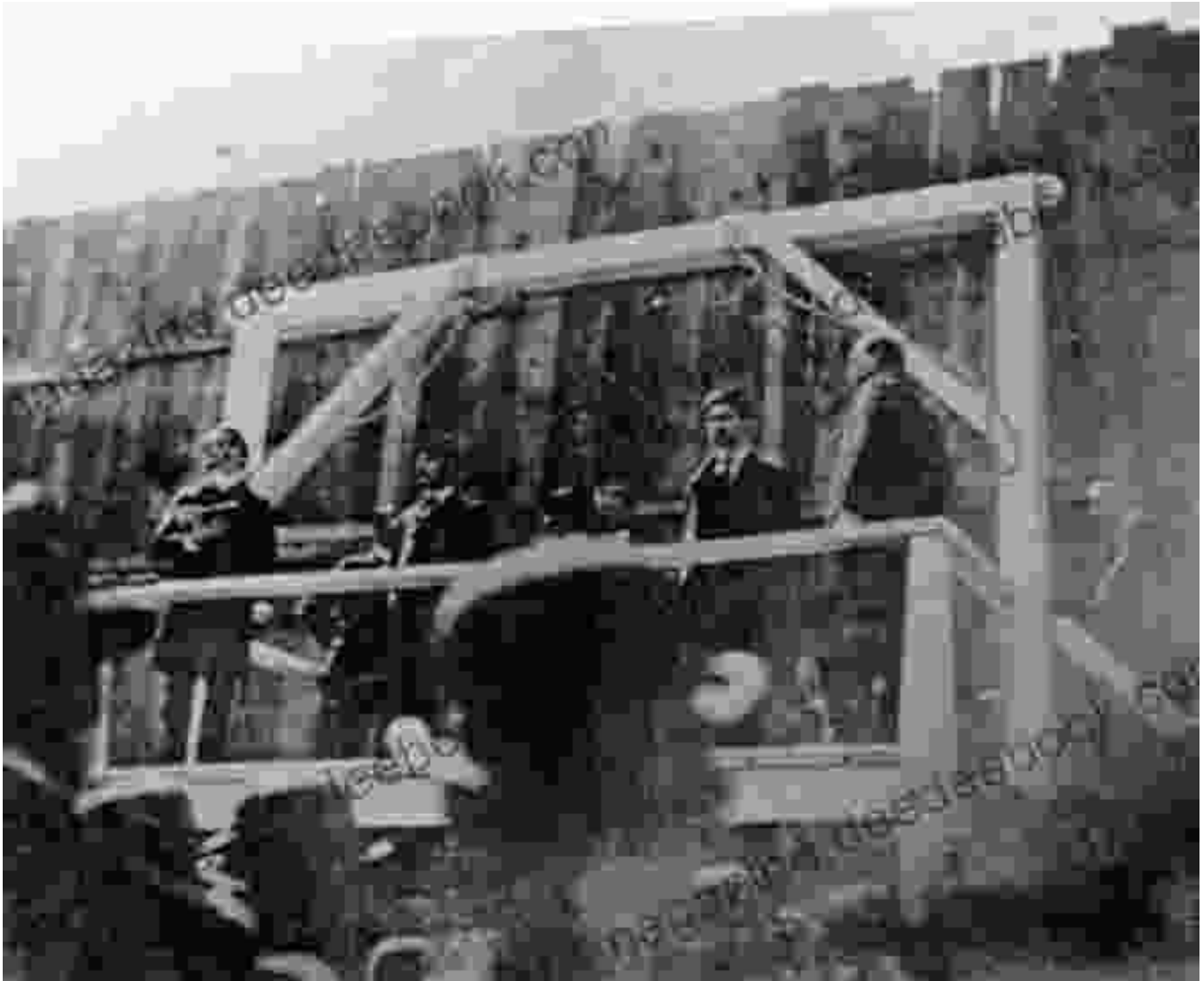
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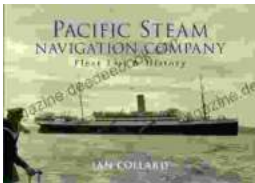
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