

MURDER OF MOUNTNESSON

These songs noted from Mr Bell were first noted in Vol 1 then rewritten into Vol 3 where Vaughan Williams makes the following notes.

Mr Bell was born in London but learnt all his songs about 30 years of age from two men at Brentwood and \* under whom he served, one was a chimney sweep and had been round with a hawker's van.

Mr Bell born in 1862 died in 1916 and was a bricklayer at Ingrave.

\*Shenstone (Shenfield?)

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I was brought up and the truth I'll own  
For five and twenty years of my life  
I passed away without care or strife

Handwritten musical notation for the song "Murder of Mountnesson". The notation consists of three staves of music in treble clef, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "It was Mountnesson near Chelmsford town I was brought up and the truth I'll own for five and twenty years of my life I passed away without care or strife". The music is written in a simple, folk-like style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C).