

# A Compendium of Canonical Characters



## The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes



## Canonical Characters



Sidney Paget,  
April, 1893

## The Adventure of the Gloria Scott



### "The Adventure of the Gloria Scott"

01

*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

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William Hyde,  
April, 1893

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### “The Adventure of the Gloria Scott”

02

*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

08 - Victor Trevor

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## *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*

### II.—THE ADVENTURE OF THE "GLORIA SCOTT"

BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

**H**AVE some papers here," said my friend, Sherlock Holmes, as we sat one winter's night on either side of the fire, "which I really think, Watson, it would be worth your while to glance over. These are the documents in the extraordinary case of the *Gloria Scott*, and this is the message which struck Justice of the Peace Trevor dead with horror when he read it."

He had picked from a drawer a little tarnished cylinder, and, undoing the tape, he handed me a short note scrawled upon a half sheet of slate-grey paper.

"The supply of game for London is going steadily up," it ran. "Head-keeper Hudson, we believe, has been now told to receive all orders for fly-paper, and for preservation of your hen pheasant's life."

As I glanced up from reading this enigmatical message I saw Holmes chuckling at the expression upon my face.

"You look a little bewildered," said he.

"I cannot see how such a message as this could inspire horror. It seems to me to be rather grotesque than otherwise."

"Very likely. Yet the fact remains that the reader, who was a fine, robust old man, was knocked clean down by it, as if it had been the butt-end of a pistol."

"You arouse my curiosity," said I. "But why did you say just now that there were very particular reasons why I should study this case?"

"Because it was the first in which I was ever engaged."

I had often endeavoured to elicit from my companion what had first turned his mind in the direction of criminal research, but I had never caught him before in a communicative mood.

Now he sat forward in his arm-chair and spread out the documents upon the table. Then he lit his pipe and sat for some time smoking and turning them over.

"I never heard me talk of Victor Trevor," I asked. "He was the only person I met during the two years that I was in London."

"He was a very sociable fellow, and I was fond of moping in my room, and of my own little methods

of thought, so that I never mixed with the men of my year. Bar football and boxing I had few athletic tastes, and then my line of study was quite distinct from that of the other fellows, so that I had no points of contact at all. Trevor was the only man I knew, and that only through the accident of his bull-terrier freezing on to my ankle one morning as I went down to chapel.

"It was a prosaic way of forming a friendship, but it was effective. I was laid by the heels for ten days, and Trevor used to come in to inquire after me. At first it was only a minute's chat, but soon his visits lengthened, and before the end of the term we were close friends. He was a hearty, full-blooded fellow, full of spirits and energy, the very opposite to me in most respects; but we found we had some subjects in common, and it was a bond of union when I found that he was as friendless as I. Finally, he invited me down to his father's place at Donnithorpe, in Norfolk, and I accepted his hospitality for a month of the long vacation.

"Old Trevor was evidently a man of some wealth and consideration, a J.P. and a landed proprietor. Donnithorpe is a little hamlet just to the north of Langmere, in the country of the Broads. The house was an old-fashioned, wide-spread, oak-beamed, brick building, with a fine lime-lined avenue leading up to it. There was excellent wild duck shooting in the fens, remarkably good fishing, a small but select library, taken over, as I understood, from a former occupant, and a tolerable cook, so that it would be a first-class pleasant month there.

"Trevor senior was a widower, and his friend was his only son. There had been a daughter, I heard, but she had died of diphtheria while on a visit to Birmingham. The father interested me extremely. He was a man of little culture, but of considerable amount of rude common sense, physically and mentally. He had read many books, but he had travelled over much of the world, and he had learned a great deal of the thick-set, burly man."

# The Adventure of the Gloria Scott



## "The Adventure of the Gloria Scott"

03

*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

Holmes relates his first case while he was a student and had not become a professional consulting detective. His friend, Victor Trevor, invites Holmes to visit his family's home. While there, a former acquaintance of Trevor Sr., Hudson, arrives unexpectedly.

One month later Trevor, Jr. implores Holmes to return to help uncover the circumstances of his father's sudden death. Long forgotten secrets must be uncovered to determine the relationship between Trevor Sr. and Hudson.



# Canonical Characters



Martin Van Maële,  
1906

## The Adventure of the Gloria Scott



### "The Adventure of the Gloria Scott" (*The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*)

04

#### Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
1923	UK	Eille Norwood	Hubert Wilis

#### Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
January 21, 1932	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
October 01, 1936	Mutual/ NBC	Louis Hector	Harry West
December 28, 1941	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
January 29, 1992	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
May 25, 2008		John Patrick Lowrie	Lawrence Albert



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Sherlock Holmes



"The Adventure of the Gloria Scott" 05

*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

*"Because it was the first (case) in which I was ever engaged."*

*"And you have been most intimately associated with some one whose initials were J. A., and whom you afterwards were eager to entirely forget."*

*"You never heard me talk of Victor Trevor? He was the only friend I made during the two years I was at college."*

*(Vincent Aubert, 2010, La Dernière enquête de Sherlock Holmes)*



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John Watson



“The Adventure of the Gloria Scott” 06

*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

Recorded the story of Victor Trevor Sr. and The Gloria Scott as told to him by Sherlock Holmes.

*“I cannot see how such a message as this could inspire horror. It seems to me to be rather grotesque than otherwise.”*

*(Michel Moulin, 2010, La Dernière enquête de Sherlock Holmes)*



## Canonical Characters



Beddoes



“The Adventure of the Gloria Scott” 07

*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

aka Evans resided in Hampshire.  
Was convicted of forgery and sentenced to transportation to Australia on board the Gloria Scott. Disappeared after death of Trevor Sr.

*“Send coded message to Trevor Sr. The game is up. Hudson has told all. Fly for your life.”*

Holmes suspected that he killed Hudson and fled the country.



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Victor Trevor



### "The Adventure of the Gloria Scott" 08

*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

Classmate and only friend of Holmes at college. His bullpup bit Holmes on the ankle. Son of Trevor Sr. Holmes described him as "a full-blooded fellow, full of spirits and energy,"

After his father's death he was heartbroken and went out to the Terai tea planting.

*"You've given the governor such a turn, that he'll never be sure again of what you know and what you don't know."*

(Reginald Fox, 1923, *The Last Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, "The Gloria Scott")



## Canonical Characters



Hudson



## “The Adventure of the Gloria Scott” 09

*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

Seaman on Gloria Scott who survived explosion and knew the secret of James Armitage and the Gloria Scott. He became gardener, butler and head-keeper for Trevor Sr.

*“Hudson it is, sir, why, it's thirty year and more since I saw you last. Here you are in your house, and me still picking my salt meat out of the harness cask.”*



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Victor Trevor, Sr.



### "The Adventure of the Gloria Scott" 10

*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

aka James Armitage. Justice of the Peace, father of Victor Jr. Was convicted of bank fraud; "found myself chained as a felon with thirty-seven other convicts in 'tw"een-decks of the bark Gloria Scott, bound for Australia."

*"Mr. Holmes, ... it seems to me that all the detectives of fact and of fancy would be children in your hands. That's your line of life, sir."*

(Fred Raynham, 1923, *The Last Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, "The Gloria Scott")



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Jack Prendergast



### “The Adventure of the Gloria Scott” 11

*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

Convict who planned overthrow of crew of bark Gloria Scott. He could not have measured less than six and a half feet. He had, through fraud, obtained huge sums of money from the leading London merchants.”

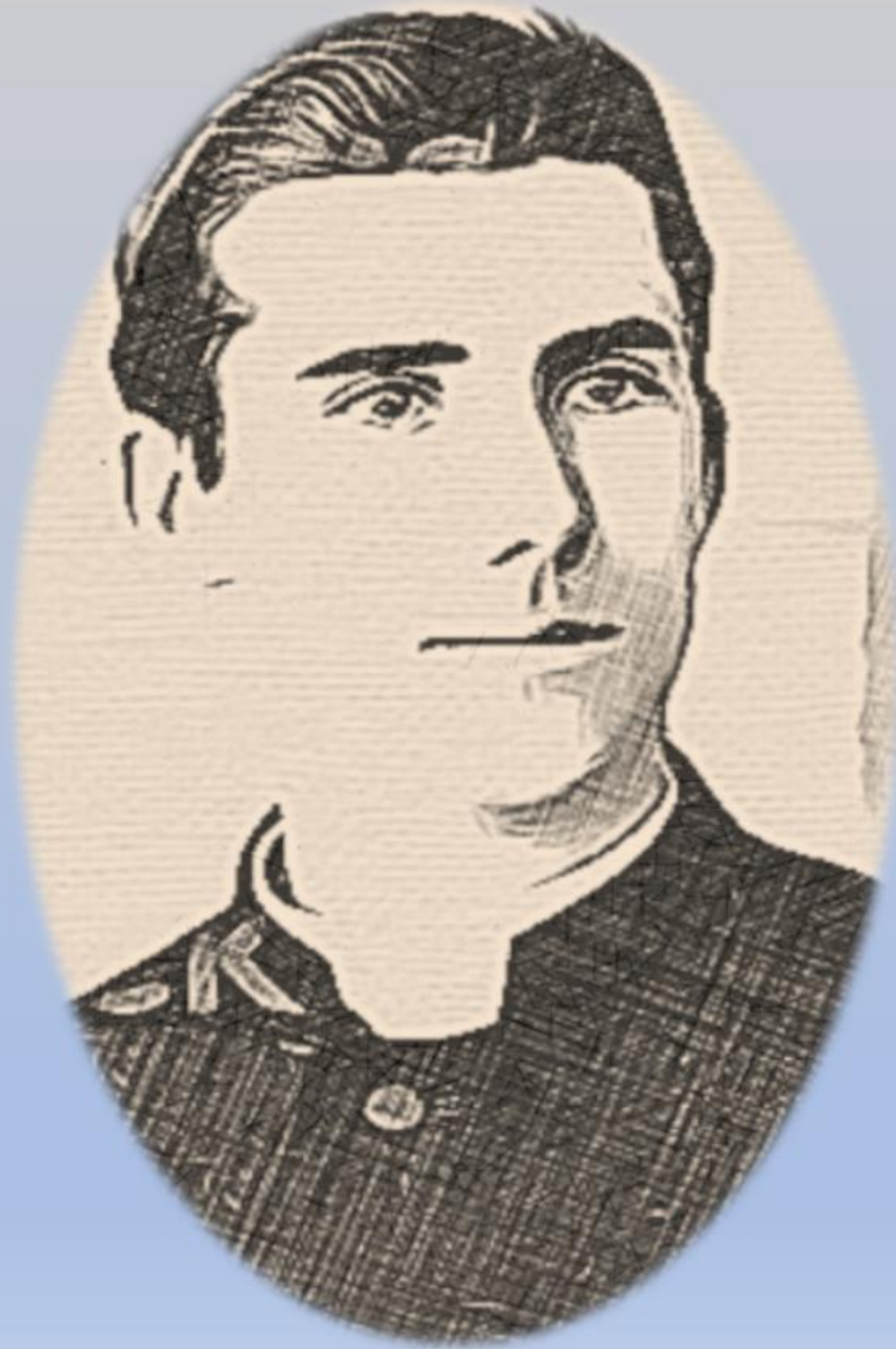
“Prendergast was like a raging devil, and he picked the soldiers up as if they had been children and threw them overboard alive or dead.”

*“I'm Jack Prendergast, and, by God, you'll learn to bless my name before you've done with me!”*

*(Fred Raynham, 1923, The Last Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, “The Gloria Scott”)*



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Wilson



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Scott”

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*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

Sham chaplain who brought weapons aboard the bark Gloria Scott to arm convicts and overthrow the crew.

Armitage wrote, “ A few seconds later a roar like thunder burst upon our ears, and as the smoke thinned away there was no sign left of the Gloria Scott.”



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Dr. Fordham



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Scott”

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Doctor who was with Trevor, Sr. at  
the time of his death.

“My friend ascended with the  
doctor to the chamber of death,  
while I remained in the study,  
turning the whole matter over and  
over in my head, and feeling as  
sombre as ever I had done in my  
life.”

*“Any message for me.”*

*“Only that the papers were in the  
back drawer of the Japanese  
cabinet.”*



## Canonical Characters



Gaston Simoes  
da Fonseca,  
1909

## The Adventure of the Gloria Scott



### "The Adventure of the Gloria Scott"

14

*(The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes)*

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One Winter's Night  
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Sunday, July 12, 1874  
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(Sherlockian poll, 1999, Stock)

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Abbreviation:

GLOR