



A FIND-THE-KILLER ELIMINATION MYSTERY

Last Pressing at Copperleaf Mill

192 suspects. 7 clues. One killer.



Free Mini Case · Solo or for two · 10-15 minutes · Print at home or solve on a tablet

How to Play

Read this once, then open the case file.

- ◆ The register at the back lists all 192 people who were at the scene. Exactly one of them is the killer.
- ◆ Each clue describes the killer. Anyone in the register who does NOT fit a clue is innocent: cross them out (or tick the small box next to their entry number).
- ◆ The clues are independent. You can apply them in any order and you will reach the same single name. Every clue rules out at least one person who is still standing when you reach it in the listed order.
- ◆ When all clues are applied, exactly one name is left. Write it on the Verdict page, then check the separate Solution file.
- ◆ Take it slowly: work one clue at a time through the whole register, or one page at a time through every clue. Pencil and a highlighter help. On a tablet, use any PDF app's pen tool.

Reading the register

No.	entry number, 0001 to 0192. Always four digits (leading zeros count as the digit 0).
Name	first name, then last name.
Age	age in whole years on pressing day.
Hometown	the village written in the visitor book.
Hair	hair color. 'Bald' is its own value.
Height	feet and inches: 5'8" means 5 feet 8 inches. 5'10" is taller than 5'9".
Apples picked	the apples in the visitor's basket at the gate. 'None' means an empty basket.
Cider	the cider the visitor bought at the tasting bar. 'No cider' means none.

Words used in the clues

- ◆ 'one of: A, B, C' means the value is A or B or C. 'none of: A, B, C' means it is not A, not B and not C.
- ◆ 'between 30 and 45 (both included)' keeps 30, 45 and every number in between.
- ◆ 'If ..., then ...' clues only rule out people who match the 'if' part but fail the 'then' part. Everyone who doesn't match the 'if' part stays.

The Case

The death of Edwin Marchbank, 81, miller at Copperleaf

Every October the village of Copperleaf gathers at the old cider mill for Pressing Day: the last apples of the year go into the great oak press, the tasting bar opens, a little travelling Ferris wheel turns by the barn and the whole valley comes with baskets on their arms.

This year the press stopped early. At 4:25 p.m. the miller, Edwin Marchbank, was found at the foot of the press-house ladder. The small brass tin that held the mill's handwritten cider recipe was open and empty beside him.

Nobody had left the orchard: the only gate was shut and minded since noon. Constable Maisie Rook took the mill's Visitor Book, 192 names with their village, hair, height, the apples in their basket and the cider they bought.

She found a few things the killer left behind. Each clue rules out part of the crowd. Apply them all and only one name will be left.

CASE FACTS

Victim	Edwin Marchbank, 81, miller at Copperleaf
Scene	The press house, Copperleaf Cider Mill
Time	Found at 4:25 p.m., Pressing Day
Suspects	192 visitors in the register
Evidence	7 clues





The Evidence



Clues 1-7 of 7

1

THE GATEKEEPER'S TALLY

The killer's age is an even number.

☐

done

2

A CIDER CUP ON THE LADDER

The killer's cider was none of: Spiced, Hot.

☐

done

3

FOOTPRINTS IN THE POMACE

The killer's first name begins with a letter from G to S (both included).

☐

done

4

THE TASTING-BAR GIRL

The killer's hometown is none of: Hatchet Lane, Tansy Green.

☐

done

5

A TORN APPLE SACK

The killer is 5'10" or shorter.

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done

6

THE PRESS-HOUSE DOOR

The killer is between 22 and 42 years old (both ages included).

☐

done

7

EDWIN'S GRANDDAUGHTER

The killer's last name does not begin with a letter from J to R (both included).

☐

done

No.	Name	Age	Hometown	Hair	Height	Apples picked	Cider
0001	☐ Jasper Duncan	63	Hatchet Lane	Black	5'3"	None	Sweet
0002	☐ Jack Hollis	21	Bramley Cross	Red	6'3"	Russet	Spiced
0003	☐ Aaron Larkin	72	Bramley Cross	Brown	5'9"	Crab	Dry
0004	☐ Adrian Randall	78	Tansy Green	Black	5'7"	Pippin	Dry
0005	☐ Gloria Graves	32	Bramley Cross	Brown	6'3"	Pippin	Spiced
0006	☐ Marian Penrose	64	Bramley Cross	Brown	5'6"	Honeycrisp	Dry
0007	☐ Lillian Hayes	58	Little Sorrel	Gray	5'1"	Crab	Hot
0008	☐ Greta Lester	18	Hatchet Lane	Brown	5'6"	Crab	Hot
0009	☐ Adrian Whitlock	34	Little Sorrel	Red	6'4"	Crab	Dry
0010	☐ Stuart Drake	61	Copperleaf	Black	5'3"	None	Spiced
0011	☐ Theo Fletcher	63	Alder Ford	Blond	5'6"	Winesap	Hot
0012	☐ Maxine Flynn	72	Little Sorrel	Gray	5'3"	Russet	Sweet
0013	☐ Keith Jenkins	59	Copperleaf	Red	4'11"	Winesap	Hot
0014	☐ Amos Tanner	19	Tansy Green	White	5'9"	None	No cider
0015	☐ Jacob Farrell	63	Bramley Cross	Brown	4'11"	Winesap	Hot
0016	☐ Carl Mercer	30	Hatchet Lane	White	5'9"	Crab	Dry
0017	☐ Lois Odell	70	Hatchet Lane	Bald	5'8"	Pippin	Dry
0018	☐ Seth Cooper	73	Little Sorrel	White	5'5"	Pippin	Sweet
0019	☐ Edgar Lane	58	Bramley Cross	Brown	4'11"	Honeycrisp	Sweet
0020	☐ Lois Gilmore	35	Little Sorrel	Blond	6'4"	Honeycrisp	Spiced
0021	☐ Diana Irving	57	Copperleaf	Red	5'0"	Crab	Spiced
0022	☐ Albert Tillman	35	Tansy Green	Gray	5'8"	Crab	Spiced
0023	☐ Eliza Graves	79	Little Sorrel	Black	5'10"	Crab	No cider
0024	☐ Leah Ward	49	Bramley Cross	Gray	5'9"	Honeycrisp	No cider
0025	☐ Lucas Buckley	51	Tansy Green	Brown	5'2"	Winesap	Spiced
0026	☐ Thomas Jarvis	29	Little Sorrel	Blond	5'2"	Crab	Hot
0027	☐ Ida Bell	43	Little Sorrel	Blond	5'1"	Crab	Dry
0028	☐ Bruce Spencer	39	Hatchet Lane	Red	6'0"	Honeycrisp	No cider
0029	☐ Rhoda Oakley	29	Tansy Green	Bald	6'4"	Winesap	Dry
0030	☐ Doris Calder	55	Alder Ford	Brown	5'3"	Honeycrisp	Hot
0031	☐ Felix Parker	64	Hatchet Lane	Brown	5'7"	Russet	Hot
0032	☐ Gavin Kendall	70	Little Sorrel	Gray	4'11"	Pippin	Spiced
0033	☐ Marvin Easton	21	Bramley Cross	Blond	5'7"	Winesap	Hot
0034	☐ Lydia Dawson	68	Bramley Cross	Bald	5'0"	Winesap	Spiced
0035	☐ Teresa Hartley	22	Hatchet Lane	Blond	6'0"	Crab	Hot
0036	☐ Naomi Morrow	36	Bramley Cross	Bald	6'2"	Crab	Dry
0037	☐ Seth Swift	51	Alder Ford	Brown	5'0"	None	Dry
0038	☐ Norman Shelby	56	Alder Ford	Black	6'1"	Honeycrisp	No cider
0039	☐ Paul Baxter	27	Little Sorrel	Brown	4'11"	None	Dry
0040	☐ Viola Mercer	23	Hatchet Lane	Gray	6'1"	Honeycrisp	Hot
0041	☐ Hector Lindsey	64	Bramley Cross	Gray	6'1"	None	Hot
0042	☐ Owen Hartley	39	Alder Ford	Gray	5'0"	Crab	Spiced
0043	☐ Hannah Maxwell	64	Copperleaf	Brown	5'11"	Honeycrisp	Hot
0044	☐ Lawrence Colby	72	Hatchet Lane	Black	5'0"	None	Sweet
0045	☐ Dale Aldridge	20	Copperleaf	Black	5'2"	Pippin	Sweet
0046	☐ Cora Calder	38	Hatchet Lane	Black	6'0"	Crab	Hot
0047	☐ Norman Payne	38	Bramley Cross	Blond	5'8"	Honeycrisp	Hot
0048	☐ Jane Ennis	72	Hatchet Lane	Gray	4'11"	Russet	Dry
0049	☐ Judith Stafford	46	Tansy Green	Brown	5'10"	Honeycrisp	Spiced
0050	☐ Phoebe Kimball	63	Alder Ford	Brown	6'3"	Winesap	Dry
0051	☐ Julian Kirby	38	Little Sorrel	Brown	5'10"	Crab	No cider
0052	☐ Ruth Flynn	62	Copperleaf	Brown	5'4"	Honeycrisp	Dry
0053	☐ Gemma Sherwood	55	Hatchet Lane	Gray	6'2"	Russet	Hot
0054	☐ Ramona Graves	56	Hatchet Lane	Brown	5'8"	None	Spiced
0055	☐ Zachary Sloane	72	Bramley Cross	Gray	5'2"	Honeycrisp	Dry
0056	☐ Marcus Munro	20	Copperleaf	Brown	5'4"	None	Hot
0057	☐ Miriam Fowler	28	Tansy Green	Brown	4'11"	Honeycrisp	Spiced
0058	☐ Ivan Pierce	27	Alder Ford	Gray	5'1"	Russet	Sweet
0059	☐ Elaine Ennis	77	Little Sorrel	Black	5'8"	Winesap	No cider
0060	☐ Marvin Gibbs	70	Hatchet Lane	Brown	5'10"	Crab	No cider
0061	☐ Benjamin Doyle	54	Tansy Green	Blond	6'2"	Russet	Hot
0062	☐ Quentin Irving	53	Alder Ford	Blond	6'4"	Crab	No cider
0063	☐ Lillian Buckley	57	Little Sorrel	Black	5'1"	Winesap	Hot
0064	☐ Rebecca Salter	70	Little Sorrel	Blond	5'4"	Crab	No cider
0065	☐ Paul Palmer	30	Tansy Green	Brown	5'6"	Crab	No cider
0066	☐ Fiona Grayson	73	Hatchet Lane	Brown	5'0"	Russet	Sweet
0067	☐ Gloria Ennis	50	Bramley Cross	Gray	5'0"	Russet	Spiced
0068	☐ Clifford Harding	64	Hatchet Lane	Bald	5'10"	Honeycrisp	Hot
0069	☐ Emil Byrd	30	Tansy Green	Black	5'2"	Russet	Sweet

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0070	☐ Margaret Hartley	77	Alder Ford	Brown	5'11"	Pippin	No cider
0071	☐ Amy Garrett	27	Hatchet Lane	Black	6'0"	Winesap	Spiced
0072	☐ Mabel Foster	72	Tansy Green	Blond	5'2"	Russet	Dry
0073	☐ Ethan Mann	41	Bramley Cross	Gray	5'5"	Winesap	Dry
0074	☐ Frances Baxter	32	Alder Ford	Blond	5'0"	None	Hot
0075	☐ Donald Wells	42	Tansy Green	Red	5'9"	None	Spiced
0076	☐ Virgil Whitlock	72	Copperleaf	Brown	5'11"	Winesap	Sweet
0077	☐ Grace Decker	36	Tansy Green	Blond	5'3"	Winesap	Spiced
0078	☐ Arthur Mercer	36	Little Sorrel	Brown	6'3"	Winesap	Dry
0079	☐ Brenda Jarvis	40	Alder Ford	Gray	5'7"	Honeycrisp	Hot
0080	☐ Roland Webb	73	Bramley Cross	Gray	5'1"	Pippin	Sweet
0081	☐ Gordon Woodley	38	Bramley Cross	Brown	6'3"	Crab	Dry
0082	☐ Bess Ashby	71	Bramley Cross	Brown	6'4"	Russet	Hot
0083	☐ Percy Marsh	29	Copperleaf	Black	5'9"	Winesap	Hot
0084	☐ Dora Warner	71	Hatchet Lane	Bald	5'6"	Russet	No cider
0085	☐ Greta Young	75	Hatchet Lane	Gray	5'11"	Russet	Dry
0086	☐ Caroline Farrell	58	Bramley Cross	Black	6'4"	Pippin	Spiced
0087	☐ Leonard Fenton	45	Tansy Green	Blond	6'3"	Winesap	Hot
0088	☐ Lydia Forbes	39	Copperleaf	White	6'1"	None	No cider
0089	☐ Rose Kirby	53	Little Sorrel	Bald	5'9"	Honeycrisp	Sweet
0090	☐ Troy Walsh	54	Tansy Green	Gray	5'0"	Crab	Dry
0091	☐ Barbara Atwood	70	Copperleaf	Gray	5'3"	Crab	Dry
0092	☐ Virgil Wilder	57	Tansy Green	Brown	5'9"	Honeycrisp	No cider
0093	☐ Miriam Talbot	24	Alder Ford	Blond	6'0"	Russet	Spiced
0094	☐ Tabitha Holt	73	Bramley Cross	White	5'3"	Honeycrisp	Spiced
0095	☐ Patrick Colby	24	Tansy Green	Black	6'0"	Pippin	Spiced
0096	☐ Beth Garrett	77	Tansy Green	Red	5'7"	Honeycrisp	Sweet
0097	☐ Sonia Whitlock	43	Bramley Cross	Black	5'8"	Winesap	Sweet
0098	☐ Mildred Kendall	36	Little Sorrel	Gray	6'4"	Winesap	Dry
0099	☐ Gloria Odell	50	Little Sorrel	Black	6'1"	Honeycrisp	Sweet
0100	☐ Kenneth Nolan	78	Bramley Cross	Brown	5'9"	Honeycrisp	No cider
0101	☐ Lucille Whitlock	74	Little Sorrel	Gray	5'2"	Russet	Spiced
0102	☐ Ellen Irving	64	Bramley Cross	Blond	5'0"	Winesap	Hot
0103	☐ Lucas Jennings	26	Hatchet Lane	Brown	6'1"	Honeycrisp	Spiced
0104	☐ Dolores Palmer	45	Copperleaf	Brown	5'10"	Honeycrisp	Spiced
0105	☐ Edna Turner	31	Little Sorrel	Blond	5'2"	Crab	No cider
0106	☐ Jasper Stafford	43	Hatchet Lane	Brown	5'8"	Pippin	Sweet
0107	☐ Donald Frost	29	Alder Ford	Blond	5'8"	None	Spiced
0108	☐ Tabitha Frost	19	Alder Ford	Brown	5'6"	Honeycrisp	No cider
0109	☐ Roland Delaney	56	Little Sorrel	Blond	5'11"	Crab	Hot
0110	☐ Pearl Ward	48	Hatchet Lane	Black	6'1"	None	Hot
0111	☐ Tabitha Norton	57	Hatchet Lane	Gray	6'2"	Honeycrisp	Sweet
0112	☐ Rhoda Doyle	65	Bramley Cross	Red	6'0"	Honeycrisp	Spiced
0113	☐ Aaron Thorne	76	Tansy Green	Brown	6'1"	Russet	Dry
0114	☐ Lydia Whitlock	52	Alder Ford	Brown	6'2"	Winesap	No cider
0115	☐ Bruce Booker	48	Bramley Cross	Black	6'3"	Winesap	No cider
0116	☐ Sylvia Easton	62	Copperleaf	Brown	5'4"	Winesap	Spiced
0117	☐ Hugo Holt	63	Hatchet Lane	Brown	5'4"	Honeycrisp	Sweet
0118	☐ Gordon Colby	78	Little Sorrel	Blond	5'1"	Honeycrisp	Sweet
0119	☐ Clifford Webb	63	Copperleaf	Black	5'7"	Crab	Dry
0120	☐ Josephine Gibbs	34	Hatchet Lane	Bald	5'2"	Pippin	Spiced
0121	☐ Emma Harlow	35	Copperleaf	Red	6'3"	Winesap	Dry
0122	☐ Alan Wade	60	Alder Ford	Brown	6'2"	Honeycrisp	Dry
0123	☐ Gordon Crane	56	Bramley Cross	Brown	6'3"	Honeycrisp	Spiced
0124	☐ Janet York	66	Hatchet Lane	Red	5'5"	Pippin	Dry
0125	☐ Dora Marsh	69	Hatchet Lane	Black	5'4"	Pippin	Dry
0126	☐ Ivan Booker	46	Tansy Green	Black	6'0"	Honeycrisp	Sweet
0127	☐ Alice Doyle	66	Little Sorrel	Gray	5'9"	Winesap	No cider
0128	☐ Judith Kendall	77	Tansy Green	Brown	5'8"	Pippin	No cider
0129	☐ Troy Fleming	56	Copperleaf	White	5'0"	Crab	Hot
0130	☐ Molly Bolton	44	Hatchet Lane	Bald	5'8"	Honeycrisp	No cider
0131	☐ Janet Ellison	24	Little Sorrel	Blond	5'6"	Winesap	Dry
0132	☐ Anna Turner	28	Alder Ford	Red	5'2"	Pippin	No cider
0133	☐ Doris Moody	28	Copperleaf	Gray	6'3"	Russet	No cider
0134	☐ Molly Morrow	78	Hatchet Lane	White	5'9"	Honeycrisp	No cider
0135	☐ Neil Finch	76	Alder Ford	Black	5'5"	Winesap	Dry
0136	☐ Hilda Warner	28	Tansy Green	Blond	5'10"	Russet	Sweet
0137	☐ Leah Kerr	44	Copperleaf	Blond	6'4"	Crab	Sweet
0138	☐ Dolores Kendall	57	Alder Ford	Black	5'9"	Crab	Hot

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0139	☐ Yvonne Odell	44	Alder Ford	Bald	4'11"	Pippin	Hot
0140	☐ Peggy Barlow	41	Hatchet Lane	Gray	6'2"	Crab	Sweet
0141	☐ Laura Atwood	38	Alder Ford	Gray	5'4"	Russet	Hot
0142	☐ Edwin Turner	26	Bramley Cross	Brown	4'11"	Pippin	No cider
0143	☐ Edith Colton	64	Alder Ford	Brown	5'1"	Pippin	Hot
0144	☐ Amos Palmer	44	Hatchet Lane	Red	5'3"	Russet	Spiced
0145	☐ Harold Porter	29	Bramley Cross	Red	6'4"	Russet	Sweet
0146	☐ Eleanor Frost	33	Hatchet Lane	Brown	5'3"	Pippin	Dry
0147	☐ Edwin Jenkins	20	Alder Ford	Black	5'1"	Russet	Hot
0148	☐ Howard Hartley	43	Bramley Cross	Brown	5'9"	Pippin	Dry
0149	☐ Teresa Hale	35	Little Sorrel	Black	5'10"	Honeycrisp	Spiced
0150	☐ Edwin Dunn	73	Copperleaf	Blond	5'9"	Pippin	Sweet
0151	☐ Albert Conway	61	Hatchet Lane	Gray	5'5"	Honeycrisp	Dry
0152	☐ Miles Warner	53	Hatchet Lane	Brown	5'5"	Pippin	No cider
0153	☐ Hilda Newell	69	Alder Ford	Black	5'7"	None	No cider
0154	☐ Alice Rhodes	33	Little Sorrel	Brown	5'7"	Honeycrisp	No cider
0155	☐ Brenda Vance	46	Copperleaf	White	6'0"	Pippin	Dry
0156	☐ Janet Barnes	67	Tansy Green	Gray	6'2"	Crab	Spiced
0157	☐ Keith Conway	39	Tansy Green	Brown	6'1"	Russet	Sweet
0158	☐ Ruby Hunt	32	Little Sorrel	Red	4'11"	Pippin	Hot
0159	☐ Una Brooks	58	Hatchet Lane	Black	6'1"	Winesap	Dry
0160	☐ Donald Barnes	52	Tansy Green	Red	5'10"	Honeycrisp	Hot
0161	☐ Maxine Davies	35	Tansy Green	Blond	6'4"	Honeycrisp	Hot
0162	☐ Arthur Pearce	32	Copperleaf	Brown	5'11"	Crab	Spiced
0163	☐ Miles Vaughn	46	Alder Ford	Brown	5'10"	Winesap	Spiced
0164	☐ Patrick Norton	61	Tansy Green	Brown	5'6"	Crab	Spiced
0165	☐ Albert Ward	70	Alder Ford	Gray	4'11"	Crab	Spiced
0166	☐ Beth Gibbs	76	Little Sorrel	Blond	5'0"	Crab	Spiced
0167	☐ Colin Marsh	31	Little Sorrel	Black	5'11"	Russet	Sweet
0168	☐ Bernard Tanner	62	Alder Ford	Brown	5'3"	Honeycrisp	Dry
0169	☐ Quentin Wilder	42	Hatchet Lane	White	5'3"	Russet	Sweet
0170	☐ Ruth Warner	61	Little Sorrel	Brown	6'0"	Honeycrisp	No cider
0171	☐ Eleanor Shaw	21	Tansy Green	Brown	6'3"	Winesap	Sweet
0172	☐ Diana Hammond	54	Tansy Green	White	6'4"	Russet	Dry
0173	☐ Ida Brooks	79	Tansy Green	Red	5'7"	Crab	Spiced
0174	☐ Sylvia Ingram	59	Alder Ford	Gray	5'1"	Pippin	Hot
0175	☐ Ada Hayes	71	Bramley Cross	Black	6'1"	Pippin	Spiced
0176	☐ Jean Ward	56	Hatchet Lane	Blond	6'4"	Pippin	Sweet
0177	☐ Elijah Stafford	65	Tansy Green	Black	6'3"	Russet	Spiced
0178	☐ Beatrice Cullen	64	Hatchet Lane	Black	5'3"	None	Spiced
0179	☐ Elmer Watts	27	Hatchet Lane	Black	4'11"	Pippin	No cider
0180	☐ Lucas Irving	66	Copperleaf	Red	5'11"	Winesap	Spiced
0181	☐ Leon Hawkins	58	Alder Ford	Blond	5'0"	Crab	Spiced
0182	☐ Iris Wilder	27	Little Sorrel	Blond	5'8"	Crab	Spiced
0183	☐ Calvin Chandler	65	Alder Ford	Brown	6'2"	Pippin	Hot
0184	☐ Karen Bolton	31	Alder Ford	Black	4'11"	Crab	Spiced
0185	☐ Wade Fenton	74	Little Sorrel	Blond	5'0"	Pippin	Hot
0186	☐ Henry Drake	70	Copperleaf	Brown	5'8"	Honeycrisp	Hot
0187	☐ Henry Kendall	44	Copperleaf	Gray	5'9"	Winesap	Sweet
0188	☐ Carmen Wade	52	Hatchet Lane	Black	6'1"	None	Dry
0189	☐ Winston Lucas	30	Tansy Green	Gray	5'1"	Crab	Sweet
0190	☐ Rhoda Flynn	77	Alder Ford	Black	5'2"	Winesap	Sweet
0191	☐ Graham Bradley	78	Tansy Green	White	5'7"	Crab	No cider
0192	☐ Quentin Palmer	77	Copperleaf	Gray	5'2"	Pippin	Spiced



Your Verdict



Only one name should be left.

The killer's name

Entry number

Solved by

Date solved

Time taken

Notes

Check your answer in the separate Solution file (open it only when you are sure).



The full cases have 1,600 to 3,000 suspects.

This was a warm-up: 192 visitors and a handful of clues. Our full Find-the-Killer cases are the same kind of puzzle at full size: a register of thousands of people, 13 to 15 clues and an evening (or a whole weekend) of detective work. Each comes as a printable PDF in US Letter and A4, with a separate solution file.

Four cases are waiting for you:

- ◆ **Lantern Night at Hollowmere**
2,000 guests at a lantern festival · 15 clues
- ◆ **Nightingale Express**
1,600 passengers on a night train · 13 clues
- ◆ **Last Waltz at Ravencroft Hall**
2,400 guests at a masked ball · 13 clues
- ◆ **Murder at the Harvest Moon Fair**
3,000 visitors at an autumn fair · 14 clues

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All four cases are also sold together as a bundle.

