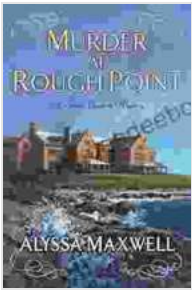


# Murder at Rough Point: A Gilded Newport Mystery

In the opulent world of Gilded Age Newport, Rhode Island, a shocking murder rocked the elite community in 1934. The victim was Elsie Boehm Vanderbilt, a prominent socialite and wife of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt. Her brutal death at their palatial summer cottage, Rough Point, sent shockwaves through the upper echelons of American society.

## The Gilded Newport Scene





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Newport, Rhode Island, was a playground for the wealthy and elite during the Gilded Age, a period of prosperity and extravagance in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The city was a summer haven for the Vanderbilts, Astors, Carnegies, and other prominent families who built elaborate mansions along Bellevue Avenue, known as "America's First Street." Rough Point, the Vanderbilt's summer cottage, was a sprawling estate overlooking Narragansett Bay. Elsie Vanderbilt, the wife of Alfred, was a beloved socialite and fashion icon. She was known for her impeccable taste and glamorous lifestyle.

### **The Murder of Elsie Vanderbilt**



On July 7, 1934, Elsie Vanderbilt was found dead in her bedroom at Rough Point. She had been brutally stabbed multiple times. The murder sent shockwaves through the community and the nation. Who would kill one of Newport's most beloved socialites?

### **The Investigation**

Police launched a massive investigation, but there were few clues. The weapon was never found, and there were no signs of forced entry.

Suspicion initially fell on Alfred Vanderbilt, but he was quickly ruled out.

Other suspects emerged, including a rejected suitor of Elsie's and a disgruntled employee, but all were cleared.

As the investigation dragged on, rumors began to circulate about a possible cover-up. Some believed that the Vanderbilts, who had a reputation for secrecy, were protecting someone involved in the murder.

## **Unanswered Questions**

The murder at Rough Point remains one of America's most infamous unsolved mysteries. Despite a decades-long investigation, the killer was never found. There are still unanswered questions about what happened that fateful night, and the mystery continues to fascinate historians and true crime enthusiasts alike.

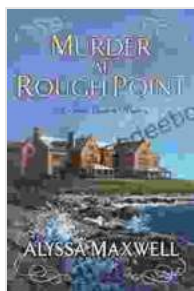
## **The Legacy of Rough Point**

Today, Rough Point is a National Historic Landmark and museum. It is open to the public for tours, and visitors can learn about the history of the estate and the unsolved murder that took place there.



The murder at Rough Point was a tragic event that shattered the gilded facade of the Newport social scene. It remains a reminder of the dark

secrets that can lurk beneath the surface of even the most glamorous environments.

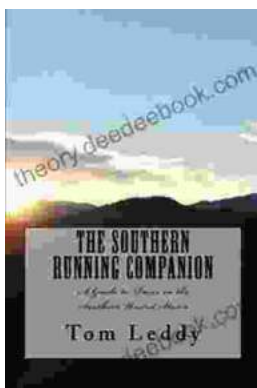


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