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PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

John Jones

Walter Morgan

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

27 1899

J. C. Morrison  
Coroner.

INQUISITION.

VICTORIA, }  
TO WIT. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *the*  
*Woolloomoo* in  
Victoria, the *twenty-seventh* day of *July*  
A.D. 1899 in the *sixty-third* year of the Reign  
of our said Lady the Queen, before me *George Bowie*  
*Morrison* Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen  
for Victoria, upon the view of the body of *Selina*  
*Jones* then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of<sup>1</sup>

(1) Jurors' Christian and surnames in full.

*Francis J. Flay*  
*William Hillier*  
*Alfred Hutchinson*  
*John Durville*  
*Walter W. Poeyin*

good and lawful men of *Woolloomoo* in Victoria,  
who being duly sworn and charged to inquire, upon the part of our Lady the  
Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the said *Selina*

(2) His or her.

(3) Here state cause of death if known; if unknown, doubtful, or no evidence, state the fact accordingly, using the words of the verdict of the Jury.

*Jones* came by<sup>2</sup> *her* death, do say upon their  
oath that<sup>3</sup> *on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1899 at*  
*Abbotsford Selina Jones*  
*was found drowned in*  
*the river Gyara, but there is*  
*no evidence to show how she*  
*got into the water.*

In witness whereof as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid have to this Inquisition put their hands and seals, on the day and year and at the place above mentioned.

*S. B. Morrison* (L.S.)

Coroner.

(1) Here let each  
Juror sign his own  
name, or make his  
own mark, and affix  
or acknowledge his  
seal.

*Marcus Clay* (L.S.)  
*W. Fielding* (L.S.)  
*C. Hutchinson* (L.S.)  
*John Turville* (L.S.)  
*W. B. Seaghi* (L.S.)  
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Station Melbourne Police District.

25<sup>th</sup> July 1899.

*No 2 division*

REPORT of Const J. Ellison 3409

relative to

Death of a woman name unknown found in the river Yarra at Studley Park 25<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 99

At 3 p.m. today I was informed by John Crocker of 13 Rutland St. Clifton Hill that he had seen the body of a woman in the river Yarra at the rear of the Old Mill Pond. I accompanied him to the place where with a boat I secured the dead body of a woman fully dressed (except hat) & conveyed it to the morgue. There were no marks of violence about the body which apparently was but a short time in the water. viz that of a woman abt. 65 years 5 ft 3 high slight build thin face. all teeth except 2 missing grey hair. Dressed in black cashmere jacket with silk lace trimmings black cashmere skirt & bodice striped cotton & white flannel petticoat sundae clothing black stockings & classic side boots deceased had a gold wedding ring on her finger.

Serg. Richardson  
New

J. Ellison  
Const 3409

Kew 25. 7. 99

Forwarded for the  
information of the  
District Coroner.

W. B. Richardson  
St 2838

W. Morrison Esq  
District Coroner  
City Morgue.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* John Crocker  
on his oath saith, I am a Printer  
residing at Clifton Hill

\* Christian and Surname in full.

on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant at 2.40 pm. I was in the Strickland Park when I saw the body of the deceased Selma Jones floating in the Yarra. I reported it to Comtable Gleeson. I was swimming a dog at the time. The body was about 5 feet from the lower bank of the river.

John. Crocker

Taken and Sworn before me the 27<sup>th</sup> day  
of July 1899 at Melbourne  
H. Morrison  
Coroner.

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Depouent\* John Pleeson  
on h<sup>is</sup> oath saith, I am a Boatman  
residing at New

\* Christian and Surname in full.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> instant at 3 pm. I went to the river yards with the Capt. Wintrop. I found the body of Felicia Jones. I recovered it and removed it to the morgue. It was fully draped except a hat. I searched the body but found no marks of violence on it.

J. Pleeson  
Case # 3408

Taken and Sworn before me the 27<sup>th</sup> day  
of July 1899 at New  
J. B. Harrison  
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent William Barton

on his oath saith, I am a Labourer

residing at Hampton

\* Christian and Surname in full.

I have seen the body in the morgue. It is that of Selina Jones, my mother in law. She resided with me. Her age was 64 years. I last saw her alive on the night of the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant. I went to work and did not return on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Deceased was queer in her mind at times. She has been in a lunatic asylum about a year ago when she was found on the bank of the river Yarra and was taken charge of by the Police.

William Barton

Taken and Sworn before me the 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of July 1899 at Hampton  
S. G. Munier  
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent

*Christina Barton*

on her oath saith, I am a

*married woman*

residing at

*Hanthon*

\* Christian and Surname in full.

The deceased *Felicia Jones* was my mother  
 deceased has been  
 peculiar for some time  
 past. I last saw  
 her alive at 10.30  
 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> when  
 she retired to her room.  
 I missed her at  
 8.20 am the next  
 day. I found the  
 front door of the  
 house open.  
 She threatened a year  
 ago to take her life.  
 She had no injury  
 to her head when she  
 left home.  
 She left 2/- behind her  
 no letter or note.

*Christina Barton*

Taken and Sworn before me the *24<sup>th</sup>* day  
 of *July* 189*9* at *Wellington*  
*S. B. Kermichael*  
 Coroner.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Depoent\* James Edward Neilson h<sup>e</sup> oath saith, I am a Surgeon registered in Victoriaresiding at 21 Spring Street, Melbourne.\* Christian and  
Surname in  
full.

I have made a post mortem  
examination of the body of  
Selina Jones.

Externally: I was moderately well  
nourished. There was an old  
scar on the forehead and a recent  
contusion on the left temple.  
There was slight corrugation of  
the cuticle of the hands and feet.  
Internally:

The brain was congested  
and hardened. In the hinder lobe  
of the left hemisphere ~~that~~ there was  
a small old blood clot.

The lungs were congested, as was also  
the mucous membrane of the large  
air tube. Both this and the bronchial  
tubes contained clear fluid. There  
was fluid also in the pleural  
cavity.

The liver was enlarged. The stomach  
contained clear fluid. The kidneys  
were granular.

The cause of death was drowning  
James Edward Neils

Taken and Sworn before me the 24<sup>th</sup> dayof July 1899 at MelbourneS. G. Brennan

Coroner.