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24th. November 19 32

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

THOMAS EDWARD HOOBIN

at Melbourne Morgue

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

NOV. 20 1932
LAW

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D. Grant Coroner.

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PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

VICTORIA }
TO WIT. }

AN INQUISITION for our Sovereign Lord King George V., taken at
The Morgue Melbourne in the State of Victoria, the 24th.
day of November A.D. 19 32 in the twenty-third
year of the reign of our said Lord the King, by me, David Grant

gentleman,⁽¹⁾ a Coroner of our Lord the King for the said State ,
upon the view of the body of Thomas Edward Hoobin

Bailiwick, acting by
virtue of Section 29
of the Justices Act
1928. then and there lying dead.

Having inquired upon the part of our Lord the King when, where, and

how the said Thomas Edward Hoobin

(2) His or her.

came by⁽²⁾ his death, I say that

on the 18th. day of November 19 32

at 13 Miller Street West Melbourne .

in the said State, the said Thomas Edward Hoobin

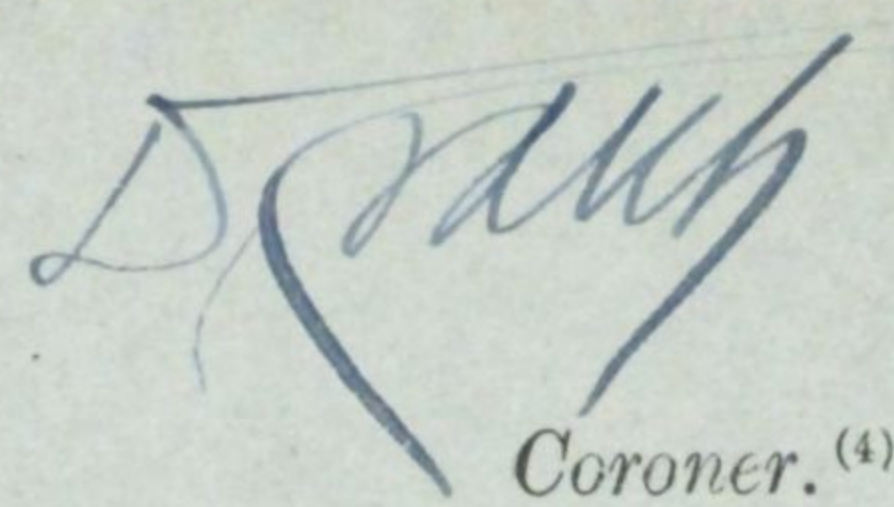
(3) Here state cause
of death, if known ;
if unknown, doubt-
ful, or no evidence,
state the fact ac-
cordingly.

died from ⁽³⁾ strangulation then and there wilfully
self inflicted by hanging himself.

(4) Coroner or
Deputy Coroner or
Justice of the Peace.

In witness whereof, I, the aforesaid⁽⁴⁾ **Coroner** have to this Inquisition

put my hand this 24th. day of November A.D. 19 32


Coroner.⁽⁴⁾

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Police Inspector *Arrowsmith* appeared to assist the Coroner.

VICTORIA POLICE---47a.

Plain Clothes Branch.

West Melbourne Station

Melbourne

Police District

18th November 19 32

REPORT of Eric Albert Sloan. P.C. Constable 7055.

Relative to Death of man named Patrick Hoobin.

*The City Coroner
City Morgue.*

*Inquest
Coroner
19.11.32*

1. I have to report that at 8/10 pm this day I received a telephone message to the effect that a man had hung himself at NO.13 Miller Street, West Melbourne.
2. I immediately went to that address, and there met MR. Hughie McDonald of NO.5. Curzon Street, West Melbourne who stated that he had found Patrick Hoobin hanging by the neck in a shed at the rear of NO.13. Miller Street. I saw the deceased lying in the shed as stated. He had a table-cloth wrapped tightly around his neck. I at once summoned the Civil Ambulance and had him removed to the Melbourne Hospital, where he was examined by Dr. Harry who pronounced life extinct. The body was conveyed to the City Morgue.
3. It was stated by Mr. McDonald that shortly after 6. pm tonight, he had left the deceased at the rear of NO.13 Miller St. The deceased was then in a drunken state, and according to Mr. McDonald he had been drinking heavily for the past few days. At the gate the deceased said to McDonald, "Well goodbye old son I am going away, I will not see you any-more!" McDonald then left him, and later thought over what the deceased had said, so called ~~at~~ later at the above address, found him hanging in the shed, and cut him down.
4. The deceased was aged 26 years, and resided with his mother at the address stated. She was absent when her son died, and has been informed of the occurrence. The deceased had tied the table-cloth across a beam 6. feet high from the floor of the shed, stood on a box, then jumped off.
5. A brief of evidence will be submitted later.

Eric A Sloan
P.C. Constable 7055.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent * MARY HOOBINon her oath saith, I am a WIDOWresiding at 13 MILLER STREET WEST MELBOURNE* Christian and
Surname in
full.

On the 19th. day of November 1932 at the City Morgue Melbourne, I identified the body of my son, Thomas Edward Hoobin, who late resided at 13 Miller Street West Melbourne, and was aged 25 years, and was by occupation a Laborer. On Friday the 18th. November 1932 at about 6.30 p.m., I met my son at the front gate as I was going out. He said "Going out Mum?" and I did not answer. He again said "are you going out Mother?". I said "what did you say"? He said "I will see you when you come home". I said "you are sober for once in your life" and looking at him, I jokingly said "I don't know whether you are or not". He smiled and then opened the door of the house as I was leaving and entered. I did not see him ~~again~~ alive again. On returning to my home at 9.30 p.m. the same night, I was informed of my son's death. I have no idea why my son should have taken his own life, as he never at any time complained of feeling sick, and was always in the best of health. He took a fair amount of drink, and on occasions he would come home the worse of liquor. He had an income of his own, and had no reason to want for anything. We were both on the best of terms. On the night I saw my son at the front gate, he appeared to be startled and looked very wild about the eyes, but quickly got control of himself when I spoke to him.

Mary Hoobin

Taken and sworn before me the 24th day
of November 1932 at Melbourne

D. J. Smith

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent * HUGH FRANCIS McDONALD

on his oath saith, I am a DRIVER

residing at 55 CURZON STREET WEST MELBOURNE

* Christian and Surname in full.

I know the deceased, Thomas Edward Hoobin. At about 6.30 p.m. on Friday the 18th. November 1932, I met the deceased coming out of a lane at the rear of his house. He said to me "Hullo Hughie". I said "Hullo" I had a little drop of beer of beer in a bottle and asked him to have a drink which he did. He ~~said~~ then said to me "have you another drink?" I said "no but I will go and get you another drink". I went and got two bottles of beer and met the deceased in his yard at the rear of the house. Whilst we were drinking the deceased tapped my glass and said "good bye Comrade, you're the best Comrade I have ever had, you won't see me any more, I am going away". I said "what's the matter with you?" He said "you go and have your tea Hughie" at the same time he pushed me out of the gate and locked it. I said to him "I will see you after Tea". I thought that there was something wrong with the deceased as he owed me a few shillings and I thought he was worried over that matter, so I jumped over his gate and met him in the yard. The deceased then went into the house and locked the kitchen door. I called out "what's the matter Tom?" but I got no answer. I then left and went to my home and had tea. Before I left his yard I left the back gate opened, that would be about 7.20 p.m. I was away for tea about 20 minutes and on returning to his back gate, I found it locked. I jumped over the gate again and went to the kitchen door of his house which was open, I went into, the kitchen and called out "are you there Mrs. Hoobin?" but received no answer, so I went into deceased's room but could not find him. I returned outside and shut the back door and on striking a match to light a cigarette, I saw the deceased hanging by the neck from a beam in the wash house. I had a pocket knife in my pocket and then immediately cut the cloth above his head. He fell to a reclining position on the

Taken and sworn before me the _____ day _____ ground.

of _____ 19 _____ at _____

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent * HUGH FRANCIS McDONALD

on h oath saith, I am a _____

* Christian and Surname in full.

residing at _____

I felt his face and he was warm. I then ran for the Doctor and later informed the Police at North Melbourne. The Police then arrived. The deceased was quite sober when I saw him at 6.30 p.m. The deceased never at any time threatened to take his life in my presence.

Sp To the Coroner:- When I brought the two bottles back I placed them in my back yard and then went ^{and} asked deceased to come and have a drink.

I knew that deceased had been drinking to excess. He came out of his own yard and had one drink at my back gate. I had known deceased for about 3 years and had frequently taken drink with him. I am 44 years of age.

Hugh Francis McDonald

Taken and sworn before me the 24th day of November 1932 at Melbourne

[Signature]
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent * ERIC ALBERT SLOANon his oath saith, I am a PLAIN CLOTHES CONSTABLE* Christian and
Surname in
full.~~residing at~~ STATIONED AT WEST MELBOURNE

In response to a telephone message at 8.15 p.m. on Friday the 18th. November 1932, I went to 13 Miller Street West Melbourne. I there saw the witness, McDonald, who informed me that Thomas Edward Hoobin had hung himself. In a shed at the rear of the house, I saw the deceased lying on the ground. Part of the table cloth (produced) was tied tightly around his neck. The other part of the table cloth was tied around a beam in the shed, which was about 6ft. 6 in. high from the surface of the ground. I also saw three other pieces of cloth had been tied at intervals around the beam but were broken off. Directly underneath the beam I found a wooden stool on it's side. This had evidently been used by the deceased to stand upon, prior to his death. I had the deceased conveyed to the Melbourne Hospital, where he was examined by Dr. Harry, who pronounced life extinct in my presence. The body was then conveyed to the City Morgue. I am unable to find any suspicious circumstances in connection with the death of deceased.

E. Sloan

Taken and sworn before me the 24th day
of November 1932 at West Melbourne

[Signature]
Coroner.