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PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
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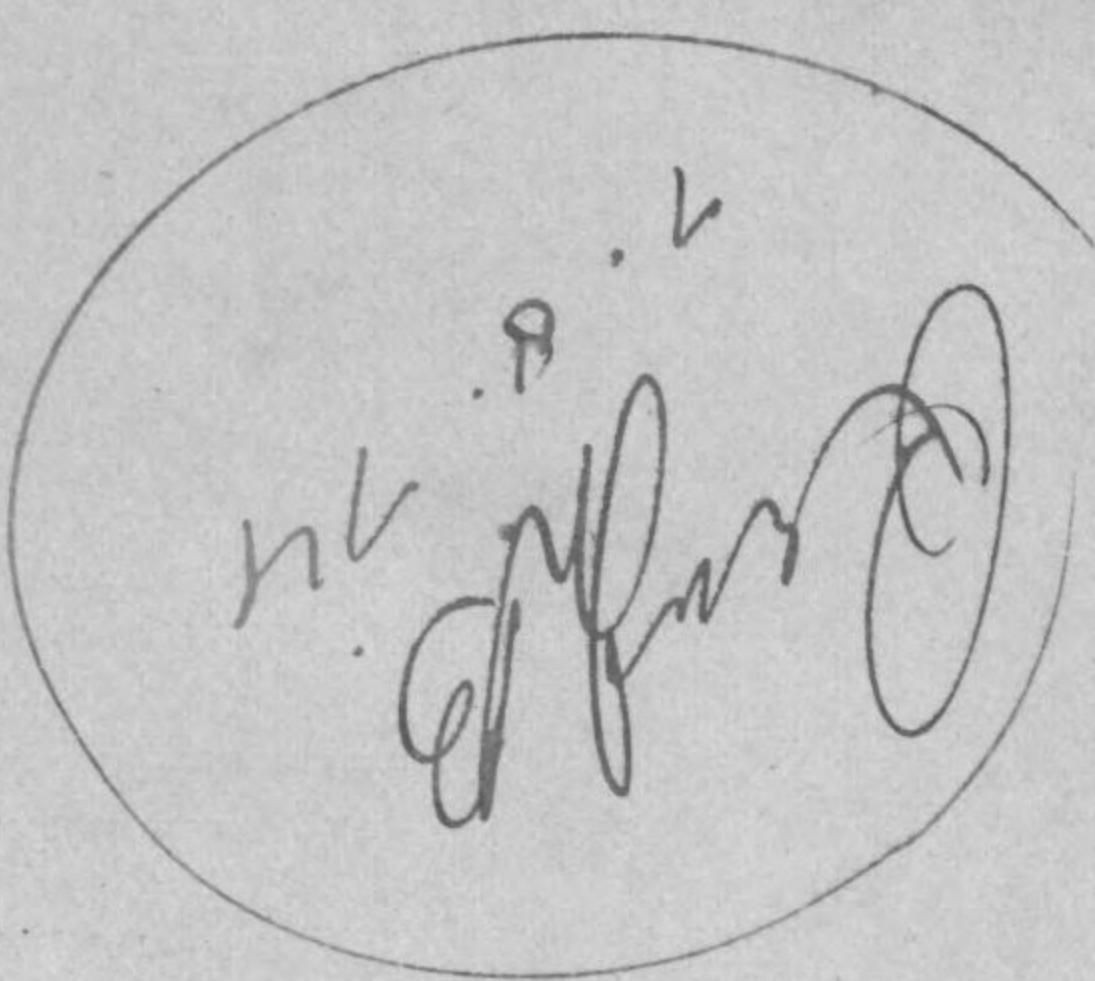
John Alfred Froggitt

at

Richmond

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

August 1874.



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J. A. Froggitt

Coroner.



PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, }
to wit. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at
Richmond in
the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the *Sixth* day
of *August* A.D. 1874 in the thirty *eighth* year of
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Samuel*
Curtis Cantley Gentleman, a* Coroner

* CP, Town, County, or District,
as the case may be.

of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of
John Albert Roggitt then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

George Alexander
James Burnby
James Roche
Alexander Lewis
John Cronin
James Hicklin
James Bruce
Robert Potts
Robert William Buckley
William Kay
William George Kay
Claus Winberg

good and lawful men of

Richmond

in the

said Colony, 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

John
Albert Roggitt came by † his death, do say upon their oath

† His or her.

§ 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.

that § *on the 5th of August 1874 at Richmond*
he died from the rupture of a blood vessel
in the head - accidentally caused by a
fall.

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.

C. Cantler

(L.S.)

Coroner.

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

Guillaume

(L.S.)

Thomas Barry

(L.S.)

James Roche

(L.S.)

Alfred Lewis

(L.S.)

John J. Cronin

(L.S.)

James Sherrin

(L.S.)

James Bruce

(L.S.)

Robert Potts

(L.S.)

Robert Buckley

(L.S.)

W. A. Bay

(L.S.)

William G. Hayter

(L.S.)

Charles Wierberg

(L.S.)

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 60.
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COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

Levi Chester

TO WIT.

on his oath saith, I am a *Carter*

residing at *Richmond*

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I did not know the deceased.
He came to my door yesterday morning a little before
8 o'clock, Topsy. He began hammering at my door.
I was at breakfast. I asked him what he wanted.
He said he was coming in to go to bed. He would not
go away. I went to put him off my premises when
he lay down on the flower bed. I opened the front
gate and then lifted him and he went out on the
foot path, where I left him. I closed the gate and
went back to my breakfast. I left him standing
by the fence and just as I got to my door I saw him
fall on the foot path. I saw no more of him.
When the deceased fell on the path he fell on his
back.

Levi Chester

Taken and Sworn before me, the *6th* day
of *August*, 18 *74*, at *Richmond*
C. Causter
Coroner.

No 2 Division
Richmond Station
5th August 1874

Sergt. Wm Grant Reg 459

John Frogett
a Muscicivora
aged

Reports that at about 7.40. am this morning
the man named Frogett was found in a
dying state in Ruel St. Richmond, he was
immediately removed to the Lockup where
he arrived at 8. am Apparently dead
Mr. Ryan was immediately sent for, & on
his arrival at the Lockup, pronounced Life
to be extinct.

There are no marks of violence
on the body which is now at this Lockup
awaiting instructions from the Coroner. The
nearest Hotel is the "Council Hotel" opposite
the Town Hall Richmond.

L. Lander Esq
District Coroner

Wm Grant
Sergt. Reg 459

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 60.
Stereo.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

Michael Laracy

TO WIT.

on his oath saith, I am a

labourer

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

residing at

Launceston

I was working at Richmond yesterday morning. I observed the deceased man whom I did not know, in the street. I saw him go to Chester's house. I saw Chester put him out of the gate and leave him there standing against the fence. There was no blow struck. Chester used no more force than was necessary to put deceased off the premises. In less than a minute I saw deceased leave hold off of the fence and fall backward on the path. He did not get up. In about five minutes a man went up to him and put him against the fence. I saw no more of him. I think deceased was drunk. His head appeared to me to strike the cutb stone when he fell.

Michael Laracy
deponent

Witness *John Bailey*

Taken and Sworn before me, the *6th* day
of *August*, 1874, at *Richmond*
C. Caulder
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

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Stereo.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,)

This Deponent*

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

on his oath saith, I am a Constable stationed
residing at Richmond

Yesterday morning about
25 minutes to 8 o'clock I went to Rale Street and
saw the deceased John Albert Draggitt sitting near
Chester's gate on the foot-path. He was not sensible
I removed him to the office, put him before the fire,
and sent for a doctor. He died however within a
very short time after bringing him into the office.
The deceased was not received into the lock-up.

James M. George
Const. 807

Taken and Sworn before me, the 6th day
of August, 1874, at Richmond
C. Cantler
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

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COLONY OF VICTORIA,)

This Deponent*

TO WIT.

on h ^{is} oath saith, I am a

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

residing at

John Bailey

Senior constable station

Richmond

I have seen the deceased
Mr. Albert Foggitt at the 25th in Richmond. He
was a musician, aged 35 years, living in Rae Street
North Fitzroy. I examined Charles' premises
and saw where a man had fallen on the flower-bed.
I saw marks outside also as if a man falling. The
foot-path ~~was~~ is so narrow deceased must have
struck the curb.

John Bailey Senior Constable

Taken and Sworn before me, the

6th

day

of

August

, 1874, at

Richmond

C. Cantrill

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

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COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent*

James Patrick Bryan
on his oath saith, I am a fully qualified medical practitioner
residing at Richmond

I was sent for yesterday morning to see the deceased John Albert Drogitt. I found him dead - having been dead apparently about an hour.

I have made a post-mortem examination of his body. Externally there were no marks of injury - except on the back of the head there was a tumor with a small enclosed wound.

Under the scalp corresponding with the wound there was extravasation of blood. The dura mater was very adherent and on removing it the blood flowed very freely - more especially from the region of the wound. There was no fracture of the skull. There was effused blood beneath the arachnoid, over a considerable surface of the brain. There was also some appearance of probably old effused lymph. The brain was vascular throughout.

The lungs were both emphysematous in front. They were congested behind. The left pleural cavity contained about three ounces of serum. The heart had a thick coating of fat.

The heart was somewhat enlarged - its walls. The left ventricle was somewhat enlarged - its walls thickened. The right ventricle was exceedingly thin. The valves were sound.

The liver was very much enlarged and somewhat friable.

The Spleen was small

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of _____, 18____, at _____
Coroner.

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COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

TO WIT.

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oath saith, I am a

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

residing at

small and pale.

The stomach contained a small quantity of thin purinous fluid. Its lining membrane seemed congested in patches. There was an alcoholic odor present. There were no signs of poison. The intestines were healthy.

The cause of death was extravasation of blood on the brain. This came apparently from rupture of the superior longitudinal sinus. It appeared to have been ruptured at the time the injury occurred to the back of the head. The wound and swelling were such as might have been caused either by a blow from a blunt instrument, or by a fall on a stone or any other hard projecting body. The organs of disease were those of a man in the habit of drinking. The vessels of the brain would be more likely to give way from injury, than those of a man of temperate habits. I am of opinion the death was certain. Medical attendance would have been of no use.

James P. Ryan.

Taken and Sworn before me, the 6th day
of August, 1874, at Reichmann
C. Canolter
Coroner.