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January 24th 1881

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

Christina Ross

at

Melbourne

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
January 3rd 1881

Wm.

Received
5.1.81

McLennan

Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, }
to wit. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

Melbourne

in

the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the

5th

day

of *January*

A.D. 18*81*

in the *thirty first* year of

the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me

Samuel

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

Arthur Cantley

Gentleman, a*

Coroner

of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of

Christina Rop

then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

John Robinson

William Campbell

Thomas Burns

Edward Woodhead

James Parkin

William Carter

Charles Clark

Robert Rop

Henry Marshall

Richard Thomas

William Hampton

James Pickering

good and lawful men of

Melbourne

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

Christina

‡ His or her.

Rop

came by ‡ *his* death, do say upon their oath

§ 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 §

in the 2nd of January 1881, at Melbourne, she was found dead in bed - having died from suffocation occurring during a fit.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS

INQUISITION

County of Victoria

in the

An Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria taken at

in

at

on the

Coroner

then

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. Canty

(L.S.)

Coroner.

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

John Robinson

(L.S.)

Wm. Campbell

(L.S.)

Mrs. Brown

(L.S.)

E. Woodhead

(L.S.)

James Parkinson

(L.S.)

William Croker

(L.S.)

Charles Centre

(L.S.)

Robert Papp

(L.S.)

W. Marshall

(L.S.)

Frederick Thomas

(L.S.)

W. Hampton

(L.S.)

Thomas Pickering

(L.S.)

McGreens Police District.

Russell Street Station.

2 January 1887.

REPORT of Constable Hoey

relative to the death of a woman

I have to report that a woman named Christina Ross, aged about 27 years, died suddenly at her lodgings in Carondeal Place off Little Collins Street East, this morning. Decidedly appeared ^{low} as well as appeared on going to bed last night, at 6 am she spoke to a woman in the house and 19 ans she was found dying and died immediately she came to the habit of drinking heavily -

J. Hoey

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Forwarded for the information of the City-Coroner

Wm. Hoey
Inspector
for Police Charge
29/1/87

The Officer in Charge
no. 10

9.30.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

Louisa Dillan

TO WIT.

on her oath saith, I am a *single woman*

residing at *Melbourne*

*Christian and Surname in full.

*I know the deceased
Christina Pop. She was a single woman
about 27 years of age and lived in Crown Street
Place, Melbourne, in the same house with me.
On the 2nd instant she was in her usual health
at 6 o'clock. At 10 o'clock the same morning
I found her in bed with her head lying on her
hands quite black in the face and dead.
She was subject to fits and fell down in
them and became insensible.*

Louisa Dillan

Taken and Sworn before me, the *4th* day
of *January*, 188*1*, at *Melbourne*
C. Cantley
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent* James Edward Smith

on h^{is} oath saith, I am a Surgeon registered in Victoria
residing at 163 Collins Street East Melbourne

I have made a post mortem examination
of the body of the deceased Christina Ross

Externally.

It was tolerably well preserved.
There were some trifling contusions on
the limbs. There was a partly-healed
scalp wound on the right side of the
head, and an old scar probably from
a burn on the left thigh.

Internally

The skull bones were unusually
thick. The brain and membranes were
much congested, and the dura-mater
was firmly adherent to the skull. There
was no fracture, and the scalp-wound
had not cut entirely through the skin.

The lungs were congested throughout, and
the air-tubes were full of frothy mucus.
The right side of the heart was distended
with dark fluid blood. The lining membrane
of the wind pipe was of a bright red colour,
and the epiglottis was pressed firmly down upon
the opening into the wind pipe.

The organs of the belly were congested. The
liver was fatty. The stomach contained

Taken and Sworn before me, the _____ day
of _____, 18 _____, at _____ about.

Coroner.

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,)

This Deponent* James Edward Neill

TO WIT.)

on h oath saith, I am a _____

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

residing at _____

about a pint of brown fluid, and
the contents of the bowels were natural
in appearance and quantity. There
was no indication of poison.

The cause of death was suffocation
from closure of the wind-pipe, occurring
probably during a fit - from natural causes.
James Edward Neill

Taken and Sworn before me, the 4th day
of January, 1887, at Melbourne
C. Cantley
Coroner.