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September 28th 1878

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

James Hunter

at

Kew
Lunatic Asylum

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
September 28th 1878

P.W.

Regd. 28.9.78

J. C. Candler Coroner.

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PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, to wit.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at The Kew Lunatic Asylum in the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the Twenty seventh day of September A.D. 1878 in the ~~thirty~~ forty second year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me Samuel Curtis Candler Gentleman, a* Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of James Hunter then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of†

John Watson

Henry West

Thomas Greenwood

John Boulton

John Goucher

Thomas Greatpill

Edward Gibbs

William Kennedy

William Campbell

Charles Hyland

Francis Geoffrey

Patrick Dolan

good and lawful men of Kew 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 James Hunter came by‡ his death, do say upon their oath that§ On the 25th of September 1878, in the Kew Lunatic Asylum, where he was in legal custody at the time, he died from old disease of the brain

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

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames in full.

‡ 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.

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 Candby (L.S.)

Coroner.

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

* John Watson (L.S.)

Henry Wood (L.S.)

Hub Beaumont (L.S.)

John Boulton (L.S.)

JR Coucher (L.S.)

T. Greenhill (L.S.)

Edward Gibbs (L.S.)

W Kinneby (L.S.)

W Marshall (L.S.)

Chas Hydon (L.S.)

Francis Goffins (L.S.)

P Dolan (L.S.)

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HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE,

Kew, 25th Septr 1878

MEMORANDUM.

The patient named in the margin having

Hunter
Jones

died at 12. 30 a.m.

on 25/9/78

I have to request that you will inform the

Coroner for the District of Bourke.

A. Mell
for Clerk of Asylum

40 yrs. of age

Protestant

Scot. burial

[illegible]

Recd at R 40 Prod 25-9-78

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA, } This Deponent* James Hamilton Wilson
TO WIT. } on h ⟨illegible⟩ oath saith, I am a Resident Medical Officer
residing at Kew Asylum

*Christian and Surname in *full*.

From the record of this Asylum I find that the deceased James Hunter aged 40 years was admitted on the 6th of March 1878 on the authority of this warrant now produced and suffering from General Paralysis. He has been under my care since the 15th of April last when I found him in a pretty advanced stage of General Paralysis. During the whole time he has been under my care he has been going from bad to worse and on the 22nd. of May he was transferred to the Hospital ward in a very weak & feeble state of bodily health. He was completely demented. From the time he was transferred to the hospital up to the date of his death he has for the most part been confined to bed, and on the morning of the 27th instant I was called by the night attendant to see him, and I found him in an unconscious state with twitchings of the face & limbs, and although there was some remission of these symptoms he never completely recovered from the attack but is reported to have died on the 25 instant at 12.20 A.M. He has bed sores on sacrum & left hip — the latter formed shortly before his death. He was ordered Medicine & medical Comforts during his duty I visited him twice daily.

J. H. Wilson

Taken and Sworn before me, the 27th day
of September, 18 78, at Kew

C. Candler
Coroner.

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA, } This Deponent* James Edward Neild
TO WIT. } on h is oath saith, I am a Doctor of Medicine registered
*Christian and Surname in full. in Victoria residing at 165 Collins Street East, Melbourne.

I have made a Post mortem examination of the body of the deceased James Hunter.

Externally:

It was somewhat emaciated. There were slight contusions on the right side of the forehead, about the right eye, on the outside of the left eye, on the upper part of the left thigh, and on the right hand. The penis was somewhat excoriated. There were slight scars on the shins, an ulcer on the right great toe-nail, bedsores on the sacrum and left hip, and the scar of an incised wound on the right hip.

Internally:

The brain was somewhat collapsed, and harder in consistence than natural. The dura-mater, and arachnoid, were thickened and opaque; the pia-mater was infiltrated in parts, and there were about eight ounces of serum at the back and in the ventricles, the latter being much distended.

The lungs were structurally healthy, but congested. The heart was flabby and thin-walled, but not adipose. The organs of the belly were structurally healthy. There was a little congestion of the peritoneum over the small intestines. The stomach contained what appeared to be egg and milk, and there were chyle and stools in the intestines. The cause of death was old standing brain disease

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C Carter
Coroner.

James Edward Neild

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA, } This Deponent* Charles Andrew Ward
TO WIT. } on h*is* oath saith, I am a Attendant in the Kew
residing at Lunatic Asylum

*Christian and Surname in *full*.

The deceased James Hanley was under my charge when he died on from the 22nd of May last. He was paralysed, feeble, restless and unable to feed himself. He was unable to walk without support. There was not much change in him up to the 23rd of this month when he took a fit. Dr Wilson was sent for and attended. Deceased did not recover but died on the morning of the 25th instant. He was seen regularly by the Medical Officer and by the Official Visitors. His mother (now present) and other relatives came to see him. Deceased could not express his wants in any way.

C A Ward

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of September, 1878, at Kew
C. Carter
Coroner.