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December 1st 1873.

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of Madame

Sophie Fleurus

at

Figny

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
December 9th 1873.

P.M.

Recd P.O. 11.12.73

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Coroner.

[No. 64.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria,
to wit.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at Fitzroy in the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the Fourth day of December A.D. 1873 in the thirty Seventh year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me Yuill Gentleman, a* Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of Incledon Sophie Frances then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of†

John Wallis
Ignatius Mellato
John Mc Mahon
John H Walker
William Incledon
George Groves
Gabriel B Tuffin
George Sutton
John T Cornelius
James O'Connor
Joseph Lee
Joseph Wanberton

Fitzroy

good and lawful men of 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 Incledon Sophie Frances came by‡ her death, do say upon their oath that§ in Fitzroy in the Colony of Victoria on the fourth day of December 1873 the deceased Incledon Sophie Frances died

* 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.

Return of new Process
into the Petty Sessions

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.

Luke Gaul (L.S.)
Coroner.

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

* John Wallis (L.S.)
Laughlan Kelly (L.S.)
Pat. McMahon (L.S.)
John Henry Walker (L.S.)
C. Maddern (L.S.)
Geo. Wood (L.S.)
Jas. B. Tiffin (L.S.)
Geo. Carter, (L.S.)
Coulhernany (L.S.)
James O'Connor (L.S.)
Joseph Lee (L.S.)
Joseph Woodburton (L.S.)

CORONER'S INQUEST.

No. 60.

COLONY OF VICTORIA, } This Deponent* Mary A wife of Thos Keeley
TO WIT. } on h oath saith, I am a Cab Proprietor
residing at Gertrude Street Fitzroy

*Christian and Surname in *full*.

The Deceased lodged with me two years about
Deceased was a Teacher of Music
and French. She was
Fifty seven years_ She lodged
with me for three Weeks &
I know nothing more about her
She died at the Back of Belvidere
Victoria at noon on Saturday
last She drowned her-
self in the cesspool She complained
of pain in the Stomach - I
post a Medical Certificate
which you have - She went
to bed - Dr Lumbers went
up to see her several times

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

CORONER'S INQUEST.

No. 60.

COLONY OF VICTORIA, } This Deponent*_____
TO WIT. } on h oath saith, I am a_____

*Christian and Surname in *full.*

residing at_____

I was not able to go up the Stairs I saw Constable [illegible] of her Mary Ann Hickey

Taken and Sworn before me, the 1st day of December, 1873, at Fitzroy

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

No. 60.

COLONY OF VICTORIA, } This Deponent* Thomas Huntley
TO WIT. } on h oath saith, I am a Lab Proprietor
residing at Fitzroy

*Christian and Surname in *full*.

the Deceased Frances
Wedgen with me - She was
in pain health up to
Saturday afternoon last
I went to see the Deceased
at four o'clock on the afternoon
I first saw her she appeared
to suffer much pain
stomach - I saw her again
at about seven o'clock She
died she was better at about
nine o'clock I knew that she was
worse - I went and saw her
She was then apparently dead
I called in a Constable who
sent me for a Doctor when he
came she was Dead - Her
Christian name was Sophie

Thomas Huntley

Taken and Sworn before me, the 1st day
of December, 1873, at Fitzroy
Wm Hy Read
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

No. 60.

COLONY OF VICTORIA, } This Deponent* Andrew Lewington
TO WIT. } on h oath saith, I am a Registered Pilgrim
residing at Fitzroy

*Christian and Surname in *full.*

I knew well the Deceased
Benjamin Francis
Jewell - Entirely I
saw the Body and
Numerous Scattered
I knew the Army Scattle
Then was in the Naval Service
I knew the Wells of the Ketch
Then paid was Flebby - the Waters
Were Scattered - I knew the
Crew Consisted Entirely The
Skipper was Drunk when
Fletcher & Continued about
An Hour & Blows took Every
Matter - Three Years. Previous
Odor the Vessel was Wrecked

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

[No. 60.
Stereo.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA, } This Deponent*_____
TO WIT. } on h oath saith, I am a_____

*Christian and Surname in *full.*

residing at_____

I found the Female Deceased
much Distressed with Flatus
and Was slightly Congested.

I found in the Person Belly
a Considerable quantity of
Pus - which Comes to be
Traced to an Abscess - in the
Pelvis - Communicating with
the Peritoneum - the abscess
had recently ruptured -

The Cause of Death was the
rupture of the abscess
into the Peritoneum -

There were no Indications
of Poison

M. Livingston

Taken and Sworn before me, the 12 day
of December, 187[illegible], at Fenny
Hutt Creek
Coroner.

Melbourne District Fitzroy
Station 30th Nov. 1873.

Constable Murray 939. reports that at 9.15 p.m. the 29th Instant a French Woman Known as Madame Francis a teacher of Music, who resided at No. 169 Gertrude Street Fitzroy, died Suddenly at the time Stated as above. Deceased was 57 years of age, and Complained yesterday of not feeling well, and had a Mustard poultice applied to her stomach. Soon afterwards the Landlady Mrs. Tully heard her breathing heavely, and sent her husband for Dr. Searle but who was not at home, but his assistant Came who on Arriving found her dead — The deceased was not seen by any Medical Man previous to death —

There are No Marks of Violence on the body Nor is there any Suspicion of foul play being used towards the deceased. Who was in poor Circumstances —

The body lies at her late lodgings No. 169 Gertrude Street Fitzroy between George & Gore Streets. The Royal Hotel Corner of George & Gertrude Sts. is the Nearest to the body.

The City Coroner
Melbourne

William Murray
Constable 939.