

Death
Certificate
of John

67
17th May 1856

John signed and sealed
McDonnell on the body
of Elizabeth Harris
aged 35 years

W B Wilmore
Coroner

TAKEN and Sworn before me the

day of

6th
A.D. 1856

at

McDonnell

W B Wilmore
Coroner.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

* Add names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of*

George Webster
Doctor of Medicine

of Melbourne

taken on oath this

day of

May

A.D. 1856, at

Melbourne

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †
as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased came under my professional
care at the Western Gaol in the 2nd of
January last as a female lunatic
She was removed from said Gaol on the
20th of following month and was admitted
in a few days afterwards. Her bodily
health was much improved on her
discharge but on her return she
rapidly declined and her intellectual
faculties became more impaired and
she expired this morning. The cause
of death has been disease of the
brain -

Geo. Webster cor.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria

To Wit.

* All names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of* *William Abbott*
Keeper of the Western Gaol

of *Melbourne* taken on oath this *6th*
 day of *May* A.D. 185 *6*, at *Melbourne*
City

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †
 as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased was admitted into the
 Gaol on the 2^d of January last. Her
 name was *Isabella Ham* aged 35 -
 the wife of a Labourer employed at the
 Gold fields. She was admitted as a
 Lunatic and for medical attendance
 and has been under Dr. Webster's care
 until her decease with the exception
 of three days when she was released on
 under bond by her husband. She
 was readmitted in three days afterward
 and has gradually sunk from this
 period. She has had every care and
 attention since she has been in the Gaol.
 Her death had been predicted by Dr. Webster
 in some time since.

Wm Abbott
Keeper

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 6th
day of May A.D. 1856,
at Melbourne

W B Melmoey Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

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Victoria }
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

the *Melbourne* in
the *Colony* of *Victoria* aforesaid,
the *sixth* day of *May* A.D. 185*6*, in
the *nineteenth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen
before me *W. B. Wilmett* ,

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

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the* *City* of
Melbourne aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of *Isabella Ham* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

Thomas Cox
James O'Meara
Timothy Medden
John Logan
John W. Johnson
John Larkin
Richard Blanchfield
George Fisher
Michael Courtney
John Dixon
George Rushall
Edward Smith

good and lawful men of *Melbourne* in the
said *Colony* who being duly sworn and charged to
enquire, upon the part of our Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the
said *Isabella Ham* came
by † her death, do say upon their oath that § *she has died*
from disease of the brain -

† 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.

It is desirable that the Jury should
find expressly whether there are
or are not marks of external
violence on the body of deceased.

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.

W. W. Wilmoth



Coroner.

Thomas Coyle



James O. McLean



Thimothy ^{his} Meddison



John Logue



John W. Johnson



John Purdon



Richard ^{his} Blanchfield



George ^{Mark} Fisher



Michael ^{his} Courtney



John ^{Mark} O'Casey



George Mushak



Edward Smith



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