

6th May 1856

In the presence of the Coroner on the day  
of his death  
of Isabella Fair  
aged 35 years

Death by  
her cause of  
disease

W. Wilms  
Coroner

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

W. B. Wilms, Coroner.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To WIT.

\* All names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of *George Webster*  
Doctor of Medicine -

of *Melbourne* taken on oath this *6<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *May* A.D. 1856, at *Melbourne*

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † *City*

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows :

The deceased came under my professional care at the Western Gaol on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January last as a female lunatic. She was removed from said gaol on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of following month and admitted in a few days afterwards. Her bodily health was much improved on her discharge but on her return the capacity 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 a.s.

## 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 <sup>6<sup>th</sup>  
day of *May* A.D. 1856, at *Melbourne*  
*City*</sup>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<sup>nd</sup> of January last. Her name was Isabella Haar 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 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 *6<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *May* A.D. 1856, }  
at *Melbourne* }

*W B Wilms* *Coroner.*

## PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

## INQUISITION.

\*  
*Victoria* }  
 TO WIT. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

*Melbourne* in  
 the *Colony* of *Victoria* aforesaid,  
 the *sixth* day of *May* A.D. 1856, in  
 the *nineteenth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen  
 before me *W. W. Wilmot*,

\* 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 Ram* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

*Thomas Cox*  
*James O'Meara*  
*Simeon H. 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 Ram* 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. Wilmetz*

Coroner.

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

*Thomas boy*

*James O' Neara*

*John Mahy & Meddum*

*John Sagare*

*John W. Johnson*

*John Parker*

*Richard & Blanchfield*

*George Fisher*

*Michael Courtney*

*John Dacau*

*George Rushall*

*Edward Smith*