

12/3/57

CONVICTS INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To wit

The Examination of

23rd February 1857

As inquest held in
Melbourne on the body
of Edward Charles Higgins
at 7 o'clock

John Davies

9/4/57

Wm. McMahon
Coroner
12/3/57

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 23rd
day of February A.D. 1857
at Melbourne

Wm. McMahon
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria

To Wit.

THE Examination of*

Marianne the wife of
William Thompson. Labarier

* All names of Witnesses.

of Melbourne taken on oath this 23rd
day of February A.D. 1854 at Melbourne
before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said CityCity, Town, District, or County,
as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

On Friday morning last I came at
Mr. Hyslop's request to the Preston road
to see if I could procure a nurse for the
deceased, and in case I could not succeed
in procuring one I promised to take the
best care of the child I could. I took him
accordingly to my house, he seemed much
inclined to sleep from the time I took him.
On Sunday morning last about two o'clock
after feeding him with bread and milk, he
vomited it all up and seemed to get rapidly
worse - He had eaten very heartily of the
same food before - I took him over to
Doctor Fisher the same morning who
told me that the child was dying and the
best thing I could do was to take him
to his mother I accordingly did so the
same morning - Mary Ann Thompson

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria }

To Wit.

THE Examination of*

* All names of Witnesses.

Higgins's

Elizabeth the wife of Edward
Nicholay

of Melbourne

taken on oath this

23rd

day of

February

A.D. 1857

at

Melbourne

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

City

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased was my child. His name
was Edward Charles Higgins - aged seven
months. He has been very delicate from his
birth; but on Wednesday evening last he
was taken with the dysentery and was much
reduced by it. On Friday last thinking it
would be for the best I sent him to a
friend of mine living in Stephen Street
and he promised to take him to the Doctor
who had attended him before. He was brought
back to the Western Jail yesterday forenoon
in a dying state, and he expired in about
half an hour. With very attention and kindness
was shown the deceased whilst in the Jail.

Elizabeth Higgins

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 23rd
day of February A.D. 1857,
at Melbourne }

W. S. Melrose
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria }

To Wit.

THE Examination of*

Ellen the wife of Samuel
Perkins - Plumber -

* All names of Witnesses.

of Melbourne taken on oath this 23rd
day of February A.D. 1854. at Melbourne
before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said City -City, Town, District, or County,
as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

I have known the deceased since the admission of the Mother into the Western Gaol. I am a nurse in the Gaol, and the deceased has been under my care. Deceased on admission into the Gaol had the dysentery and seemed very bad in his inside. Dr. McKee saw him several times and prescribed for him. The Mother was very kind indeed to him. Deceased was about six or seven months old. On Friday morning last the Mother thought it would benefit the deceased to change the air and place him under the care of Dr. Fisher, who had attended him previously. To his ^{very} surprise he was brought back again much more exhausted and he died in about half an hour afterwards. I have examined the deceased

Deceased since death and did not perceive
any unusual marks on the body.
Decomposition has gone on very rapidly
since death. Deceased was admitted
with his mother into the parlour on the 9th of
February ins l.

Witness
Wm. Abbott

Wm. Perkins
mark

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 23rd
day of February A.D. 1857,
at Melbourne

Wm. Minors
Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Victoria }
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

the *Melbourne* in
the *Colony* of *Victoria* aforesaid,
the *23rd* day of *February* A.D. 1857, in
the *twentieth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen
before me *W. S. 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 *Edward Charles Higgins* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

Charles Davidson
Christopher Ellis
Alfred Murray
James Work
Thomas Jackson
George Seales
John Spottiswood
Thomas Kenna
William Harrison
Signon Reilly
John Alexander
William Spottiswood

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 *Edward Charles Higgins* came

by † his death, do say upon their oath that § *he has died*

from dysentery

† 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. Wilcox

Coroner.

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

Charles Davidson

Christopher Ellis

Alfred ^{his} Murray

James ^{his} W. O. K.

Thomas Jackson

George Seals

John Spottiswood

Thos. Kemmish

W. Morrison

Simon Reilly

John Alexander

William Spottiswood

(L.S.)