

24

September 18th

1874.

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Marion Smith

at Pauley Street

Wellbourn

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

Sept 24th 1874.

Received
10.9.74

J. W. G. Seal

Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, }
to wit. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *Melbourne*

in
the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the *Tenth* day
of *September* A.D. 1874 in the thirty *Eighth* year of
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Richard*
Yorke Gentleman, a* Coroner

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

of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of *Murison*
Smith then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of†

Frederick Skene
Herbert Wells
John Callaway
William Symonds
Charles Edwards
John Devore
John Driscoll
John Stewart
Henry Graham
John Gilbert
John Hester
George Maitland
Richard
good and lawful men of *Melbourne* 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 *Murison*

‡ His or her.

Smith came by *his* death, do say upon their oath

§ 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.

that§ *In Melbourne on the tenth*
of September when the deceased
Murison Smith died of
fracture of the skull caused
by an accidental fall. Saw

stems in the same clay

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.

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

<i>Richd. G. ...</i>	(L.S.)
	Coroner.
<i>Edw. ...</i>	(L.S.)
<i>Herbert ...</i>	(L.S.)
<i>John Callaway</i>	(L.S.)
<i>William ...</i>	(L.S.)
<i>Chas. ...</i>	(L.S.)
<i>John ...</i>	(L.S.)
<i>John ...</i>	(L.S.)
<i>John ...</i>	(L.S.)
<i>Spencer ...</i>	(L.S.)
<i>John ...</i>	(L.S.)
<i>John ...</i>	(L.S.)
<i>George ...</i>	(L.S.)

Muscatine Station
9th September 1874

Edmund Hoag, reports that a woman
named Marion Smith, aged 41 yrs,
wife of William Smith, of the Cornwell
Hotel, Bourne Street &c. died at
10 am this day.

It appears however that
she was at 1.30 am this morning for
her, and in going up stairs by some
means she fell back and struck
her head against the board at the
foot of the stairs, & she was taken up
in an insensible state and placed
on a sofa. Not rallying about 7 am
Dr. Beane and Galt were sent
for and she was treated for about
10 am & she died.

Edmund Hoag
Coroner

The
Officer in Charge }
No. 1 Barrack }

For the information of the City Council

J. P. Washington
of Jackson

1874

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The City Council

See Minutes

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent*

on h

oath saith, I am a

residing at

William Smith

P. M. C. A.

Hawke's Bay

The deceased was my wife
her name was Marrow Smith
her age was forty one years - she
was of the low - on the night of
the 18th inst. I went to bed at
11 o'clock leaving the deceased up
in the bar - she was quite sober
she did not drink - between half
past one and two o'clock in the morn.
morning - my bar man came in
called me he said that the deceased
had fallen down stairs - and that he
could not move her - I went
saw my wife lying at the
foot of the stairs - she was insensible
and blew a little from her mouth in the
back of the head - I put her in a
saw for a few hours - she had after
fallen in a fit before - she was subject
to fits - when menstruating - she has
been menstruating at this time
I thought she would get out of the
fit as usual - finding that
she remained unconscious

Taken and Sworn before me, the _____ day

of _____, 18

, at

H. H.

Coroner.

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 sent for Mr. Leary and
Gardner - they attended me
until the end at about ten
o'clock that morning the result
was as follows
William Smith

Taken and Sworn before me, the 10th day
of September, 1874, at Melbourne
W. H. Gould
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

TO WIT.

on h

oath saith, I am a

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

residing at

James Griffin
Barman
Bentley St.

I am in the custody of the
 husband of the deceased Smith
 on the night of the 14th inst
 Smith went to bed at about
 eleven o'clock leaving the deceased
 up in the chair - at about half
 past one o'clock the deceased was in
 the chair alone - I was sitting in an
 adjoining room I heard a fall
 I ran at once and found the deceased
 lying at the bottom of the stairs she was
 quite alone she was quite insensible -
 I ran up the stairs and called her
 husband - we together we lifted
 the deceased upon a sofa - the deceased
 now had a candle in her hand which
 I put at the foot of the stairs
 There was no person up in the
 house except the deceased and myself
 I was sitting up for a long time

James L. Griffin

Taken and Sworn before me, the *16th* day
 of *September*, 18*74*, at *Melbourne*
Richard Gould
 Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,)

This Deponent*

TO WIT.

) on h

oath saith, I am a

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

residing at

Annie WorsleyGeneral SewerWalla Street

I have been in the custody of the
Deceased since the 1st of the last 24 weeks
I never knew her to have fits
I do not know what the manner
at her first seizure of which she
Deceased had fallen down stairs
I found her then lying upon her back
upstairs - she was carried up by her
nursemaid and the barman - she
had her clothes on she was quite
unconscious - was taken to her room -

There was no travelling with
her the Deceased twice separately
with her nursemaid Annie Worsley

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

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 60.
Stereo]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent*

on h

oath saith, I am a

residing at

James Geo Pearce
Resident Surgeon
Melbourne

I was called to see the deceased
Smith in the morning after the death
which at eight o'clock (I was called
that she had fallen down stairs.
I found her insensible in bed. She was
quite insensible her breathing was
stertorous - her pulse was slow and
irregular - There was a wound at
the back of the head - from which
blood had issued - the wound was
down to the bone - The wound was
centura and was such a wound as
would be expected by falling -
There was no other marks of
violence - The deceased never
suffered The cause of death was
fracture of the skull with effusion
of blood upon the brain
The wound was in my opinion
due to falling backwards down
stairs -

James Geo Pearce.

Taken and Sworn before me, the 16th day
of September, 1874, at Melbourne
Richard G. ...
Coroner.