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11 Oct 1858.

PROCEEDINGS of Inquest held

upon the body of

Wm. Sullivan

at

Westbury

Received 22/10/ 1858.

Coroner. W. A. Roche

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria

To Wit.

} Township of Sandhurst
 The Examination of * Eric Magnus Meyer

* All names of Witnesses.

of Sandhurst taken on oath this eleventh
 day of October, A.D. 1858, at the Sandhurst Hotel

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† Township

This Deponent

Eric Magnus Meyer
 on his oath saith as follows: I am the Proprietor of the
 Sandhurst Hotel. The Deceased the same
 whose body was viewed by the jury
 has been residing at my Hotel for the
 last three months. He was an Englishman
 and aged about 45 years. He was not
 married. He used to drive the mail
 from Sandhurst to Moor and
 back twice a week. The Deceased for
 the last two or three weeks indulged
 very freely in intoxicating drinks.
 He used to come home so drunk that
 I used often to have to put him to bed.
 On last Saturday evening the Deceased
 came home about ten o'clock. He was
 unusually sober. He had a glass of
 egg nog between that time and a
 little after 12 o'clock. He then asked
 me to allow him to sleep in the same
 room with me. He told me that he had
 not slept well for some nights
 previous and that he felt very tired.
 I had a stretcher brought in to the
 room where I slept and we both
 went to bed. The following the Deceased

woke

woke me and asked what hour
was it. I looked at my watch and
told him it was thirty five minutes
past six. He then got up saying
that he would look after his "poor horses"
which he kept in my stable. He remarked
to me that he slept very well during
the night and said that he would
wish me to allow him to sleep there
for the future. Having dressed
himself he went as understood
to the stable. About ten minutes
afterwards having dressed myself
I went to the water closet and there
I found the deceased sitting on the
ground with his head resting against
the side of the closet and on his chest
I tried to rouse him up but could
not. I could not feel his pulse. Froth
was coming from his mouth. I got
assistance having previously sent
for a medical man. I had the
deceased placed on a stretcher in the
room where he usually slept. The
doctor arrived immediately after
and pronounced him dead.

E. M. Meyer

TAKEN and sworn before me the *eleventh*
day of *October* A.D. 185*8*
at *the Vanduurst Hotel*

William Augustine Roche, D.

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria

To Wit.

} Township of Sandhurst
 THE Examination of * Hugh Smith

* All names of Witnesses.

of Sandhurst
 day of October

taken on oath this eleventh

A.D. 1858, at the Sandhurst Hotel

† 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:

Hugh Smith
 I am a graduate of the University of Edinburgh and a licentiate of the Victoria Medical Board. I have examined the body of the Deceased the same that was viewed by the jury. I found no external marks of violence. I opened the head, chest, and abdomen. On examining the head I found traces of inflammation in the membranes of the brain. They were of previous standing the cerebrum was healthy. There was no fluid contained in the ventricles. The cerebellum was softer than usual. The sinuses of the brain were considerably congested. On examining the thorax, I found considerable congestion of the veins system. There was congestion of both lungs with the absence of the usual amount of air contained in healthy lungs. The ramifications of the bronchial tubes were filled with serum and mucus. The lungs presented the appearance of being much smaller than usual.

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having a collapsed appearance. The pericardium was healthy. There was no symptom of disease of the heart. Its ventricles and valves were healthy. It contained very little blood. There was no appearance of aneurism present. I next examined the abdominal cavity. The omentum was larger than usual with from fatty deposit. The stomach was healthy & empty. Its mucous membrane was very much congested. The liver was indurated and larger than usual. The spleen and both kidneys were healthy. The other abdominal viscera were healthy. I am of opinion that the deceased's death was caused by an attack of pulmonary apoplexy from the result of my examination of the body of the deceased I am of opinion that he was in the habit of indulging too freely in intoxicating liquors which would have a tendency to accelerating his death.

Wm. A. Smith

TAKEN and sworn before me the eleventh
day of October A.D. 1850
at Sandhurst Notes

William Augustine Roche J.P.

Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Victoria } Township of Sandhurst
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at the
Sandhurst Hotel in
the Township of Sandhurst aforesaid,
the eleventh day of October A.D. 1858, in
the twenty-second year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen
before me William, Augustine Roche Esq.,
Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the* Township of
Sandhurst aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of William Gillman then

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

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

George John Walker
Edwin Arthur Jones
Lawrence Peter Holmes
Charles Edward White
Thomas Cowderoy
Solomon Burrall
John Smith
Peter Ben Damm
Carfity Cronquist
Philip Kennedy
Herman Schelle
John Carroll

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good and lawful men of Sandhurst in the
said Township 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 William Gillman came
by † his death, do say upon their oath that §

† 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.

The Deceased William Gillman
came by his death on the tenth
day of October A.D. 1858. at

the

the Sandwich Hotel, Sandwich,
from an attack of Pulmonary Apoplexy
which was accelerated by the excessive
use of intoxicating liquors.

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.

William Augustine Roche

Coroner.

Philip Kennedy

John Carroll

William S. Schuch

Walter Cronquist

Peter Van Damm

Solomon Broad

John Smith

Thomas Cowderoy

Charles Edward White

Laurens Peter Holmes

Edmund Arthur Young

George John Walker

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