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November 24<sup>th</sup> 1876

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST  
held upon the body of

William Horsfall  
Strickland

at  
Bristol

Received at the Crown Law Offices,  
November 28<sup>th</sup> 1876

*[Circular stamp with illegible text]*

*[Signature]*

Coroner.



## PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

## INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, }  
to wit. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the *twenty fourth* day  
of *November* A.D. 1876 in the *thirty first* year of  
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Fleamin Hale*

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

*Pucka*

Gentleman, a *Territorial* Coroner

of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of *William*  
*Horsfall Huchcliffe* then

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

*John Freese*  
*James Long*  
*James Aikman*  
*Joseph Aikman*  
*Daniel Normandy*  
*William Absalom*  
*John Cameron*  
*Herbert Willis*  
*Carrie Anderson*  
*Thomas Montgomery*  
*Ferdinand Cohen*  
*Edward L. Hufus*  
*Northlake*

good and lawful men of

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

*William*

‡ His or her.

*Horsfall Huchcliffe* 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§



The Cause of death was  
"serous apoplexy"

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. P. Parker

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

John Piquet  
Tim Long

James A. R. Man

Joseph Quincy

Samuel Brunsley

Wm. Abbotson

Tom Cameron

Herbert. Therson. Willis.

David Anderson

John Montgomery

Edmund A. O'Brien

Edw. F. Hughes, Jr.

Coroner.

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# CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent\*

*Jennings John Q. Mear*

TO WIT.

on his oath saith I am a

*Postmaster*

\*Christian and Surname in full.

residing at

*Mortlake*

On the night of the 22<sup>nd</sup> I met the deceased in the street. He asked me if I was engaged that evening, if not if I would go for a drive with him. I said I would. We left deceased's house about 9 PM - deceased was then in his usual health & spirits. We first stopped at Clark's hotel at Elmore. We went inside I think the doctor (deceased) had two 1/2 bottles of soda with a small drop of whiskey in each. We came out & got into the trap again. The deceased driving. We drove on as far as Mr. Cubberly's hotel. There we turned off the main road onto a bush track. It was moonlight. After driving along this track for some time the doctor suggested that I should look out for the gate & he would look out for the track. Presently I got out & found a track running straight away from the gate. We followed this track but the doctor seemed quite in doubt. He afterwards again started up in the bushes & looking round. I know it to be the right. We then went back thro the gate. I was walking. Deceased drove on & left me behind. I called deceased answered all right - come on - I found him at a gate he drove in & got to the house we wanted. Deceased took

Taken and Sworn before me, the *24<sup>th</sup>* day  
of *Nov*, 18*78*, at *Mortlake*  
Coroner.

*W. H. Mear*

*mm*



his instrument case & bent in  
he remained over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  an hour  
In the mean time it became  
nearly pitch dark. The  
deceased came out and looking  
about said a man who was  
living in the house you'd have  
to see us on to the metal -  
After a while the man got up  
into the buggy & drove us  
he ran us into the fork of a  
tree. The doctor unharnessed  
the horses & he pulled the  
buggy out of the tree & the  
doctor harnessed them up  
again & he drove on to  
Mortimer got out at the  
hotel (Clark's) I sat at the  
fire to dry my feet & the  
doctor attended me. I ordered  
some whiskey & the doctor  
had some whiskey & soda  
I am sure he had not more  
than two. I think only one  
he urged me to make haste &  
be started. It was then for the  
first time I noticed a sort of  
stupor on the doctor as of  
one weary. Not as of one who



who had taken too much  
I saw <sup>him</sup> fall only once in his  
slip. When he got to the  
buggy he appeared to be  
very drowsy I assisted him  
into the buggy without  
any difficulty. he took  
the rear side I got in & took  
the reins. I asked Clarke  
to come home with us in case  
the doctor fell asleep & fell out.  
he c<sup>d</sup> not come - Just as  
we started the doctor appeared  
to rouse himself & sit up  
after driving a mile I felt  
the doctor leaning against  
me he appeared in a great  
sleep breathing freely  
Some little time after I noticed  
he had lost his hat. I didn't  
go to look for it. I stopped & put  
my handkerchief toward his head  
He was then leaning against my  
shoulder. I put my coat over  
his head as well as I c<sup>d</sup> to keep  
him from catching cold.  
He remained in that position



As we came to his own place  
I said loose up doctor we  
are at home. I got no answer  
when we were about 2 miles  
out of Muskie then the doctor  
dropped his hat - he said  
never mind drive on  
that was the last time I heard  
him speak. I got out to  
open the gate having first  
put the doctor gently off  
my shoulder in an upright  
position. When we got into  
the yard I called the young  
man to take the horses. I  
then found the doctor leaning  
more to the left but quite  
as I left him. I tried to  
move him but I c<sup>d</sup> not do it.  
I tried to take him out of  
the buggy by myself but c<sup>d</sup> not.  
I sent for the carriage  
& with the boy we got him  
into the house. I then worked  
for the 1<sup>st</sup> time his lips & face  
paleish - we put him down  
gently on the floor. found his  
hands cold - I opened his collar  
& his coat - got hot water  
to his feet & his hands & feet



I rubbed him in the region  
of the heart - He was then  
breathing almost imper-  
ceptibly - I am not sure  
if his heart was beating -  
It was warm then - I kept  
rubbing & the heat continued  
the servant put all this  
time rubbing his feet - I don't  
know how long - I sh<sup>d</sup> say  $\frac{1}{2}$   
an hour to  $\frac{3}{4}$  - I found  
the heat gradually decreasing  
at last it became cold  
I had previously from him  
a teaspoon of brandy  
but say if he swallowed any  
shortly after the heart becoming  
cold I heard a very faint breath -  
the lower jaw of deceased ~~then~~  
then relaxed & I know  
that all was over - I tried with  
a looking glass but there was  
no sign of breath - I then  
went for the Minister & delayed  
the doctor on his bed  
By the way man - I then pronounced him  
not last more than an hour



I think we arrived at  
Mortlake about 8 - &  
I think deceased expired  
about 1/2 past -

I took particular care to  
see that the doctor was in a  
comfortable position all  
the way home & had plenty  
of room to breathe - deceased  
never complained while we  
were in Clark's hotel or  
at all - I am prepared to  
swear there were only two rounds  
of drink at Clark's hotel on our  
return - & that the doctor had  
only two drinks - D. J. Men

Sworn at Mortlake in the Colony of Victoria  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1876

Before me

H. J. Men  
Coroner



## CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

\*Christian and  
Surname in  
full.

This Deponent\*

Augustus Joseph Balford Pettigrew  
on his oath saith, I am a Certificated Medical Practitioner  
residing at Camperdown

I have made a post-mortem examination of the body of deceased Wm Horsfall of Hinchcliffe. I found some adhesion between the membranes & the brain with a large effusion of serum on the surface with a slight softening of the left cerebral hemisphere. Brain was slightly congested. The other organs of the body were healthy. There were no marks of violence of any kind on the body. The cause of death was serous apoplexy. I have no doubt that was the cause & the only cause of death.

Horsfall Pettigrew

Taken and Sworn before me, the 2<sup>d</sup> day  
of Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1876, at Mortlake  
W. Muller Coroner.



## CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent\*

TO WIT.

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

\*Christian and  
Surname in  
full.

Jane Clarke  
Married woman  
Elmhurst

My husband keeps the house. I know the  
 deceased he was at our house on yesterday  
 morning in company with Mr A Brin  
 he was there both on going & returning to  
 Ballantrach. I noticed nothing particular  
 he seemed very fit when he was going  
 down - He had two glasses of Whiskey  
 & soda when he went down - he sat up  
 till he came back - I put the decanter  
 of Whiskey on the table and two glasses  
 & a plate of biscuits & left the room -  
 They had 3 bottles of soda water besides -  
 Mr A Brin & the man who came with  
 them helped deceased into the trap  
 he didn't seem to walk so well when he  
 came out of the house as when he went  
 in - I got the Whiskey decanter drunk  
 from Mr Brin. By a jury man. He seemed  
 right enough when he came in the second time.  
 I think he must have taken too much  
 Whiskey in my house - I did not notice  
 what was in the decanter after deceased  
 left the house. We have charged nothing  
 to the deceased. We can't write ourselves.  
 I didn't see anything wrong with Mr A Brin

Witness to  
 Jane Clarke's death

Edmund

her  
 Jane X Clarke  
 mark

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 of Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1876, at Mortlake  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coroner.

W. M. M. M.  
om



Western District  
Northlake Station

23<sup>rd</sup> November 1876

Sur. Genl. Storey reports for  
the information of the Coroner  
that Dr. Hincheliff died suddenly  
this morning at 8.30 am at his  
residence after returning from visiting  
a patient at Ballangrich.  
The deceased was in his usual  
health and spirits at 9 pm last  
evening. When starting for Ballangrich.

H. H. Puckle Esq. P.M.  
Coroner

John H. Storey  
Sur. Genl. 1138