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Coroner 24th 1876

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

William Hospital
Knickeliffe
at Hospital

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
Coroner 28th 1876

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W. Hospital
Knickeliffe
at Hospital

Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, }
to wit. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *Mortlake*
in
the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the *twentyninth* day
of *November* A.D. 1876 in the *thirty-fifth* year of
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Frederick Hale*
Bullock Gentleman, a *Territorial* Coroner
of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of *William*
Horsfall Hinchliffe then
and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

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

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

John Grove
James Long
James Aikman
Joseph Riving
James Browning
William Absalom
John Cameron
Herbert Willis
Carrie Anderson
Thomas Montgomery
Ferdinand Cohen
Edward L. Hughes
Mortlake

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.

§ 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 §

Horsfall Hinchliffe came by † his death, do say upon their oath

The cause of death was
"drown asphyxy"

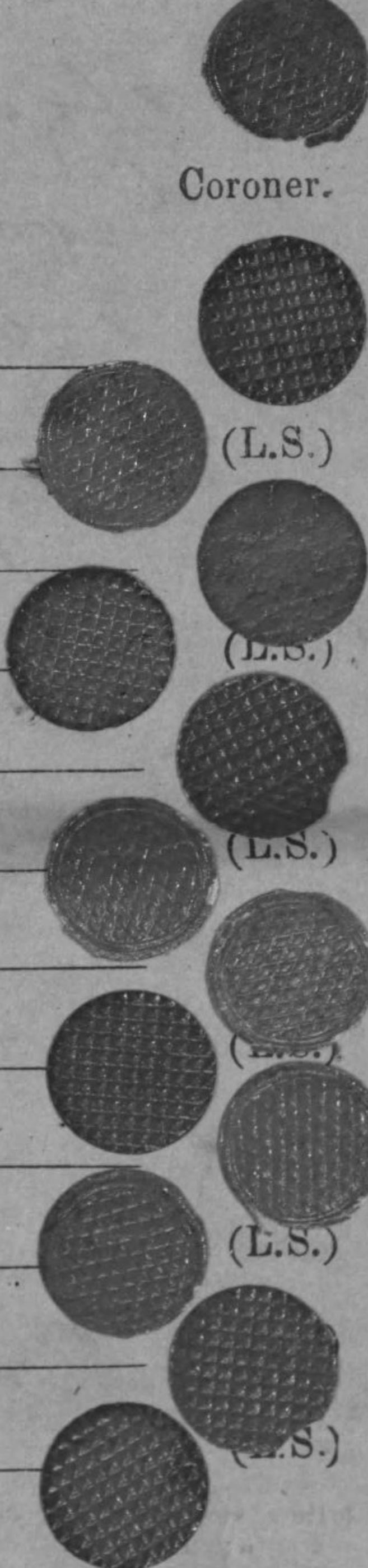
In witness whereof as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid, have to
this Inquisition put their hands and seals, on the day and year, and at the place above
mentioned.

W. Clarkles

Coroner.

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

Philippe
Timy Long
James Pittman
Joseph Quincy
Samuel Brinsley
W^h Abboton
John Cameron
Herbert Sherson Willis
David Anderson
John Murchison
Adamson & O'Kear
Edw^t Hughes Jr



his instrument case & went in
he remained over 1/2 an hour
In the mean time it became
nearly pitch dark. The
deceased came out again looking
about - saw a man who was
living in the house & only have
to die as on to the metal -

After a while the man got up
with the buggy & drove as
he ran as into the fork of a
tree. The doctor unharnessed
the horses & he pulled the
buggy out of the tree & the
doctor unharnessed them up
again & he drove on to

Elm Street out at the
hotel (Clarkes) I sat at the
fire to dry my feet & the
doctor behind me. I ordered
some whisky & the doctor
had some whisky & soda
I am sure he had not more
than two. I think they are
he urged me to make haste &
be started. It was then for the
first time I noticed a sort of
slipper on the doctor as of
one being. but as of me who

who had taken too much
I saw ~~and~~ Waller 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 near side I got in & took
the reins. I asked Clarke
to come home with us in case
the doctor fell asleep & fell over
he ^{could} not come - fast as
he 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 foully
some little time after I noticed
he had lost his hat - didn't
go to look for it - I stopped & put
my handkerchief round his head
He was then leaning against my
shoulder. I put my coat over
his head as well as I could to keep
him from catching cold -
he remained in that position

the we came to his own place
I said come up Doctor we
are at home I got no answer
then we were about 2 miles
out of Muskie when 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 upside
position - then we got into
the y and I called the young
man to take the horses
then I made the Doctor leaning
more to the left not quite
as I left him - I tried to
drive him but I could not do it
I tried to take him out of
the buggy by myself but ^{could}
I sent for the servant
& so it - the boy we got him
into the house - I then washed
for the 1st time his lips & face
plentiful - he put him down
gently on the floor - found his
hands cold - I opened his collar
& waistcoat - put hot water
to his feet & his hands chafed

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 it
rubbing & the heat continued
the servant put all this
time rubbing his feet - I don't
know how long - I ^{think} 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
Can't say if he swallowed any
shortly after the heart became
cold I heard a very faint breath
the lower jaw of deceased ~~deceased~~
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 Priest & he laid
the doctor on his bed
By the way man - he then passed away
not last more than an hour

I think he arrived at
Mortlake about 3-4
I think deceased expired
about 1/2 past 7

I took particular care to
see that the doctor was in a
comfortable position all
the way home & had plenty
of room to breathe - because a
few days before he had
been in Clark's hotel on
at all. I am prepared to
say there were only two rounds
of drink at Clark's hotel on our
return - & that the doctor had
only two rounds. D. O. B. M.

Sworn at Mortlake in the Colony of Victoria
this 24th day of November 1876

Before me

W. F. Buckley Q.M.
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent* Augustus Joseph Balfour Pellegrin
on h is oath saith, I am a Artificial Medical Practitioner
residing at Camperdown

I have made a post mortem examination
of the body of deceased Mr. Horsfall
Hinchcliffe. I found some adhesions
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.

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Taken and Sworn before me, the 24 day
of Nov^{br}, 1876, at Monteagle }

W. Miller ^{Coroner.} mm

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

Jane Clarke

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

On his oath saith, I am a Married woman
residing at Elphin

My husband keeps the hotel. I know the deceased he was at our house on yesterday morning in company with Mr. O'Brien. He was there both on going & returning to Ballanymuck. I noticed nothing particular he seemed very fit when he was going down - he had two glasses of Whisky & Soda when he went down - he sat up till he came back - I put the decanter of Whisky on the table and two glasses & a plate of biscuits & left the room - They had 3 bottles of Soda water besides Mr. O'Brien & the man who came with them helped deceased into the traps. He didn't seem to talk so well when he came out of the house as when he went in. I got the Whisky deceased drank from his friend. By a poor man. He seemed light enough when he came in the second time.

I think he must have taken too much Whisky in my house - I did not notice what was in the decanter after deceased left the house. he gave change nothing to the deceased. he can't write or read. I didn't see any thing wrong with Mr. O'Brien

Witness to
Jane Clarke mark

Edward Hespard

Taken and Sworn before me, the 24th day
of Nov^r, 1876, at Mortlake

Coroner.

her
Jane X Clarke
mark

W. Hespard
Coroner.

Western District

Mortlake Station

23rd November 1876

Sher. Const. Storey reports for
the information of the Coroner
that Dr. Hinckeliff died suddenly
this morning at 3.30 AM at his
residence after returning from visiting
a patient at Ballangieich.
The deceased was in his usual
health and spirits at 9 PM last
evening when starting for Ballangieich.

H. H. Puckle Esqr. P.M.
Coroner

John Storey
Sher. Const 1138