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6th Decr 1888

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Mary Ellen Stedwell

at

Yarra Bend

Domestic Chaplain

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

14 Decr 1888

PM,

C. Cantler
Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, }
to wit. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at
the Yarrum Lunatic Asylum in
the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the *sixth* day
of *December* A.D. 188*8* in the *fifty first* year of
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Samuel*

* City, Town, County, or Dis-
trict, as the case may be.

Curtis Gentleman, a*

Coroner

of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of

Mary Elizabeth Fretwell

then

† Juror's Christian and sur- and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †
names in full.

William Sawyer

William Bolch

Edwin Wilson

William Cotton

Charles Burtch

George Page

William Swain

good and lawful men of

James Bond

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

Mary

‡ His or her.

Elizabeth Fretwell

came by ‡ her death, do say upon their oath

§ Here state cause of death if that §
known; if unknown, doubtful,
or no evidence, state the fact
accordingly, using the words
of the verdict of the Jury.

On the *3rd* of *December* 188*8*, at the
Yarrum Lunatic Asylum, where the
was in legal custody as a lunatic, she
died from disease of the brain and bowels

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.

C. Canby

(L.S.)

Coroner

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

J. H. Desyer

(L.S.)

M. Welch

(L.S.)

E. H. Witter

(L.S.)

W. Colban

(L.S.)

C. F. Bradley

(L.S.)

W. H. Taylor

(L.S.)

W. H. Swain

(L.S.)

(L.S.)

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(L.S.)

(L.S.)

Mary Elizabeth Frenchwell

Varra Bent

Lunatic Asylum,

4 Decr. 1888.

MEMORANDUM.

The patient named in the margin having
died at 6.20 p.m.

on 3rd December 1888.

I have to request that you will inform the

Coroner for the District of Bourke.

Smith

actg Clerk of Asylum.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

* Christian and Surname in full.

This Deponent *

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oath saith, I am

a

Medical Superintendent

residing at

The Janu Benia Asylum.

From the Asylum records I find that the deceased Mary Elizabeth Fretwell aged about 40 years was admitted a patient to this Asylum on the 22nd October 1888 on a warrant now produced,

Deceased came under my care on the 28th ultimo suffering from mania, and was in Hospital by in elated and bed ridden state. She gradually sank and died, as reported, at 20 minutes past six o'clock on the evening of the 3rd instant.

She was supplied with medicine and medical comforts, and I visited her twice daily whilst in delirium.

W. L. Watkins

Taken and Sworn before me, the 6th day of December 1888 at Janu Benia
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

* Christian and Surname in full.

This Deponent *

James Edward Neill
on his oath saith, I am a Surgeon registered in Victoria
residing at 21 Spring Street, Melbourne.

I have made a post mortem examination of the body of Mary Elizabeth Petwell.
Externally:

It was emaciated. There were no bedsores. There was an abrasion over the nose and a sore on the right side of the head over the ear.

Internally

The membranes of the brain were thickened and congested. There was some softening at the base, and the lateral ventricles were distended with serum. The organs of the chest were structurally healthy.

The alimentary canal, from the stomach to the anus was subacutely inflamed, the inflammation being limited to the internal coats. The stomach contained fluid food (apparently egg and milk) and in the rest of the canal there was a good deal of reddish brown fluid here and there mixed with blood. In the cavity of the pelvis there was about half a pint of serum.

(C.C.)

The cause of death was ^{disease} inflammation of the brain and subacute inflammation of the bowels.

James Edward Neill

Taken and Sworn before me, the 6th day
of December 18 88 at Melbourne
 C. Cantley
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

This Deponent *

on h & oath saith, I am a

residing at

* Christian and Surname in full.

Elizabeth McFiegan

an attendant in the

Yarra Bend Asylum

*The deceased Mary Elizabeth
Retwell was under my charge when she died
on the 17th of November last. She was weak
but excited & noisy. She took her food for the first
few days. From the 27th she remained in bed &
slept & died on the 3rd. She did not complain
of her bowels or of anything. The Medical Visitors
saw her. Dr. Walker saw her regularly. No friends
saw her. She had no bed room.*

E. McFiegan

Taken and Sworn before me, the *6th* day
of *December* 18*88* at *Yarra Bend*
C. C. C. C.
Coroner.