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1889

21st July

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of William

Henry Waters

at

Melbourne

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

9th July 1889

12.221



Blackburn

Coroner.

Russell St. Station. Melbourne Police District.
3rd July 1889

REPORT of Const. Davidson
relative to death of a man

I have to report that at 6.20 pm last evening a man named Henry Waters about 45 years, a broken down journalist well known about Melbourne, went to Harbata's Bourke St. to have a bath.

He was shown to the bath-room to have a cold bath, and in about 20 minutes, one of the attendants not hearing any sound, opened the door and found Waters, in the bath on his knees with his head under water there was about one foot of water in the bath.

He was got out at once and Dr Stirling sent for, who endeavoured to restore animation but without success, he was pronounced dead and his body was then removed to the morgue.

There was 1/6 and a piece Dr. R. Gould Esq of paper with deceased's name City Coroner written on it, found in his Melbourne clothes. The deceased of

of late years Drank heavily,
and on two occasions has
~~been~~ attempted suicide once
by poisoning, so it is more
than probable but he has
repeated the attempt in
which this time he has been
successful.

J. M. Davidson

count. 3269

W H Waters

W Marshall & Co

Printers

Royal London

Epitaph for my
wife

A virtuous woman
And a better sister and
and than wife

W H Waters

W. H.
47 89

Address

Mrs Waters
Co Wm Duff
Coppin Street
Rich

Ms. 784

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, }
to wit. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

Melbourne

the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the

Fairfax

in

of

July

A.D. 1889 in the

Fifty third

day

year of

the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me

Richard

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

Yong

Gentleman, a*

City

Coroner

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

William

Henry Waters Seales

then

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

David O. Kupper

John E. Egan

Henry Hodgson

William Thorman

William Reedy

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

Henry William

† His or her.

Henry Waters Seales

came by † his 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.

in Melbourne in the second

of July without the cause
William Henry Waters Seales
was accidentally drowned
in a bath

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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.

Richard

(L.S.)

Coroner

David Klepp

(L.S.)

John Flynn

(L.S.)

Henry Hodgson

(L.S.)

Wm. Conner

(L.S.)

William Bruch

(L.S.)

(L.S.)

(L.S.)

(L.S.)

(L.S.)

(L.S.)

(L.S.)

(L.S.)

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

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

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This Deponent *

oath saith, I am a

residing at

Alfred Dampier

Actor

Primer Stal

* Christian and Surname in full.

I know the deceased his name was Melburn Henry Waters Seales his age was about fifty four years he was a journalist he has left a wife and 4 children. He suffered a great deal from heart and rheumatism and was in wretched health. I had once a letter from him saying that he wanted visiting hours. I placed my belief in the statement. I saw him last about two weeks in the deceased's interest. He seemed in better spirits. There was some hope of getting him into the Drunkard's Home. The Memo. produced is in his hand writing.

Alfred Dampier

Taken and Sworn before me, the 4th day of July 1884 at Warrnambool
W. H. Gould
 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.

Edgar T. Attenborough
Manager
Collingwood

I am the Manager of the Turkish
Baths in Melbourne that the deceased
sealer came over ashore for a fresh
class bath in the evening of the second
at six o'clock I gave him a ticket
for a bath and he went into a Bath
I saw nothing more of him in Town
until the bath attendant reported
that a man was scalded in a bath
I went at once I found the deceased
in a warm bath he was just scalded
when he was found he was quite dead
I sent for Dr. Shilling who found
that he was dead The door of the
bath was not locked and the
deceased made any noise or
called he must have been
asleep He did not appear scalded
Edgar Thomas Attenborough

Taken and Sworn before me, the *4th* day
of *July* 188*9* at *Melbourne*
Richd Gould
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

This Deponent *

on h

oath saith, I am a

residing at

Alexander McLeod
Castle
Melbourne

* Christian and
surname in
full.

about two months since I arrested
the accused Seales in a charge
of Vagrancy. He told me that
he had gone to Francis Brown
with the intention of committing
suicide. He was sober but
appeared to have been drinking.
He was sent to the General Hospital
for medical treatment and
was then discharged.

Alexander McLeod
Count 3544

Taken and Sworn before me, the 4th day
of July 1889 at Melbourne
W. H. G. G. G.
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.

Jabez G. Vidal
White Antislavery
Bentley Road

*In the Evening of the 4th I came out
at six o'clock I put the deceased
seals in a warm bath I thought
he was a long time in the bath
I went to see if any thing was
the matter with him I found him
face downwards in the bath I
put his head out of the water &
the shop man called the Manager
He was sober J. Vidal*

Taken and Sworn before me, the *4th* day
of *July* 18*89* at *Maribou*
Rich Gaud
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,)

TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Robert Andrew Stirling

on his oath saith, I am a Surgeon

residing at Melbourne

* Christian and Surname in full.

I was called at half past six on the evening of July 2nd to the Bathing Hotel Bourke St Melbourne to see the deceased William Henry Walter Scales.

He was quite dead — and no attempts at resuscitation such as artificial respiration and galvanism were of any avail.

I have made a post-mortem examination of the body of the deceased.

The Brain and its sinuses were greatly congested. The Blood was dark and fluid. There was a very large quantity of serous fluid in the ventricles and at the base. The Heart was adherent to the pericardium throughout, and was small and in a state of fatty degeneration. The Lungs were swollen and cedematous and precisely in the condition found in those drowned. The Stomach contained a small quantity of partly digested food, but no water. The Liver was congested and unmealy. The Kidneys were small contracted and very granular on the surface. The Cause of death was fainting and drowning. The deceased was undoubtedly a Drunkard.

Robert A. Stirling.

Taken and Sworn before me, the 4th day
of July 1889 at Melbourne
W. H. Paul
Coroner.