

62-14-Sept. 1917

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

807 held upon the body of

Augustine Brastine

M. S. Millan

at  
Walter Beaconsfield

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

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C.L.O.

*Per*

*A. H. Smith*  
Coroner

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

VICTORIA,  
BAILIWICK,  
To Wit.

*Central*

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A MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King,  
taken at *Upper Beaconsfield* in the *Central*  
Bailiwick of Victoria, this *fourth and* days of *September*  
*fourteenth*  
in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and *seventeen* before  
the undersigned *William J. Harvey Smith* Esquire, one of  
His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said Bailiwick, upon view of  
the body of *Augustus Erskine McMillan*  
then and there lying dead.

Having duly inquired when, where, how, and by what means the said  
*Augustus Erskine McMillan* come by his  
death, I say that the said *August Erskine McMillan*  
died at *Upper Beaconsfield* in the said  
Bailiwick on the *fourth* day of *August* 1917 -  
*or about the*  
*fourth* day of *August* 1917 -  
from *exposure and alcoholism* as indicated  
by the *medical evidence*

As witness my hand this

*fourteenth* day of *September* 1917

*William J. Harvey Smith* J.P.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* Douglas George Thompson.

on his oath saith, I am an Orchardist.

residing at Upper Beaconsfield

\*Christian and Surname in full.

On Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst. I found a body which has since been identified as ~~John~~ <sup>Augustus Esquire</sup> McMillan about One O'clock on Tuesday the Fourth Inst - Some children attending school informed me that a drunken man was lying in the bush on the roadside, upon examining that appeared to be the drunken man, I found life to be extinct - I immediately sent a message to be telephoned to the Police at Benmitz, the man was a stranger to me -

Taken and sworn before me the Sixth day  
of September 1917 at Upper  
Beaconsfield  
William Stanley Smith  
Coroner.

Douglas George Thompson

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

\* Christian and Surname in full.

This Deponent\* Jens Christian Jensen, on his oath saith, I am a Licensed Retailer residing at The Pine Grove Hotel, Upper Beaconsfield

The deceased came to my hotel on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> day of August at 9.A.M. he appeared sober, but had evidently been drinking before, and was suffering from a recovery of drinking and coldness, I supplied him with 2 whiskies and a port wine which he drank on the premises, he also bought and took away 1 Bottle of Whisky and three bottles of port wine, In answer to my enquiry, deceased said he was working at the Water works, and had a camp there. He did not remain on my premises longer than half an hour. He then left carrying the Whisky & wine purchased in a Sugar bag, and was travelling in the direction in which he was afterwards found dead. The bottles produced are similar to those supplied by me, also the bag, which he had in his possession. I fix the date upon which deceased visited my hotel, through the intrussing the Meteor the night before, after the one visit he paid to my hotel he never came back again, and I never saw him alive after that date, when he left he was alone, and as far as I could see he had no mates with him. The distance from the Hotel to where his body was found is approximately half a mile, facing towards the Water works, Deceased paid in cash for all that I supplied him with,

Taken and Sworn before me the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1907 at Upper Beaconsfield in presence of Harry Smith Coroner.

Jens Christian Jensen

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\*

*John Lombard*

on his oath saith, I am a *a Constable of Police*

residing at *Berwick*

\* Christian and Surname in full.

On Tuesday the fourth of ~~September~~ <sup>September</sup> in consequence of a telephone message received, I came to Upper Beaconsfield I saw the deceased in a patch of scrub on the side of the road about half a mile on the South side of the Hotel I examined the body which was lying partly face down - towards, on the right side, the left arm was extended behind the back, the right hand was clenched and contained the knife produced with the large blade open, the hand was partly under the neck & chest, the legs were slightly drawn up, there were abrasions on the right side of face lips and forehead, and also a cut upon the corner of the right eye, which appeared to be caused by some sharp penetrating instrument, there was a small pool of blood under the head, the two bottles produced (full & corked) one apparently containing whiskey and the other wine, were lying at deceased's head; the two empty bottles produced were lying a few feet away from deceased. Those bottles had contained wine, I sent for Medical Aid prior to removing the body, and in response Dr. Langmore of Berwick came, and made an examination of the body. I searched the clothing of deceased and in his pockets I found two One pound notes three Pennies, One metal watch, One old pipe, and a bundle of bills which bear the name of A. McMillan, I had the body removed to the Pine Grove Hotel, and then reported to the Coroner - And I have made.

Taken and Sworn before me the *Sixth* day  
of *September* 1907 at *Upper*  
*Beaconsfield*  
*Bureau Harry Smith*  
Coroner.

*J. Lombard*  
*Const 4480*

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* \_\_\_\_\_

on h \_\_\_\_\_ oath saith, I am a \_\_\_\_\_

\*Christian and Surname in full.

residing at \_\_\_\_\_

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*enquiries, and I cannot find any suspicious circumstances connected with the death.*

Taken and sworn before me the *Seventh* day

of *September* 19 *17* at *Upper*

*Beaconsfield*

*Michael J. Hawkey Smith*

Coroner.

*J. Lombard*  
*Const 4480*

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\*

*James Asman Jackson*

on his oath saith, I am an

*Inspector of Reservoir water supply*

residing at

*The Water Works Construction*

\* Christian and Surname in full.

*Yes* That I have seen the body and identify it as ~~Alx~~ <sup>Augustus Eiskine</sup> McMillan, a labourer working under my supervision at the Construction works of the Reservoir Reservoir. I last saw the deceased about five weeks ago. his health and condition appeared normal. I found him generally a quiet man, & orderly, ~~his~~ I understand that his habits were intemperate. He started work under me on the Eleventh day of May 1917.

Taken and Sworn before me the *Sixth* day of *September* 190*7* at *Upper* *Beaconsfield* *William Harry Smith* Coroner.

*James Asman Jackson*

CORONER'S INQUEST.

This Deponent \*

*Simon Flood.*

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

on his oath saith, I am an

*Inspector of Construction Work  
of Water Supply Dept.*

residing at

*The Camps.*

\* Christian and Surname in full.

The deceased *Augustus Esquire McMillan* worked in my  
 Sgd. and under my Control I last saw him alive on the  
 10th August about five o'clock when paying him his previous  
 fortnights wages, and gave him £4:10:10 This is the last date  
 I saw him, ~~but~~ and the last day he worked, but I understand  
 that he was on the works as late as Tuesday the 10th  
 There is an amount of wages due to deceased, viz £11:2

Taken and Sworn before me the *fourteenth* day  
 of *September* 1887 at *Berrick*  
*William Harry Smith*  
 Coroner.

*Simon Flood*



## Coroner's Inquest.

This Deponent, Horace McMillan on his oath saith. I am a Baker, residing at 192 Bridge Road Richmond, I am the son of the deceased, and identify the clothing produced by Constable Lombard, which was taken off the body - as that of my father, Augustus Erskine McMillan. I last saw the deceased alive about 5 months ago at Richmond - my father has been addicted to drinking back for a period of about 5 years, and I have known him to drink Methylated Spirits

Taken and sworn before me.  
The Fourteenth day of September.  
1917. at Burnith.

William Harry Smith } Horace McMillan  
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* Christopher A Griffith

on his oath saith, I am a Qualified Medical Practitioner  
residing at Berwick,

\*Christian and Surname in full.

On Sept 5<sup>th</sup> I made a post-mortem Examination  
of the body of <sup>Augustus Eskine</sup> Alex M<sup>r</sup> Millian at the  
Pine Grove Hotel, Beaconsfield Upper,  
The body was that of a fairly well nourished  
man aged probably about 50 years of age,  
There were no marks of external violence  
except some abrasions on the right side  
of face & nose, as though he had fallen  
forward & struck the ground. also  
Post mortem staining on various parts of body  
The body was well preserved, but appeared  
to have been exposed to the weather for some  
time, & post mortem rigidity had disappeared,  
The organs of the deceased were all in  
a healthy condition, with the exception  
of the heart, which was large & flabby,  
& the Ventricles were full of dark blood  
The Stomach contained a quantity of offensive  
smelling fluid, but no solid matter,  
The Kidney were also healthy  
In my opinion the abrasions on the face  
were not sufficient to have caused death  
but which resulted probably from  
excessive alcoholism followed by  
exposure,

Taken and sworn before me the Smith day  
of September 1917 at Upper  
Beaconsfield  
William Hawley Smith  
Coroner.

C. A. Griffith M.D. C.S.