

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS

To W. A.

(13)

January 30th 1856.

Deceased held at

Mulbourne on the body

of Ellen Spruell

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and

death of

deaf & dyslexic

after

Providence

Coroner

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 30th  
day of Jan A.D. 1856  
at Mulbourne

J. B. Wilmet Coroner.



## CORONER'S INQUEST.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

*Colony of Victoria*  
To Wit.

THE Examination of\*

*William Abbott.*

\* All Names of Witnesses.

*Guard of the Female Gaol*of *Melbourne*

taken on oath this

*thirtieth*

day of

*January*

A.D. 185

, at

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

*Melbourne*

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:—

*Deceased was admitted  
into this Gaol on the 11<sup>th</sup> January  
The Mother having been confined  
under warrant from Mr Sturt  
on the charge of deserting her child  
The Mother appeared a strong, healthy  
woman on her admission. The child  
has gradually sunk and died  
yesterday.*

*Wm Abbott*



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## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

†  
*Colony of Victoria*  
 To Wit.

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

THE Examination of\*

*George Webster*  
*Surgeon of the Gaols*  
 of *Melbourne* taken on oath this *Thirtieth*  
 day of *January* A.D. 185*6*, at *Melbourne*  
 before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† *Melbourne*

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:—

*Deceased first came*  
*under my care on the 11th January*  
*received into the Gaol with her*  
*mother. She was then in the last*  
*degree of emaciation evidently*  
*occasioned by derangement of*  
*the digestive organs. She was suffering*  
*also from diarrhoea. She continued*  
*under my care until her death which*  
*took place yesterday afternoon. The*  
*cause of death was digestive derange-*  
*ment of the digestive organs caused*  
*either by want of food or from*  
*receiving food of a bad quality*



The mother at the time was suffering  
from an abscess in the right breast  
There was a <sup>very</sup> insufficient supply  
from the left breast  
of milk, and from necessity the  
child was suckled by another  
woman.

Dr. Weston. M.D.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 30th  
day of July A.D. 1856,  
at Melbourne

J. W. Whitmore Coroner.



## CORONER'S INQUEST.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

†  
*Colony of Victoria*  
 To Wit.

THE Examination of\* *Edward Edgar*  
*Police Constable*

\* All Names of Witnesses.

of *Melbourne* taken on oath this *fourth*  
 day of *January* A.D. 185*6*, at *Melbourne*  
 before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† *Melbourne*

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

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:—

*Dee* The prisoner was  
 given in charge to me on the night  
 of *January 9th 1856* on information  
 from one *Mary Morris* on the charge  
 of deserting her child. Prisoner  
 acknowledged the child to be her own.  
 When I apprehended her I found her  
 lying in a back room & in a state  
 of intoxication. The child which  
 appeared to be a few weeks old has  
 been attached to her since that period.  
 The woman Morris knew nothing  
 previously of the prisoner.

*Edward Edgar*  
*Police Constable*



The woman swears told me that  
the child had been in her care  
three or four days before the mother  
was given in charge.

Edw. L. Casar C. B.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 30<sup>th</sup>  
day of June A.D. 1856,  
at Melbourne }

W. H. Wilnot Coroner.



PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

*Colony of Victoria*  
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at  
*Melbourne* in  
the *Colony* of *Victoria* aforesaid,  
the *thirtieth (30th)* day of *January* A.D. 185*6*, in  
the *thirtieth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen  
before me *W. B. Wilton*,

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

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the\* *City* of  
*Melbourne* aforesaid, upon the  
view of the body of *Ellen Tyrell* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames  
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of†

*Richard Leahan* . . . . .  
*John. McMahon* . . . . .  
*Robert. Gunnason* . . . . .  
*Smith. Needham* . . . . .  
*John Reed* . . . . .  
*John Forrest* . . . . .  
*Elijah Young* . . . . .  
*Alexander. Mercer* . . . . .  
*Walter. Armstrong* . . . . .  
*John. Turnbull* . . . . .  
*Brown. William* . . . . .  
*Thomas Cooper* . . . . .

good and lawful men of *Melbourne* in the  
said *Colony* who being duly sworn and charged to  
enquire, upon the part of our Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the  
said *Ellen Tyrell* came  
by *her* death, do say upon their oath that § *Ellen Tyrell*

† 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.  
It is desirable that the Jury should  
find expressly whether there are  
or are not marks of external  
violence on the body of deceased.

*aid from disengagement of the  
digestive organs*



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 B Wilnot

Coroner.

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

Paul D Gahan  
John W Mahon  
Albert Gurnson  
Leith Needham  
John Reed  
John Forrest  
Elijah <sup>his</sup> Young  
Alexander <sup>mark</sup> Mercer  
Wallace Armstrong  
John Turnbull  
Byron M Barr  
Thomas <sup>his</sup> Cooper  
mark

