

12<sup>th</sup> August 1855

The inquest held in  
Melbourne on the body  
of Mary Frank alias  
Catherine O'Neill  
57 years  
and 6 months

Death from  
natural causes  
Bones

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of August A.D. 1855, {  
at Melbourne

W. Milner  
Coroner.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria }  
To WIT.

\* All names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of\* John Gray  
Prisoner in female Gaol

of Melbourne taken on oath this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of August A.D. 1856, at Melbourne

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased was admitted into the  
Victoria Gaol on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July ult.  
Her name was Mary Clark alias Catherine  
O'Neil. She was sent by the Hospital  
at her own request, her state being one of  
dissipation and her husband being in the  
Hospital. She was in a very weak and emaciated  
state when admitted and remained in the  
same until attacked with dysentery on  
Friday last. She expired last night. She  
had been frequently been committed before  
for being drunk and disorderly. Deceased  
was aged 54 years —

W. W. Gray

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria }  
To WIT.

THE Examination of\* George Webster M.D.

\* All names of Witnesses.

Surveyor to the Gaols

of Melbourne taken on oath this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of August A.D. 1856, at Melbourne

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † City

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased was received into this jail on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July ult: on account of her destitute condition, and by her own request. She had been in jail on several previous occasions - Deceased was much unacculturated and debilitated, and appeared to be suffering from the effects of dissipated habits. She has been confined to her bed almost ever since her admission. On Saturday last she was attacked with dysentery ~~and~~ of which she died last night.

George Webster. M.D.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of August A.D. 1856, {  
at Melbourne }

*W. Wilmot* Coroner.

INQUISITION.

Victoria }  
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

Melbourne in  
the Colony of Victoria aforesaid,  
the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1856, in  
the twentieth year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen  
before me W B Wilmett

\* City, Town, County, or District, Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the\* of  
as the case may be.

Melbourne aforesaid, upon the  
view of the body of Mary Clark alias Catherine O'Neil then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames in full.

Francis Augustus Cox  
C. J. Martinez Ballenstein  
John Shrigley  
S. R. Sudlow  
J. Elliot  
J. Andrew Murray  
Peter Lamb  
John Duffill  
Thomas Howard  
Michael Lyons  
Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Dougall  
Daniel M<sup>c</sup>Phell

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 Mary Clark alias Catherine O'Neil came

by † her death, do say upon their oath that § She has died  
from dysentery, <sup>suppuration</sup> ~~and~~ a  
weak and emaciated condition

† 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.

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. Wilmot

(L.S.)  
Coroner.

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

Francis Augustus Cox.

(L.S.)  
C. S. Tallantier.

John Thigley.

W. Wilmot.

G. Elliot.

(L.S.)  
Andrew Murray.

Peter Lamb.

John Duffie.

Thos. Howard.

Michael Lyons.

Alex. M. Dougall.

(Daniel M. P. Dell)