

13th March 1862.

PROCEEDINGS of Inquest held
upon the body of
Arthur De Bantey
at
Milton

Received at Crown Law Offices,
14 March 1862.

Henry Petty - Coroner.

[No. 64.
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Victoria}
TO WIT.

A N Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *The Hospital Worcester* in the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the Thirteenth day of March A.D. 1862, in the Twenty fifth year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Henry Geary*

* City, Town, County, or District, Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the* District of Worcester aforesaid, upon the view of the body of *Arthur De Banks* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames in full.

William Bates
Thomas Miller
Michael Kearney
James Thomson
David Anderson
Patrick Mc Carthy
Robert Metcalf
Henry George Powell
George Yule
George Milledge
James Hockey
Charles West

good and lawful men of *Worcester* 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 *Arthur De Banks* came

by† his death, do say upon their oath that§ he died on the

eleventh day of March 1862 in the

Worcester Hospital and that

the

† 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.

the cause of death was Delirium Tremens produced by intemperance

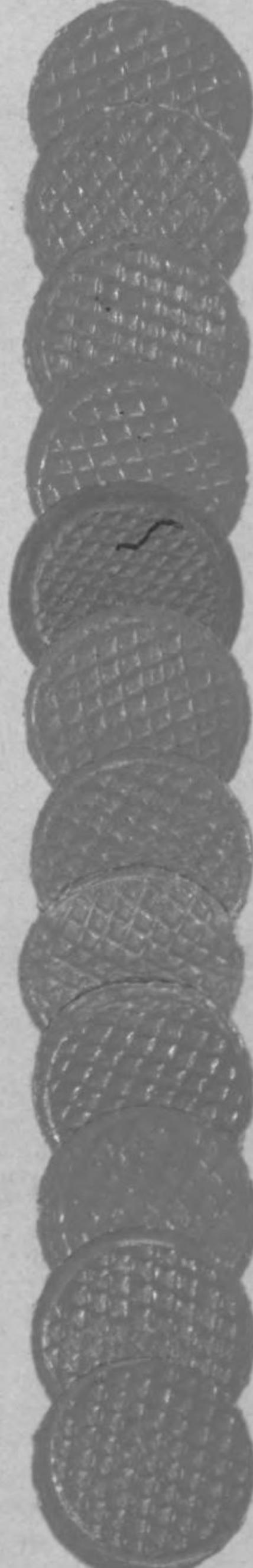
In witness whereof as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid, have to this Inquisition put their hands and seals, on the day and year, and at the place above mentioned.

Henry Geary

Coroner.

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

John Bates Norman
H. S. Miller
Michael Kennedy
John MacCuson
David Anderson
Patrick McCorrity
Robert Motely
H. J. Powell
John Gee
George Millcayne
James Stocker
William West



CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria }
To WIT.

* All Names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of* Michael Heaver,
Henry Dale, John MacKenzie
and Henry Lawrence
of Victoria & Wood End taken on oath this Thirteenth
day of March A.D. 1852, at Victoria

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

This Deponent Michael Heaver

on his oath saith as follows:— I am a Police Constable
stationed at Wood End. On Saturday
last between 10 & 11 o'clock Henry Dale
the Landlord of the British & American
Hotel sent a message to the Police
station that there was a man in
his bar very bad with Delirium Tremens
I went there & found deceased
sitting on a form in an insensible
state I took him to the lock-up
& shortly after went for Dr. Cochrane
who came and prescribed for him
he said he was suffering from
Delirium Tremens and that he was
in a very dangerous state. He
ordered a little Spirit every 4 hours
he appeared better on Sunday and
on

on Monday morning I brought
him before the Wrexham Bench
who instructed me to take him to
the Hospital which I did. The
deceased told me his name was
Arthur De Banks, he lived at
Wood End.

Michael Morris

TAKEN and Sworn before me the ^{thir-}
teenth day of March A.D. 1862, }
at Wrexham }

Henry Gray

Coroner.

Henry Dale on his oath saith I am Landlord
of the British & American Hotel
Wood End. I knew the deceased
he went by the name of "Bunney"
I had known him about 3 months
he was at work at my Billiard room
not for me but for the Contractor
I left home on Friday morning and
returned on the same evening deceased
was there in the Bar I can't say
whether he was sober, he was hunting
drakes in the bar, he had nothing
more to drink after I got home
I put him to bed about 8 o'clock
I did not see or hear any thing more
of him till the following about 7 o'clock
when I went to his room he imagined
there were all kinds of things in the
room I gave him about three pints
of a glass of ale I had some beef tea
made for him he took about a cup:
ful of it & eat a little ^{toast}, he had nothing
more to drink & about 9 or 10 o'clock
I sent for the police who took him
away

away, he had been drinking a good deal for the last few days both at my house and at other houses too on Thursday he was so drunk he could hardly walk, he had nothing to drink at my house on Thursday I told my Barmaid not to serve him, he was last at work on Monday or Tuesday I served him with one pint of ale on Tuesday I don't know whether he had any more he was then sober.

H. Dale

Taken and sworn before me
the thirteenth day of March
1862 at Kitchener

Henry Geary
Coroner

John Mackenzie on his oath I am
a legally qualified Medical
Practitioner and reside at Kinceton
I am at present the Medical
Officer in charge of Kinceton
Hospital on Monday morning last
the deceased was admitted into the
Kinceton Hospital suffering from
Delirious Tremens in an advanced
stage he was incoherent in speech
and in a state of great excitement
he was placed under the usual
Treatment Stimulants and Narcotics
in large quantities frequently
administered I saw him again
the following morning when I found
the remedies had produced no
apparent effect he was much
weaker and more violent the
pupils dilated & face pale and
livid

livid and the pulse feeble and
irregular I too ordered the remedies
to be increased in quantity and
frequency in order to produce sleep
he continued in the same state till
about 4^o clock in the afternoon
when he had a fit of convulsions
which lasted about half an hour
when he died I have no doubt
but that Delirium Tremens produced
by intemperance was the cause of
death.

MacKenzie
M.D.

Taken and sworn before me
the thirteenth day of March
1862 at Kneeton

Henry Gray
Coroner

Henry Lawrence being sworn & with I am a
water carrier & reside at Wood End
I have known the deceased for the
last 12 months I only knew him by
the name of "Arthur" or "Bramley"
he has always been in the habit of drinking
a great deal and keeping at it constantly
more particularly during the last two
months. On Sunday ^{week} last I ~~saw~~ ^{met} him
when he did not seem in a sound state
of mind he was trembling I saw him again
on the Tuesday when he seemed about
the same, on Thursday I met him in the
Tavern when he seemed worse and
fancied all kind of things later on the
same day I saw him in the Duke's Bar and
persuaded him to go home with me & he
ate two eggs & shortly after went home but
in a short time came rushing back &
asked for protection saying there were
some men after him I got him to lie
down but he almost immediately jumped
up and ran out of the place I did
not follow him I did not see him
again till he was given in charge

H. LAWRENCE

Taken and sworn before me
the thirteenth day of March
1862 at Knebworth

Henry Gray
Coroner