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13th March 1862

PROCEEDINGS of Inquest held

upon the body of

Arthur De Banks

at

Lequeen

Received at Crown Law Offices,

14 March 1862.

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Henry Perry - Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

[No. 64.]

INQUISITION.

Victoria }
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *The*
Hospital Victoria in
the *Colony* of *Victoria* aforesaid,
the *Thirteenth* day of *March* A.D. 18*62*, in
the *Twenty fifth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen,
before me *Henry Geary*

* City, Town, County, or District, as the case may be. Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the* *District* of
Victoria aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of *Arthur De Banks* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames in full. and there lying dead, upon the oaths of†

William Bates
Thomas Miller
Michael Kearney
James Thomson
David Anderson
Patrick Mc Carthy
Robert Meealy
Henry George Powell
George Gule
George Millidge
James Hockey
Charles West

good and lawful men of *Victoria* 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
Victoria 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.

Wm Bates Barrman . . .
H. L. Miller . . .
Michael Henning . . .
L. A. Thomson . . .
David Anderson . . .
Patrick McFarlane . . .
Robert Mote . . .
H. J. Parnell . . .
Geo. G. . .
George Millage . . .
James Hooker . . .
Wm. West . . .

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

†
Victoria
 To Wit.

* All Names of Witnesses.

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

THE Examination of* *Michael Heaven*
Henry Dale. John Mackenzie
and Henry Laurence
 of *Victoria & Wood End* taken on oath this *fifteenth*
 day of *March* A.D. 1852, at *Victoria*

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

This Deponent *Michael Heaven*

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 Virueton 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.

Mich Stammers

TAKEN and Sworn before me the *Thir-*
teenth day of *March* A.D. 18*62*,
at *Virueton* }

Henry Grady

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 "Bumby"
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 then in the Bar. I can't say
whether he was sober, he was hunting
snakes 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 Newport

Henry Geary
Coroner

John Mackenzie on his oath & with I am
a legally qualified Medical
Practitioner and reside at Vuxton
I am at present the Medical
Officer in charge of Vuxton
Hospital on Monday morning at
the deceased was admitted into the
Vuxton Hospital suffering from
Delirium 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.

Marking
W.D.

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

Shury Gray
Coroner

Henry Lawrence being sworn I with I am a
water carrier & reside at Broad End
I have known the deceased for the
last 12 months I only knew him by
the name of "Arthur" or "Brunny"
he has always been in the habit of drinking
a great deal and keeping it constantly
more particularly during the last two
months. On Sunday^{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
Townsip when he seemed worse and
fancied all kind of things later on the
same day I saw him in Mr Dalt's bar and
persuaded him to go home with me & he
eat 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.

Lawrence

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

Henry Glary
Coroner