

1646  
5 December 1890

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

William Midwinter

at

Kew Asylum

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

8<sup>th</sup> December 1890

C. Chandler

Yonr.

*Medicamentarium*

Lunatic Asylum,

Decr 3<sup>rd</sup> 1890

MEMORANDUM.

The patient named in the margin having

died at New asylum  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1890

I have to request that you will inform the

Coroner for the District of Bourke.

H. A. E. O. D. E.

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA, }

TO WIT. }

\* Christian and  
Surname in  
full.

This Deponent\*

Henry Augustus Samson

Medical Officer

residing at The New Lunatic Asylum

From the records of the institution  
I learn that the deceased William  
Midwinter aged 40 was admitted  
August 14<sup>th</sup> this year on the warrant  
now produced. He was in feeble bodily  
health suffering from General Paralysis  
of the Insane.

On the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant  
he went into epileptiform convulsions  
& remained so till he died on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at 10.55 a.m.

Henry Augustus Samson  
M.B.

Taken and Sworn before me the 5<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1890 at 11 a.m. }

C. Canby

Coroner.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

\* Christian and  
surname in  
full.

This Deponent\*

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

William Dowell Muller  
legally qualified surgeon  
Melbourne.

I have made a post mortem examination of the body of the deceased, William Midwinter.

Externally the body was well nourished. There were no marks of recent violence or perjuries of any size. Internally, the Brain was much diseased. The membranes were congested, opaque and thickened. The substance was softer than natural, and the brain was congested. There was large excess of serum.

(C.C.) The Brain weighed ~~fifty~~ six ounces.

The lungs were in an early stage of ~~inflammation~~ the pneumonia of the insane.

The Kidneys were diseased.

All the other organs were healthy.

The stomach contained food and the bowels contained traces of excrement.

The cause of death was disease of the brain.

W. D. Muller M.D.

Taken and Sworn before me, the 5<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1890 at Kings  
C. Cawley }  
Coroner.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

\* Christian and  
Surname in  
full.This Deponent\* Archibald Duncan  
on his oath saith, I am a Ward in the Hos  
residing at Nelson

The deceased William Kidwells  
was under my charge when he died on the  
17<sup>th</sup> of August. He was pulseless & confined to bed  
but could feed himself. He was demented. He was  
excited & noisy at times but not violent. He  
remained in bed from that time. No change took  
place in him until the 1<sup>st</sup> instant when he had  
a succession of fits & died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant.  
Dr. Samson saw him regularly. He had no  
marks of injury (recent marks). The Official  
Visitors saw him. His friends & relatives came  
to see him. He seemed to recognise them.

Archibald, Duncan

Taken and Sworn before me the 5<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1890 at Nelson

C. Candy

Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria,}  
to wit. }

A N Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

*The New Asylum* in  
the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the *fifth* day  
of *December* A.D. 1890 in the *fifty third* year of  
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Samuel*  
*Archibald* Gentleman, a\* Coroner

of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of

*William Midwinter* then

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

† Juror's Christian and surname and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †  
names in full.

*Frederick Merritt*  
*George Morris*  
*George Harris*  
*Frank Kellie*  
*Mr Murray*  
*Mr Vipond*  
*George Weatherill*

good and lawful men of

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

‡ His or her.

§ Here state cause of death if that is known; if unknown, doubtful, or no evidence, state the fact accordingly, using the words of the verdict of the Jury.

*William*  
*Midwinter* came by † his death, do say upon their oath  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 1890 in the  
New Asylum Asylum, where he was  
in legal custody, he died from disease  
of the brain.

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.

C. Landier

(I.S.)

Coroner

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

Meritt

(I.S.)

Geo. Wetherall

(I.S.)

Frank Bellott

(I.S.)

J. Diimpiani

(I.S.)

George Gardner

(I.S.)

John Meernay

(I.S.)

George Ardill

(I.S.)

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