

1616
5th December 1890

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

William Midwinter

at

Newington

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

8th December 1890

QMR

✓

E. Gandler

over.

Widener Manuscripts

Lunatic Asylum,

Decr 3rd 1889

MEMORANDUM.

The patient named in the margin having
died at *New Asylum*
on *3rd December 1890*

I have to request that you will inform the
Coroner for the District of Bourke.

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

No. 53.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

This Deponent *

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

Henry Augustus Samson

Medical Officer

The New Lunatic Asylum

* Christian and Surname in full.

From the records of the institution I learn that the deceased William Midwinter aged 40 was admitted August 14th 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 1st instant he went into epileptiform convulsions & remained so till he died on the 3^d at 10.55. am

Henry Augustus Samson
M B

Taken and Sworn before me the 5th day
of December 1890 at Melb
C. Canby
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent*

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

William Lovell Mullen
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 lacerations 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} ~~forty~~ six ounces.

The lungs were in an early stage of ~~inflammation~~ =
~~in~~ 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. L. Mullen M.D.

Taken and Sworn before me, the 5th day
of December 1890 at Kew
C. Cusker
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

This Deponent*

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

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

Archibald, Duncan

Taken and Sworn before me the 5th day
of December 1890 at Kew

C. Cantley

Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, }
to wit. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the *New South Wales* in
of *December* A.D. 18*90* in the *fifty third* day
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Samuel* year of
Cuthbert Gentleman, a* Coroner
of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of

William Midwinter then

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

Robert Merritt
George Smith
George Lindsay
John Kellie
John Murray
John Vignani
George Weatherill

good and lawful men of *NSW* 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 *William*

‡ His or her.

Midwinter came by ‡ his death, do say upon their oath

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

on the 3rd of December 1890 in the
New South Wales, 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. Carter

(L.S.)

Coroner

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

Murphy

(L.S.)

Geo. Wetherall

(L.S.)

Frank Kellett

(L.S.)

J. O. Vimpani

(L.S.)

George Gardner

(L.S.)

John Meernag

(L.S.)

George Adill

(L.S.)

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