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5 Feb 1859
Bond X

PROCEEDINGS of Inquest held
upon the body of
W. F. Clark
at
Cedars

Received 87 1/2 1859.

Coroner.
W. F. Neilson

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Castlemaine Victoria

To WIT.

THE Examination of*

Thomas McFie

* All names of Witnesses.

of *Castlemaine* taken on oath this

day of *February* A.D. 185*9*, at

5th
Harroyst
District

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows :

I am a legally qualified Medical Practitioner

On day at the request of the coroner I have made a post mortem examination of deceased. No marks of violence on the person. His clothes were on & not torn. The face and neck much congested. On the scalp, but no wound. I opened the skull. great congestion of the brain and membranes. a large quantity of fluid on the right ventricle. and at the base of the skull. no effusion of blood. I examined the chest. Heart & lungs healthy. I opened the abdomen. Saw healthy. a small quantity of food on the stomach.

Slight patches of inflammation
as if from hard drinking. -
I believe the cause of death
was congestion of the brain
produced by exposure to the
heat of the sun.

TAKEN and sworn before me the

day of February A.D. 1859,

at Hancock.

J. H.

Wm M. G. G. M. D.

Coroner.

Mr J. M. G. G.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Castlemaine
Victoria
To Wit.

THE Examination of* Joseph Patrick.

* All names of Witnesses.

of Forest Creek taken on oath this 5th
day of February A.D. 1859, at Hancourt

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † District

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

I am a miner and reside at Forest Creek. I have known deceased for several months yesterday about two o'clock, I was with deceased and others at a party near Mount Alexander. He ate some dinner and complained of fatigue. He had left and gone to shoot. He got to a water hole he complained again & said he could not go on. He sat down & fell back. I thought it was a fainting fit. I put the water bottle to his mouth, he took a drink, I put some on his head. He got up and walked a little. He seemed to be wandering. I got him to a fence he sat down. I went to get a conveyance. on my return he was groaning. I tried all I could to restore him and he died about 6 o'clock. He has been drinking hard of late.

TAKEN and sworn before me the

day of *February* A.D. 185

at *St. Vincent*

Joseph Patrick

Myrtes Law

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

*Castlemaine
Victoria*

To WIT.

THE Examination of* *William Johnstone*

* All names of Witnesses.

of *Forest Creek* taken on oath this *5th*
day of *February* A.D. 185*9*, at *Starcourt*
District

† City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †
as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

*I am a miner and
reside at Forest Creek. I
have known deceased for a month.
Yesterday about one o'clock I was
I was with him at a pic nic party
He took some dinner. He went
away to shoot I did not go with
him. In the evening Joseph Patrick
told me he was dead. I went
to see and found it was so.
I did not see him affected by
drink. -*

TAKEN and Sworn before me the

day of *5th* February A.D. 185*9*

at *Vancouver*.

Wm. Johnston
mark

Wm. Johnston

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Castlemaine
Victoria }
To WIT.

THE Examination of*

George Ingles

* All names of Witnesses.

of Forest Creek taken on oath this 5th
day of February A.D. 1859, at Harcourt
District

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows :

I am a professional Surgeon
and reside at Forest Creek. I have
known deceased for two years. Yesterday
afternoon I was with him and others
at a fire on Mt. Alexander. We
had dinner at the foot of the Mount
and he seemed quite then. I went off
with him in the direction of the
Mount to shoot. He had been
drinking freely the day before but
not that I know of yesterday. About
two hours after he complained of being
more than usually tired & fatigued
I came down to Harcourt leaving deceased
under the shade, & to see & find a Doctor
I did not find one. About eleven pm
deceased was fetched to the Hotel
He is dead. — I don't know the
age of deceased but he may be
about 36 years old.

TAKEN and sworn before me the *5th*
day of *February* A.D. 185*9*, } *Geo. Ingles*
at *Harcourt*

W. J. McLeod
Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Castlemaine Victoria } TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady-Queen Victoria, taken at Harcourt

the District of Castlemaine in

the 5th day of February A.D. 1859, in

the Twenty second year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen

before me William Fisher Pughan

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

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the District of

Castlemaine aforesaid, upon the

view of the body of W. J. Charleton then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

- John Symes.
Henry Harwood.
Thomas Dobbie.
George Felch.
James Ramsden.
William Foster.
John Butler.
William Lea.
George Keblet.
Harry Foyle.
John Slasher.
Richard Ince.

good and lawful men of Harcourt in the

said District 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 W. J. Charleton came

by † his death, do say upon their oath that §

‡ 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.

W. F. Charleton died at Mount
Alexandria on the 4th Feb. at 6. P.M.
from congestion of the brain, caused
by exposure to the heat of the
sun.

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. F. Me. Law

Coroner.

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

John Slattery
Henry Norwood
George Kutche!
Thomas Dobbe
John Syms
James Rainsdon
William Foster
John Butler
Henry Payne
William Seal
George Calcutt
Richard Lloyd

