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PROCEEDINGS of Inquest held

upon the body of

H. R. Charlton

at

Celbeneane

Received 8/2/ 1859.

Coroner.



DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To WIT.

THE Examination of*

Thomas W. French

* All names of Witnesses.

of Castlemaine taken on oath this 5th
day of February A.D. 1859, at Fazogul
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 Gallig
Medical Practitioner

In 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 also the
scalp, but no wound. I opened
the skull. great congestion of
the brain and membranes.
a large quantity of fluid in
the right ventricle. and at
the base of the skull. no
effusion of blood. I examined
the chest. Heart & lungs healthy
, opened the abdomen. found
healthy. a small quantity
of food on the stomach.

Slight patches of inflammation
or of some kind 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 5th
day of February A.D. 1859, }
at Harcourt. } Thos M^{rs} Grathin D^o
Coroner.

Coroner.

Mr J Mosher

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Castlemaine
Victoria }
To WIT.

THE Examination of* Joseph Patrick.

* All names of Witnesses.

of Joseph Creed taken on oath this 5th
day of February A.D. 1859, at Stanmore

† 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:

Says a man and
reside at Forest Creek. Has
been 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
I complained again & said he could
not go on. He sat down. I fell
back. I thought it was a fainting
fit. I put the water bottle to his
mouth. He took a hale. I put
some on his head. He got up
and walked a little. His mind
was wandering. I got him to a
place 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 half an
hr. - He has been drinking
hard lately.

TAKEN and sworn before me the <sup>5th
day of February A.D. 1859
at Vancouver } Joseph Patrick</sup>

W. J. Nesbitt

Coroner.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Castlmaine
Victoria }
To WIT.

THE Examination of*

William Johnstone

* All names of Witnesses.

of Forest Creek taken on oath this ^{of the}
day of February A.D. 1859, at Stancaut
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 man and
reside at Forest Creek. I
have known deceased for a month.
yesterday about one o'clock James
I was with him at a picnic 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 he was so.
I did not see him affected by
drunk. -

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 5th day of February A.D. 1859, } William Johnson,
at Harcourt. } his mark

W. J. Dyer, Law.

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Castlemaine
Victoria }
To WIT.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

THE Examination of*

George Ingles

* All names of Witnesses.

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

† City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows :

I am a professional Singer
and reside at Forest Creek. I have
known deceased for two years. Yesterday
afternoon I was with him and others
at a picnic at Mount Alexander. We
had dinner at the foot of the Mount
and he seemed weaker than I went off
with him in the direction of the
Mount to shoot. He has been
shooting 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 <sup>5th
day of February A.D. 1859, }
at Charlton } Geo. Ingles</sup>

W. J. Newland

Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

[No. 64.

INQUISITION.

Castlemain
Victoria }
* TO WIT.

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

the District of *Castlemain* in
the 6th day of *February* A.D. 1859, in
the *Twenty second* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen
before me *William Fisher* *Physician*

* City, Town, County, or District, Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the* *District* of
as the case may be.

Castlemain aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of *W. J. Charlton* then

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

John Symes.

Henry Newwood.

Thomas Dobbie.

George Fletcher.

James Ramsdell.

William Tostes.

John Butler.

William Sea.

George Melott.

Henry Toole.

John Slasher.

Richard Syrey.

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. Charlton* 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. Charleston died at Mount
Alexander on the 4th Feb. at 6 p.m.
from congestion of the brain, caused
by exposure to the heat of the
fire.

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.

Wm. Jones Law

Coroner.

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

John Statton
Henry Norwood
George Fitch
Thomas Dohre
John Syms
James Radford
William Foster
John Bitter
Henry Toome
William Seal
George Calcott
Richard Snyd