

19th.

18th January 1865

PROCEEDINGS of Inquest held

upon the body of

J. E. J. Morris

alias

William Holland

at

Sandhurst

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

21st January 1865

E. J. B.

J. B. Gould Coroner.

Sandhurst
District of Sandhurst
in the
Colony
of
Victoria

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

[No. 64.]

INQUISITION.

TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *the Criterion Hotel in Sandhurst District of Sandhurst* in the Colony of *Victoria* - aforesaid, the *Eighteenth* day of *January* A.D. 1865, in the *Twenty-eighth* - year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *James B. Gound*

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

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the * *District* of *Sandhurst Colony of Victoria* aforesaid, upon the view of the body of *Frederick C. F. Morris alias William J. Holland*

† Jurors' Christian and Surname in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

David Whyte "foreman of Jury"
James McLeod
Joseph William Carss
Richard Stevenson
Albert Casey
Charles Wood
Patrick J. C. Deehan
Henry Luke Allan
Frederick Augustus Leeman
James Warden
James Gorman
Edward Hearn

good and lawful men of *Sandhurst* in the said *Colony of Victoria* 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 *Frederick C. F. Morris alias William J. Holland* came

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.

by † his death, do say upon their oath that § *between the hours of two and three of the clock A.M. on yesterday Tuesday the Seventeenth day of January instant the deceased Frederick C. F. Morris alias William J. Holland, came suddenly by his death at the house of John Pratt Mundy Street Sandhurst from Perous Apoplexy the result of natural causes - There were no marks of violence externally upon the body of deceased*

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.

James B. Sound J.C.

Coroner.

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

David Myte Foreman

James M. Howard

Joseph William Carrs.

Richard Stevenson

Albert Casey

Charles Wood

B. J. Deegan

Henry Luke Allan

Edw. Aug. Selman

J. J. Warden

James Hornum

Edward Hearnest

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[No. 66.]

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

THE Examination of* James Hoyle M.D. & Surgeon
Residing in Sandhurst in the Colony

of Victoria taken on oath this Eighteenth
day of January A.D. 1865, at the Criterion Hotel Sandhurst

* All names of Witnesses.

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† District of Sandhurst

The Deponent James Hoyle aforesaid

on his oath saith as follows: About 3 o'clock a.m. yesterday

morning the 17th day of January instant, I was

called up to visit the deceased, I went with the

Police Constable to John Peattie's house in Kennedy

Street and I saw the deceased - he was then

dying - and in a few minutes he expired -

- I have made a post mortem examination of

the body of the deceased man called Frederick C. F.

Morris - There were no marks of violence

externally upon the body of deceased - I opened

the abdomen, the liver was considerably enlarged,

more from the deceased's having resided in a hot

climate than from drink. All the other abdominal

organs were healthy - I opened the chest

there I found that there a good quantity of fatty matter

was deposited upon the different membranes -

- There was effusion of serum into the pericardium,

more than the usual quantity. - The lungs presented

that peculiar dark appearance found in Coalminers

at home but otherwise normal, The Heart had

fatty matter surrounding it in quantity more than

usual. otherwise it was in a healthy state -

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I opened the Skull and upon removing the Calvarium
 a large quantity of Serum escaped from the Cavity of the
 Brain - I also found an unusually large quantity of
 Serum in the Ventricles, there would have been ten or
 twelve ounces of Serum altogether - The Substance of
 the brain was healthy, but the membranes were
 Congested, - From those symptoms, and what I heard
 from the Police, I am of opinion the deceased must
 have had a fit when he had been found at first on the
 street, and I am of opinion also, that the Cause of
 the death of Frederick C. F. Morris was Serous
 Apoplexy of the Brain - I have heard that a man
 named Henry Williamson and a woman named Polly
 Wilson struck the deceased at the dancing Saloon shortly
 before his death, but there were no marks upon the body
 to show that those blows were severe, and I am of opinion
 those blows did not accelerate the deceased's death -
 I should have mentioned that the Stomach contained a
 large quantity of food, which of itself in some cases has
 produced Serous Apoplexy, especially in Corpulent habits
 like that of deceased, all the excitement deceased underwent that
 day would be calculated to } James Hoyle, W.D.
 accelerate his death - }

TAKEN and sworn before me the, 18th
 day of January A.D. 1865,
 at the Criterion Hotel in
 Sandhurst —

James T. B. Gould

Coroner.

District of Sandhurst
Colony
of
Victoria

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

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THE Examination of* William George Beaumont
a resident of Tasmania, and an office Clerk now
on a visit to Lockwood and Sandhurst Colony
of Victoria — taken on oath this Eighteenth
day of January A.D. 1865, at the Criterion Hotel Sandhurst
before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† District of Sandhurst
The Deponent William George Beaumont aforesaid
on his oath saith as follows: I have met the deceased about 6
months ago at Invercargill in New Zealand, he was
singing in public places and theatres there, his
real name I believe is William L. Holland, but
he went by the name of Fredrick E. F. Morris —
I have been in Victoria from New Zealand for
two months previous to deceased — he came from
New Zealand a week or ten days ago — on
last Monday the 16th, deceased and Jeff. Mulvaney
by the 3 P.M. Train arriving at Sandhurst about
8 P.M., we had some ham and egg about 10 o'clock
at the Cochrane's dining Rooms, we came then to
this Hotel, and afterwards we walked about town,
and subsequently came to the Apollo dancing rooms
and across here to the Haymarket dancing Rooms
backwards and forwards through the night, he was
in excellent spirits and drank nothing but
Sherry and a few glasses of ale, I never saw the
deceased the worse for liquor. — Between one and
two after midnight deceased was standing at the bar
in Hitchins ^{dancing saloon}. When he saw the man Henry Williamson
dancing with a girl and kissing her, deceased went
up to them in fun and put his arms round
Williamson whom he pretended to kiss, Williamson
then struck the deceased with his open hand
in the Cheek, which excited deceased so much
that

that he took off his coat and offered to fight the said Williamson for £10 - but they were separated and pacified by the people present amounting to twenty or thirty persons, none of whom did I notice drunk except a woman Sally Wilson whom Morris the deceased was jostling with when she struck him, but not angrily, in the Club. - After that we left the Regile, and came to the Haymarket Saloon where we remained about ten minutes and left, proceeding towards the Metropolitan, after we had crossed the Street deceased grasped his stomach with both his arms as in pain, exclaiming O Christ, O my God Despairing, letting his face fall which I took for a swoon and supported him, walking a little further when he requested me to allow him to sit down, I did so, but seeing him fainting off I held him, and placed him off the kerb with his feet in the gutter, the body and head I supported, I called a man who I saw passing, and he brought me some water for deceased which I poured on his hands & face and some down his throat. - Seeing Morris so bad I left him in charge of that man and drove across to the Concert Room here for the Police, two of whom here present came to deceased, I went with one of the Police for Doctor Hoyle who came with us, and then we found deceased in a Confectioners, lying on the floor, with Ser^{ts} Constable McAntiffe beside him. The deceased was just dying as we entered. During that night of the 16th of Jan the deceased was very merry amongst his friends in both these Saloons many of whom he knew, he was very much excited after he was struck by Williamson as said but not under the influence of drink during that night up to the time of the fit causing his death. - I know the wife of the deceased she passes as Miss Annie Hall as a professional, she is here today, but resides at Mr. O'Hallon's Music Hall Bowditch St Melbourne -

TAKEN and sworn before me the 18th
day of January A.D. 1865,
at the Criterion Hotel
in Sandhurst -

James T. J. Davids.

Coroner.

Mr. J. J. Davids

District of Sandhurst
Colony
of
Victoria

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

THE Examination of* *Ser. Constable John McAliffe*
of the Police force at Sandhurst in the Colony
of *Victoria*

taken on oath this *Eighteenth*
day of *January* A.D. 1865, at *The Criterion Hotel Sandhurst*

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† *District of Sandhurst*

The Deponent *John McAliffe* aforesaid

on his oath saith as follows: *On yesterday the 17th day of January*
about 10 minutes past 2 o'clock A.M. I saw the
deceased leaving the Argyle dancing Saloon Murray
Street, he was accompanied by the witness William
George Beaumont, they came across here and entered
the Haymarket Saloon, in a few minutes after
I saw them leave together and could have only gone a
minute or two when the aforesaid Beaumont returned
to this the Haymarket and said something to Constable
Thomas Ryan who was in night duty there
— Ryan and I went out together preceded by the
witness Beaumont, running across the street to the
corner of the Market Street. — There we found the
deceased Frederick C. F. Morris lying in the Chamber
— His head and body were lying across the street
on the incline upon the side of the road and partly
elevated, his feet were doubled under him,
he was moaning and froth issued from the mouth.
— I sent Constable Ryan with Beaumont for Doctor
Hoyle, whilst I remained with deceased endeavoring
to rouse him, sprinkling water on his face, and
pouring a little into his mouth, I removed deceased
into John Bratts Confectioners Shop close by, and
again used water as before — Deceased opened
his

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his eyes wide, I spoke, but he did not seem }
to recognize me, he breathed a couple of heavy breathings
and closed his eyes, presently his eyelids slowly opened
and from this appearance I said he was dead. at that
moment, as I was closing his eyes. Doctor Hoyle arrived
and pronounced the man to be quite dead. —

I then took charge of the property upon his person
consisting of one diamond ring, one Colonial gold ring,
one breast pin, one Meerschaum Pipe, one gold watch
and Chain, Two Shillings in money, one Portemonnaie
one Pocket-Book containing letters and papers, one hat
and a walking stick — which by your, the Coroners, orders
I now hand over to his widow before this Jury —

— The deceased and Beaumont were sober at the
time they left the Haymarket Saloon as ascertained a
few minutes before Morris died.

John McAniff
Sub. Constable

TAKEN and sworn before me the 18th
day of January A.D. 1865,
at the Criterion Hotel
in Sandhurst —

A. J. G. G. G.

Coroner.

District of Sandhurst
Colony
of
Victoria

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[No. 66.]

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

THE Examination of* Anne Holland alias Annie
Hall residing at the City Hotel Melbourne in the

* All names of Witnesses.

Colony of Victoria — taken on oath this eighteenth
day of January A.D. 1865, at Criterion Hotel in Sandhurst

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† District of Sandhurst

The Deponent Anne Holland aforesaid

on his oath saith as follows:

Saw the wife of the deceased William
J. Holland alias - E. F. Morris here lying dead -
- The several articles here handed to me by
Senior Constable McAnuliffe for which I have
given him a receipt were the property of my
late husband as aforesaid - He was a
professional Singer, and had been generally a
healthy man, - He left me apparently quite well
on last Monday with Mr. Deamont by the 3
o'clock P.M. train for Sandhurst -

- Deamont informed me that he was told by
doctors that he should take Cold baths and
that his Liver was affected - About eleven
months ago he had a fit in New Zealand, and
he acknowledged to me that he had a second
fit afterwards, before this one of which he died
here at Sandhurst - These fits were like faintings
and were thought to arise in the liver not the head -

Anne Holland

Taken and Sworn before me this 18th
day of January A.D. 1865 at the
Criterion Hotel in Sandhurst
James T. Edwards
Coroner

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