

9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1867

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST  
held upon the body of

Charles Nixon

at

Geelong

Received at the Crown Law Offices,  
14<sup>th</sup> August 1867.

Recd  
14/8/67

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J. H. H. H.

Coroner.

Geelong  
District  
Victoria

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

[No. 64.  
[Series.]

INQUISITION.

TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *the*  
*the* *Charles Darling Hotel* in  
the *town* of *Geelong* aforesaid,  
the *ninth* day of *August* A.D. 186*7*, in  
the *thirty first* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen,  
before me *John Shaw Ward Esq.*

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

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the *Ward Esq.* of  
*Geelong* aforesaid, upon the  
view of the body of *Charles Wilson* then

Jurors' Christian and Surname  
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

*James Kellock*  
*Asper Beamont*  
*Henry Robinson*  
*Samuel Buelat*  
*John Montgomery*  
*William Ride*  
*Henry Fielder*  
*Alfred Dick*  
*John Booth Landron*  
*John Webber*  
*Thomas Robertson*  
*Robert Deane*

good and lawful men of *Geelong* in the  
said *District* 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 *Charles Wilson* came

by ‡ *his* death, do say upon their oath that § *on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August*  
*in the year aforesaid, in his own house, Geelong*  
*of urinary poison resulting from stricture*  
*& consequent retention of urine and not*

† 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.

*John*

from any hunting or violence done to the  
said Charles, Wilson, that die.

And so the Jurors aforesaid on their  
oaths aforesaid do say that the said Charles  
Wilson in manner & manner aforesaid came  
by his death & not otherwise

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.

John Shaw

  
Coroner.

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

Jamieson Wilson  
Alfred van der Grint  
John Booth Lawdon  
John W. Muntz  
William Enck  
Harry Fielder  
James Budd  
Peter Weber  
Henry Robinson  
Alfred Beaumont  
Thomas Robertson  
Robert Deans

  
  
  
  
  
  
  


*John  
C. Smith  
Deputy*

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To WIT.

\*All names of Witnesses

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

}  
THE Examination of\* *Charles Goldsmith*  
*Musician & Dealer*  
of *Jersey*, taken on oath this *9<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *August* A.D. 1867, at *Jersey*  
before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†  
The Deponent *District*  
on his oath, saith as follows:—

I know the deceased many years. He was a professional singer. He used next door to him. Latterly not. But we met frequently yesterday afternoon. I saw him <sup>the afternoon</sup> ~~last~~ <sup>in his</sup> ~~own~~ <sup>house</sup>. He had been in the house all day. His wife sent for me about 11.00. A.M. He was then breathing very heavily & froth was coming from his mouth. He was insensible & could not speak. About 9.00. yesterday morning deceased's wife came over to my house to inform me my wife who was ill. She mentioned that the deceased was not very well. That he was suffering from the old complaint & was not well. He was in the habit of drinking a good deal. I can't say if he had been drinking during the night. I know he had a glass of gin & hot when down town at 11.00 he was in the same position. He is now. His wife supporting his head with her arms & removing the froth from his mouth as it rose. I know the deceased

Taken and sworn before me the

day of *August*

A.D. 1867,

at

*Jersey*

*John C. Smith*

Coroner.

*I saw at Mr. White's Public House at 11.00 & had drink & was very drunk the night before his death. Charles Goldsmith*

John  
John  
Victor

CORONER'S INQUIRY.

[No. 66]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To wit.

\*All names of Witnesses

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

THE Examination of\* *Caroline wife of Charles*  
*Wright deceased*  
of *Green*, taken on oath this *9th*  
day of *August* A.D. 1867, at *Green*  
before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† *District*  
The Deponent  
on his oath, saith as follows:—

For a long time the deceased has been subject  
to certain spasms & has been in the habit of going to the  
Hospital on Sunday last which led him to go into the  
street to get a drink of water. He would be  
able to pass water. Still he did not only passing  
a few drops. In this state he remained till Wednesday  
evening about 6 o'clock. He said he would go to the Hospital  
I saw him part of the way. He stood away more than an hour.  
He came home about 9 o'clock. He seemed easier and he  
said he would go down to his sister's where he had been  
in the habit of going some time. Between 11 & 12 o'clock he came  
home. He said he was in great agony. He said he took some  
at the sister's & she gave him a glass of gin & water. He was walking  
about the house all night & trying to make water but  
could not. About 6 o'clock he was so exhausted that I made  
him lie down. He closed off to sleep and awoke between  
9 & 10 o'clock. He was in great pain. Saying if he could make  
water. He would be right. He drank a cup of tea. He left him  
to do up the piece & take up his tea. I might have been about  
three quarters of an hour away when I

Taken and sworn before me the

day of

A.D. 186

at

Coroner.

I heard him call. I asked him  
what was the matter. He said  
I'd bless you I know I'm going to die

Hotel

I told him I did not think so. that we had  
much worse nights together. but he said  
I shall not get over it. as he had no parage, and  
must die. I went to the door & sent a little child  
over to Solomon's to go for a Doctor. I got word he had  
gone. I was talking to William when Goldsmith came  
in saying he could not get a Doctor. I sent for  
Dr. Neil. who could not come. I was reading &  
talking to him. I asked him if he believed  
what I was reading. I looked over & he seemed  
as a child convulsed & I stretched his arm  
out. I must he had lost his speech. he looked  
at me when I spoke. he kept frowning & heathing  
my heavily - just before he died. he looked at  
me saying oh my boy and he gave a sigh closed  
his eyes & never stirred after - it was the 30th.  
Dec.

Caroline Wilson

Taken on oath before  
me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1864. at Sydney

John Shaw  
Clerk

John  
C. Smith  
Notary

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To WIT.

\*All names of Witnesses

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

} THE Examination of \* David Howell Reed }  
Surgeon of Hospital the  
of Leebour, taken on oath this 9  
day of August A.D. 1867, at Leebour  
before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said }  
District  
The Deponent  
on his oath, saith as follows:—

The deceased was one of our constant out-door patients, in retention of urine. He came to me on Wednesday night last about 6 1/2 or 7 o'clock suffering severely from retention of urine. The stricture was exceedingly tight and he was with great difficulty relieved. I advised him very strongly to remain in Hospital till the stricture was cured as he was liable to death at any moment. He obstinately refused, on the grounds that his wife & family were ill & poor and that he must be at the house by 8 o'clock. His bladder was evacuated & he left the Hospital. I have seen the body and heard the evidence adduced. I believe the deceased died from the effects of the stricture, from urinary poison.

*[Signature]*

Taken and sworn before me the

day of August

A.D. 1867,

at

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

Coroner.