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6th June 1885

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Arthur Mearle

at Newkirk

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

J. Mearle 1885

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Small handwritten notes

J. P. Saunders
Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, }
to wit. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at
The New Lunatic Asylum in
the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the *Sixth* day
of *June* A.D. 1885 in the *thirty* *July* *Eight* year of
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Samuel*
Curtis Caustby Gentleman, a* Coroner
of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of

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

Arthur Monte then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames in full.

- James Lovings*
- Henry Rice*
- Charles Griffin*
- Henry Curtis*
- George Giddens*
- James Smith*
- James Dannock*
- Robert Williamson*
- Patrick Ryan*
- Henry Bennett*
- George Matthews*
- David Styles*

good and lawful men of *the* 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 *Arthur*

‡ His or her.

Monte came by ‡ *his* death, do say upon their oath

§ 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.

that § *on the 5th of June 1885, in the New Lunatic Asylum, where he was in legal custody as a lunatic, he died from disease of the brain.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORONERS

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. Canty

(I.S.)
Coroner.

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

<i>James Louison</i>	(I.S.)
<i>Henry Rice</i>	(I.S.)
<i>Chas. Griffin</i>	(I.S.)
<i>G. Giddens</i>	(I.S.)
<i>J. W. Smith</i>	(I.S.)
<i>Henry Curtis</i>	(I.S.)
<i>James Danock</i>	(I.S.)
<i>Robert Williamson</i>	(I.S.)
<i>Pat Ryan</i>	(I.S.)
<i>Henry Bennett</i>	(I.S.)
<i>George Mattison</i>	(I.S.)
<i>P. Ryan</i>	(I.S.)

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Lunatic Asylum, *Kerr*
5th June 1883

MEMORANDUM.

The patient named in the margin having

died at 3:25 pm

on 5:6:83

I have to request that you will inform the

Coroner for the District of Bourke.

Seyt McPhath

William Duff
Clerk of Asylum

Arthur Maule

By Authority: JOHN FERRES, Government Printer, Melbourne.

age 45 years
Church of England

will acquiesce
re-appoint
Blest

Mrs. [unclear]

Received at 6 P.M. 5-1-85

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

This Deponent*

John Aloysius O'Brien

on his oath saith, I am a

Deputy Medical Superintendent

residing at

Ben Aghona

* Christian and Surname in full.

The Deceased Arthur Monte was admitted as a patient into the Asylum on the warrant - was produced on the 13th of February 1884.

He was then stated to be 45 years of age - & in feeble bodily health. Suffered from General Paralysis of the Insane.

Since about March 16th of the same year - he had improved in his bodily health - very considerably. He was allowed ample liberty - & took part in Asylum Amusements. About April of this year - the symptoms of paralysis in speech became more decided - but he has been able to move about in his usual way until about the 23rd ult. when Diarrhoea ensued. He recovered somewhat from this until the 2nd ult. when it returned.

He was walking about on the morning of the 3rd ult. I was summoned by Mr. Nash on that date at dinner time. I found the patient lying in his bed - emaciated - but paralyzed in speech & on right side of body. From this time he never ^{for any time} walked. A fit again occurred on the 4th ult. - I was informed at about 4.20 p.m. on the 5th ult. that the patient had died at 3.15 p.m.

Taken and Sworn before me, the 6th day
of June 1885 at Ben Aghona
C. A. O'Brien
Coroner.

John A. O'Brien

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,
TO WIT.

This Deponent* Charles Swoygrass Ryan
on h^e oath saith, I am a legally qualified Surgeon
residing at Melbourne

* Christian and Surname in full.

I have made a post-mortem examination of the body of the deceased Arthur Moore externally it was, then - There were no marks of violence or lacerations.

Internally the dura mater was adherent to the skull, which was unusually thick. The pia mater and arachnoid were opaque adherent, and thickened. The brain was much congested - Its grey cortical layer was much thinner than natural - The bases of both lungs were in a state of hypostatic inflammation - The stomach contained food and the intestines were empty - all the other organs were healthy -

The cause of death was disease of the brain.

Charles S. Ryan

Taken and Sworn before me, the 6th day
of June 1885 at Mel
C. Cantley
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,
TO WIT.

This Deponent* Edward James Nash
on h oath saith, I am a steward
residing at _____

* Christian and surname in full.

The deceased Arthur Nash was under my charge when he died at 10^o on the 30th of March last. He was quiet and partially paralyzed. He had a fit on the 3rd of his month, and became moribund, and died on the 3rd instant. His friends came to the L. S. Hospital and saw him regularly. The Medical Director was _____
Edward J. Nash

Edward J. Nash

Taken and Sworn before me, the 6th day
of June 1885 at Nes
Coast }
Coroner.