

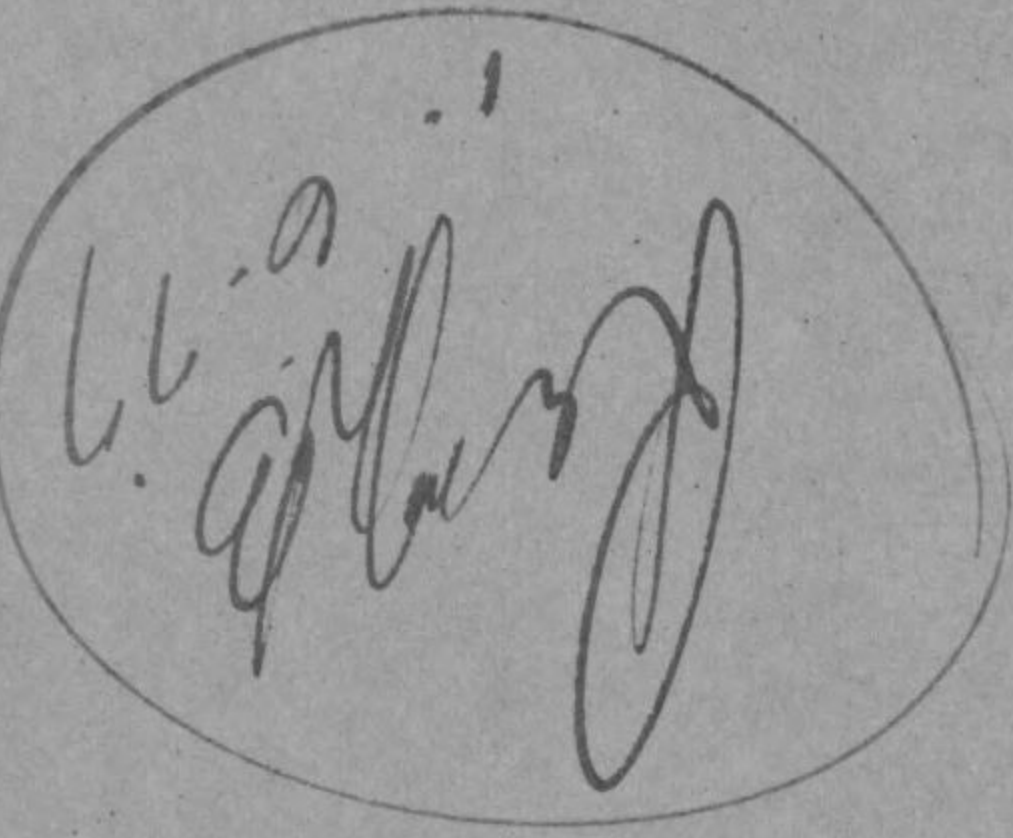
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31 May 1877

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

Samuel Knott

at the Macduff Hotel
Eagle Hawk

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
June 1st 1877



Robert Strickland Deputy
Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

● *Midland & Pailiwick* INQUISITION.

Eagle Hawk
Colony of Victoria,
to wit.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *the Macduff Hotel, Eagle Hawk* in
the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the *thirty first* day
of *May* A.D. 1877 in the *thirty fourth* year of
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Robert*
Strickland Gentleman, a* Deputy-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.

Samuel Knott

then

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

James Lester (foreman)

Charles Schroeder

James Saunders

Louis Abell

Joseph Meggs

John Heffill

Daniel Sutton

Isaac Crowther

Dawson Hamilton

William Young

Thomas Coyle

Samuel Watson

good and lawful men of

Eagle Hawk

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

Samuel
Knott

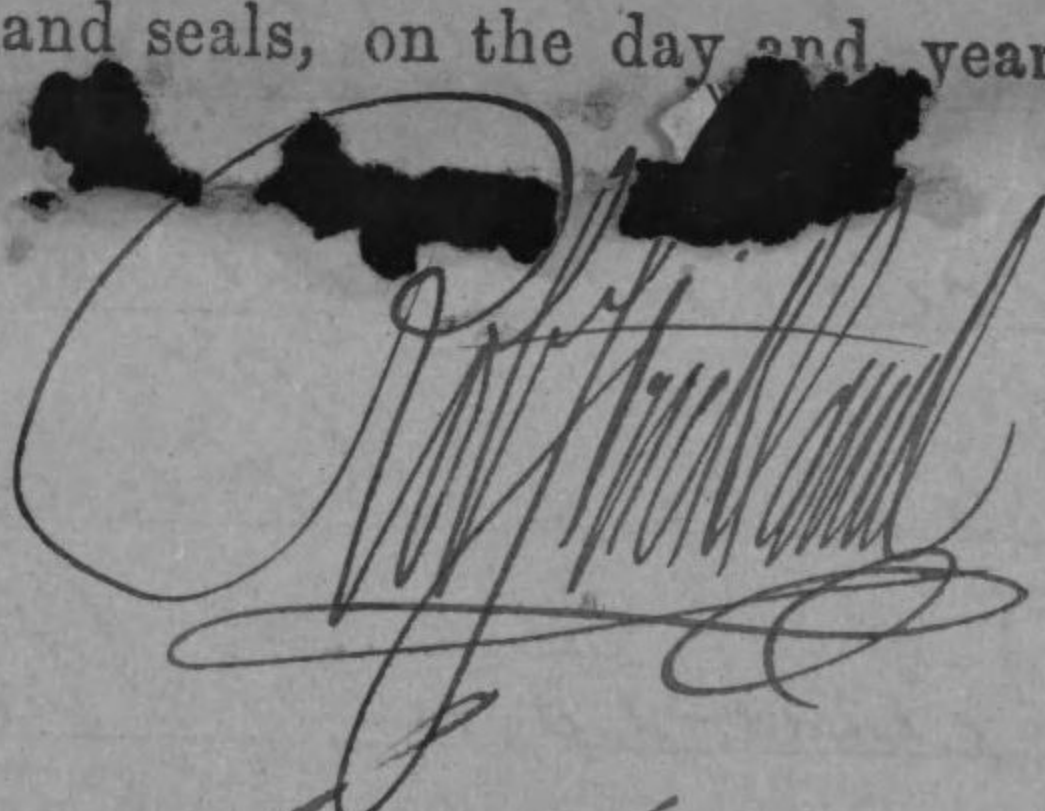
came by† his death, do say upon their oath

† 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.

That, on the thirty first day of May 1897,
at the Macduff Hotel, Eagle Hawk, the
deceased, Samuel Knott, died from
coma, the result of perous effusion in
the head; caused by the excessive use
of intoxicating drinks.

In witness whereof as well the aforesaid ^{Deputy} 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.

 Deputy - Coroner.

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

James Lester	(S.)
W. H. Crocker	(S.)
James L. L. L.	(S.)
Louis Abel	(S.)
Joseph Meigs	(S.)
John H. Hill	(S.)
Daniel J. Sutton	(S.)
Isaac L. L. L.	(S.)
Daniel H. L. L.	(S.)
William L. L.	(S.)
Thomas L. L.	(S.)
Samuel L. L.	(S.)

Sandhurst District

Exeter

Police Station 31 May 1877

Sandhurst

Aged 57

Sergt Webb 1245 reports for the information of the coroner that the man named in the margin was found dead in his bed at the Muff Hotel Exeter about 7 of clock this morning

Deceased had been poorly for a long time about three months ago he left the Hospital of which Institution he had been an inmate for some time since that he has been living between his own place and the Muff Hotel, and has been without medical assistance

Coroner

Sandhurst

J. Webb

SP 1275

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Midland Railways
Eagle Hawk.
COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

Caleb Griffin

TO WIT.

on his oath saith, I am a Carpenter

residing at Eagle Hawk.

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

I knew the deceased, Samuel Knott, whose body has been viewed by the Jury, He was unmarried and about 50 years of age. I was living at the MacDuff Hotel, Eagle Hawk the deceased also boarded in the same house for the past three months, when he came out of the Bendigo Hospital. The deceased would some times complain of being very bad, and he would call me out of my bed to attend to him - I have frequently sat up with him at night. He was a man who had ^{drank} heavily, but not lately. I asked him to allow me to send for a Doctor, but he refused. I sat up with the deceased till nearly twelve o'clock. he was not drunk. I did not think there was much the matter with the deceased when he went to bed, at that time. About half past 12 o'clock the deceased called out and asked me for a small drink. I gave him some brandy and water, and did not see him again until seven o'clock this morning. when on going to his bed side, I found he was dead. I called assistance, when Richard Travers and John Harrison came at once and examined the body. I then went and reported the matter to the police. I did not search the pockets of the deceased. The deceased has not been exactly sober for the past week - in fact he has been drunk. When the deceased went to bed he did not

To the Jury.

Taken and Sworn before me, the

day

of _____, 18____, at _____

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Midland Railwick
Sandhurst Eagle Hawk
COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

Caleb Griffin

TO WIT.

on his oath saith, I am a *furthermore*

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

~~residing at~~

*not take his clothes off. I wanted to
take his clothes off, but could not as
the deceased was quite helpless. I think
from weakness*

Caleb Griffin

Taken and Sworn before me, the *Thirty first* day
of *May*, 1877, at *Sandhurst*
Eagle Hawk

Deputy Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Midland Railway
Eagle Hawk
COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

Richard Travers

TO WIT.

On his oath saith, I am a

Licensed Publican

residing at the MacDuff Hotel, Eagle Hawk

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have known the deceased, Samuel Knott, for more than twenty years. He was a Painter by trade, but well known as a Musician.

About three months ago, the deceased was an inmate of the Bendigo Hospital. He was suffering from paralysis of the hand. He left the Hospital without authority, and did not return. He was accustomed to drink to excess occasionally. When he left the Hospital, the deceased went on the spree, at Sandhurst for about a week and then came to my house to get round. He kept sober for some time. Commenced drinking heavily about six weeks since, which debauch lasted for a week. Then a period of comparative sobriety, up to a fortnight since; when the deceased, again commenced drinking. He remained in my house the whole of the time. During the last three days the deceased was taking less drink. I have often denied him drink and remonstrated with him. He was not sober last night, but I did not consider him drunk. He was suffering a recovery. About three o'clock this morning I heard the deceased in his room; but did not think he required any assistance. About seven o'clock this morning the last witness, Caleb Griffin, called my attention to the deceased, when I found that he was dead.

Taken and Sworn before me, the

day

of _____, 18____, at _____

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Medland Bailiwick
Eagle Hawk
COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent* Richard Travers

TO WIT.

on h is oath saith, I am a furthermore

residing at _____

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I sent information to the Police. Constable
O'Brien came about eight o'clock. The
pockets of the deceased were not searched
before the Constable came. The deceased had
no ^{chattel} property. he had not been paying for
his board and drinks. I had possession
of two Bank deposit receipts, one for
one hundred and fifty pounds (£150) and
another for fifty pounds (£50) both of
which I handed to Constable O'Brien
this morning. The deceased owned
a freehold house and land at Eagle Hawk.
When the deceased was on these "drunks" ~~he~~
was positively helpless. The deceased
had about eight or nine drinks a day
during the last fortnight.

Richard Travers

To the Jury.

Taken and Sworn before me, the Thirty first day
of May, 1877, at Eagle Hawk
[Signature] Deputy Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Midland Railway
Eagle Hawk
COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

Thomas O'Brien

TO WIT.

on his oath saith, I am a

Police Constable

residing at

Eagle Hawk

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

About eight o'clock this morning, I was sent to the MacDuff Hotel to make enquiries touching the death of the deceased. I found the deceased on the bed with his clothes on. I searched the body, but found nothing, but a door key. The left hand pocket of his trousers was turned right inside out and the right hand pocket was partly turned out. The key was in the waistcoat pocket. Mr Richard Travers handed me a pocket book, as belonging to the deceased, containing two Bank deposit receipts, for £50 and £50 respectively.

To the jury.

The MacDuff Hotel is a ten pound licensed house. I knew the deceased.

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I know he was ~~arrested~~ for drunkenness. I have had no complaints of the deceased since he has been residing with Mr Travers.

Thos O'Brien

Taken and Sworn before me, the thirty first day
of May, 1877, at Eagle Hawk
Robert Macdonald Deputy Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Midland District
Eagle Hawk
COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

John James Thom

TO WIT.

* Christian and
Surname in
full.on his oath saith, I am a legally qualified medical practitioner
residing at Eagle Hawk

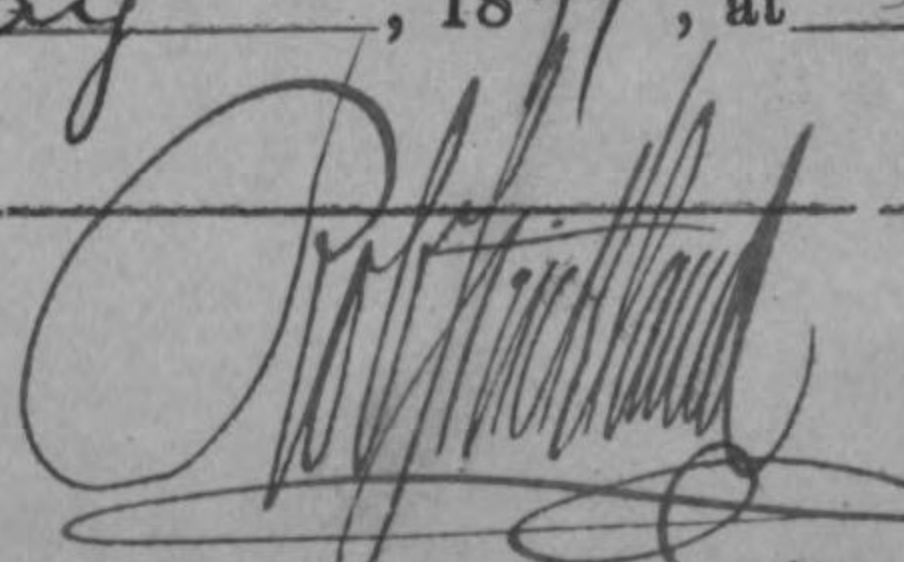
(S)

I have this day made a post mortem examination
of the ^{body of the} deceased, Samuel Knott. I found the
body well nourished and with no external
marks of violence. The brain was in a healthy
condition, but there were marks of old standing

(S)

inflammation of the membranes. ~~The~~ The ventricles
and under the arachnoid membrane were
filled with serum measuring about eight
ounces. The lungs were healthy, but the
left lung was congested, having occurred
immediately previous to death, or after it. The
liver was very much enlarged and ~~was by~~
the heart, ~~spleen~~, kidneys and ~~bowels~~
were in a healthy condition. The cause
of death I believe to have been from coma
the result of serous effusion in the head
caused by the excessive use of intoxicating
drinks. I have twice previously attended
the deceased for delirium tremens sometime
last year.

John J. Thom

Taken and Sworn before me, the thirty first day
of May, 1877, at Eagle Hawk
 Deputy Coroner.