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PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Bridget Ryan

at

Maria Buns

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

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*[Handwritten signature]*

J. E. Morrison  
Coroner.

INQUISITION.

VICTORIA, }  
TO WIT. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

*Yarra Bend*

in

Victoria, the

*29<sup>th</sup>*

day of *September*

A.D. 1898 in the

*sixty second*

year of the Reign

of our said Lady the Queen, before me

*George Bowie*

*Hunnison*

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen

for Victoria, upon the view of the body of

*Bridget*

*Ryan*

then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of<sup>1</sup>

(1) Jurors' Christian and surnames in full.

*William J. Mather*

*Thomas W. Keolins*

*George Thompson*

*John Beale*

*John Barrett*

good and lawful men of *Clypton Hill* in 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

*Bridget*

*Ryan*

came by<sup>2</sup> her death, do say upon their

(2) His or her.

(3) 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.

oath that<sup>3</sup>

*on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September*

*1898 at Yarra Bend.*

*Bridget Ryan while*

*in legal custody died*

*of rupture of the heart*

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.

*S. C. Munson* (L.S.)  
Coroner.

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

*W. J. Mather* (L.S.)  
*John Beale* (L.S.)  
*Shos Wm Holme* (L.S.)  
*John T. Parrott* (L.S.)  
*Geo Thompson* (L.S.)  
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Yarra Bend  
Lunatic Asylum,  
26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1898.

MEMORANDUM.

The patient named in the margin having  
died at 11.20 o'clock am  
on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> '98

I have to request that you will inform the

Coroner for the District of Bourke.

*Smith*  
Clerk of Asylum.

Bridget Ryan

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* Annie Condon

on h oath saith, I am a nurse

residing at Yarrabenda

\* Christian and Surname in full.

Asylum. The deceased  
 Bridget Ryan was  
 a patient in the Asylum  
 and ~~has been~~ <sup>was</sup> murdered  
 my care ~~starting~~ on  
 the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. The deceased  
 was working in the cottage  
 cleaning up. She took suddenly  
 ill. I lifted her up & loosened  
 her clothing & put a pillow  
 under her head & sent for  
 the Doctor he came  
 immediately but when he  
 arrived she was breathless  
 just. The friends were  
 informed of her death by  
 telegraph.

Annie Condon

Taken and Sworn before me the 29 day  
 of September 1898 at Yarrabenda  
NSW  
H. H. H. H.  
 Coroner.

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

\* Christian and Surname in full.

This Deponent \* William Longworth Watkins  
on his oath saith, I am Resident Medical Superintendent  
residing at The Gann Bend Asylum.

From the Asylum records I find that the deceased Priscilla Ryan, was admitted a patient to this Asylum on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1855 on a warrant, now produced,

Deceased came under my care during the month of May 1888 and was then suffering from senile dementia but in fair bodily health.

On the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant when doing my usual round I was called to see the deceased. Went at once but she was just dead when I arrived.

W. L. Watkins

Taken and Sworn before me the 29<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1898 at Gann Bend

S. C. [Signature]  
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent \* James Edward Spald

on his oath saith, I am a Surgeon registered in Victoria  
residing at 21 Spring Street - Melbourne

\* Christian and Surname in full.

I have made a post mortem by examination of the body of Bridget Ryan externally:

It was fairly well nourished. There were no marks of violence and no bedsores. There were purpuric stains on the wrists.

Internally: The brain was uniformly softened.

The lungs were congested. The heart sac contained a large quantity of coagulated blood, with much serum. There was a rupture of the left ventricle of the heart an inch long through which the blood above mentioned had escaped. The heart was fatty. The liver was fatty. The rest of the organs were healthy. There were food, chyle and stools respectively in the stomach and intestines.

The cause of death was rupture of the heart

James Edward Spald

Taken and Sworn before me the 29th day  
of September 1898 at Yarraberr  
S. C. Kinnear  
Coroner.