

10th March 1924 19

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

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Joseph Bennett.

Melbourne Morgue.

at

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

12 MAR 24 19

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D. BERRIMAN.

Coroner.

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PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

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**INQUISITION.**

VICTORIA }  
To Wit. }

AN INQUISITION for our Sovereign Lord King George V., taken at the Morgue, Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, the 10th. day of March A.D. 1924 in the fourteenth year of the reign of our said Lord the King, by me, Daniel Berriman, gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King for the said State, upon the view of the body of Joseph Bennett then and there lying dead.

Having inquired upon the part of our Lord the King, when, where, how, and by what means the said Joseph Bennett

(1) His or her.

came by his death, I say that

on the 7th. day of March 1924

at Mont Park Hospital for the Insane in the said

State wherein he was a State Patient the said Joseph Bennett

(2) Here state cause of death, if known; if unknown, doubtful, or no evidence, state the fact accordingly.

died from<sup>2</sup>

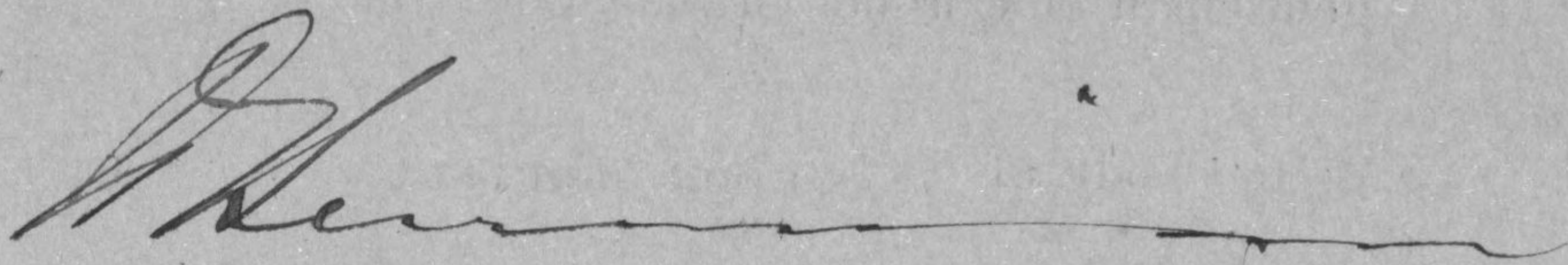
*Cancer of the*

*Panceras.*



In witness whereof, I, the aforesaid Coroner, have to this Inquisition  
put my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March

A.D. 1924

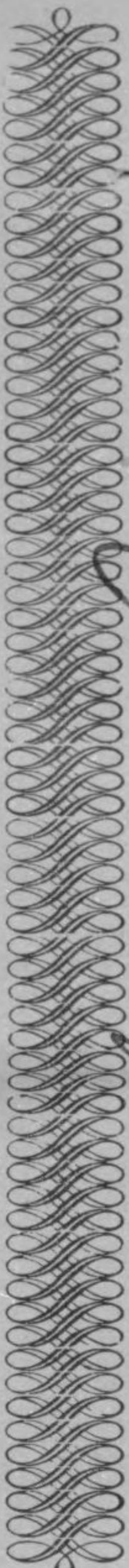


Coroner.

HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, MONT PARK.

Lunatic Asylum, New,

7. 3. 24  
1904



By Authority: ROBT. S. BRAIN, Government Printer, Melbourne.

Patient's Name Joseph Bennett

Age 42

Religion C of England

Birthplace Samania

MEMORANDUM.

The patient named in the margin having died at 10. 5. am

on 7th March 1924

I have to request that you will inform the Coroner for the District of Bourke.

[Signature]  
Clerk of Asylum.

### CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent \* *William Alexander Lees Lind*

on his oath saith, I am a *Medicine Practitioner*  
residing at *Melbourn New*

\* Christian and Surname full.

At 10.30 a.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1924 at the City  
Morgue Melbourne I made a post mortem  
examination of the body identified as Joseph  
Bennett.

The body was that of a middle aged man emaciated  
and having frequent scarring on the skin and  
a small scar on the left elbow region.

The heart was dilated, the lungs were congested. The  
kidneys were harder than normal. The brain showed some  
softening and abnormality of convolutional pattern.

There was an extensive cancerous growth involving the  
pancreas and the majority of the small intestine.

The cause of death was Cancer of the Pancreas.

The scarring of the skin was of minor import.

*Washed and*

Taken and sworn before me the 10<sup>th</sup> day

of March 1924 at Melbourne

*[Signature]*  
Coroner.

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* Laurel Buncan Lade

on his oath saith, I am a Medical Officer

residing at The Hospital for Lunatics, Mordialcroft

\*Christian and Surname in full.

The records show that the deceased Joseph Bonwell was admitted to the Hospital for Lunatics, Mordialcroft on April 24<sup>th</sup> 1923.

He was suffering from dementia. His mental condition did not improve while he was under treatment in the Hospital. His health began to become unsatisfactory towards the end of Oct. 1923 from which time onwards he suffered from numerous sores on the body for which he received appropriate treatment. Early in January of this year it became apparent that he had a malignant growth in the abdomen. It gradually became more pronounced and pain and loss of sleep habits - great difficulty was experienced towards the end of his illness in keeping him clean.

He died on the morning of Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> 1924. During his last illness he was visited several times by his relatives.

Laurel Buncan Lade

Taken and sworn before me the 10<sup>th</sup> day

of March 1924 at Melbourne

[Signature]

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\*

James. Patrick R. Linnam

on his oath saith, I am a

Asylum Attendant

residing at

Mont Park.

\*Christian and Surname in full.

The deceased Joseph Bennett has been in my charge, ten months & thirteen days, and during that period his health was fair up to the time he went to bed. On February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1924 the patient complained of pains in the abdomen, he was put to bed, but although every care and attention was given, he showed no improvement. During the last week of his illness, he developed diarrhoea, which continued up to the day before his death. He died on March 7<sup>th</sup> 1924 at 10.5 am in the presence of A. W. Linnam.

The patient was attended to by Rev. Mr. Wells. He was visited frequently by his mother and brothers during his late illness.

Marks on body after death.

slight graze on both hips - caused by been restless in bed the night before he died March 6<sup>th</sup> 1924. ~~He~~ Old scars on different parts of the body, were on the patient when I received him

The official visitor saw him on the 29th October last

J. P. Linnam

Taken and sworn before me the 10<sup>th</sup> day

of March 1924 at Melbourne

[Signature] Coroner.