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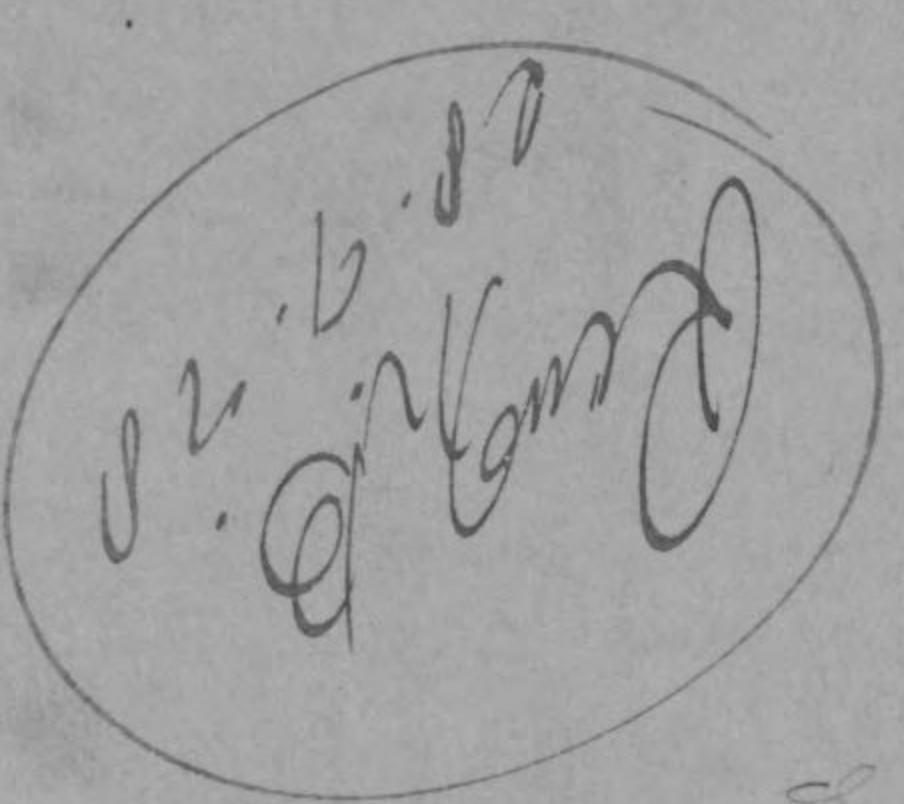
PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

James Hunter

at

Keeps
Sumatra, Malacca

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
September 20th 1878



H. Caudler

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 *Twenty-seventh* day
 of *September* A.D. 1878 in the *thirty-fifth* year of
 the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Samuel*

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

Curtis Canthar Gentleman, a*

Coroner

of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of

James Hunter

then

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

John Watson

Henry Scott

Thomas Greenway

John Brinkin

John Snodder

Thomas Griffith

Edward Gibbs

Lillian Kennedy

William Campbell

Charles H. Lee

Francis Scoppy

Patrick D. Lee

good and lawful men of

Keas

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

James

Hunter 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.

On the 25th of September 1878, in the
New Lunatic Asylum, where he was in
 legal custody at the time, he died from
 old disease of the brain

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. Landry

(I.S.)

Coroner.

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

John Watson	(I.S.)
Henry Wood	(I.S.)
John Pergowood	(I.S.)
John Boulton	(I.S.)
MR. Gorreher	(I.S.)
J. Greenhier	(I.S.)
Edward Gibbs	(I.S.)
W. Kenealy	(I.S.)
W. Confield	(I.S.)
Chas Hyland	(I.S.)
Francis Goffine	(I.S.)
P. Dolan	(I.S.)

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE,

Kew, 25th Sept 1878

MEMORANDUM.

The patient named in the margin having

James Hunter
died at 12.30 a.m.

on 25/9/78

I have to request that you will inform the

Coroner for the District of Bourke.

R. Mill

Warden of Asylum

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A. H.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.This Deponent* James Hamilton Wilson
on h^o oath saith, I am a Noted Mental Officer
residing at New Asylum

From the records of the Asylum I find that the deceased James Hunter aged 40 years was admitted on the 8th of March 1878 on the authority of the warrant now produced and suffering from General Paralysis. He has been under my care since the 15th April last when I found him in a pretty advanced stage of General Paralysis. During the whole time he has been under my care he has been going from bad to worse and on the 22nd May he was transferred to the Hospital Ward in a very weak & feeble state of bodily health. He was completely demented. From this time he was transferred to the hospital up to the date of his death he has for the most part been confined to his bed, and on the morning of the 23rd instant I was called by the night attendant to see him, and I found him in an unconscious state with twitchings of the free & limbs, and although there was some remission of these symptoms he never completely recovered from the attack but is reported to have died on the 25 instant at 12.30 A.M. He has had sores on sacrum & left hip - the latter formed shortly before his death. He was ordered medicine & medical reports & while on duty visited him twice daily.

J. H. Wilson

Taken and Sworn before me, the 27th day
of September, 1878, at New
Caesar }
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent*

James Edward Nield

on h^{is} oath saith, I am a Doctor of Medicine registered
in Victoria residing at 165-Collins Street East, Melbourne.

I have made a post mortem examination of the body of the deceased James Hunter.

Externally: It was somewhat emaciated. There were slight contusions on the right side of the forehead, about the right eye, on the outside of the left eye, on the upper part of the left thigh, and on the right hand. The penis was somewhat excoriated. There were slight scars on the skins, an ulcer on the right great toe-nail, bursitis on the sacrum and left hip, and the scar of an incised wound on the right hip.

Internally:

The brain was somewhat collapsed, and harder in consistency than natural. The dura-mater, and arachnoid, were thickened and opaque; the pia-mater was infiltrated in parts, and there were about eight ounces of serum at the base and in the ventricles, the latter being much distended.

The lungs were structurally healthy, but congested. The heart was flabby and thin-walled, but not soft. The organs of the belly were structurally healthy. There was a little congestion of the peritoneum over the small intestines. The stomach contained what appeared to be egg and milk, and there were chyle and stools in the intestines. The cause of death was old standing

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of September, 1878, at New
Castl }
Coroner.

brain disease
James Edward Nield

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.This Deponent* Charles Andrew Ward
on h^{is} oath saith, I am a ² attendant in the Kew
residing at Lunatic Asylum

The deceased James Clarke
was under my charge when he died on the 22nd
of May last. He was paralysed, feeble, worthless and
unable to feed himself. He was unable to walk with
safety. There was not much change in him up to
the 23rd of this month when he took a fit. S^r Wilson
was sent for and attended. Deceased did not recover
but died on the morning of the 25th instant. Death
was regularly by the medical Officer as by the official
visitors. His mother (now present) & other relatives
came to see him. Deceased could not express his
wants in any way.

C. Ward,

Taken and Sworn before me, the 27th day
of September, 1878, at Kew }
C. Carter }
Coroner.