

1857
September 28th 1878

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

James Hunter

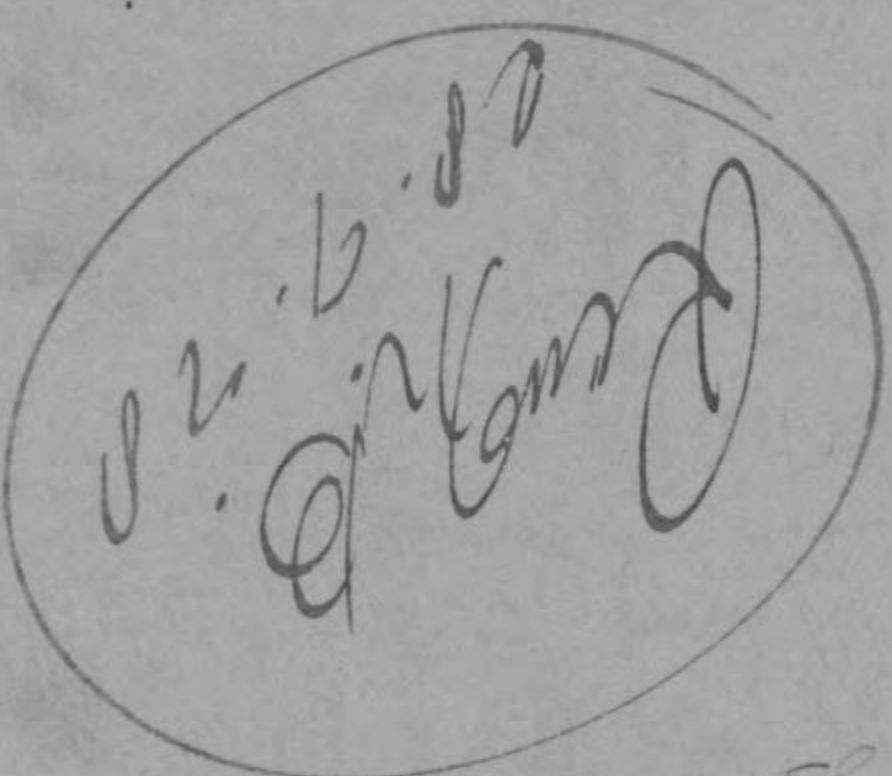
at

Henry
Summitte Chapman

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

September 28th 1878

Q.M.



W. C. Cauden

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. 187*8* in the ~~thirty~~ *forty second* year of
 the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Samuel*
Curtis Cantrill 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 Cook
Thomas Greenwood
John Bonthon
John Jones
James Francis
Edmund Gibb
Lillian Kennedy
William Campbell
Charles Kyles
Francis Jeffrey
Patrick O'Shea

good and lawful men of *New* 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*

t. 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§

Hunter came by† *his* death, do say upon their oath
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.

Canty

(S.)

Coroner.

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

John Watton (S.)
Henry Wood (S.)
Thos Beaman (S.)
John Boulton (S.)
JR Goucher (S.)
J. Greenhill (S.)
Edward Gibbs (S.)
W Kincaid (S.)
W. Campbell (S.)
Thos Hyland (S.)
James Goff (S.)
J Dolan (S.)

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE,

Kew,

25th Sept 1878

MEMORANDUM.

The patient named in the margin having

died at

12.30 am

on

25/9/78

I have to request that you will inform the

Coroner for the District of Bourke.

H. M. Mill

for Clerk of Asylum

James Hunter

40 yrs. Ago
Protestant

Foot. burial

W. H.

Recd of \$40 Paid 25-9-78
J. M. G. Smith 1893

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA, }

This Deponent*

TO WIT.

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

James Hamilton Wilson
Surgeon Medical Officer
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 of 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 of May he was transferred to the Hospital ward in a very weak & feeble state of bodily health. He was completely demented. From the 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 twitching of the face & 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 25th instant at 12.30 A.M. He has bed sores on sacrum & left hip - the latter formed shortly before his death. He was ordered medicine & medical comforts & while on duty I visited him twice daily.

J. H. Wilson

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

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

TO WIT.

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

on his oath saith, I am a James Edward Neild
Doctor of Medicine registered
 in Victoria residing at 165 Collins Street East, Melbourne.

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

Externally:

It was somewhat emaciated. There
 were slight contusions on the right side of the fore-
 head, 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 excor-
 iated. There were slight scars on the shins, an
 ulcer on the right great toe-nail, bedsores 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 consistence 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

brain disease
 Taken and Sworn before me, the 27th day
 of September, 1878, at Ken
C. Canby } James Edward Neild
 Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

on his oath saith, I am a Attendant in the Asylum
residing at Lunatic Asylum

The deceased James Hurley was under my charge when he died on the 22nd of May last. He was paralysed, feeble, restless 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. Dr. Wilson was sent for and attended. Deceased did not recover but died on the morning of the 25th instant. He was seen regularly by the Medical Officer and by the official visitors. His mother (now present) and other relatives came to see him. Deceased could not express his wants in any way.

C. C. W. W. W.

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