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16 September 1862

PROCEEDINGS of Inquest held
upon the body of

John Conker

at

Freeing

Received at Crown Law Offices,

2nd Oct 1862

PM

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J. Shaw Coroner.

Geelong
Colony
of
Victoria

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

No. 64.

INQUISITION.

TO WIT. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *the*
Clare Hotel in
the *Yarra* of *Geelong* aforesaid,
the *nineteenth* day of *September* A.D. 186*2*, in
the *twenty ninth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen,
before me *George Shaw*

City, Town, County, or District, Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the *Yarra* of
as the case may be.

George aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of *John Cornish* then

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

- Laurence Ryan*
- William Hosmer*
- Charles Golden*
- George Houston*
- James Brown*
- Charles Willis*
- Henry Elmer*
- Samuel Barber*
- Thomas Lockwood*
- Edmund Walton*
- Henry Williams*
- John Jessop*

good and lawful men of *Geelong* 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 *John Cornish* came

† 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.
It is desirable that the Jury should find expressly, whether there are or are not marks of external violence on the body of deceased.

by † *his* death, do say upon their oath that § *on the 16th day of September*
in the year aforesaid in his own house in the town
of Geelong & Colony aforesaid. The said John Cornish
of disease of the heart and not from

any

any hurt injury or violence done to the said
John Conner steel she

And to the jurors aforesaid on their oaths
aforesaid do say that the said John Conner
in manner & means aforesaid came by his death
shot & murdered

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.

Yours Shaws

(L.S.)

Coroner.

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

Lawrence Ryan	()
George Thornton	()
John Still to visit	()
Silas Goulding	()
Henry Williams	()
Henry Elmes	()
Charles Wilkie	()
James Goodenough	()
James Broome	()
Samuel Barber	()
Wm Watton	()
William Thompson	()

County of
Victoria

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

THE Examination of* *May Cornhill wife*
of the deceased *John Cornhill*

*All names of Witnesses.

of *Victoria* taken on oath this *16th*
day of *September* A.D. 1862, at *the Clare Hotel*

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

The Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

Deceased was my husband, about 3 months ago he complained of cough and a beating at the heart so he said he would go to sleep. He went to bed he got a little he took no more medicine as he said he said not care for any. He would cough & spit a good deal morning & evening - his heart beat a good deal. He had a pain in his chest in his left side. He went to bed last night in a good health as I have seen him for some time past, he fell asleep a little before one o'clock. He awoke & asked me the hour. In a few minutes the clock struck. He asked me if the baby who has whooping cough, was taking the heart well. I said yes. That the baby just settled. When I heard him heave a great sigh. I asked him what was the matter. Got no answer. I jumped out of bed & called his son in.

M. C.

from the next room, we lighted a candle, I sent him
Mr D. Day & Dr W. Shaw. They said they would not come,
he never spoke to me after drawing the light - he
was 47 years of age from Galway
Mary her
Mark & Co. her

TAKEN and sworn before me the
16th day of September A.D. 1862,
at Galway

John Shaw

Coroner.

*John
Coffey
Jr
Witness*

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

THE Examination of* *D. B. Reid Esq*
Surgeon, Gresham Hospital

* All names of Witnesses.

of *Gresham* taken on oath this *16th*
day of *September* A.D. 1862, at *the Clare Hotel*

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† *County*

The Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

patient.

*I have no recollection of the deceased, as
but have no doubt they have prescribed for
him at the Hospital - the prescription found is
in my handwriting and is what is usually given
in such cases of heart disease.*

*I have examined the body and found
evidence of Hypertrophy & dilatation of the
Heart, and very serious disease of the aortic
Valve - the amount of this case perceptible in
the heart accounts for the suddenness of
deceased's death*

D. B. Reid

*taken on oath this 16th
day of September 1862
at Gresham
John Shaw
Coroner*