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10th March 1869

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

Wm. Jeffrey

at
Hockley Valley
Huntingdon

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
3rd April 1869

Wm. Powell
Coroner.

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*Hoppy Valley Sandhurst
District of Sandhurst
in the
Colony
of
Victoria*

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PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

No. 64.
[Stereo.]

INQUISITION.

TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *the House of the Deceased Thomas Tipping Hoppy Valley Sandhurst* in the *Colony* of *Victoria* aforesaid, the *first* day of *March* A.D. 1867, in the *thirtieth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *James B. Doune*

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

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the *District* of *Sandhurst in the Colony of Victoria* aforesaid, upon the view of the body of *Thomas Tipping* then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of † *the following Jurors* -

Jurors' Christian and Surname in full.

Edward Merrihow "foreman"
William Mollesen
John Heim
John Pattalack
Francis Congreve
James Bunce Young
Thomas Will
Henry Stevens
Ernest Ludge
John White
William Caddy
John D. Dubouché

good and lawful men of *the District of Sandhurst* in the said *Colony of 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 *Thomas Tipping* 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 § *about three o'clock P.M. on the 28th day of February 1867 the deceased Thomas Tipping came by this death suddenly at his House in Hoppy Valley Sandhurst from Congestion of his Lungs and of his Brain and not from any external injuries to his body caused by violence*

[Large decorative flourish]

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.

James B. Dounds: J.C.

Coroner.

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

Edward Merredon (foreman) ()
William Molliers ()
John Heim ()
John Rottallack ()
Francis Congre ()
James Bruce Young ()
Thomas Will ()
Henry Thomas ()
Ernest Lucette ()
John ^{his} White ()
William ^{mark} ^{his} Caddy ()
John ^{his} ^{mark} Dutworth ()

Witness *Henry McKenna*
Contsable

Sandhurst
Colony
of
Victoria

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

THE Examination of * John Gardner, a miner, residing
in Happy Valley Sandhurst, Colony,

* All names of Witnesses.

of Victoria taken on oath this first
day of March, A.D. 1867, at the Deceased's House Happy
Valley Sandhurst, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † District of Sandhurst

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

The Deponent John Gardner
on his oath, saith as follows: Deceased Thomas Tipping here viewed
dead by this Jury was the husband of my sister
Agnes. - about eleven o'clock on last Sunday 21st. I
was here with my sister, when I heard deceased
coming home accompanied by 2 miners named
Aughl, and Barber. I came out to the gate and told
the said men I would take care of deceased and
that they would not require to come any further.
they were leading deceased home as he was greatly
the worse for drink. I brought deceased into
his house and laid him on the floor at his request.
his drap was all loose, and his shirt was up to
his shoulder, I could see marks upon his back of
some injuries. I asked him how he got those marks
to which he replied that he had been fighting, that
a man named Langton had kicked in his ribs. -
Deceased was shortly afterwards placed sitting on
the sofa where I had conversation with him -
He was placed in bed about 4 o'clock in the
morning, Monday the 25th ult. that day and Tuesday
deceased was up and about the place, also during that
night and Wednesday morning. yesterday about
one o'clock Deceased got out of bed and lay
down on the floor in the draft of the passage -
Doctor Hoyle was I think here then. - deceased had
his senses quite perfect, and as he so lay his breathing
grew more and more difficult until he died at
three o'clock - yesterday the 28th - Having seen the

marks upon his body we were under the impression that the deceased had received injuries, on the Sunday night;

After deceased died we were under the impression those injuries hastened his death. I went to Sandhurst and informed D. Hoyle of the death when he informed me that in consequence of the marks upon deceased it would be necessary the Coroner should enquire into the cause of them.

At the time of deceased's death we did not know how or where those injuries happened to him, he was mostly under the influence of drink until D. Hoyle saw him on yesterday - he had frequently drinks of beer & Brandy with water after his return home on Sunday night and during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, he would have them

John Gardner

TAKEN and sworn before me, the first
day of March - , A.D. 1867,
at the deceased's residence in
Happy Valley Sandhurst

James T. P. Downes

Coroner.

Sandhurst
Colony
of
Victoria

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

THE Examination of * Joseph Mason, a Restaurant keeper
and Quartz Miner residing in Happy Valley in
the Municipality of Sandhurst Colony
of Victoria taken on oath this first
day of March, A.D. 1867, at the deceased's House Happy Valley

* All names of Witnesses.

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † District of Sandhurst
The Deponent Joseph Mason aforesaid

on his oath, saith as follows: On Sunday morning the 24th February
about half past 10 o'clock deceased Thomas Tipping
came to my house, slightly under the influence of
drink - He had several drinks there, and being
feeble he fell asleep as he sat at the table, a
common occurrence with deceased, - he remained
there all day, and had only a biscuit to eat -
Between 7 and 8 o'clock P.M. that evening James
Barber and Ula Angel, both working miners,
came into my place, and remained there until the
deceased left, I think about 8 o'clock, but it might
be later, Deceased had frequently met Barber there
and that night I asked Barber to take deceased
home which he frequently ^{had} done before then

The deceased then left my house accompanied
by Barber and Angel and went to his home,
- After they came into my house deceased had
conversation with them, he treated several to
drink, but I cannot say he said Barber and
Angel had any drink from him then, - There
was no quarrel at any place that day or night.

336- William H Langdon or

John Gardiner were not at any place on Sunday
- Deceased could not have received any injuries
on that day even by falling as I frequently said
him do, - deceased often said people beat him, when it was
not the case at all

Taken and sworn before me
the 1st day of March 1867
at deceased's House Happy Valley
Sandhurst

James J. Gould
Coroner

Mason

Sandhurst
District of Sandhurst
County
of
Victoria

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To WIT.

THE Examination of * James Barber, a miner residing
in Longgully Sandhurst Municipality, County
of Victoria — taken on oath this first —
day of March —, A.D. 1867, at the Deceased's House Happy Valley
before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † District of Sandhurst

* All names of Witnesses.

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

The Deponent James Barber
on his oath, saith as follows: after 9 o'clock P.M. on last Sunday the
24th ult^{mo} I was requested to see the deceased James,
by Mr. Mason, I asked Mr. Angb to assist me
in taking deceased home, as he was feeble and
under the influence of drink, we brought him
to his gate where his wife's brother John Gardiner
took deceased from us, and we returned home

During our bearing deceased homeward:
we did not meet William H. Langdon, nor did I
see him at Mason's Restaurant for a month,
nor had deceased any accident on the way home,
he did not even fall down as he often had
done when in drink, nor had he any fights
nor argument with any body that day from
the time I went to Mason's until I left him
at his house as I have stated —

James Barber

Taken and Sworn before me
this 1st day of March A.D. 1867
at the deceased's house in Happy
Valley Sandhurst
James P. Cairns
Coroner

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Colony
of
Victoria

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

THE Examination of * John Bethans Surgeon
residing in Sandhurst in the Colony
of Victoria

* All names of Witnesses.

— taken on oath this first
day of March —, A.D. 1867, at the House of the deceased in
the District of Sandhurst

Happ Valley Sandhurst
City, Town, District, or County,
as the case may be.

The Deponent John D. Bethans

on his oath, saith as follows: In the presence of Doctor Hoyle I have
this day made a post mortem examination of the
body of the deceased Thomas Tipping here lying dead
— There were no external marks of violence upon the
body except some superficial abrasions on the back
over the shoulder blade. I opened the body and
found the lungs considerably congested, and some
slight signs of inflammation of the pleura on the right
side. — In the pericardium I found some effusion,
the heart was quite healthy. — The stomach was
healthy but empty. — The liver was very pale
and enormously enlarged. — The kidneys had some
deposits of fat, a little enlarged, but otherwise healthy
as also the other abdominal organs. On the right
side I observed one of the ribs had been fractured
evidently years ago. — I opened the head and found
some sero-sanguineous effusion between the skull
and the membranes of the brain, its external covering
was slightly thickened and congested. Between the
membranes of the brain and the brain itself there
was considerable sero-sanguineous effusion, and
the brain was highly congested, at its base, and in
the ventricles there was much effusion, there was
a clot of blood resting on the optic nerve causing
the dimness of vision deceased suffered from before
death. — The post mortem evidences described
in my opinion were not caused by external violence
to the deceased body. — I am of opinion the death

of the said Thomas Tipping was caused by
congestion of the lungs and of the brain,
but whether from natural causes or intemperance
I cannot say positively

John Betham

TAKEN and sworn before me, the first
day of March, A.D. 1867,
at the house of the said
deceased Thomas Tipping
in Stapley Valley
Sandhurst

James T. Gaud

Coroner.

Sandhurst
Colony
of
Victoria

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

THE Examination of * James Hoyle M.D. -
residing in Sandhurst in the Colony
of Victoria - taken on oath this first-
day of March - , A.D. 1867, at Deceased's House Happy Valley
before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † District of Sandhurst

* All names of Witnesses.

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

The Deponent James Hoyle aforesaid
on his oath, saith as follows: I have heard the evidence of Dr.
Belham here read, and having been present at
the post mortem examination, I coincide with
that evidence, - I have been the medical attendant
of deceased for more than 12 years, and having
seen the body after death I feared from the marks
upon it deceased had received some internal
injuries accelerating his death, - The family and
friends of deceased were under a similar impression,
For the last 3 or 4 years deceased's habits were
very intemperate - I heard that deceased had
been badly treated on Sunday evening either at
Mason's Restaurant, or upon his coming to
his home on that night -

James Hoyle M.D.

Taken and sworn before me the
15th day of March 1867 at
the house of the deceased in
Happy Valley Sandhurst
James B. Pound
Coroner

Remarks

In this case Dr. Hoyle (the medical attendant of deceased) requested me to direct another medical man to make the post mortem as he could not do so from being then engaged in a midwifery case and as I understood having an abrased hand in the former case it would be most dangerous to the woman's life in the latter to himself.

A. D. Leonard
Coroner