

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.
CORONER'S INQUEST.

To Wit

The Examination of

19th February 1857 (115)

the inquest held in
Melbourne on the
body of John
Coleman Oct: 26

Witness by Oath

before 40th

Birth

9/4/57

Wm. Wilson
Coroner.

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TAKEN and Sworn before me the 19th
day of February A.D. 1857,
at Melbourne

Wm. Wilson, Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria }

To Wit.

THE Examination of* James Lowe

* All names of Witnesses.

Private in the 40th Regtof Melbourne taken on oath this 19th
day of February A.D. 1857 at Melbourne
City.City, Town, District, or County,
as the case may be.

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased was a private in the 40th Regiment His name was John Coleman Aged 26 years. This morning about five o'clock as I was passing by his quarters I saw him lying on the ground, and thought that he had been asleep, on examination I found that he was dead and that his own firelock lay by his side, I saw a great quantity of blood on the ground and immediately gave the alarm.

James Lowe.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria }

To Wit.

THE Examination of*

* All names of Witnesses.

William Flemmington
Sergeant in the 40th Regiment
of Melbourne taken on oath this 19th
day of February A.D. 1857 at Melbourne
City, Town, District, or County,
as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

Deceased has been in the service since his boyhood. He was much addicted to drinking and has frequently been in hospital for delirium tremens. Deceased has been drinking very heavily during the last month until within the last two days, when he has almost abstained from drink. I have not noticed anything particular about him, but he was naturally of a morose and gloomy character. At five o'clock this morning it was reported to me that Joseph Coleman had shot himself by James Howe. I immediately went to him, and found him lying just outside his quarters, and he was quite dead and warm at the time. I found his own firelock lying by his side which had been recently discharged, and on examining his wound found a round of ball ammunition deficient. The night had been a quiet one and there was no one

one about but the band on its return from
the ball at the Exhibition buildings. —
He was reading for about an hour over night.
a book called the Crusades, and made a mark where
he seems to have left off reading ~~and~~.

William F. Henry Esq.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 19th }
day of February A.D. 1857, }
at Melbourne 1 }

W. Wilmoth Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria }
To Wit.

THE Examination of* *George Webster M.D.*
Staff Surgeon

* All names of Witnesses.

of *Melbourne* taken on oath this *19th*
day of *February* A.D. 185*7* at *Melbourne*
City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† *City*
as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased was a private in the 40th Regiment. He was never under my particular charge but I find that he has been frequently in hospital, suffering from delirium tremens. On the last time was about two months ago. I have examined the body and find a wound in the mouth from a ~~for~~ ball which has traversed the ~~base~~ base of the brain and has made its exit through the posterior part of cranium, and which has caused his death.

Geo Webster M.D.
Staff Surgeon

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 19th
day of February A.D. 1857,
at Melbourne -

W. B. Nichol Coronor.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Victoria }
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at
the *Melbourne* in
the *Colony* of *Victoria* aforesaid,
the *19th* day of *February* A.D. 185*7*, in
the *twentieth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen
before me *W. W. Melmore*,

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

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the* *City* of
Melbourne aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of *John Coleman* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

William King
Wm. H. Stedstone
Thomas Bonney
John Jervey
W. S. Codd
Adam Campbell
William S. Lowen
H. P. H. Burne
William Thompson
Charles Howes
Robert Cannon
J. E. Matthews

good and lawful men of *Melbourne* in the
said *Colony* who being duly sworn and charged to

enquire, upon the part of our Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the
said *John Coleman* came

by † his death, do say upon their oath that § *he has died*
from a gun shot wound in his head
discharged from his own firelock by his
own hand whilst in a state of
temporary insanity, induced by the
excessive use of ardent spirits —

† 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.

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.

W. W. Milnor
Coroner.

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

William King
Hugh W. Cladstone
Thomas Bonney
John Fenney
W. E. Brown
Admiral Campbell
William G. Laver
W. W. Milnor
John Thompson
Charles Hays
Robert Cannon
G. E. Matthews

