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G. Milnott  
Coroner

John Milnott  
Coroner on the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
Nov 1850  
at the Coroner's  
Court, Melbourne

Death  
Rate

1000  
1000

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of Nov A.D. 1850,  
at Melbourne,

G. Milnott  
Coroner.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Fictitious }  
To WIT.

THE Examination of\* George Webster M.D.  
Surgeon of Gaols -

\* All names of Witnesses.

of Melbourne taken on oath this 17<sup>th</sup> ~~July~~  
day of July A.D. 1856, at Melbourne

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † City -

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased came under my professional notice about eighteen months since in consequence of his becoming an inmate of this Gaol. He has been discharged on several occasions since that time but has been brought back again on some charge generally for drunkenness. He was the subject of a very severe and intractable syphilitic disease, often exacerbating disturbing the nervous system and causing epileptic fits. Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock he had a fit which ended in a state of insensibility and loss of power which continued until his death at about 11 o'clock this morning. The immediate cause of death in this instance has been epilepsy of the result of former disease induced by intemperance and dissipation -

Geo. Webster, M.D.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria }

To WIT.

THE Examination of\* William Abbott  
Gaoler at the Western Gaol -

\* All names of Witnesses.

of Melbourne taken on oath this 19<sup>th</sup>  
day of July A.D. 1850, at Melbourne

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † City -

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased was admitted into this Gaol on the 14<sup>th</sup> ult: under the vagrant act. Her name was Mary Smith alias Sarah Bolton aged about 43 years. She has been received into the Gaol on ten several occasions under sentence during the last fifteen months. Her health has been greatly infelicit by dissipation and when her last sentence expired on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> her strength was too feeble and her health too impaired to send her away. She has been continued under medical care until her death which took place this morning - She has been quite idiotic for the last few days and has been raving about her husband whom for whose murder she was tried about two years since, but was acquitted of the crime -

Wm Abbott  
Gaoler

TAKEN and Sworn before me the  
day of <sup>17<sup>th</sup> July A.D. 1856,  
at Melbourne }</sup>

H. B. Wilmot, Coroner.

[No. 64.  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

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*Victoria* }  
TO WIT. }

**A**N Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

*Melbourne* in  
the *Colony of Victoria* aforesaid,  
the *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *July* A.D. 1856, in  
the *twentieth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen  
before me *W. W. Wilmot*

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

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

Joseph Bradford  
Joseph Green  
James Ross  
Richard Conway  
Patrick O'Connor  
William Horner  
R. Coblaugh  
Thomas Jannon  
Peter Larden  
Robert Appleby  
William Appleby  
Walter Patterson

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 *Mary Smith alias Sarah Batter* came

by † her death, do say upon their oath that § she has died from  
apoplexy ~~and~~ the result of former  
disease induced by intemperate and  
dissipated habits.

† 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.

Joseph Bedford	( )
Joseph Green	( )
James Proff	( )
Richard Conroy	( )
Patrick O'Connor	( )
John H. Moore	( )
John D. O'Conor	( )
Mark Thomas Gammon	( )
Peter Larson	( )
Robert <sup>his</sup> Applebee	( )
William <sup>mark</sup> Appleby	( )
Walter Patterson	( )