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April 5th 1872

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

Ray S. Mc Car

at

Leopoldale

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
April 5th 1872

(Circular stamp containing a signature and the date 11. 4. 72)

Ernest Hardy, Coroner.

Wood

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

[No. 64.
[Stereo.]

INQUISITION.

District of Aroca
Victoria }
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *Percy Dale*

in the *District* of *Aroca* aforesaid,

the *3rd* day of *April* A.D. 18*82*, in

the *23rd* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen,

before me *Edward Wortley*

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

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the * *District* of

Aroca aforesaid, upon the

view of the body of *Mary Ann Ah Lar* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surname
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

- George Trich*
- John Hooking*
- Henry Laseby Costin*
- Charles Fairlie*
- Richard Logan*
- Charles Humas Reason*
- Thomas Pague*
- William Baker Morrison*
- Daniel Danvers*
- William Wright*
- Thomas Costin*
- Wilhelm Meyer*

good and lawful men of *the District of Aroca* 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 *Mary Ann Ah Lar* came

by † *her* death, do say upon their oath that § *the said deceased*

† 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.

Mary Ann Ah Lar died of *effusion in the brain* the result of *alcoholic poisoning*

and excessive smoking of Opium,
at Percy Dale in the Colony of Victoria
on the 2nd day of April 1872
and they further say that there are
no marks of violence on the body
of the 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.

Edward Wisbey

Coroner.

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

George Rich
John Hasting
Henry Asseby Costin
Charles Furlie
Richard Logan
Charles Thomas Reason
Thomas Payne
William Baker Moor
Daniel Hanners
William Nigh
Thomas Costin
Wilhelm Meyer



~~A.A.~~ Abaca District

~~Maryborough District~~

Percydale Station

3 April 1872

Mary Ann At the car

Constable Aakohan No 524 reports for
the information of the coroner, that the
woman named in the margin, died about
9 P.M. on the 2nd inst. from information received
she was in a delicate state for some time
the result of hard drinking and opium
smoking, but had no medical attendance
Constable Aakohan awaits the decision
of the coroner as to what course will
be pursued; if he should think it
necessary to hold an inquest, and the
probable time, he should be able to attend.

David Ballahan
Const 524

Learned Worsley Esq

Coroner for the District

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,)

This Deponent* Ah Car

TO WIT.

On his oath saith, I am an Opium Dealer
residing at Percy Dale

* Christian and Surname in full.

The deceased Mary Ann Ah Car, whose body has just been viewed by the Jury was my wife. - She was ^{very} ill last Saturday about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and died yesterday about half past 8 o'clock in the evening. - I did not send for a Doctor. I did not apprehend any danger until yesterday about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when a Chinese Doctor came to see her. I thought he would cure her as

she had done so before for the same complaint. ^{she said she had no heart or inside} The complaint was in her stomach. - She ^{the} ^{deceased} had been in the habit of drinking Gin and smoking Opium to except for the last 3 or 4 years. - She was 22 years of age. - She was a native of Sydney - her South Wales. - She has left a Father, Mother & Sister & Grand Mother. Her Father is a Farmer. - Does present when deceased died and also Martha Willis and Annie Williamson now in Court.

[Signature]

This is the signature of the witness Ah Car

[Signature]
Coroner

Taken and Sworn before me, the 3rd day
of April, 1872, at Percy Dale
in the Colony of Victoria
[Signature] Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

Catherine Ah Toon

TO WIT.

On her oath saith, I am *the wife of Ah Toon an Opium Dealer* residing at *Percy Dale*

*Christian and Surname in full.

I knew the deceased *Chang Ann Ah Car.* had known her for 4 years before her death. I was called by her, *was* *bound* at 20 minutes past 8 o'clock yesterday evening to come to her. he said, "*My wife is dying - I am going!*" I went about 6 or 7 yards away - Deceased was alone - I said to her "*Do you know me?*" she spoke with difficulty and "*I am going!*" she died at about half past 8 o'clock. While I was there the Chinese Doctor came and gave the deceased some liquid in a basin - I do not know what it was - He poured it down her throat. She died about 20 minutes after.

Catherine Ah Toon

Taken and Sworn before me, the *3rd* day of *April*, 1872, at *Percy Dale* in *the Colony of Victoria*.
Coroner.
Leonard Worsley

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

John A. Mahon

TO WIT.

*Christian and Surname in full.

On his oath saith, I am a Legally qualified Medical Practitioner residing at Arden

I have made a post mortem examination of the body of Henry Ann Ah Car - The body was very much unaccustomed - There were no marks of violence whatever. - On opening the body, I found the lungs and heart healthy. The stomach was quite empty as also the bowels - No liquid or solid of any sort - The liver was enormously enlarged more than twice the ordinary size and of a pale straw colour. The appearances were those presented by the liver of a drunkard. - On opening the head, I found the membranes of the brain congested and about two ounces of fluid blood extravasated - There was a serous effusion at the base of the brain and in the ventricles. - The cause of death was effusion in the brain ~~was alcoholic~~ ^{the result of alcoholic poisoning and excessive drinking of Opium.} - The excessive drinking and bustling deplored to by the butler Ah Car would produce the results referred to.

W. Jerome

W. Carver

John A. Mahon

Taken and Sworn before me, the 3rd day
of April, 1872, at at Pery Dale
in the Colony of Victoria
Edward Worsley Coroner.