

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS

21<sup>st</sup> (14) January 1857

Examined and held at  
North Melbourne in  
the body of William  
Jolly 21: 30 years

~~Robert~~  
Purcell  
Lance of 40 years

Mr. Wilton  
Clerk

(9<sup>th</sup> 257)

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of January, A.D. 1857,  
at North Melbourne

W. Wilton  
Coroner.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria

To WIT.

THE Examination of\* *William Hartnett* -  
*Butcher* -

\* All names of Witnesses.

of *North Melbourne* taken on oath this *21<sup>st</sup>*  
day of *January* A.D. 185*7*, at *North Melbourne*  
*City of Melbourne*

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said +  
as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

*I saw him the deceased yesterday evening  
a few minutes after he had shot himself -  
I heard some children crying out that a man had  
shot himself and hastened towards him - Deceased  
was lying on the gully near his own residence  
I accompanied him to his house and remained  
with him until about twenty minutes before  
his death. His mother asked him why he had  
shot himself. He replied that he had done it himself  
and had nothing to say to any body. He said that he  
did not regret what he had done -*

*W. Hartnett*

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria

To Wit.

THE Examination of\* Thomas Lolly  
Carpenter

\* All names of Witnesses.

of North Melbourne taken on oath this 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of January A.D. 1857, at North Melbourne  
City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said City of Melbourne

as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased was my eldest son. His name was William Lolly - aged 30 years. - by profession a cricket player. Has been blind from three weeks since his birth. - For the last four or five months his mind has been much disturbed - he appeared quite melancholy. He often said that he wished something would kill him or run over him during the last few months. He has been in the habit of carrying loaded pistols about him since Union at the age period of maturity. He was in the habit of staying out late at night <sup>from his</sup> professional attendance at parties, and he it was with an idea of defending himself at such times that he carried them about with him. About four o'clock yesterday afternoon I saw him sitting on the ground about two hundred yards from his house. He was rocking himself to and fro <sup>from which</sup> was his habit. He imagined there was some ~~person~~ <sup>person</sup> in any house who came to torment him and kept dashing across his eye and I have seen him the handkerchief over his eyes to prevent it. He drank very heavily <sup>when</sup> before then

I first noticed his state of mind, but of late he  
has been most abstruse. About twenty minutes  
after my seeing him sitting on the ground, I heard the  
report of fire arms and ~~some child~~ his brothers, and  
sister ~~could~~ me and said that "Mill had shot  
himself" - I then called on Mr. Murray to come  
with me and I went to where he was lying. His waistcoat  
and shirt were mouldering at the time and there was  
a wound in the side whence blood was issuing. I tied  
a handkerchief round the part and wheeled him to  
my house with assistance - Dr. Brock was immediately  
sent for and he expired in about two hours  
afterward. I have frequently taken my toll  
from him, and concealed them. But he would buy others.

Thomas Jally

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of January A.D. 1857,  
at North Melbourne

W. W. Melnot. Coroner.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria

To WIT.

THE Examination of\* *William Edward Crook*  
 Physician

of *North Melbourne* taken on oath this *21<sup>st</sup>*  
 day of *January* A.D. 1857, at *North Melbourne*  
 City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said *City of Melbourne*  
 as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

I was called <sup>upon</sup> yesterday afternoon about five o'clock by the ~~father~~ <sup>brother</sup> of the deceased who stated that his brother had shot himself. I went to his house immediately and an examination found a wound <sup>on the left side immediately below the ribs</sup> of an oval form about two inches long and about an inch and a half wide. I heard on appearance of it from gunpowder. He seemed in much pain and was perfectly conscious. The pistol now produced was handed to me by one of the bystanders as having been the weapon used. I found that one barrel had been recently discharged, but the other barrel was still loaded. I have frequently seen <sup>him</sup> during the last few months and from inquiring into his mental condition, believe that he has been in a state of melancholy. The cause of death has been a wound by pistol shot, causing a severe internal hemorrhage. The shot and wadding still remain within the body.

*W. E. Crook, M.D.*

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of January A.D. 1857,  
at North Melbourne

*J. Wilmsh* Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Victoria }  
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at  
the *North Melbourne* in  
the *Colony* of *Victoria* aforesaid,  
the *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *January* A.D. 185*7*, in  
the *twentieth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen  
before me *W. Milner*,  
Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the\* *City* of  
*Melbourne in Colony* aforesaid, upon the  
view of the body of *William Lolly* then  
and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

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

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames in full.

- Patrick Cullen*
- John Brennan*
- James Lane*
- A. Gilles*
- John Carroll*
- Edward Carroll*
- William Poole*
- John Tate*
- James Buglap*
- John Russell*
- John Grant*
- Walter Dunn*

good and lawful men of *North 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 *William Lolly* 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 § *He has died from*  
*the effects of a pistol wound discharged*  
*by his own hand, whilst in a state of*  
*Temporary Insanity.*

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.

*Wm. Wilkes*

◆  
Coroner.

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

*Patt. Cullen* . . . . . ◆  
*John Brennan* . . . . . ◆  
*John James* . . . . . ◆  
*W. Little* . . . . . ◆  
*John Carroll* . . . . . ◆  
*Ed. Carroll* . . . . . (L.S.) ◆  
*William Soles* . . . . . ◆  
*John Gale* . . . . . ◆  
*James Biggins* . . . . . ◆  
*John Russell* . . . . . ◆  
*John Grant & his mark* . . . . . ◆  
*Walter Dune* . . . . . ◆