

Missed from her ward for the space of about
 three minutes before the change took place
 as described. The Nurse brought her back and
 placed her in bed and discovered a bottle of
 disinfecting fluid under her head in the bed.
 The bottle was nearly full when discovered and
 about four table spoonfuls were missing therefrom.
 She vomited copiously and seemed relieved thereby
 and continued apparently better until about
 twenty minutes before her death when she
 gradually sank. The said disinfecting
 fluid was kept in a lobby which none of the
 prisoners have any access, the lobby communicated
 by a staircase with the ward -

Sarah McCallagh

28th May 1857

the witness held in
 Melbourne a copy of
 of the same

Personal - having been
 of the same

W. McCallagh

Coroner

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TAKEN and Sworn before me the 28th
 day of May A.D. 1857
 at Melbourne

W. McCallagh Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria

To Wit.

Sarah McCullagh

THE Examination of*

~~William Macrae~~

* All names of Witnesses.

~~Chief Medical Officer~~
General Hospital at Eastern Gaol

of

Melbourne

taken on oath this

28th

day of

May

A.D. 1857.

at Melbourne

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said

City

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

Deceased was admitted into the Eastern Gaol on warrant on the 12th of May with her name was Catherine Lowry aged 35 years. She did not seem of sound mind when admitted and on the night of her arrival she attempted self destruction by strangulation but she was detected in time to prevent death. She also attempted to strangle a child in the gaol but was prevented from accomplishing her purpose. On Tuesday morning last I sent for the doctor imagining that she had taken a lot of opium, but she was attended to in time and no dangerous symptoms followed. She continued in her usual health until yesterday afternoon when I perceived a great change in her. She seemed to have lost the power of speech and seemed very feeble. I then sent for Dr. Macrae and he died at about twenty minutes past five o'clock the same evening. She had been

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria }

To Wit.

THE Examination of* *William M O'Brien*
Chief Medical Officer

* All names of Witnesses.

of *Melbourne* taken on oath this *28th*
 day of *May* A.D. 185*7* at *Melbourne*
 before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said *City*

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

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

I have ~~seen~~ observed the deceased carefully
 since her admission into the jail and finding
 her to be of unsound mind I intended to
 send her to the Lunatic Asylum on the
 first vacancy that occurred there. On
 the morning of the 26th ~~day~~ I came to the
 jail and saw the deceased who was reported
 to be having swallowed a lotion containing
 the acetate of lead. The dispenser of the Hospital
 (Mr Lewis) had seen her and had administered an
 emetic. When I saw her she made no complaint, her
 stomach had been cleared out, and there were
 no dangerous symptoms. I desired them to let
 me know if any dangerous symptoms arose.
 On the evening of the same day the woman came
 to my house and complained that she
 was complaining of pain in her bowels when I
 ordered a blister to be applied. Yesterday
 morning I saw her about half past eight
 o'clock. The pain had been relieved and she
 made no complaint and her bowels were rather
 loose. I prescribed some Calomel and opium
 and desired her to be put on low diet. On the
 evening of the same day about six o'clock

I made a post mortem Examination this morning and found most of the organs of the body healthy excepting some adhesions of the lungs and the liver which had the appearance of that usually found in drunk drinkers. The stomach was very much inflamed and the blood vessels about it distended.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 28th
day of May A.D. 1859,
at Melbourne

H. McClell.

Mr. Helmick Coroner.

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 *28th* day of *May* A.D. 185*7*, in
the *twentieth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen
before me *W. Wilmot*,

* 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 *Catherine Landey* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

John Tappart
John Doyle
Richard Sheraton
James Macphie
Robert Sheery
Thomas Cormack
Michael Condon
R. Thompson
Thomas Miller
Patrick Gaghan
William Wallace
William Barton

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 *Catherine Landey* came

by † her death, do say upon their oath that § *she has died in*

consequence of swallowing a poisonous
fluid called Barnett's disinfecting fluid,
administered by her own hand whilst
in an unsound state of mind

† 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.

