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B. M. Smith 1884

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Honora Smith

at

Thomas Smith & Co

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

2nd July 1884

P.W.

W. J. M. Smith
3/7/84

H. C. Smith
Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, }
to wit. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

the Queen's Bench Assizes in
the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the *twentieth* day
of *June* A.D. 1884 in the *forty eighth* year of
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Samuel*

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

Carters' Court Gentleman, a* Coroner

of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of

Annora Hunt then

† Juror's Christian and sur- and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †
names in full.

George Page

John May

Edward Wilson

Matthew Swain

William Bayliss

(2.1)

Simon Williams

(2.2)

Henry Cook

(2.3)

Thomas Meiss

(2.4)

Henry Rogers

(2.5)

George Dawson

(2.6)

Charles Whalman

(2.7)

William Dwyer

(2.8)

good and lawful men of *Victoria* in the

(2.9) 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 *Annora*

(2.10) *Hunt* came by † *her* death, do say upon their oath

† His or her.

§ Here state cause of death if that §
known; if unknown, doubtful,
or no evidence, state the fact
accordingly, using the words
of the verdict of the Jury.

On the 29th of June 1884, at the Queen's Bench Assizes, where she was in legal custody as a lunatic, she died from disease of the brain at large.

Horioa Hunt.



Hospital for the Insane,
Melbourne, 29. June 18 64

MEMORANDUM.

The patient named in the margin having

died at 11 o'clock a.m.
on the 29th inst

I have to request that you will inform the

Coroner for the District of Bourke.

*C. V. Byford
Steward*

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,)

TO WIT. {

This Deponent*

William Beattie Smith

on his oath saith, I am a

Public Medical Superintendent

residing at

Yarrabend Lunatic Asylum

* Christian and Surname in full.

I find from the records of the Asylum that the deceased, Honora Hunt, aged 42 years was admitted on the warrant now produced on the 3rd of May this year suffering from Dementia. She was in a very weak condition with a cut sore on the back and the legs were contracted. The sores healed but her general health did not improve.

Since the 23rd inst she has been totally confined to bed in a semi-conscious state, requiring to be fed at frequent intervals with fluid nourishment. She never rallied but gradually sank and died on the morning of the 29th at 11 o'clock.

She was placed on Extras +
The discoloration of the left eye is due to a fall during the night of the 8th inst. as was reported by the night attendant. The patient herself also stated that she had fallen.

W. Beattie Smith

Taken and Sworn before me, the 30th day
of June 1884 at Yarrabend
County
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,)

TO WIT.

* Christian and surname in full.

This Deponent* James Edward Neild

on his oath saith, I am a Surgeon, registered in Victoria residing at 165 Collins Street East Melbourne.

I have made a post-mortem examination of the body of Honora Hunt.

Externally:

It was sparsely nourished. There were no beacons. There was a contusion about the left eye, and on the left side of the forehead. The last joint of the left forefinger was absent. The knee joints were contracted. There was a scratch over the right shin, and a sebaceous tumour on the right side of the neck.

Internally:

The brain was softened throughout. The lateral ventricles were distended with serum and there was a considerable quantity of fluid beneath the arachnoid membrane, which was unusually thin. The right lung was much congested and partly consolidated. The left lung was consolidated and compressed, and the pleura, on that side, contained about three pints of serum. The pericardium was thickened.

The liver was greatly enlarged and fatty. The omentum was much thickened. The rest of the organs were healthy. There was food in the stomach, and chyle and stools in the intestines.

Taken and Sworn before me, the 30th day of June 1894 at Yarrabens }
C. Caudby }
Coroner.

The cause of death was disease of the brain and lungs. James Edward Neild

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,)

TO WIT.

* Christian and surname in full.

This Deponent* Rose Keenan

on h⁴ oath saith, I am a waitress in the Yarn

residing at Donnybrook

The deceased Thomas Keenan was under my charge when she died on the 22nd of May last. She was weakly but could explain her wants but had to be fed. She was bedridden from the 23rd of May until her death yesterday. Dr Smith saw her regularly as prescribed for her estate. The Medical Officer saw her but no prints came to see her. She had no bed sores. She fell on the night of the 8th instant and bruised her eye. Deponent said so herself.

Rose Keenan

Taken and Sworn before me, the 30th day of June 1884 at Yarn Donnybrook
C. Campbell
Coroner.