

1255 23rd October 19 28

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

AGNES MAY WINTER

at Melbourne Morgue

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

25 OCT 1928 19
C. L. O.

P. B.

D. Berriman

Coroner.

INQUISITION.

VICTORIA }
To Wit. }

AN INQUISITION for our Sovereign Lord King George V., taken at
the Morgue, Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, the 23rd
day of October A.D. 19 28 in the nineteenth
year of the reign of our said Lord the King, by me, Daniel Berriman, gentleman,
a Coroner of our Lord the King for the said State, upon the view of the body
of Agnes May Winter
then and there lying dead.

Having inquired upon the part of our Lord the King when, where, how,
and by what means the said Agnes May Winter

(1) His or her.

came by ⁽¹⁾her death, I say that

on the 11th day of October 19 28

(2) Here state cause
of death, if known;
if unknown, doubt-
ful, or no evidence,
state the fact ac-
cordingly.

~~was~~ in the River Yarra near the Ferry, Spencer Street, Melbourne

the said Agnes May Winter was found dead having died from

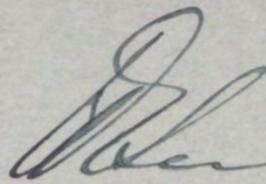
drowning - There is not sufficient

Evidence to determine how she got into
the maker.

In witness whereof, I, the aforesaid Coroner, have to this Inquisition

put my hand this 23rd . day of October

A.D. 19 28



Coroner.

Victoria Police.—47.

South Wharf

Station

Melbourne

Police District

Oct 11th

1928

REPORT of

Const L. J. McVicker 8067

Relative to

Finding the dead body of a woman floating in the river Yarra. (Agnes May Winter)

Supt's Office
Melbourne District.

I have to report that about 8¹⁵ AM this morning I was informed by Mr. J. H. Rees a workman on the New Spencer St Bridge that a dead body was floating in the Yarra near the piles on the South side. I accompanied him to the spot and there saw the dead body of a woman floating face downwards near the piles.

I got a boat and lifted the body to the bank and on examination I found it to be that of a woman. Description as follows - 48 years of age 5 ft 4 ins high stout build dark complexion brown eyes black hair full set of teeth in lower jaw wedding ring on finger on left hand; dressed in light brown coat 1 piece blue twill dress, brown and mauve cardigan, black under shirt brown stockings, light fawn bloomers, Fox fur around neck, wearing a pair of kid gloves, also wearing a gold wristlet watch on left wrist, initialed A.W.M. on back, and ninepence in silver and coppers in pocket, there was no papers or other property by which the body could be identified, there was no marks of violence on the body, and there does not appear to be any suspicious circumstances in the case.

L. J. McVicker

Const 8067

The City Coroner
City Morgue

SOUTH WHARF P.D.
10/10/28
L. J. McVicker

P. M.

11.10.28

Inquest

12.10.28

Agnes Winter 48 yrs

VICTORIA POLICE—[No 11.]

Criminal Offence Report.

See Victoria Police Code, pages 73 to 76

Russell Street Station

Melbourne District

Offence ...

MISSING FRIEND

Committed at ...

Date and hour ...

Enquiries are requested for the whereabouts of Agnes

On Whom ...

Occupation and address ...

Winter of 9 Heines Street, Glenferrie who left that

Date and hour reported to Police ...

By whom reported ...

address on 1/10/28.

If a robbery, description of property stolen, and if identifiable }

Description:--48 years of age, 5 ft 4 ins high, stout build, fair hair turning grey, wearing underclothing and light fawn coat, black hat.

Names of Persons offending or suspected and if the latter, grounds of suspicion }

She has been suffering from a nervous breakdown for the past 10 years.

Description and if identifiable (See Police Regulations, Preparation of Crime Reports.)

Inft to Supt's Office, C.I.B, P.C.B, Hawthorn

Direction Supposed to be taken by Offenders }

and City Morgue.

If warrant issued, particulars, &c

Steps taken where information sent to, general remarks, &c. }

(SGD) A.C. Tatchell. Sergt 4918. 2/10/28.

Police Officer

Date..... 192

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* Charles William Winters

on his oath saith, I am a Baker

*Christian and Surname
in full.

residing at 9 Haines Street Hawthorn

On the 11th Inst at the City Morgue I identified the body of Agnes May Winter my wife. I last saw her alive on the 1st Inst at about 9.30 p.m. She was suffering from a nervous breakdown. She had been ill for about 10 years. She suffered with her nerves for about 6 months. She had womb trouble for 10 years. Latterly I thought that she was getting better. She was very depressed at times and then would go down again. Apart from her ill health she had nothing at all to worry her. My home is nearly a mile from the Yarra. She had not threatened to take her life. I have no doubt that she did take her life. She used to worry because she could not do her own house work. She used to do light work. She had not had any recent bereavement or anything to affect her. It had not affected her mind at all. I had not known her to suffer from loss of memory.

Charles Winters

Taken and sworn before me the 23rd day
of October 1928 at Melbourne

[Signature]
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

JOSEPH WILLIAM REES

This Deponent * ~~JOHN HENRY REES~~

on his oath saith, I am a Laborer

* Christian and Surname in full.

residing at 2 Thompson Street, Williamstown

At about 8.15.a.m. on the 11/10 /28 I saw a dead body floating in the River Yarraby the New Spencer Street Bridge .I told the police at South Wharf and assisted the constable to recover the body, The body was fully clothed, except the hat,

J. H. Rees.

Taken and sworn before me the 23rd day

of October 1928 at Melbourne

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent * John Brett

on h^e oath saith, I am a Qualified Medical Practitioner
residing at 4 Corso Avenue St Yarn

* Christian and Surname in full.

At the Melbourne Morgue on Thursday the 11th of October 1928
I make post mortem examination of the body of a woman
identified as that of Agnes May Winter.

It was fully and evenly clad, of strong build
well nourished 5 1/2 inches in height. Signs of early decomposition
were present. The skin of the hands white & somewhat

No evidence of violence found, the features being livid & blue
The heart showed post mortem changes. No disease

The Windpipe post mortem inflamed.

The Lungs congested and reddish, blood stained
fluid in both Pleural Cavities. Some Right sided Pleuritis
adhesions. No disease evident

The Liver showed fatty and post mortem changes
The Spleen was

The Kidneys free from disease

The Stomach was full of dilated food & fluid,
nothing of an abnormal character noted

The Genesitic organs were atrophied

The Skull free from injury

The Brain discoloured & softened from decomposition
No disease recognizable

The Cause of Death was

Wandering

at some days previously.

John Brett

Taken and sworn before me the 23rd day
of October 1928 at Melbourne

[Signature]
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

This Deponent* Charles John Mc Vicker
VICTORIA, TO WIT. on his oath saith, I am a Constable of Police

*Christian and Surname in full. *CV* Stationed at South Warf
residing at

At 8 15 a.m. on the 11th Inst I went to the River Yarra near the Spencer Street Bridge. Joseph Henry Rees told me something and I saw the body of deceased in the water. I took the body to the Morgue. I found nothing suspicious.

C. J. Mc Vicker

Taken and sworn before me the 23 rd day
of October 1928 at Melbourne

[Signature]
Coroner.