

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

City of London
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *the*
Phoenix Hotel, Sandridge in
the *City of Melbourne and Colony* aforesaid,
the *15th* day of *May* A.D. 185*4*, in
the *Seven* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen
before me

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

Richard Gould
Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the *City* of
Melbourne and Colony aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of *Samuel Barrow* then

* Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

William Evelyn Laidet
John Stanby
Richard Humphreys
John Adam
David Brown
William Taylor
George Mackley
John Shelton
James Walters
John Connelius Barnister
William May
Samuel Chambers

good and lawful men of *Sandridge* 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 *Samuel Barrow* came

by † his death, do say upon their oath that § *he was accidentally*
drowned in the water of Hobsons bay
off Sandridge, in consequence of the
upsetting of a certain boat, in which
said boat the deceased with several
others were making towards the Golden
Age Steamer, for the purpose of
leaving her

† 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.

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.

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

Richd. W. Evelyn Esq. Coroner.

John Stanley

Richard Thompson

John

David B. Boone

Wm. Taylor

G. W. Mackley

John H. Miller

James A. Weeks

Orville Bannister

William May

Samuel C. Chambers

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Colony of Victoria
 To Wit.

THE Examination of

Charles O. Hea
 Minister of the Roman Catholic Church

of *Peshridge* taken on oath this *6th*
 day of *May* A.D. 185*4*, at *Sandridge*

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said

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

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:—

I was in a boat with several other persons yesterday afternoon, at about Two o'clock, there were I believe seven passengers in said boat, besides two men belonging to said boat, we had sailed about a mile or two from Sandridge when the men belonging to the boat attempted to tack, a sudden squall coming on caught her, when she filled with water and then appeared to capsize. The passengers all appeared to

be clinging to the boat excepting
one, who was floating away with
his face downwards, the boatmen
as well as all the passengers were
quite sober, there was no dispute
in the conducting the boat, we were
~~very~~ ^{very} ~~about~~ off in said boat, intending to
go on board the Golden Age Steamer.

Chas. A. O'Hara R.C.C.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the

day of

A.D. 185

at

4th
May
Sandridge

Richardson
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

†
Colony of Quebec
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 To Wit.

THE Examination of

* All Names of Witnesses.

of

day of

A.D. 1854, at

taken on oath this

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

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

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:—

I saw the deceased immediately after he was brought into the Chusan Hotel, he had just been taken out of the ^{Boat} which had brought him ashore. No symptoms of life were then visible, I had him shipped and resorted to every measure in the attempt to restore him. The time I visited the deceased was about three o'clock, the usual means to restore deceased were persevered in for fully two hours, but no symptom appeared of animation.

*And. Plummer M.D.
 Surgeon*

TAKEN and Sworn before me the

day of

A.D. 185

at

May
Sandwich

Richards Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

†
Colony of Victoria
 To Wit.

* All Names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of

John Price
 (Superintendent of Prisons)

of

Pentridge

taken on oath this

4th

day of

May

A.D. 1854, at

Pentridge

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

Colony

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:—

I have seen the body
 of deceased, and am enabled
 to recognize it as that of
 Samuel Barrow, of Pentridge
 his age was about thirty eight
 years, I saw him last alive
 yesterday morning at about
 half past eleven o'clock
 he then told me that he
 was going on board the Golden
 Age to clear her.

John Price

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Ch. Jewell

on view of the body of

Samuel Brouce

At. 38

May 6. 1854

Accidental death

by hanging

W. Jewell
Coroner

TAKEN and Sworn before me the

day of May

A.D. 1854.

at Lansing, City of Melbourne

Signature of Coroner.