

Coroners Inquests and Reports Upper Hutt & Hutt Valley

1860-1870

Wellington Independent newspaper 22 May 1860

Coroners Inquest – Last Friday at the house of Mr John McHardie The Highland Home Upper Hutt an inquest was held before Mark Kebbell Esquire the Coroner for the District on view of the body of a female child in infant of Edward and Jane Henn who was found dead in bed on the previous morning (Thursday) From the medical and other evidence adduced it seemed that the child died from suffocation in all probability from the female parents having overlaid it during the night and the Jury returned a verdict accordingly. The Mother's evidence could not be received the jury considering that she suffered to much from mental derangement (and has been in the same state we regret to say for some time past) so that her testimony would have been of no value

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 22 May 1860 page 3)

0- Edward Richard HENN born about 1824 died 1908 New Zealand 1st married 1855 New Zealand **Jane Lomond DIAMOND** born about 1828 died 1863 New Zealand 2nd married 1864 New Zealand **Johanna MADDEN** born about 1828 died 1896 New Zealand

#Jane Lomard Henn died 1863 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1863 folio website 1863/4298 age 35 born about 1828

#Edward Richard Henn died 1908 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1908 folio website 1908/969 age 84 born about 1824

0-1- Alice Mary Ann HENN born 1856 New Zealand

#Alice Mary Ann HENN born 1856 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1856 folio website 1856/3729 parents Jane Lomond and Edward Henn

0-2- Name not recorded HENN born 1857 New Zealand

#Name not recorded HENN born 1857 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1857 folio website 1857/4742 parents Jane Lomond and Edward Richard Henn

0-3- Name not recorded HENN born 1860 New Zealand died 1860 New Zealand

#Name not recorded HENN born 1860 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1860 folio website 1860/6957 parents Jane and Edward Hen

#Female children HENN died 1860 New Zealand Reference RGO NZ death registration 1860 folio website 1860/937 age not recorded

0-4- John HENN born 1861 New Zealand

#John HENN born 1861 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1861 folio website 1861/7852 parents Jane Lomand and Edward Richard Henn

0-5- Edward Richard HENN born 1865 New Zealand

#Edward Richard HENN born 1865 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1865 folio website 1865/12952 parents Johanna and Edward Richard Henn

0-6- Mary HENN born 1866 New Zealand

#Mary HENN born 1866 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/17856 parents Johanna and Edward Richard Henn

02 May 1862

Inquest held at Whitewoods Hotel (Nathaniel Valentine) on 02 May 1862 for John Robert BUTLER

Upon oath of Thomas POAD (foreman), Charles Keys, Alfred Keys, William Bassett, Stephen Fagan, Charles White, Robert Price, Edward Jones, Thomas McKay, Robert Austin, John Ransom, Robert Scott & William Deversux [sic].

John Robert BUTLER = That the said John Robert BUTLER on 30th day of April in the year aforesaid while driving a horse and cart was thrown from the cart & received injuries by the wheel passing over his body so that he languished & languishing died on the first day of May in the year aforesaid (1862) and so the jurors aforesaid do say that the said John Robert

BUTLER in manner & by the means aforesaid accidentally casually and by misfortune came to his death & not otherwise

Evidence = George Hill (mentioned John's father was Thomas Butler) & Thomas Hall
Witness signed = Leonard Boor (coroner), Thomas POAD (foreman), Stephen Fagan, Robert Price, William Bassett, John Rumsen [sic], Alfred Keys, Charles White (his X mark), T [sic] Keys, Edward Jones, Robert Scott, Thos McKay, Robert Austin & W Deveraux [sic]
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 34/ y 1863/441 Corner Hutt 18 May 1863 With inquisition on five (fire sic) persons deceased Diana Poad, James Riddle, William Dew senior, an aboriginal native (not named), John Robert Butler)

05 May 1862

Inquest held at house of John McHarie (Upper Hutt) 05 May 1862 for William Dew senior
Upon oath of Henry Sargeant, James Stephen, Edwin Alexander, William Matson, Eli Crabb, John Harrison, Peter Wilkie, John Kitchen, George Waterson, Charles Rouse, John Robinson, William Thomas & Samuel Hounson [sic]

William Dew Senior = That the said William Dew on the third day of May in the year aforesaid at the Hutt aforesaid while riding on a dray in a state of intoxication did fall from the dray and that the wheels of the said dray did pass over his body causing injuries of which he then & there died and the Jurors aforesaid do say that the said William Dew in manner & by the means aforesaid came to his death accidentally and not otherwise

Evidence = Henry Hodgson blacksmith lived in Upper Hutt - came upon the accident Hutt Road Upper Hutt assisted Alexander Yule and Peter Bruce to carry body to Charles Pryke house & Charles Pryke labourer lived in Upper Hutt - knew deceased confirmed details & Alexander Yule carter lived Hutt – visiting John McHardie in Upper Hutt gave intoxicated William Dew a ride in his dray along with Mr (Peter) Bruce deceased fell off Yule's dray & Peter Bruce farmer living in Hutt - deceased 1st travelled on Bruce's dray before changing to Yule's dray &

Witness signed – Leonard Boor (coroner), H Sargeant (foreman), James Stephen (his X mark), William Watson, Eli Crabb, John Harrison, Peter Wilkie, John Kitchen, George Waterson, Charles Rouse, John Robinson, Samuel Houslan [sic] & Edwin Alexander (his X mark)
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 34/ y 1863/441 Corner Hutt 18 May 1863 With inquisition on five (fire sic) persons deceased Diana Poad, James Riddle, William Dew senior, an aboriginal native (not named), John Robert Butler)

12 August 1862

Inquest held at School House Wainuiomata 12 August 1862 for James Riddle
Upon oath of John Wood, Charles Butler (jun), Charles Colles (Jun), Duncan Maclagan, Frederic Crothers, William Prouse, Robert Neil, Nathaniel Grace, William Fitzherbert, Richard Prouse (Jun), George Wood, John Devine, William Wakeham

James Riddle = That the said James Riddle on Monday the eleventh day of August while falling timber in the valley of Wainuiomata received injuries by the falling of a tree on his body of which injuries he then and there died and we the jurors aforesaid do say that James Riddle in the manner and by the means aforesaid accidentally came by his death and not otherwise.

Evidence = Agnes Sinclair – daughter of Hugh Sinclair living Wainuiomata discovered the deceased went home and to Mr Dick & Robert Dick settler in Wainuiomata sister told him that Riddle had been killed went with brother William Dick and recovered the body along with his father David Dick & John Sinclair son of Hugh Sinclair living Wainuiomata – assisted John Woods, George Woods and brother Duncan Sinclair to carry the body to the school house and James Riddle was employed by my father Hugh Sinclair

Witness signed = Leonard DOOR (Coroner), John Wood (Foreman), Charles Collas (Jun), Charles Colles (his X mark), D S Maclagan, Frederick K Crowthier, William Prouse, Robert Neill, Nat Grace, W A Fitzherbert, Richard Prouse (jun), George Wood, John Devine (his X mark) & William Wakeham
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 34/ y 1863/441 Corner Hutt 18 May 1863 With inquisition on five (fire sic) persons deceased Diana Poad, James Riddle, William Dew senior, an aboriginal native (not named), John Robert Butler)

19 November 1862

Inquest held at Whitewoods Hotel (Nathaniel Valentine) 19 November 1862 for Diana Poad
Upon oath of Joseph White, William Devereux, Arthur Masters, Joseph Hall, James Townsend, Robert Austin, Alexander Adam, John Bradshaw, John Fagan, Edwin Jackson, Henry Moore, George Hill & Richard Prouse

Diana Poad = That the said Diana Poad on the sixteen day of November in the year aforesaid in the district of the Hutt at the house of Thomas Poad did die that she had no marks of violence appearing on her body and died by the visitation of God from natural causes we are further of opinion that the death of Diana Poad was accelerated by perfect and harsh treatment from her husband (Thomas Poad) while under the influence

Evidence = Charles Death – settler residing Hutt deceased Diana was his sister last saw her at Henry Parkes house and said she had almost died from her intoxicated husband brutal treatment said he would kill her before the week was out and would take a younger wife in her place & Henry Death settler residing in Hutt deceased was his Aunt reported on the state of his Aunt when visiting Henry Parkes house she mentioned having no sleep for 8-9 week due to her husband he put all the children into bed with her then wake her early in the morning & John Clement labourer residing in Hutt saw deceased in her house she was unwell and weak so rested with him and his wife and she did not want to go home but later at the request of Diana husband he took her home and never saw her again & Henry Parker labourer residing Hutt said Isabella Poad came to house told her father was killing her mother (interesting and full details in report including husband keeping crowbar by their bed) he took her to his house for the night & Ellen Parkes wife of Henry Parkes confirmed Isabella Poad coming to their house & Joseph Death servant residing in Hutt Diana said her husband behaves well when sober but treats her like a dog when drunk Catherine Death wife of Charles Death Diana told her about the treatment from her husband and his treats if she told anyone of left him and refused to get a doctor as it would cost five pounds the same as her coffin so after he could take a younger wife & Isabella Poad daughter of Thomas Poad and deceased was her stepmother confirmed going to Mr Parkes house for help as she thought her father was going to kill her stepmother also stated her brother John Poad prevented his father from striking their stepmother & Phoebe Butler – daughter of Elizabeth & Thomas Butler residing Hutt witnessed some of the details & Elizabeth Butler wife of Thomas Butler residing in the Hutt came to the deceased house and prepare the body and found no mark of violence on her body & Leonard George Boor examined her body and found no evidence of violence

Request by = Charles Death, Mary Death & F L Philip for inquest as they believe there are circumstances of a suspicious nature connected to her death

Witness signed = Leonard George Boor (Coroner) Jos Smith (foreman), W C Devereux, A Masters, Joseph Hall, James Townsend, Robert Austin, Alex Adams, Jno Ewd Bradshaw [sic], Stephen [sic] Fagan, Edwin Jackson, Henry Moore, George Hill & Richard Prouse

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 34/ y 1863/441 Corner Hutt 18 May 1863 With inquisition on five (fire sic) persons deceased Diana Poad, James Riddle, William Dew senior, an aboriginal native (not named), John Robert Butler)

02 May 1863 [sic]

Inquest held at Albion Inn Taita (Robert Backeridge) 02 May 1863 [sic] for Aboriginal Native (Tommy)

Upon oath of Peter Bruce, William Cleland, Alexander Bruce, Richard Maste [sic], Henry Meager, John Griffin, James Sim, John Sherwin, John Roberts, Alexander Yule, James Mabey, John Box & Job Mabey

Aboriginal native = That the said aboriginal native on the second day of May in the year aforesaid in the district of the Hutt aforesaid was found dead, that he had no marks of violence appearing on his body and that how or by what means he came by his death there is no evidence to shew

Evidence = Tena (Jane) Wakatana [sic] he knew and found the deceased who worked for William Hughey and lived in the Hutt & William Hughey – knew deceased as Tommy & Margaret Macguarie & Job Mabey – confirmed deceased was known as Tommy & James Shannen Constable

Witness signed = Leonard Boor (coroner) Pert Bruce (foreman) Wm Coland, Alex Bruce, Richard Maste, Henry Meager, John Griffin, James Sim, John Sherin (his X mark) John Roberts, Alexander Yule, James Mabey, John Box & Job Mabey (his X mark)

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 34/ y 1863/441 Corner Hutt 18 May 1863 With inquisition on five (fire sic) persons deceased Diana Poad, James Riddle, William Dew senior, an aboriginal native (not named), John Robert Butler)

26 August 1863 (Upper Hutt)

Inquest held at The Criterion Hotel (James Brown) date 26 August 1864 for Edward Hanley

Upon oath of Edward Player, James Cruickshank, Francis Whiteman, Isaac Quinning, William Robinson, Henry Hodgson, James Baylis, Henry Ashton, William Harwood, William Gardner, George Copland. Charles Clarke & Robert Clemant

Edward Hanley = That the said Edward Hanley on the 23 day of March in the year aforesaid at the Hutt aforesaid while crossing the river Hutt was accidentally drowned in the river aforesaid of which drowning the said Edward Hanley then and there died and the jurors aforesaid do say that the said Edward Hanley by the means aforesaid accidentally causally and misfortune came to his death and not otherwise.

Evidence = Frederic Williscroft labourer employed by Mr Cruickshank living Upper Hutt saw the deceased cross the river while looking for a cow he was washed away and he looked for him then sent word to Mr Cruickshank that deceased was lost joined by Charles Blake. Next morning went by canoe with natives but did not locate body. The deceased was a stranger to him and worked with him 21 & 22, deceased said his name was Tim born Dublin been a seaman and came from Port Cooper.

William John Spackman = Farmer living Fern Ground Upper Hutt heard the Maoris shouting they had found a pakeha so went in the canoe with Charles Butler and the native and saw a native holding the body of a man (deceased) placed the body in the canoe.

James Cruickshank = lived at the Fern Ground Saw Mills Upper Hutt he recognised the body of the deceased who was employed by him on 20th but did not know his name only that he came from the West Coast. Saw him last on the 22nd. Sunday after Williscroft sent word via my son that the man was lost in the river. I went with Henry Ashton & Isaac Allen to the river to search.

Enoch Palling = A road contractor living Lower Hutt and believe that the deceased was the man who worked for him for 3 weeks and left on the 11th. I recognise the boots as I helped to make them and he gave his name as Edward Hanley who came from Canterbury and had formed a prospecting company on the West coast and had friends in Canterbury and a brother in Liverpool and his parents belonged in Dublin

David Lyster = Constable of Upper Hutt district remarked that Mr Cruickshank informed him of the man lost in the river met up with Charles Bushby & William Spackman and told the natives had two canoes but were waiting for the river to go down before looking for the man on the river and would inform the Constable if they found a body. Mr Cruickshank son came to me in the afternoon and said they had found the body of the deceased and conveyed the body to Mr Brown's Inn. The deceased was living with Williscroft and his property were given to the me.

Witness signed = Leonard George Boor (coroner), Edward Player (foreman), James Cruickshank, Francis Whiteman (his X mark), Isaac Canning, Williams Robinson, Henry Hodgson (his X mark) James Baylis, Henry Ashton, William Harewood, William Gardner, George Copeland, Charles Blake/Clarke & R W/M Cleland

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 45/f 1864/755 Coroner Hutt 14 July 1864 Inquest proceedings Edward Haley deceased)

16 June 1864 (Upper Hutt)

Inquest held at the house of Harriet Mabey date 16 June 1864 for Charles Mabey

Upon oath of James Wrigley, Edward Alexander, Alexander Martin, John Robinson, Joseph Bowyer, Eli Crabb, George Brown, Robert Douglas, James Symons, Elias Jones, Charles Cudby, James Wilson & Charles Rouse

Charles Mabey = That the said Charles Mabey on the fourteen day of June in the year aforesaid at the Hutt aforesaid to wit in a certain place called the Upper Hutt was found dead, that he had no marks of violence appearing on his body and died by the visitation of God in a natural way and not otherwise

Evidence = Harriett Mabey live in Upper Hutt on west side of river Charles was her husband who had tea and later complained of sore stomach. Sons Joseph, Thomas & Mary Harrison & Ethel stayed the night when husband got up he said he was fine but late went back to bed. Their son Francis came home and we sent for the doctor but he died not long after.

Henry Steele = a labourer lived with deceased detailed information about Charles health who was in good health

Joseph Croon Mabey = son of Charles Mabey lived in same house they worked together and father worked well and no signs of sickness until his brother told him their father was sick

John Robinson = A sawyer lived in Upper Hutt. Saw deceased last in saw mill Upper Hutt

Leonard George Boor – Surgeon of Lower Hutt deceased had complained of stomach problems. Joseph Mabey came to my house asking me to see his father then the other brother came and said his father had died

Witness signed = Leonard Boor (coroner) Thomas Wrigley (foreman), Edward Alexander (his X mark), Alexander Martin, John Robinson, Joseph Bowyer, Eli Crabb, George Brown, Robert Douglas, James Symons, Elias Jones (his X mark), Charles Cudby, James Wilson & Charles Rouse

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 45/c 1864/752 Coroner Hutt 14 July 1864 Inquest proceedings Charles Mabey deceased)

23 June 1863 (Hutt Valley)

Inquest held at Whitewoods Hotel (Nathaniel Valentine) date 23 June 1863 for John Donelly Upon oath of Lawson Potts, Edwin Jackson, William Williams, George Biddle, Stephen Fagan, William Eades, Enoch Odling, George White, Charles Kelf, Charles Death, Richard Burt, Charles Halland & George King

John Donelly = That the said John Donelly on the twenty second June one thousand eight hundred and sixty three at the Hutt aforesaid was found drowned in a well that there were no marks of violence on the body and that we the jurors aforesaid have the evidence to show how or by what means the said John Donelly came in the well.

Evidence = Margaret Donelly mother of deceased nearly five years old he did not appear for dinner and thought he had gone to Mr Hunters house her daughter Elizabeth went to fetch him from Hunters house and the neighbours but could not find him. Mother searched and could not find him told her husband and asked him to look in the wells and paddocks.

Patrick Donelly – Saw son John before going to work and he did not greet me upon returning home wife told me that daughter Elizabeth and 2 other sons had been searching and could not find John I searched the well and found the cold body of our son John then handed the body to my wife and sent our daughter for the surgeon

Leonard George Door = Surgeon at the Hutt examined the body and found cause of death by drowning

Margaret Hunter = about 9-10 o' clock saw John Donelly running behind the cart of Henry

Lawson did not see John until his father raked the dead body out of the well near the house

Witness signed = Leonard George Boor (coroner) Lawson Potts (foreman), Edwin Jackson, William Williams, George Biddle, Stephen Fagan, William Eades, Enoch Colling, George White, Charles Kelf, Charles Death, Richard Burt, Charles Hallard (his X mark) George King

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 45/e 1864/754 Coroner Hutt 14 July 1864 Inquest proceedings John Donelly deceased)

11 May 1864 (Hutt Valley)

Inquest held at Whitewood Hotel (Nathaniel Valentine) date 11 May 1864 for Ernest William Thomas Langley

Upon oath of the names below

Ernest William Thomas Langley = that the said Ernest William Thomas Langley on the ninth day of May in the year aforesaid of Lowry Bay in the district of the Hutt aforesaid whilst riding in a cart drawn by a horse did receive such injuries by the overturning of the cart that he the said Ernest William Thomas Langley did there and then instantly die and we the Jurors aforesaid do say that the said Ernest William Thomas Langley in manners and by the means aforesaid accidentally casually and by misfortune come by his death and not otherwise

Evidence
William Langley Manager of Mr George Master property at Lowry Bay going to Point Howard with him in the cart was his son Ernest and his brother they stopped to turn some sheep back. I sent my eldest son to the point to prevent the sheep going round at same time William Brown of Okiwi & George Noble of the Hutt came up as they passed the sheep and horse scattered ran to the cart next to the child who called my name I carried him to the nearby house but he died on the way. I sent George Hobbs to the Hutt for medical assistance.

George Noble = I was going along with William Noble of Okiwi towards Lowry Bay saw William Langley standing by the cart there was a child in the cart and the horse ran away and cart overturned Mr Langley lifted the child from the ground the child smiled went to Mr Langley's house then sent for medical assistance

Leonard George Boor = Surgeon at the Hutt George Langley came to my house I went to Langley's house and found the boy aged about 4 years dead
Witness signed = Leonard George Boor (coroner) William Taylor (foreman), David West, Robert Detcha, John Ranson, Henry White, Robert Dick, Alfred Herd, Richard Bycroft, Thomas Poad, David Cooley (his X mark), William Gooth (his X mark), Charles Callis junior & Samuel Durrant (his X mark),
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 45/d 1864/753 Coroner 14 July 1864 Inquest proceedings Ernest William Thomas Langley deceased)

27 February 1866

Inquest held at the Criterion Hotel (James Brown) Hutt 24 February 1866 of the Premises known formerly as the Golden Fleece Puauatihu

Upon oath of James Cruickshank, John Wilkins, John Williams, Peter Wilkins, William Gardner, Edward Morgan, James Bayliss, John Peterson, David Garrick, Henry Millward, George Leach & Charles Wyatt (crossed out was Thomas Charles Butler & Charles Rouse)

Fire at the Golden Fleece Pakuratahi originated that the said fire was purely accidental
Evidence = Michael Corcouser [sic] not on the premises so was unable to give any evidence mention his wife a man Henry Clarke and servant Ellen Cahill were left in charge also comments on bricks in kitchen chimney & Andrew Johnston a sawyer came from Mr Gillies Wairarapa gave evidence on the progress of the fire & Bridget Corencer [sic] wife of Michael Concoran [sic] who was in the bar a long time before the fire began Mr Johnston assisted her & Mary Leach who lives in Pakuratahi a mile from the Golden Fleece she did not think the kitchen fire was safe

Witness signed = James Kilgan (Coroner) James Cruickshank (foreman) John Wilkins, John Williams, Peter Wilkie, William Gardner, Edward Morgan, James Bayliss, I Peterson, Daniel Carrick, Henry Millard, George Leach & Charles Wyeth

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 54/cj 1866/446 Coroners Hutt 27 February 1866 inquest proceedings on Fire)

21 February 1868

Inquest held at the Presbyterian School Friday 21 February 1868 for site of Fire dwelling house of Donald Kennedy Farmer Lower Hutt

Upon oath of Joseph White, William C Devereux, Thomas Poad, James Russell, John Robert Rauson, George Gooch, Henry Bryant, William Brooks, Patrick Donnelly, William Hunt, David Hastings, Henry Moore, Edward Dourey and William Swafford

Site of Fire whereby the dwelling house of Donald Kennedy Farmer Lower Hutt was destroyed = house was destroyed that the dwelling house of Donald Kennedy farmer Lower Hutt was accidentally destroyed by fire on Monday 17th February and that the fire was the result of a defective chimney

Evidence = Catherine Kennedy Monday morning I was in the yard came inside to find the chimney on fire there was no one else in the house & Donald Kennedy was working in the paddock notice smoke issuing from the roof of the house ran to the house and found smoke coming out of the window and door and the fire burst out tried to save some effect nobody was at the house the chimney was swept last August the chimney was in the centre of the house & Thomas Burrell helped to get some item out of the house & Thomas Mills

Witness signed = John George Frederick Wilford (Coroner) Jas White (foreman) N C Devereux, Thos Poad, James Russell, John Robert Runsoom, George Gooch, Henry Bryan, William Brooks, Patrk Donnelly, William Hunt, David Hastings, Henry Moore, Edward Downey and William Swafford

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 73/bo 1868/720 Coroner Hutt 22 February 1868 Inquest proceedings on Fire at Kennedy's)

17 June 1869

Inquest held at Presbyterian School House Lower Hutt 15 June 1869 for Fire at the dwelling house of the late John Jackson Esquire destroyed

Upon oath of Edwin James Champion, James Mckenzie, Robert Cleland, James H Hall, William Wiggins, John Cudly, George McIlride, Joseph Rouse, William H Frethey, Charles Grace, Richard Burt, Henry Death, Samuel Pauson and Henry Moore

Site of the Fire whereas the dwelling house the property of the late John Jackson esquire was destroyed on 10 June 1869 = what was the cause & origin of the afroresdai fire that the dwelling house belonging to the late John Jackson was accidentally destroyed by fire on 10th June 1869 at the Lower Hutt

Evidence = Keith Robert Jackson was the only person in the house was in bed at the time of the fire which started in the kitchen came down stairs went to the neighbours Samuel Rivers for assistance & Samuel Rowe was woken

Witness signed = J G F Wilford (Coroner), E J Campion (foreman) Jas McKenzie, Robert Cleland, James H Hall, William Wiggins, John Cudby, George McIlride, Jas Browne, William H Frethey, Charles Grace, Rich Burt, Henry Death, Samuel Hanson & Henry Moore

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 88/m 1869/1548 Coroner Hutt 17 June 1869 Inquest proceedings on fire)

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17 May 1876

Inquest held at Mungaroa Hotel (James R Young) 10 May 1876 for Henry HODGSON

Upon oath of James Cruickshank foreman, David Brown, David W Rayer, Horace Ames, George Brown, William Burt, Peter Wilkie, Alfred H Wylds, John Wingate, Charles Harris, Philip Davis and Alexander Cornfoot before John G F Wilford

Henry Hodgson = Henry Hodgson met his death by a fit of apoplexy brought on through excessive drunkenness on Thursday May 08th 1876 near the Mungaroa Hotel

Evidence = Robert Edwards found the deceased who was breathing at the time and went for assistance

George M Wink [sic] was waling down Mungaroa Road and also found the deceased

John Pegrass [sic] stated that Henry lived in the same house as him but had not seen Henry for a few days

John C Young saw him last purchasing a tank of brandy and stated that Henry had been sleeping in the stables of the Hotel

Alfred K Newman MB examined the body.

Witness signed = James Cruickshank foreman, Alfred H Wylds, David Brown, John Wingate, David W Rayer, Charles Harris, Horace Ames, Philip Davis, George Brown, Alexander Cornfoot, William Burt & Peter Wilkie

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1)
