

[CORONER.]



INQUISITION.

District Cariboo  
British Columbia

Barkerville Cariboo

An Inquisition indented taken at  
British Columbia, the twenty second day of May in the 34  
year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, before me,

Thomas Bell, gentleman, one of the Coroners for our Lady the Queen, for the  
Cariboo District aforesaid, upon the view of the body of Way Toy

then and there and within the jurisdiction of the  
said Coroner, lying dead, upon the oaths of

J. B. Leighton, Harry West,  
John Cameron, J. Newland, Wallis Murray,  
Geo. Halphenny, Charles House, Robert Wiley,  
J. M. Marshall, Edward Kennedy,  
Robert Heath, Harry J. Coster.

good and lawful men of Barkerville Cariboo aforesaid, in the said District

of Cariboo, who being now here sworn and charged to enquire, on the part of our  
said Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and after what manner, the said Way Toy

of Barkerville came to his death, do say upon their oath, that that  
the said Way Toy was found dead  
in Chewi Town Barkerville on  
the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1862 about  
7 o'clock in the evening - & that the cause  
of his death is unknown.

You have being duly sworn. The Interpreter  
also says I saw her alive last about  
Nine o'clock in the morning of May 21<sup>st</sup>.  
She was inside the Dining Room washing  
her face, she was in good health.  
I asked her to get up to breakfast.  
She made no answer. I walked away  
never saw her after. She got up  
& went to breakfast. 趙煥

Mrs Money being duly sworn, says -  
I saw May Toy about eleven o'clock  
in the morning of May 21<sup>st</sup>. She was  
in the kitchen getting a cup of water.  
I did not speak to her she was in good health.  
I have known her about two years  
no one slept with her the night before  
no quarrel with any one. 趙煥

Lue Faw being duly sworn says. I saw  
her last about nine o'clock in the  
morning of May 21<sup>st</sup>. She was in the  
kitchen washing her face, she eat  
her breakfast & then went to her  
bed room. I have known her  
about two years. I considered her  
in good health, never had a quarrel  
with any one to my knowledge.  
I bet the sword about eleven o'clock  
& found it locked. 趙煥

you Mr being recalled to duty Mrs  
says - I called her about 10 o'clock  
in the evening & receiving no answer  
I called her again & no answer -  
I then burst open the door (which  
was fastened) with an axe & went  
in the room & found her dead  
I left the corpse & sent a man  
up to see Mr Judge - He is the  
Woman that paid Chapman's Charge  
\$500 as he said for whoring by order  
of Mr Judge, Charles was kept in  
the House about ten days back  
I mean he was not in the house  
Yesterday - I suppose she locked the  
door herself. The key cannot be found  
she had jewelry to the value of \$1000  
which I saw two days ago when  
I was there - I do not know whether  
she had them yesterday. I do not know  
whether she has money -

Dr Clapp being out of town says  
I was called to see Wm Joy about  
noon of the 21st on the evening of  
May 21st I went immediately  
& found her dead - I could detect  
only one slight bruise & that  
on the left side of the body. It looks  
more like as if produced by a  
pinch. quite superficial and  
benign. Consider her to

a woman of very full habit & thick  
subject for a phlegm or heavy  
dysuria, but not seeing her  
alibi cannot speak positively  
as to the cause of death

Geo Shipp

Sergeant Sunday being duly sworn says  
about seven or eight o'clock last  
night, I was in Marksville &  
to a Chinese woman in their  
town had been found dead, I  
immediately went up & saw the body  
& sent for Dr Shipp. The door I  
found had been broken down -  
the room in good order - I have found  
no money & money looked in her  
box

Sam Sunday

IN WITNESS whereof, as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid, have to this

Inquisition put their seals, on the day and year and at the place first above-mentioned.

James A Newland  
C. House  
Wallace Murray  
J. H. Marshall  
Henry West,  
J. B. Seighton  
John Cameron  
Wm. Halpern  
H. Goldstark  
E. Kennedy  
R. W. Allen  
Robert Bant

1892  
Carleton  
Mary Boy

Thomas King Coroner.