

[CORONER.]



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INQUISITION.

*New Westminster
District
Province of British
Columbia*

An Inquisition indented taken at

Granville

British Columbia, the

9th

day of

November

in the

Forty ninth

year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, before me,

James Charles

Hughes

, gentleman, one of the Coroners for our Lady the Queen, for

the

*District of
New Westminster*

aforsaid, upon the view of the body of

John Youst

John Youst

then and there and within the jurisdiction of the

said Coroner, lying dead, upon the oaths of

*John Stewart
Donald Mc Cormack
Eugene Johnson
Joseph Martin
William Thompson
Henry Lund
John Lawson
James Robertson
Edward Paterson*

*Thomas Whipple
James Mc James
Nicholas Leckie*

good and lawful men of

New Westminster

aforsaid, in the said

District

of *New Westminster*, 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

John Youst

has
came to his death, do say upon their oath, that

Ah Youk came to her
death by Gun shot
Wounds produced by a
Revolver in the hands of
Ah Tony (Sun de cagan)
at Fannville in the
Province of British
Columbia on the night
of Saturday the
day of November ^{the 11th} ~~the 10th~~ ¹⁸⁵⁸ ~~1857~~

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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.

E. J. Gilman: Foreman
William Whipple
James Robinson

Donald McConnae

Edward Baldwin

John Stewart

Joseph Martin

Thomas Whipple

Wm Larson

Harry Lund

Walter Lister

James McJames

J. C. Hughes

Coroner.



[CORONER.]



CORONER'S PRECEPT.

John Westmarch
Esq.
To Wit

To the Constable of

John Westmarch

By virtue of my office, these are, in Her Majesty's name, to require and command you, immediately upon sight hereof, to summon and warn ^{*Twelve*} twenty-four good and lawful men of *John Westmarch* to be and appear before me, *Josias Chace*, one of the Coroners of *John Westmarch* at *Sturbridge* in the said *District* on the *10th* day of *November*, at *10* of the clock in the *fore* noon, then and there to enquire of, do, and execute all such things as on Her Majesty's behalf shall be lawfully given them in charge, touching the death of *ab* *York*. AND be you then and there to certify what you shall have done in the premises; and further to do and execute what in behalf of our said Lady the Queen shall be then and there enjoined you.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, the

10th day of *November*

, A. D. 187*5*.

J. H. H. H.
day of

J. H. H. H.
Coroner.



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Inquest on the body of ah
Yauk a Chinaman who was
lying dead at the County
House in Fremont on the
9th day of November by a J
1885.

Court opened at Ten o'clock
A M

The following Jury were
empannelled

John Stewart ✓
Dugald Mc Cormack ✓
Eugene Gilmore ✓
Joseph Martin ✓
William Whipple ✓
Henry Lewis ✓
Perry Larsson ✓
James Robinson ✓
Edward Walden ✓
Thomas Whipple ✓
James Mc Cune ✓
Nicholas Healy

Larry Brown with Eugene
Gilmore as Foreman

The Jury with Coroner then
viewed the body of ah Yauk
the deceased Chinese woman
and also the place and
house where the death
took place.

Alfred Wendell Mitchell
received payment duly from

On Saturday night last
between 10 & 11 P.M. I went
to a Chinaman's house in
Franklin at the rear of the
Jin Tai's store and at the
house there were three China
men and a China woman
The table covered with in the
house was by name Shin
Sing a diagram of stone
produced. Shin Sing was
sitting on ^{one} end of a bed
and the China woman and
the other two sitting
Chinamen were sitting on
a bench. They were ^{talking} talking
I came in and as I
came in they stopped talking
I took my hat off and
hung it on a nail and
I sat down on the head
of the bed with my head
on Shin Sing's breast
They started to talk again
there were few words
spoken the Chinaman
who is now dead jumped
up and shot towards Shin
Sing and myself and
as Shin Sing jumped
up he raised his wrist
Shin Sing threw another shot
was fired by the same
Chinaman now deceased

I then reached for my hat
 and was trying to get out
 of the door. Another Chinaman
 got to door first and got
 the door open first and we
 both ran out to the alley
 way. This last mentioned
 Chinaman ran into a
 gallery leading to Fin
 Fair Store and went
 out on the street. I heard
 two additional shots fired
 in the house at this
 time ^{one of} which appears
 to be lower in report
 than the two previous
 ones. The two first appeared
 to be have been fired from
 a revolver as I was
 on my way to inform
 Mr. Wiley and the proper
 officers of what had
 occurred. Kim Sing came
 out of the house and blew
 a Sobriety whistle.
 I then met Mr. Huntley
 a police officer and
 told him that there was
 some shooting going on
 in the Chung Hwa House and
 went with him and showed
 him the house. When I
 left there were remaining in
 it Kim Sing the Chinaman
 now deceased and the Chin
 man three in all. I
 have seen the deceased Chin

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man who did the first
shooting and he was the
one who remained in the
house with Shin Sing and
the dead China woman
I did not know that Shin
was shot when I left the
house all the shooting before
reference was done within
a very short period. I
went direct from the China
house towards my mother's
house where I met Mr
Hendley.

Alfred E. Wendell

The Chinaman now produced
at Troy I believe to be
found ^{and} Chinaman who was
in the house at the time
of the occurrence but
cannot be positive as the
house was dark and
not well lighted. I do not
know whether the China
woman at Troy was
shot prior to my leaving
the house or not.

Alfred E. Wendell

A China man at Troy
Saw by buying paper
last I went to a China
store from Green Lane

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 Then I heard a noise and
 went in to the house and
 saw Ah Sovey the dead
 man another man Ah Hin
 and a Chinaman named
 Ah Yook. I sat on a
 chair alongside the dead
 man Ah Sovey and a
 white man Wendell lay
 down on the bed (the last
 witness) the wounded man
 I call Ah Hin a little
 while the two men Ah
 Hin and the deceased
 Ah Sovey were growling
 and mad at each other
 both calling each other
 sons of bitches while I
 was sitting there I saw
 Ah Sovey put his hands
 in his pockets and at
 once I heard shooting of
 fire arms I ran to the
 door which Wendell was
 trying to open but he
 was not able to open
 it and I ran outside along
 with Wendell and opened
 the gate and went into
 Jim Tai's store. I was
 very frightened and wanted
 to get away. I did not see
 any shot guns in the
 house nor any pistol. I
 was frightened and did not
 hear any shots after I left
 the house. When I was in

The house things were besides
myself ah Sovey ah King
the Chinaman ah Youk
Aya this white man Wendell
I did not see any effect from
the shooting while I was
in the house I did not
hear ah King say anything
after the shooting

Witness
J. Miller ah Chow was

Daniel Beckingsale Physician
and Surgeon residence
Franklin July 26th 1891
being last night I was
called to a China house
Apts on Mulberry Street
I found a Chinaman lying
upon the floor in a
double up position and
on ~~the~~ lying on the
left side the body was
in a large pool of blood
and there was a clot
of blood and a quantity
of frothy blood about
the mouth and nostrils
on examining the body
I found a bullet wound
over the heart the
wound was such as
would be produced by a
revolver bullet the woman
was quite dead when I

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I saw her and she would
would be quite sufficient to
cause her death. I did not
make an autopsy from
the large quantity of blood
proceeding from the wounds
and these were sufficient
in my opinion to indicate
the cause of death when
taken in connection with
the wound over the heart.
Her death must have been
instantaneous after being shot.

If the Changan was
sitting on the bed as shown
by the diagrams it would
be quite possible after receiving
the shot to have fallen
in the position I found
her lying in and if she
was sitting on said bed
I should say that the
wound was inflicted from
some person directly
opposite to her. The
bullet entered her body
from the front part of
her person.

D. Beckingdale D.D.

Miss Ling July Sworn by
during papers. On Saturday
night last as I was in my
house back of St. Paul and
as I was sitting at the end of
the bed and my wife on the

the other at Sorey and at
 Chou's Camp into my house
 they sat down and at Sorey
 talked about my wife
 saying him fifty dollars at
 Sorey wanted my wife at
 night and she said she
 would be able to get it from
 her cousin and pay it in
 about a month. at Chou's
 told at Sorey that he
 at Sorey would had better
 make her pay the money
 that night just then a
 who was in camp in and
 he wanted to lay down and
 smoke he lay down for
 a few minutes at Sorey
 stood up and told me he
 would shoot me if he was
 not paid that night. He
 at Sorey then raised a
 pistol and shot me in
 the side and again shot
 me in the left arm. I
 then went out of the door
 of the house and while doing
 so I heard another shot
 and the exclamation "ah"
 from my wife as soon
 as I got out of doors
 I sounded a whistle for
 the P. M. and when I
 returned to the house I saw
 the woman at Sorey on the
 floor and at Sorey was

on the top when I came
 out of doors I did not see
 at Chouy I did not see
 see him leave the house
 while the shooting was going
 on left the house at
 the same time the white
 man Wendell did and at
 Chouy was then in the
 house when I left the
 house I went out in the street
 to follow the white I went
 out without taking time to
 put on my shoes. I saw
 the pistol in at Souys
 hands it was similar to
 the one now shown at Smiths
 and Wessing. Caliber 32

Witness Miller

Joseph Henry Poles
 Officer Fairview City shown
 on Saturday night
 last about 1/2 past ten o'clock
 I heard a whistle blast three
 and I took it to be a police
 call by looking around to
 see where the sound came
 from I saw a man named
 Winder and him being a
 Chinaman standing on the
 street in front of the sal
 at Fairview on going up
 to them the Chinaman him
 being told me he had been
 shot Wendell accompanied
 me to the house where the

Shooting was stated to have
 taken place on arriving at
 the house I found the door
 locked saying to receive any
 answer to my knocking
 I forced the door in and
 the house being in total
 darkness I lighted some
 matches and by the light
 of them I found lying on
 the floor about 2 or 2 1/2
 feet from the doorway the
 Chinaman's body lying in
 a pool of blood face downwards
 bloody hold of her hands
 and I believed her to be
 and after feeling her pulse
 found her to be dead. Hearing
 groans in the house I lit
 a lamp and found a
 Chinaman lying on a bed
 at the back of the door on
 the right hand side as you
 enter he was writhing and
 moaning and was unable
 to speak. The wounded
 Chinaman being Sing had
 returned to the house. He
 attempted to explain about
 the shooting and named
 him to say nothing as it
 might criminal him self
 when he said never mind
 I did not do any shooting
 arrested and placed in custody
 Sun Sing and on searching him
 did not find any weapons

On Sunday, On examining the Chinese
 Ah Song we found a revolver
 in his pocket. Revolver No
 produced a Smith and Wesson
 32, the lock on the door
 of the house was a spring
 or trap lock. The room or
 house was full of smoke
 which I believe to have been
 caused by the discharge
 of fire arms. The house
 in question is at the
 rear of Fin Fair Store in the
 town of Franklin

J. Huntly

Jonathan Mellis Constable
 resides in Franklin duty station
 On Saturday night
 last about 10 past ten o'clock
 I was sitting in my house
 and I heard a police
 whistle and at once came
 out and saw a number
 of people opposite or near
 the Chinese Store of Fin
 Fair in Franklin. I went
 opposite the Alley going
 in to the rear of Fin
 Fair house and was
 informed some shooting
 had taken place in some
 of the houses there. I went
 in to a small house in
 which Kim Sing lives as
 I went in this house was

full of smoke and scented
 of burnt powder Mr. Smith
 the last witness was there &
 a number of others as I
 went in near to the door
 I saw the body of a
 China woman lying on her
 face with her knees drawn
 up on the ~~floor~~ at the
 right of the door as you
 see I saw a Chinaman
 Ah Sovey he was trembling
 about the ~~door~~ and seemed
 to be in great pain I
 examined him and saw
 a wound in his back his
 clothes were saturated
 with blood. I immediately
 sent for Dr. Becking who
 I saw him lying
 in the house walking around
 and on examining him I
 found he was wounded in
 the side about 1/2 an hour
 after while examining the
 wounded Chinaman Ah
 Sovey was found the revolver
 produced a fine shot
 32 calibre Smith and
 Wesson with five empty
 shells which appeared to
 have been recently discharged
 about 1/2 an hour from my
 arrival at the house Ah
 Sovey died and after
 his death I found the
 his person to have 32 calibre

Cartridges. on examining the
 body of the deceased woman
 at York when Dr. Becking was
 was present I saw a wound
 which I believe to have been
 caused by a bullet in her
 left breast in the region of
 the heart. The woman appeared
 to be dead when I first
 saw her my reason for
 believing that the pistol
 had been recently discharged
 was that it smelled as recently
 discharged weapons do viz
 strongly of ~~discharged~~
 burnt powder

J. Miller