

In Duplicate

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INQUISITION.

Province of British Columbia  
District of Yale }

An Inquisition indented taken at Lytton, Yale District,  
British Columbia, the eighteenth day of November in the fifty first  
year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, before me, Sibson

Clarke, gentleman, one of the Coroners for our Lady the Queen, for  
the District aforesaid, upon the view of the body of Ah

Chow then and there and within the jurisdiction of the  
said Coroner, lying dead, upon the oaths of John Scott, Foreman,  
James Pearson B. Rebughali  
Louis Curran Arthur McGe  
J. N. Gickey R. H. Dyas

good and lawful men of the District aforesaid, in the said Province

of British Columbia, 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 Ah Chow

came to his death, do say upon their oath, that the said

He how came to his death by being  
hanged this eighteenth day of No-  
vember A. D. 1887. in accordance with  
sentence of death duly passed  
on him

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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.

*Geo. Wash. Freeman*

*James Pearson*

*B. Rebagliati*

*Louis Curran*

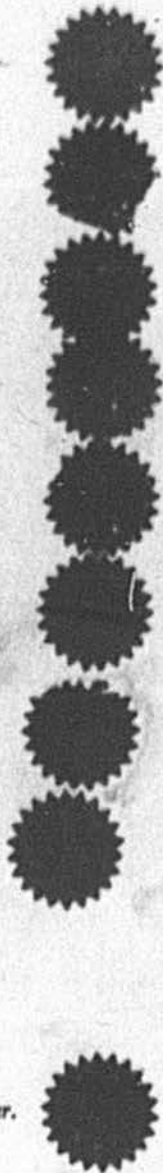
*Arthur McGehee*

*J. M. Smith*

*R. M. Dyer*

*Robert Clark*

Coroner.





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CORONER'S PRECEPT.

} To the Constable of  
*Yale District*

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 twenty-four good and lawful men of *Yale District* to be and appear before me, *Sibers Clarke*, one of the Coroners of *said District* at *Court Room, Lytton*, in the said *District* on the *Eighteenth* day of *November*, at *half past nine* of the clock in the *fore* noon, then and there to inquire of, do, and execute all such things as on Her Majesty's behalf shall be lawfully given them in charge, touching the death of

*Al Chow*

AND to 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 *Eighteenth* day of *November* .A.D. 18 *87*

*Sibers Clarke*



Coroner.

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"The execution of this receipt  
on account appears in the  
schedule annexed." The  
name of Frederick Hussey  
Constable.

✓ John R. Scott ✓ foreman

✓ James Pearson ✓ ✓

✓ B. Rebagliati ✓ ✓

✓ Louis Curran ✓ ✓

✓ Arthur Mc Gee ✓ ✓

✓ J. N. Winkler ✓ ✓

✓ R. H. Dyer ✓ ✓

Province of British Columbia  
District of Yale

I Sibree Clarke one of Her Majesty's Coroners of and for said District make oath and say that from information received by me I am of the opinion that there is reason for believing that one Ah Choo did not come to his death from natural causes or from mere mischance but that he came to his death from violence or negligent or culpable conduct on the part of others under circumstances requiring investigation by a Coroner's Inquest

Sibree Clarke

Sworn before me at Lytton this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of November A.D. 1887

Frederick Hueson  
Commissioner

Lytton B.C. November 18th 1887

Inquest - Ah Chow - 9.30 A.M.

Caspar Phair sworn saith I am  
Sheriff of and for the Clinton Judicial  
District. According to the Calendar  
of Inquest Cases held at Lytton  
on the tenth of October 1887  
Ah Chow was sentenced to be  
hanged by Mr Justice Walker  
on the eighteenth of November  
1887. I here produce said Calendar  
as evidence. On second November  
1887 received thirteenth November  
1887 the Under Secretary of  
State commanded me to execute  
Ah Chow, and I here produce his  
letter to that effect. The Deputy  
Attorney General at Victoria,  
also requested me to carry out  
the instructions of the Secretary  
of State in letter dated second  
November 1887. In accordance with  
these instructions I have caused  
the execution of the said Ah  
Chow at eight o'clock this  
morning.

Caspar Phair

I certify that the above information  
was taken and acknowledged this  
eighteenth day of November A.D.  
1887 before me

Sibree Clarke  
Coroner.



Frederick Huessey, sworn saith  
I am the jailor of Lytton jail  
and know the prisoner Ah Chow  
during his life time, I was present  
at Lytton Assizes held at Lytton  
on the 6th of October last when said  
Ah Chow was convicted of  
murder and sentenced to be  
hung by the Honorable Justice  
Walkden. By Order of the Judge  
prisoner was removed to Westminster  
Prison for safe custody, which was  
done, and he was returned to me  
on the night of the twelfth  
instant, and has been in my  
custody until now. I witnessed  
the execution of said Ah Chow this  
morning, and identify the body  
now delivered to me as that of  
the said Ah Chow. The body  
shown to the jury is that of the  
said Ah Chow.

Frederick Huessey  
Jailer, Lytton Jail

I certify that the above information  
was taken and acknowledged this  
eighth day of November A.D.  
1887 before me  
Alfred Clarke  
Coroner