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CERTIFICATE OF PARTICULARS.

I HEREBY certify, that on the *Twenty first*
day of *July* 188*6*, I held an Inquest of Death
at *Victoria Downs* in the Police District of
Charles Town and that the following particulars
were then disclosed:—

Name of deceased: *William James Stewart*

Profession or calling: *Contractor*

Height, colour of hair, peculiar clothing, and any other means of identity: *Well known*

Where found and when: *Victoria Downs*
19th July 1886

Date of death: *19th July 1886*

Supposed cause of death: *Apoplectic fit*

Persons last seen in company of deceased, and names of suspected persons: *Michael Blaffy*

Armed: *None*

Names, residences, and callings of witnesses: *Patrick Miller, Victoria Downs, Granger*
Michael Blaffy, Victoria Downs, Stockman

Suspicious circumstances: *None*

C. P. G. L. P.
Coroner or Justice.

NOTE.—One copy to be forwarded to the Attorney-General, and one copy to the Commissioner of Police. (See Section 3 of 30 Victoria, No. 3.)

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Evidence taken at Victoria Town
 this 22nd day of July
 Concerning the death of
 William James Stewart
 Before J. P. Peyton J. P.

Patrick Hehen being sworn states
 I am owner of Victoria Town Station
 the deceased W. J. Stewart was erecting
 a fence for me by contract. on Sunday
 the 18th about 10 o'clock he came to the
 station for some supplies. He appeared
 all right. at about 11 o'clock at night
 he told me that he did not feel well - he
 asked for some Laudnum I told him
 I had none but I gave him some Chlo.
 ridine. I understood him to say that he
 had dysentery. he then went to the hut
 I saw him again about 1/2 past eight
 next morning. he was then sleeping.
 at about 1 o'clock he had a fit.
 I then got up a horse to send to Baxter
 Sowers for a doctor but within half
 an hour he died. I was not with
 him when he died.

Patrick Hehen

Hehen recalled:

I sent a man to the Sowers to report the case
 to the police. immediately after his death
 the distance to the Sowers is 25 1/2 miles.
 Made a coffin. & on Tuesday about four
 o'clock I found that the body was beginning
 to decompose & I buried it.

Hehen and Sowers at Victoria
 Town this 21st day of July
 20 1876 before me

Patrick Hehen
 J. P. Peyton J. P.

(8)

Michel Claffey being sworn states
I am stout man at Victoria Downs
& knew the Occasion.

On Sunday the 18th he came to my
house he asked me to light a fire as he
was cold & did not feel well.
he then took a small dose
of Chloroform. Between 1 & 2 o'clock
at night I heard moving about
& I saw that he was in a fit. I went
to him & held him while the fit lasted
about 7 or 8 minutes. he did not
speak to me then - & never spoke again
till he died. from that time he had
fits about every 10 or 15 minutes.
I remained with him all the time &
supported him during the fits which
continued all the night & next day
till about 2 o'clock p.m. when he had
a worse fit & then died quietly.
I then sent a boy to call Mr. Heber.
& he came & told me to go to Charles
Downs & report the case to the Police
which I did.

After taking the dose of Chloroform
he took about 2 two tea spoonful of
"Pain killer".

Michael Claffey

Taken and sworn at Victoria

Downs this fourth day

of July AD 1886 Before me

J. M. Norton J.P.

Inquiry closed.

Depositions to be forwarded
to the Hon. the Attorney General.

W. P. Lytle, Jr.