

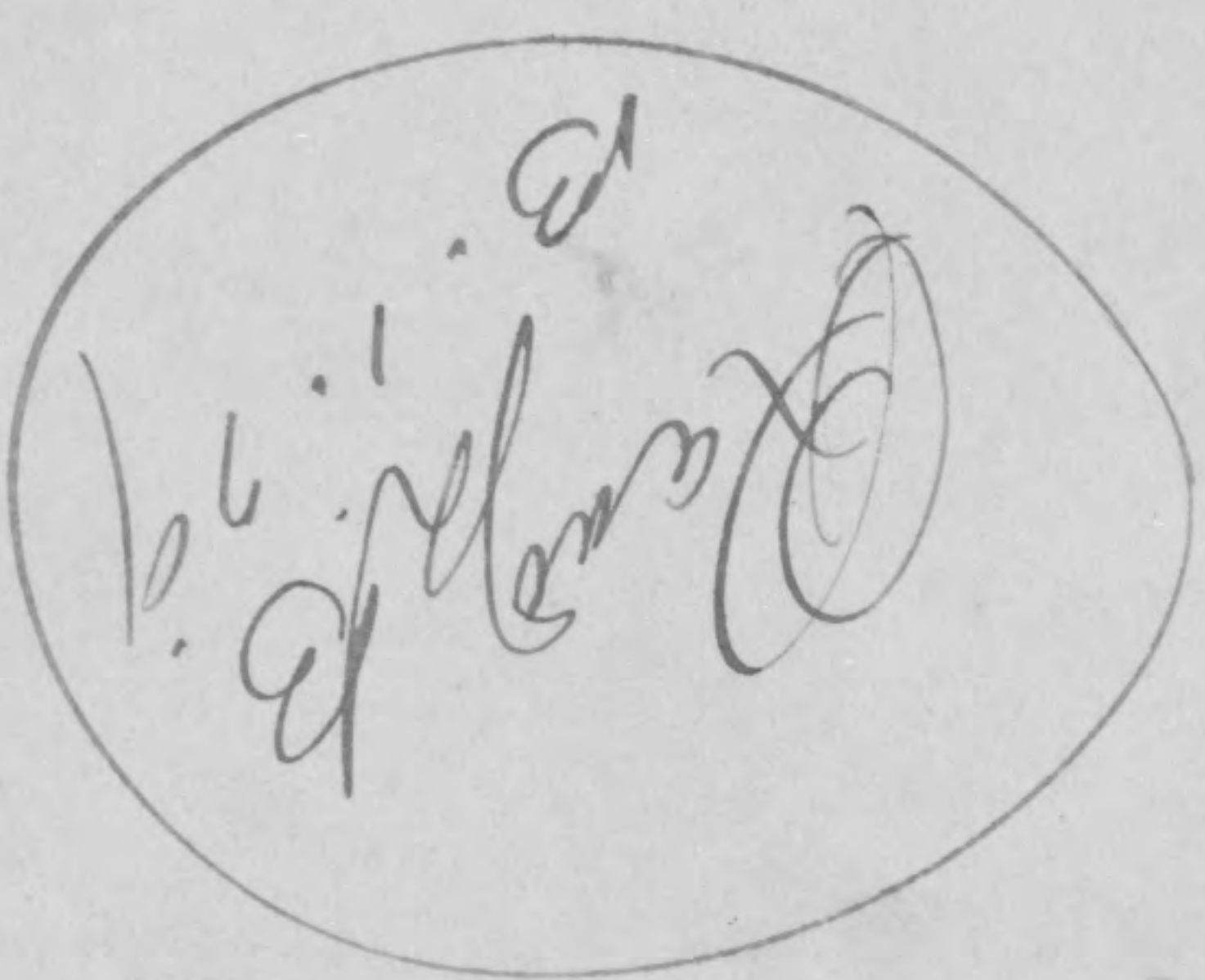
8th January 1879

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

Margaret Elizabeth Forey

at Gregory's
Shynon Hotel
Sheffield

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
18 January 1879



Robert Strickland
Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

*Rochester**Midland Railways*

Colony of Victoria, }

to wit.

INQUISITION.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *Gregory's*
Kynelons Hotel *Rochester* in
the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the *Eighth* day
of *January* A.D. 1879 in the *thirty fourth* year of
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *Robert*

* City, Town, County, or District,
as the case may be.*Strickland*

Gentleman, a*

Coroner

of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of

Margaret Elizabeth Gorey

then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of†

*George Francis Chamberlin (Foreman)**Samuel John Jones**Charles Chamberlin**Oswald Mc Donagh**James Watt**Henry Read**Patrick Hannan**John Thomas Harper**Thomas Gregory**William Mackey**Joseph Chappell**Michael Ralph*

good and lawful men of

Rochester

in the

said Colony, who being duly sworn and charged to inquire, upon the part of our Lady the

Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the said

Margaret

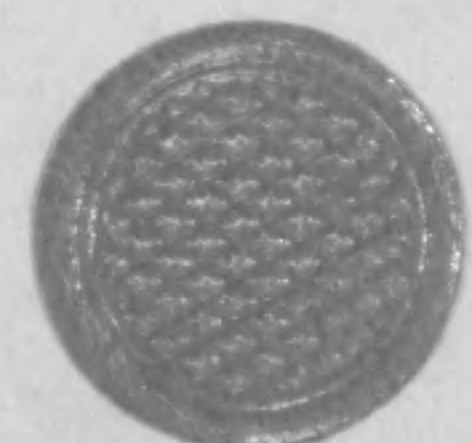
‡ His or her.

*Elizabeth Gorey*came by† *her* death, do say upon their oath§ Here, state cause of death, if
known; if unknown, doubtful,
or no evidence, state the fact
accordingly, using the words of
the verdict of the Jury.

That on the seventh day of January 1879,
at Wharparilla, the deceased, Margaret
Elizabeth Gorey, died from injuries
accidentally received, by falling into
a boiler of scalding tea, at her parents
residence, at Torrumbury, on the same
day.

In witness whereof as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid, have to
this Inquisition put their hands and seals, on the day and year, and at the place above
mentioned.

[Signature]



Coroner.

Here let each Juror sign his
own name, or make his own
mark, and affix or acknowledge
his seal.

* *George Francis Chamberlin* (L.S.)
Samuel John Jones (L.S.)
Charles Chamberlin (L.S.)
Russell B. Donagh (L.S.)
George Watt (L.S.)
Henry Reed (L.S.)
Patrick Hannan (L.S.)
John Thomas Harper (L.S.)
Thomas Gregory (L.S.)
William McDevitt (L.S.)
Joseph Chappell (L.S.)
Michael Ralph (L.S.)

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Barrow

ALL COMPLAINTS TO BE ADDRESSED IN WRITING TO THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

1	2	3	4
a	child	two	years
5	6	7	8
Named	Margaret	Elizabeth	Forey
9	10	11	12
scalded	to	death	yesterday
13	14	15	16
the	body	is	now
17	18	19	20
seen	it	there	is
21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32

(Signature)

M. Ralph

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Telegram for

Strickland Esq

Borone

ALL COMPLAINTS TO BE ADDRESSED IN WRITING TO THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

1	2	3	4
Request	Can	be	held
5	6	7	8
at	half	past	ten (10)
9	10	11	12
tonight			
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32

(Signature)

M. Ralph

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Have a jury ready
for 10.30 p.m

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Dated

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MELBOURNE

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Telegram for

St Helens
Stretland
Coroner

ALL COMPLAINTS TO BE ADDRESSED IN WRITING TO THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

1	2	3	4
Can	attend	tonight	or
5	6	7	8
Morning	please	reply	which
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32

(Signature)

St Nicholas
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Time lodged at the Sending Station

Request at 10.30 p m
to night. Meet
you at Elmore last-
train ps

Rochester.
Midland Bailiwick
COLONY OF VICTORIA,

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 60.
Stereo.

TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Sophia Gorey

on her oath saith, I am a

Married Woman

residing at

Torrumberry

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

(25)
The deceased, Margaret Elizabeth Gorey,
of whose body the jury have had the
view, was my daughter, she was 2 years and
10 months old. Yesterday afternoon, the 7th
instant, about one o'clock, I was in the
Kitchen with deceased, when the men came
into their dinner. I was engaged at the
table pouring out the tea when one of
the men brought in from the outside a
piece of ~~of~~ timber about 10 feet long for
the purpose of making a seat for the
men at the table; to get out of the way
of which, deceased walked backwards
and I saw her fall back into the
boiler, at the fire, which was at that
time full of hot tea. The lower portion
of her back and the upper part of her
legs were much scalded. In fact, she
fell into a sitting posture into the
large pot or boiler. I extricated her
immediately and applied flour and other
remedies. About 6 o'clock finding that she
was not likely to get better by the means
at our disposal we decided on taking her
to a doctor at Echuca, 18 miles distant,
and I started with my husband

Taken and Sworn before me, the

day

of

, 18

, at

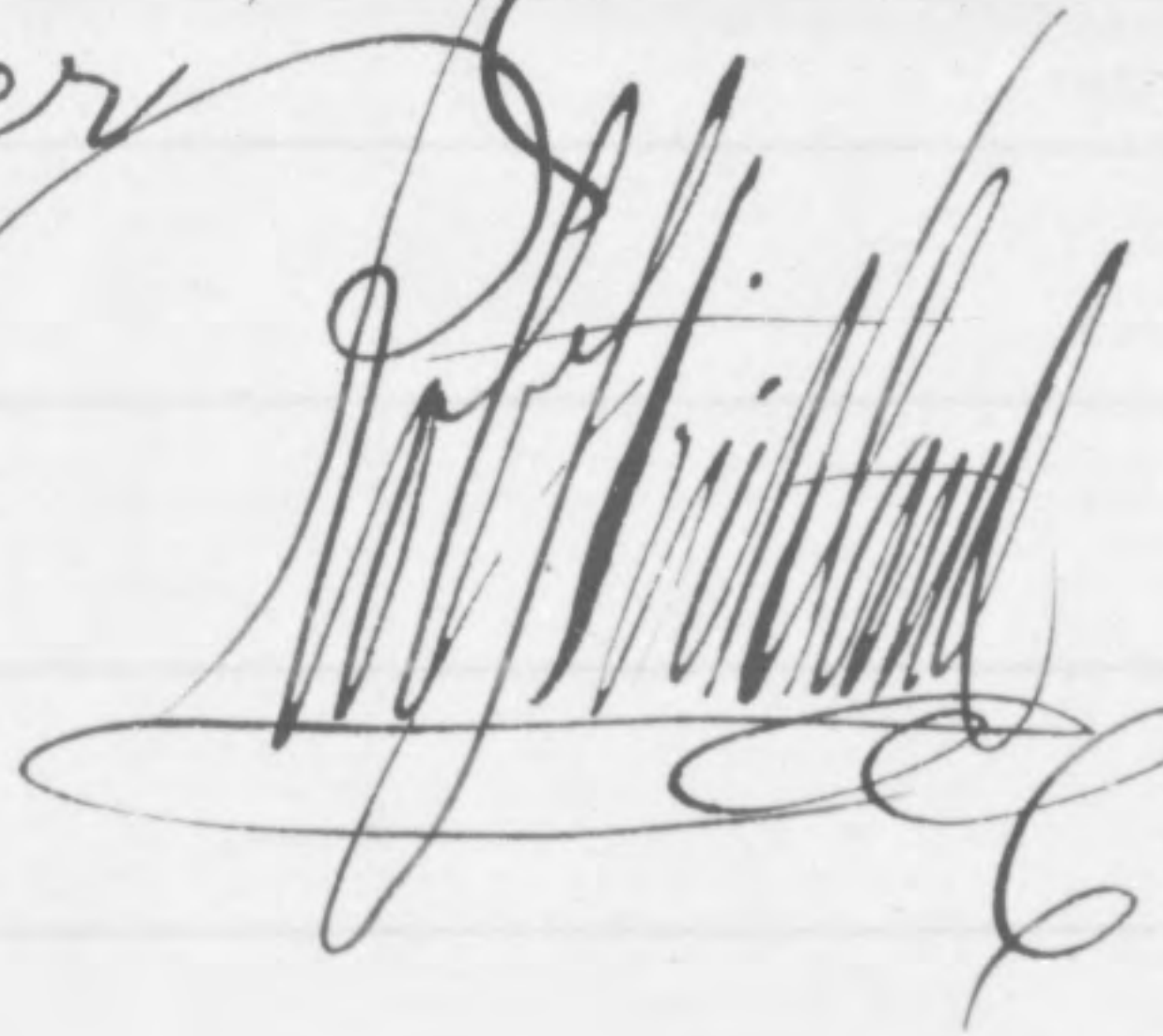
Coroner.

Sophia Gorey N^o 2.

on the journey. When about seven miles on the road I looked at deceased who was lying at the bottom of the waggonette on pillows and then found that she was dead. We had not driven fast and had come on a good road. On discovering that the child was dead we decided to go on to Rochester, a greater distance, where my mother resides. On reaching Rochester about ^{today} midday information was given to the police. To the coroner. The man who brought the timber into the kitchen did not act carelessly. I think the death of my child was purely accidental. To the jury. The boiler had ^{been} taken off the fire about ten minutes and placed on the floor, in the usual manner.

Sophia Gorey

Taken and sworn before me
the eighth day of January
1879 at Rochester


Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Rochester
Midland Railway
 COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

Walters Nicholson

TO WIT.

on his oath saith, I am a

legally qualified Medical Practitioner

residing at

*Elmore**Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have this night made an external examination of the body of the deceased, *Margaret Elizabeth Gorey*, of which body the jury have had the view. It is that of a female child about 3 years of age. There are no external marks of violence or injury on the body, except severe scalds, extending from the back of the neck, all the way down the back to the buttocks, including the sides of the chest and across the abdomen - also partially down both ~~sides~~ thighs. The cause of death was the injury described, the result of severe scalds.

W. Nicholson

Taken and Sworn before me, the *Eighth* day
 of *January*, 18*99*, at *Rochester*
[Signature]
 Coroner.

North Western Police District.

Rochester Station.

8 January 1879.

REPORT of Constable Michael Ralph 2543
relative to Relative to the death of a child

I have to report for the information
of the Coroner that a child named
Margaret Elizabeth Gorey two years
and ten months old was on the 7th inst
at Gorrumbury scalded by falling into
a boiler of hot tea and lived only
six hours afterwards no medical
man has seen the child the body
is now here in Rochester awaiting
an inquest

R. Strickland Esq.
Coroner
Sandhurst

Michael Ralph
Constable 2543