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From the Committee

Welcome back Everyone and Welcome to 2021,

We hope you have enjoyed your Christmas and New Year celebrations and have enjoyed your time with family and friends despite the borders opening and closing and Covid testing and hopefully now we can get back to normality with recording your family history and research.

We are pleased to say that we have a QR code at 3 points in our Ann Street rooms which can be activated on your mobile phone. For those of you who don't use a QR code, you are still able to sign in manually at the front desk and of course hand sanitize which we urge you to use.

The Committee have had their first meeting and catching up with what needs to be done. We are hopeful that the hiccups everyone had in 2020 are behind us, and we can look forward to a fruitful second half of the year.

Over the Christmas period, we were given more folders and historical records from Bev Burke, which will join the rest of the collection in her name. Bev spent most of her life recording cemetery records, social historical facts and gathering data relating to the northern suburbs, Gawler and surrounding areas, which is all hand written. Another project for the volunteers to sort and catalogue.

We hope you enjoy the contents of this newsletter. If you have anything to add in the way of an interesting article, then please let us know. Don't forget we are open on a Monday so for those people that can't get to see us on a Thursday, why not come along at the beginning of the week.

Cheers for now !

Regards ANDFHG

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Additions To The Website Members Area

The South-West Genealogist, November/December 2020
The Warrnambool Family History Group Inc.

Camden Calling 2020 Nov.
Camden Area Family History Society Inc.

The Parramatta Packet Nov.2020 - Feb.2021
Parramatta Family History Group

Eagle Eye Journal Dec. 2020
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January Edition - Relative Thoughts
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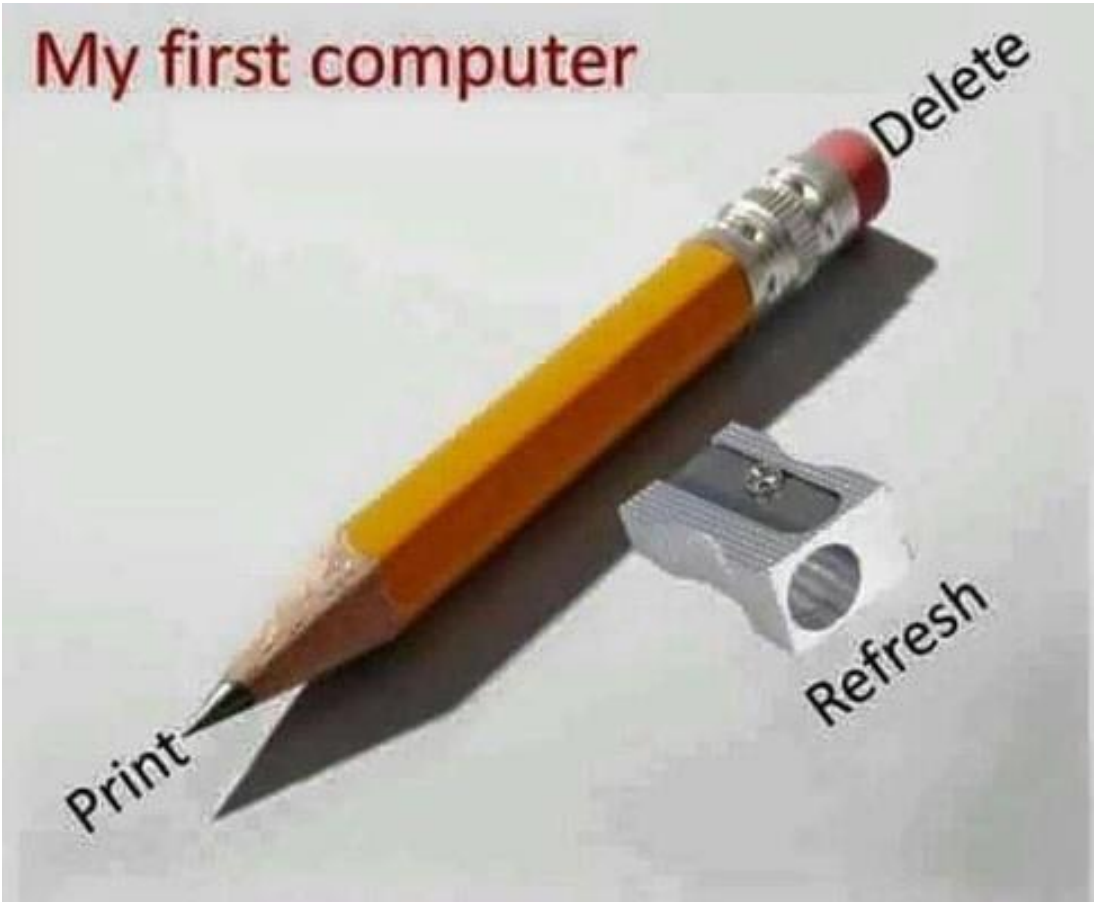


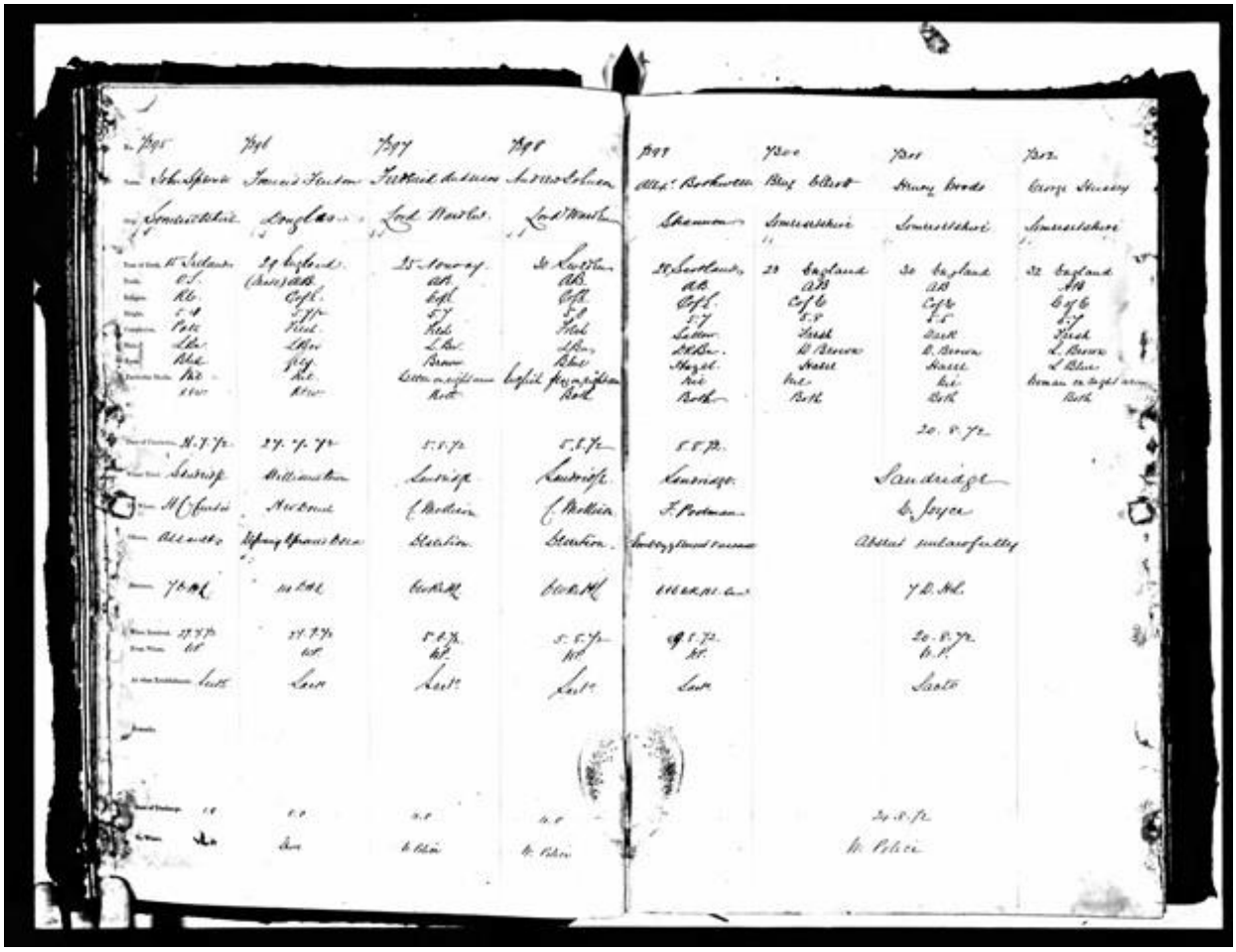
Updating "The Circle" by Margaret Flaiban

In 2009, I wrote an article titled "A Full Circle" about my partner Jon's family. Time has marched on and I have been able to piece a little more information together. Jon's great grandfather Alexander Bothwell (1840/1841-1900) is living with his father Alexander and mother Janet (nee Gibb) at 5 Clubbers Court, St Nicholas, Aberdeen with 4 brothers and 1 sister (1841/1851 Scottish Census). There are six other families listed as living in Clubbers Yard at the same time. I could not find Alexander listed with the family on the 1861 Census, nor anywhere else - possibly he may be working on a ship. I do not know when he arrived in Melbourne except he classes himself as a "Mariner" on his marriage certificate. This could mean he was just unloading/loading goods off and onto sailing vessels in Port Melbourne.

He marries Hannah KNIGHT at the Fitzroy Registry Office Melbourne on the 6th December 1871. The marriage certificate states Alex is a Mariner from Bourtie Aberdeen aged 27 (conveniently forgetting the extra 3 years!). His father is yet another Alexander Bothwell. Hannah's father is Thomas Knight. Alex is living in the suburb of Brunswick, possibly in lodgings. Hannah is 21 from London, a domestic servant working and living in Alma Road St Kilda. Some domestic servants had to 'live in' which could have been the situation for Hannah? Her father's occupation is a Quarryman and her mother is Elizabeth McCarthy. Alma Road in the suburb of St Kilda is to be significant later in both their lives. Hannah has been elusive, as there is no substantial information regarding her arrival, whether with her parents or alone. UK emigration records and Australian immigration records show lots of Knight families, except there is a Thomas Knight buried in St Kilda cemetery which could or could not be Hannah's father.

Whilst searching through newspapers in the Melbourne Library, I found the following information in "*The Argus"* newspaper 12th August 1872 (Police Reports) (Sandridge Court) Port Melbourne.

"In the Sandridge Court on Thursday, Alexander Bothwell was charged with embezzling cargo to the value of 5 shillings from the British ship "Shannon". The prisoner was a seaman engaged in getting out the cargo on board the ship. On Tuesday last the second officer, finding the work was not going on quick enough, went below and found the prisoner lying down drunk. A case of brandy had been broken open and two bottles were missing. The prisoner admitted having drunk a quantity of the brandy but said he did not break open the case. There was a second charge against the prisoner for striking Joseph Collier, the second officer of the "Onward" on the same occasion. The assault, which was entirely unprovoked, was witnessed by one of the midshipmen. The Master of the ship said the prisoner had been with him for two voyages and had previously conducted himself well. The Bench thought the offence of breaking into cargo was becoming a very frequent one and therefore fined the defendant 5s damages, and sentenced him to six weeks imprisonment for the first offence. In the second case he was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment both sentences to be cumulative, with hard labour."



#7299 Alex Bothwell Court information

I can only assume it is our Alex Bothwell who was incarcerated in Pentridge Gaol which was not far from where he and Hannah were living ! Hard labour in the 19th century was considered very hard work possibly breaking rocks, which could be an indicator for him changing occupations from a "Mariner" to Quarry Worker. Or because of his behaviour, he may have been black listed from working on the docks. Hannah filed a petition for desertion in the local courts. Perhaps no one told her of his incarceration or she may have thought he was not coming back home. But, of course he did return as their first son George Alexander is born at Brunswick in 1873. Later in 1875 William Thomas (Jon's great grandfather) is born in Yan Yean just north west of Melbourne.

The family then move on to Portland Victoria, as in 1877 another son David is born. I spent some time at the History House in Portland but their volunteers could find no record of the family being in the area at that time. There are no hospital records that I could find.

The River Murray was a thriving water thoroughfare as in 1879 yet another son Alfred Murray is born at Morgan, South Australia. How the family travelled from Portland to Morgan is a guess, possibly on a river boat working their passage. The township of Morgan was in the very early stages of being established with the introduction of the railways working in conjunction with the river boats. I could find no record of the family being there either. I searched through the South Australian State Archives for some kind of record and/or employment records without success. Alex may have been contracted to the Mines Department or even the Railways Department, as Morgan did not have a school or hospital at this time. This could have been a factor for their growing family of boys, as the family move to Crafers and Aldgate in the Adelaide Hills around 1883 where yet another son John Michael was born at Mount Lofty. I did find the boys school records at the Stirling school but they only seem to be at this school for four months before the family move to Kapunda.

Stirling East Primary School (Father : Alex Bothwell (Quarryman)
Living Aldgate.

#84 Admitted 1.5.1883 William
#85 Admitted 1.5.1883 George

(last school Crafers – left 5/83)
Both left 9/1883 to Kapunda.

Whilst searching all the school records for the Bothwell boys, I searched through the Royal Adelaide Hospital records and found that Alexander Bothwell had been admitted during the time the family are living in Aldgate, as follows :

Adelaide Hospital GRG 78/49
Alexander Bothwell Admission No. 953 in 1881.
Aged 39, Single, Religion: C of E.
Admitted May 31st
Residence : Edwardstown
Occupation : Quarryman

From Scotland
14 years in Colony – arrived on "Essex"
Discharged 16/6/1881
AMPUTATION OF FINGERS
17 Days.

(The name, age, occupation and the 14 years in the Colony indicate it is a real possibility of being Alex). The reason for the discrepancies may be because he or his foreman gave this information to the hospital at the time of admission. If one classed themselves as being a single man, they were entitled to live in lodgings (in this instance in Edwardstown) and given a better wage of being employed. It was better to "fib" than tell the truth. 17 days in hospital must have been quite an ordeal especially thinking he may not work again with amputated fingers. I am sure he provided for his family living up in the hills during this time. In 1881 Adelaide was a bustling township of new buildings and wide roads being built, so there would have been plenty of work.

I found the "Essex" voyages from England to Melbourne up to 1861 bringing lots of cargo so Alex may have been part of the crew.

The family then move to Maxwell Street Kapunda where Alex finds work as a Quarryman and they put roots down in the community for six years. The 1878-1892 Kapunda school records show George, William, David and Alfred attending the local school until 1889. During their six year stay in Kapunda, Alex and Hannah lose their youngest son John Michael to measles and bronchitis in the height of a heat wave in February 1884, aged 11 months old. One can only imagine a grieving Hannah and a distraught Alex and their young sons by the small grave in North Kapunda Cemetery where their baby son lies in an unmarked grave.

In April 1885 another son Charles Henry Thomas is born and they move to a larger house in Mine Street at the other side of the township. By this time Hannah has a houseful of males to cook and wash for and most probably endless mending of clothes. How she must have longed for female company.

Bad luck seemed to have followed them, despite Alex's amputated fingers, he is still gainfully employed, so adapting to life without some of his fingers didn't deter him. It is not known how many fingers he lost but as we know, mining and quarrying is a hard and dangerous occupation in the late 19th Century without much health and safety regulations. Yet again, he is destined to injuries, as follows :-

"The South Australian Advertiser Thursday 3 May 1888, page 5

"Accident at the Kapunda Marble Quarries (by telegraph)

Another terrible accident happened today at the marble quarries at the Kapunda Marble and Building Company, and at present leased by the Government and worked by Messrs. J. Shaw & Co. The quarrymen working in the gullet in which the two men were killed and several injured by the fall of a traveller some weeks ago, fired a blast consisting of seven shots in drill holes last night and being confident that the charges had all gone off, were clearing up this morning. One of the shots,

however, had missed fire, but not suspecting anything two of the men a little after the dinner hour summoned to drill in one of the old holes, when the charge exploded. Samuel Piticam (?) was holding the drill and a youth named John Smith was striker. The foreman quarryman Bothwell was working in the same gullet close by with his son. The two escaped with slight injury, but Smith received the whole force of the shot in the head, which terribly mutilated Pitman's right hand which was dreadfully lacerated. The injured were conveyed to the Kapunda Hospital where Dr. Hamilton dressed their wounds. Pitman's thumb was completely shattered and had to be removed as also his fourth and third fingers at the second joint. The palm of the hand was also badly lacerated. The young man Smith had his right eye destroyed, his jaw fractured, and his face otherwise shockingly disfigured. His condition is supposed to be critical. He is the sole support of his widowed mother, and resides at Kapunda. Pitman has a wife and eight children living at Inglewood, near Tea Tree Gully."

Two days later, printed in The SA Advertiser Saturday 5 May 1888 page 6 :

"The Accident at the Kapunda Quarries – death of one of the injured men (by telegraph).

The young man John Smith, who was injured in the accident at the marble quarry on Wednesday died at the hospital early this morning. An inquest will be held. Samuel Pitman who had his arm shattered is doing as well as can be expected.

An inquest was held at the hospital today on the body of John Smith, who died from injuries received at the marble quarry. Mr William Lewis acted as Coroner. Samuel Pitman, the other injured man and Alex. Bothwell gave evidence as to the nature of the accident both men stated that they had had over 20 years' experience in quarrying … Most of the jurymen gave their fees for the benefit of the lad's mother who is a widow. Pitman, gave his evidence from his bed. Mr Findlay, Manager gave excellent testimony to the character of the deceased, and also Bothwell and Pitman. "

Bad luck rears its head yet again three months later with Alex sustaining burns :-

The South Australian Register SA 22nd August 1888 page 4 shows :

"Another accident happened at these quarries on Friday (says the Kapunda Herald) which fortunately was not as serious in its results as some which have occurred at the same place within the last few months. It arose, like the last fatal mishap, from the blasting operations necessary. The victim, this time being Alexander Bothwell, the foreman quarryman who so miraculously escaped injury when Smith met his death and quarryman Pitman had his hand shattered from much the same cause. On the day mentioned shots in three holes were fired simultaneously, and three distinct reports were heard, Bothwell however in clearing out what remained of one of the holes with a tamping-rod discharged what must have been an unexploded part of the previous charge. The tamping rod was blown out of his hands, both of which were badly burned by the powder. Mr Findlay, the Manager, who was standing near, had his hat blown off his head but escaped unscathed. It is considered strange that part of the charge only should not have gone off, but the explanation made is that in

some way it must have got wet. The injured foreman was at the quarries again on Monday, but his hands are so severely burnt that he will be unable to work for some time to come."

So, by this time, Alex has burnt hands minus fingers. Poor man! In 1889 Hannah finally gives birth to a daughter, Jessie May but the mining and quarry work in Kapunda is slowly coming to an end and the family leave South Australia to return to Victoria. The family at some stage after 1889/1890 move back to Melbourne, renting a house in Prentice Street off Alma Road St Kilda, where they began their married life.

The injuries to Alex's hands may have been a reason why they went back to the area they came from except Hannah's parents may have lived there, or possibly died but I did find a Thomas Knight dying around 1888 in the area and is buried in the St Kilda Cemetery. Is this Hannah's father? I have no knowledge of Hannah's parents emigrating but it is one other possibility that the family moved back to Victoria. Hannah may have been homesick for Melbourne or even sick of travelling and wanted a better life for her children although the boys later in life all seemed to have gone their separate ways. It may well have been because Alex's hands were too mutilated for him to work.

The family rented a long white weatherboard cottage at 27 Prentice Street, off Inkerman Street St Kilda where another daughter Helen was born in 1892. Helen, (known as Nellie), is only eight years old when Alex dies in 1900. The Victorian Electoral Roll shows Hannah, a widow and the eldest boys living at this address and actually possessing a telephone. Hannah died in 1921 aged 71 years old.

Whilst in Melbourne in 2010, Jon and I decided to see if we could find anything on the Bothwell's final resting place in St Kilda. We were quite excited to drive along Alma Road which runs along the back of the St Kilda cemetery. I quietly thought of Hannah working as a young woman in Alma Road, marrying Alex and moving from the busy suburbs of Melbourne, travelling to the seaport of Portland, on to the pioneer township of Morgan, up to the Adelaide Hills and then on to the mining community of Kapunda, with the family finally coming back to the place where they started. I often wonder if Hannah thought she had gone full circle too!

We eventually located the Bothwell plot in the Presbyterian section, where six family members are buried in one grave. Alexander (d. 1900), Charles H (d. 1905 aged 20), Jessie May (d. 1912 aged 23), Hannah (d.1921) with two other Bothwell people, (baby d. unknown) and a Lilian Bothwell who, I think is a daughter of David and his wife Annie Stynes). Charles and Jessie May had both been admitted to a hospital in Heidelberg for reasons unknown without purchasing their death certificates.

It must have been quite hard for Helen (Nellie) losing most of her family by the time she is a young woman. But what happened to her? I found her on the electoral roll under the name of Nellie Bothwell, still living in the St Kilda area as a Dressmaker and never marrying.

In tracing the Bothwell family back to Scotland, I was surprised to find that Alex's father Alexander Bothwell (Senior), a widower was still alive in Aberdeen on the

1901 Scottish Census with his daughter in law Jessie, her children Isabella, Janet, Henry and yet another Alexander (aged 9). Alexander Senior, passed away in 1908 aged 83. His occupation – a Violin Maker! According to his death certificate details, his grand-daughter Isabella was in attendance at his death. Alexander Senior was born 27 August 1814 in Fyvie, Aberdeen to John Bothwell and Jannet Anderson. John was the local Miller born circa 1786 in Aberdeen. The 1841 Scottish Census shows John Bothwell aged 55 as an Ag Lab working with George Crichton, Farmer at a place called Bogtamma.

The Crichton/Anderson/Bothwell families all seem to intertwine by marriage, but that's another story!

Margaret Flaiban
2020

School Teachers in South Australia 1852-1960

By Andrew G Peake

Brian Condon was a Senior Research Fellow at the University of South Australia and in his retirement he created a data base of school teachers who worked in the education system in South Australia. The source of the data came directly from the Education Department Archives and most of the information was obtained from the *Education Gazette* (began publishing in 1885-), and the Education Annual Reports (from 1851-). He also had access to the reports of School Inspectors who visited every school at least annually to report on the ability of the teacher. The data base starts in 1852, well before state education was established in 1878 and continues through to 1060. However, the extraction ended on the death of Brian Condon on the 25 November, 2005, and as a result cannot be regarded as complete. Information within the volumes includes: Head teachers, 1st year to 4th year teachers, Pupil teachers, Sewing mistresses, Provisional teachers, Locum tenens (temporary vacancy), and Assistant teachers.

The information is to be found in a series of PDF files, based on teacher surnames. Each entry will generally provide full name, date of birth, salary, classification and appointments (schools), plus more.

The data base was recently moved on the University website and can now be found at:
https://find.library.unisa.edu.au/permalink/f/1mrc5oq/UNISA_ALMA11179768210001831

I am grateful to Lifang Li of the University of South Australia Library for directing me to the new website location and information regarding the data base.

Adelaide Times (SA : 1848 - 1858), Thursday 30 April 1857, page 2

CORONER'S INQUEST.

An Inquest was held by Dr Fisher, J.P., before a respectable Jury, upon the body of Charles Farrington, aged 67, who died suddenly at Port Gawler, on the 19th instant.

Margaret Farrington deposed, that the body the Jury had just viewed, is that of my husband, Charles Farrington had been on a visit to Salisbury for nine or ten days, and returned home about 2 p.m. on Thursday, the 16th instant. He said he had been suffering from relaxed bowels, and felt very weak, but that now he was better. At first, he only took a little bread and butter, but in the evening, he ate a hearty supper, and the next and following days appeared better than he had been for some time. On Saturday evening after supper, he complained of face-ache and pain in the bowels, but not severe. I am not aware that he took any medicine on that day. I understand that he procured medicine from the German doctor in Salisbury, named Stiasney. Said he had taken a great, deal of opium, enough to kill a Turk. On Saturday, he took supper at 6 o'clock, and very soon afterwards he commenced reading a newspaper, and went to bed between 10 and 11 o'clock, very comfortable and cheerful, and did not complain of pain. I think it was a trifling pain, and had gone off. He sleeps in a detached room, and I saw no more of him until 9 o'clock the next morning. The next morning, not seeing him as usual, I went to his room, and found him lying on his back in bed as I thought in a faint, but after calling him and receiving no answer I thought he must be dead. The bedclothes were not at all disturbed, and there were no appearances of his having struggled. The clean clothes, such us he wore on Sunday, were laid out ready for the morning. He had been a remarkably healthy man, and never had any illness with the exception of an occasional bilious attack, and a disposition to relaxed bowels. On Saturday night I thought he looked better than I had seen him for some time; he was pleased with his newspapers and did not look at all like a dying man. He walked from Salisbury, with the exception of about three miles. Six or seven weeks ago he had a severe attack of relaxed bowels which left him very weak, he was then attended by the German doctor, and I think that he only had medicines from him during the time he was in Salisbury. I only saw three powders in his possession, two of which he gave me, and I suppose took the other himself.

Josephine Farrington and Hannah Flower corroborated the foregoing evidence.

Oscar Stiasney deposed that he practiced as a surgeon, but was not a member of the South Australian Medical Board. I have known the deceased three years, and have occasionally heard him complain of bilious sickness. I do not consider I prescribed for him during his late illness. I keep a shop for the sale of drugs, and the deceased now and then came for medicine, he called on the 12th of this month, and asked for some tincture of rhubarb. I recommended a mixture containing one drachm of tincture of opium in a six-ounce mixture with tincture of rhubarb and ipecacuanha wine; a table-spoonful every three hours. He appeared very lively, and not particularly ill. He called again on the 15th instant, and said he was much better, but occasionally felt a slight pain in his bowels, and wished to have some Dover's

powder. I recommended six powders containing rhubarb, ipecacuanha and two grains of opium in the six; one to be taken every three hours. No person ever sells drugs in my shop but myself. I am sure he had no other medicines from me but the mixture and powders.

William O'Shaughnessy, police-trooper, deposed that he had searched the bedroom of the deceased, and found two bottles containing dark fluid not labelled, and two papers containing a white powder, one labelled " poison." Have known the deceased seven years, and always considered him a very healthy man.

At an adjourned inquest, on the 22nd instant, Dr Morton deposed to the appearance of the body on examination, and expressed his opinion that death resulted from, inflammation of the bowels.

Another adjournment then took place till the 20th, when Mr Parkinson, chemist, described the state of the stomach and bowels, which he had previously examined. There was no appearance of poison. He thought if a medical man had been consulted a day or two before death, inflammation would have been detected.

The Jury returned a verdict of "Died from inflammation of the bowels; and they would wish the Coroner to make the proper authorities acquainted with the particulars of this case, and urge upon them the necessity of passing a Bill; during the present session of Parliament to prevent unqualified persons practising medicine.

Charles Farrington was buried in St. Johns Anglican Cemetery, Salisbury.

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