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PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

*held upon the body of*

Elsie Siddall

at the Kew Mental Hospital

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

1 - MAR 1938

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*P.M.*

A.C. Tingate P.M.

Coroner

UPRS: 24/P/0000

Unit: 001348

Disc1: 1938/260

Disc2:

Date: 01-JAN-1938 TO

Locn: V/AC/005/07/06



By Authority: H. J. G. GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MELBOURNE.

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Name *Maie Siddall*  
Age *54 yrs.*  
Religion *Anglican*  
Birthplace *Victoria*

# HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, KEW.

*7/2/* 193*8*

## MEMORANDUM.

The patient named in the margin having  
died at *5.30 p.m.*  
on *6/2/38*

I have to request that you will inform the  
Coroner for the District of Bourke.

*J. P. Battiscombe*  
for Clerk of Hospital.



M<sup>r</sup>. H. Siddal, uncle,

Webster St.,

Bendigo



PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

VICTORIA, }  
TO WIT. } Kew

INQUISITION  
(WITHOUT A JURY).

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lord King George<sup>VI</sup> taken at  
the Kew Mental Hospital in  
Victoria, the 18th day of February  
A.D. 1938, in the 2nd year of the Reign  
of our said Lord the King, before me Arthur Coyte Tingate  
Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King  
for Victoria, upon the view of the body of Elsie Siddall  
then and there lying dead.

Having duly inquired upon the part of our Lord the King when, where, how,  
and by what means the said Elsie Siddall  
came by her death, I say that the said  
Elsie Siddall

died at the Kew Mental Hospital on the 6th  
day of February 1938, from pulmonary  
tuberculosis

In witness whereof I the aforesaid Coroner have to this Inquisition put my  
hand and seal on the day and year and at the place above mentioned.

*Arthur Coyte Tingate*  
CORONER. E.S.



PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

DEPOSITION OF A WITNESS.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent \*

*Reaford John Wright Smith*

on h/5 oath saith, I am a *legally qualified medical practitioner*

residing at *162 Kooyang Road, Camfield.*

\* Christian and Surname in full.

*On the 7th February, 1938, at the Kew Mental Hospital, Kew, I made a post-mortem examination on the body of Elsie Siddall. The body was that of a young emaciated female and was covered with a shroud. There were no marks. Slight post-mortem staining and rigor mortis were present. The heart was small pale and firm. The cavities contained pale clot. The valves coronary arteries and aorta were normal. There were dense adhesions around both lungs. The upper lobes of both lungs showed large caseous areas of tuberculosis with some cavitation. Throughout both lungs were hundreds of miliary tubercles. The air passages contained mucus. The peritoneum was normal. The alimentary tract was normal. The liver spleen and kidneys were pale swollen and friable. The pancreas, suprarenals and genital organs were normal. The skull bones were normal. The brain was pale and soft.*

*Death was due to pulmonary tuberculosis.*

*J. Wright Smith*

Taken and sworn before me the *9th* day

of *January* 19*38* at *Melbourne*

*B. R. [Signature]*

Coroner.



# CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

\* Christian and Surname in full.

This Deponent\* Wilfrid Arthur Brady  
on his oath saith, I am a medical officer  
residing at Mental Hospital, Kew

The records show that deceased, Elsie Siddell,  
aged 54 years, was admitted to this Hospital on  
December 20<sup>th</sup> 1918, on the warrant now  
produced. Her mental state was that of Primary  
Dementia, & she was in fair bodily health. She  
gradually became demented, her bodily health  
deteriorated, particularly during the past year.  
In November of 1937 she was transferred to the  
Hospital War A, suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.  
The disease made rapid progress, & she died,  
as I am informed, at 5.30 p.m. on  
February 6<sup>th</sup> 1938.

W A Brady

Taken and sworn before me the 18<sup>th</sup> day  
of February 1938 at Kew

Arthur Gatt



CORONER'S INQUEST.

No. 15.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* Mary Smith

on hER oath saith, I am a Nurse

residing at Mental Hospital Kew

The Deceased Elsie Siddall  
Was admitted to the Hospital Ward on the  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 1937 in a weak condition she was  
put to bed and received medical treatment but  
she did not respond and died at 5<sup>30</sup> PM on  
February 6<sup>th</sup> 1938 in the presence of nurse M. Smith  
The Deceased had no record of recent visits of  
relatives. was visited by Official Visitor on  
February 1<sup>st</sup> 1938

M. Smith

Taken and sworn before me the 18<sup>th</sup> day

of February 1938 at Kew

Alfred Gault

Coroner.