

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
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INFORMATIONS OF WITNESSES.



INFORMATIONS of WITNESSS severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, touching the death of *William Manawatu* at the dwellinghouse of *Hobson County office* known by the name of _____ in the Provincial District of *Auckland*, in the colony above mentioned, on *Saturday*, the *twelfth* day of *July*, one thousand eight hundred and *nine hundred* before *Thomas Webb* one of the Coroners for the said colony, on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of *William Manawatu*

then and there lying dead, as follows, to wit:—

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John Stallenworthy being sworn, saith that
I am a journalist at Stratford
My residence is just opposite the lockup
This morning I came up from the wharf
at Stratford. I arrived home at 3.20 am
I then saw no sign of fire
About 4.00 am. I was lying in bed and
saw the glare of fire. I looked through
the window and saw the roof of the
lockup on fire. I ran over, whilst
crossing the road. I heard Mr. Davies
call fire. I aroused Mr. Scott

J Webb

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John Stallenworthy

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lands. His matter
has already been
fully reported on.
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He came almost immediately, without
 crossing himself, and broke open the door.
 Inside the building was one mass of
 flames. I saw the body of deceased
 lying with the head about 2 ft from the door.
 It was enveloped in flames, and much
 burnt, almost consumed.

I afterwards saw the body taken from
 the ashes.

The roof is an iron one.

It would take me about 2 minutes to
 get to the fire. I believe the fire
 to have originated inside the building.
 The deceased must have been dead before
 I saw the fire.
 There was very little wind. It was
 from the South East.

J Webb

John Gallworthy

Nelson Scott. Nelson said. I am a police
constable stationed at Stratford.

On Thursday 5th Mr Lord came to me
and informed me that his house had been
broken into and some gum stolen.

He said he had been deceived, thinking
about there.

Friday I went to
Nelson's residence. I saw Nelson and
his mother. I charged him with breaking
into the house and stealing the gum.

He admitted taking the gum, and took
me to the Hopium Hill. He showed
me one parcel of white gum plants.

He stated he had stolen it out of the house.
He also told me about some brown gum.

I then brought him to the lockup.

I searched him. He had two boxes of
matches, besides some loose ones which
I took from him. In all his pockets
he had a large quantity of cigarette butts
and, some other trifles.

He took his bedding out, and swept the
place, by my direction. I then put the
bedding in and locked him in.

He ate a hearty dinner. I got him
two penny worth of cigarette papers.

About 4 pm I left him out for exercise.

He had a smoke of five of them
in again, and took him his tea.

At 7 pm I went again.

He had not
eaten his food. He said he wanted his
mother. His shoes were on. I told
him to take them off and go to bed.

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Nelson Scott. W. W.

blanckets. At 10.20. I went again and
asked him if he had seen his lookoff
He said yes. I did not go in. There
was no sign of fire about then.

I went to bed about 12.

This morning about 4 am. I was alarmed
by Mr Hallworth calling out the lookup
was on fire. I rushed out, took up an

axe and knocked the handcuffs off the door

I opened the door.

The intense heat
drove me back.

It was a mass
flame inside.

We got water, and
tried to put the fire out.

At last the
building was pulled down by a wire
clothes line.

We then recovered the
remains.

I have had deceased in charge
before. I was more particular with him
as he was subject to fits. On a previous occasion
he had run away. His father brought
him back.

The cell was 7 ft by 8.

The lookup was lined with 1 1/2 inch timber.

I don't know how deceased let his cigar when
out on exercise

Dixon Scott
J Webb

COLONY OF
NEW ZEALAND,
TO WIT.

THE foregoing depositions of

John Mallworthy
and Nancy Lott

James Webb

written on

four

pages of paper, numbered consecutively

from one to

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, and by me affixed together,

were taken and sworn ~~or affirmed~~ before me, at

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in the said colony, on the

seventh day of *July*

, 1900

Shenard Webb

at Auckland of Auckland in the said Colony, on the 20th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine hundred, before Thomas Webb one of the Coroners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony, on view of the body of William Hanaway, then and there lying dead, upon the oath of Thomas Webb, John William Webb, John William Webb, John William Webb, and Thomas Woolman.

good and lawful men of the neighbourhood, duly chosen, and who being there and then duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Lady the Queen, when, where, and by what means the said William Hanaway came to his death, do upon their oaths say—That

The deceased was accidentally killed by the
swinging door of the Crutcher's
shop, which was in the street, July 2nd 1900
there is no evidence to show how the fire originated
but it was inside the building
the jury attach no blame whatever to the deceased or to

In witness whereof, as well the said Coroner as the said Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set and subscribed their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Place of Seal. Thomas Webb Coroner.
James Moore FOREMAN.
James Miley
Alfred J. Van der Velden
John Wm. Smith
John J. Cooper
Thomas Woolman