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NEW ZEALAND,
TO WIT.

4 AUG 1922

COR. 1922/175

(Coroner—6.)

INFORMATIONS OF WITNESSES.

INFORMATIONS OF WITNESSES severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King touching the death of *Isabella Grace Nation* at the dwellinghouse of *Mrs Richard James Brouse* N.C. 4 ~~for known by the name of~~ *Meraroa* in the Provincial District of *Wellington* on *Saturday*, the *29th* day of *July* one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, before *William Charles Nation*, one of the Coroners for New Zealand for a Justice of the Peace acting as one of His Majesty's Coroners, on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of

Isabella Grace Nation

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

Richard Allan Brouse being sworn, saith that the body of the deceased I identify as that of my sister *Isabella Grace Nation*. She resided with my mother and myself. For the last week she has been laid up with bronchitis, she was not attended by a doctor. On *Thursday* and *Friday* my sister was about the house as usual. Last evening about 7 o'clock we were having tea my

Richard Allan Brouse

mother, a sister, Phyllis (Mrs Taylor), and myself.
We had had tea and sat talking, when my sister Isobel
complained that she felt faint. I took hold of her
and my mother went to get some water. My sister
Phyllis went to get some brandy. I carried Isobel to
a couch and used artificial respiration, while my
mother damped her forehead and her wrists. My mother
took Isobel's arms, while I pulled the tongue out, and
my sister Phyllis tried to get a little brandy into the mouth.
I put my fingers into an eye, but found life was extinct.
I at once rang up a doctor. He came within five minutes,
saw my sister, and said that life was extinct. My sister
had been a sufferer from bronchitis, but she had suf-
fered from fainting fits occasionally. I know she had had
two or three. She made the remark at the table "I'm
going to faint," and leaned forward. I then took
hold of her and laid her upon the couch. She uttered
no groan or word.

Richard Allan Trause

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Christina Prouse Brown: The deceased was my daughter, and she resided with me. She had not been well for a week or more, but there were no serious symptoms. We had just had tea yesterday, and had not left the table, when my daughter exclaimed "I'm going to faint," in a quiet tone of voice. Allan was nearest to her, and he caught hold of her, while I ran for some water, while my daughter went Phyllis went for some brandy. Isabel did not say another word, nor Greta. I knew by the rattle in the throat that it was a case of death. The doctor was rung up, and he was with us in about five minutes. He examined the body and found life extinct. My daughter never really fainted, though she appeared to be on the point of it for years. A drink of water and fresh air restored her. She suffered from what medical men say is an "artificial heart."

Christina Prouse

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NEW ZEALAND,)

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THE foregoing depositions of

Richard Allan Rouse
and
Christina Rouse

written on *three* pages of paper, numbered consecutively

from one to *three*, and by me fixed together,

were taken and sworn or affirmed before me, at *Merarua*

on the *29th* day of *July*, 19*22*.

W. C. Nation

Coroner.

Verdict of Coroner

At the Inquest held on the body of Mrs.
Isabella Grace Nation on Saturday, July 29,
1922, at Wexford, Levin:—

"Death sudden, through failure of the
heart's action."

H. C. Nation .

Coroner

DOMINION OF
NEW ZEALAND,
TO WIT.

COR. 1922/857

An Inquisition taken for our Sovereign Lord the King, at the House of
Mrs. Richard House at Weraua, Levin, of Wellington, in
the said Dominion, on the *Twenty-ninth* day of *July*
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and *twenty-two*, before
William Charles Nation
Esquire, one of the Coroners of our Sovereign Lord the King, for the said
Dominion, on view of the body of
Isabella Grace Nation
then and there lying dead, upon the oath of

William Charles Nation

~~good and lawful men of the neighbourhood, duly chosen, and~~ who being duly
sworn and charged to inquire for our Lord the King when, where, and by what
means the said *Isabella Grace Nation*
came to her death, do upon ^{his} ~~their~~ oaths say—That

"Death was sudden, through failure
of the heart's action."

In witness whereof as well the said Coroner ^{has} as the said Jurors aforesaid have
hereunto set and subscribed ^{his} ~~their~~ hands and seals the day and year first above
written.

W. C. Nation

Coroner.

Foreman "



NEW ZEALAND POLICE.
4 AUG 1922

Palmerston North District.

Levin Station.

REPORT FOR CORONER

As to the death of *Isabella Grace Nation 41 year of Age*
Whose body now lies at *Her Home Weraoa*

- 1. Date, hour, and place of death ... *28/7/22 About 4pm at Weraoa*
- 2. Date and hour when reported to police ... *29th July 1922 at 10 am.*
- 3. By whom reported and address ... *Allan Prouse, Weraoa*
- 4. The actual or supposed cause of death; and whether attributable to accident, culpable neglect, suicide, foul play, or under suspicious circumstances. *Not known, supposed heart disease*
- 5. By whom was deceased last seen alive (prior to death); where, when, and under what circumstances? *Allan Prouse, Brother at her home Weraoa on 28/7/22 she then appeared to be in her usual health.*
- 6. By whom was body examined; the appearance it presented, and, if any marks of violence, describe them? *Dr Mc Donald, Levin, No marks of violence on body.*
- 7. To whom was the deceased known; what occupation did he follow; where did he reside; was he married or single? *Well known in Levin*
- 8. If possessed of any property at time of death, to what extent, and in whose possession now? *Nil*
- 9. Did deceased leave a will or die intestate? *Left a Will*

10. General remarks. If deceased is unknown, accurately describe the body, dress, &c. and if there are any suspicious circumstances connected with the death, state what they are; also give particulars as to the cause of death.

The deceased was 41 years of age and resided with her Mother at Weraoa for the past week or so she had been confined to bed, suffering from bronchitis, but had not been attended to by a Doctor, she habitually and about again as usual for the past two days, about 4pm on 28/7/22 deceased was sitting at the table with the family having tea and appeared quite well, suddenly she remarked, I am going to faint and collapsed she was lifted on to a sofa and expired Dr Mc Donald, Levin was sent for and arrived about five minutes afterwards & pronounced life extinct

To *W.C. Nation, Coroner* *William Huggan Road 1734*
Levin Date: *29 July 1922*