

NEW ZEALAND  
IN WITNESS

DEPOSITIONS OF WITNESSES.

THE examinations and depositions of witnesses severally taken upon oath  
before HERBERT PERCIVAL LAWRY  
one of the Coroners of the Dominion of New Zealand [~~or a Justice of the~~  
~~Peace acting as one of His Majesty's Coroners]~~ at<sup>d</sup> the Courthouse,

1717 - after building  
in which inquest  
held.

Mental Hospital  
at Sunnyvale, in the Provincial District of Canterbury  
in the Dominion aforesaid, on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of November, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two  
touching the death of Edward Stephen Webber  
for whose body a Coroner's order for burial has been issued.

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This deponent, Raymond Ward Bellringer  
on his oath, saith as follows:—

I am a qualified & registered  
medical practitioner & an  
assistant medical officer at  
Sunnyvale Mental Hospital.  
The body viewed by the coroner  
is that of Edward Stephen  
Webber was 50 years of age  
He was committed at Ashburton  
on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1932 and admitted  
to this institution on the same  
day. He was then suffering from  
epilepsy & was in poor  
bodily health. On 17<sup>th</sup>  
August 1932 he had a  
severe cardiac syncope

NOTE—Each page of the depositions must be signed by deponent and initialed by the  
Coroner.

RW Bellringer

and I was notified that he was  
dead but an examination  
I found him to have  
the recurrence three days  
He had 2 fits in September  
& 3 fits in October all of  
which were severe.  
In November 1932 at about  
10 am he had a fit  
while working in the creek  
on the farm. He was  
removed immediately  
to D. Ward's farm in Hot  
Springs Ark. He  
seemed fairly well &  
made no complaint.  
At about 2 pm he became  
worse & had several  
epileptic fits. He had  
shown signs of weakness.  
He was given an injection  
of 3 grains of sodium  
bromide, oxygen  
inhalation & hot packs  
to the neck but he did  
not recover consciousness  
& died at 4 5 pm. The  
cause of death was  
status epilepticus. The  
relatives were notified  
of his death. He had been  
visited by his wife on  
several occasions.  
He had every care &  
proper treatment & attention.

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R. D. Dellinger

Douglas Edgar West Books  
Henry Street South.  
I am an attendant at the  
Sungay Hospital.  
The deceased was working  
under my supervision on  
the farm this morning.  
He was engaged in cleaning  
the road when he had an  
epileptic fit. He fell into  
the water but was got out  
practically immediately.  
He became half conscious  
but was unable to speak.  
There was a lorry handy  
& he was at once removed  
in this & taken to D. Ward.  
There was no delay, & he  
was brought back to the  
institution as promptly  
as possible.  
He was working under me  
yesterday. He appeared  
quite fit & capable  
of doing the work on  
which he was engaged

D. W. Books

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David Aiken  
 being sworn south.  
 I am a deputy charge attendant  
 at S. ... Hospital  
 The deceased was under my  
 care since his accident this  
 morning. He has been given  
 every care & proper treatment.  
 He died in my presence  
 at 4.55 pm. This afternoon

MA

D. Aiken

NEW ZEALAND,

TO WIT.

THE foregoing depositions of  
Raymond Ward Bellinger,  
Douglas Edgar Westcott,  
Dairi Aiken

written on *four* pages of paper, numbered consecutively

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

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

on the *12<sup>th</sup>* day of *Nov<sup>r</sup>*, 193*2*

*H.P. Conway*

Cor. 1932/1432

[Coroner-7.]

NEW ZEALAND  
1910  
The Chamber Building  
in which inquests  
are held.

An Inquisition taken for our Sovereign Lord the King, at the Court  
at ~~Mental Hospital~~ *Mental Hospital*  
at *Sumner side*, of *Canterbury*  
in the said Dominion, on the *first* day of *November*  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty *two*, before  
*Herbert Percival Lantry* Esquire, one of the  
Coroners of our Sovereign Lord the King for the said Dominion, touching the death  
of *Edward Stephen Webley*, for whose body  
a Coroner's order for burial has been issued.

and the said Coroner, having inquired, for our Lord the King, when, where, and by  
what means the said *Edward Stephen Webley*  
came to his death, doth find that *he died on the*  
*first day of November one*  
*thousand nine hundred and*  
*thirty two at the Sumner side*  
*Mental Hospital the cause of*  
*death being stated Epilepticus.*

In witness whereof the said Coroner has hereunto  
year first above written