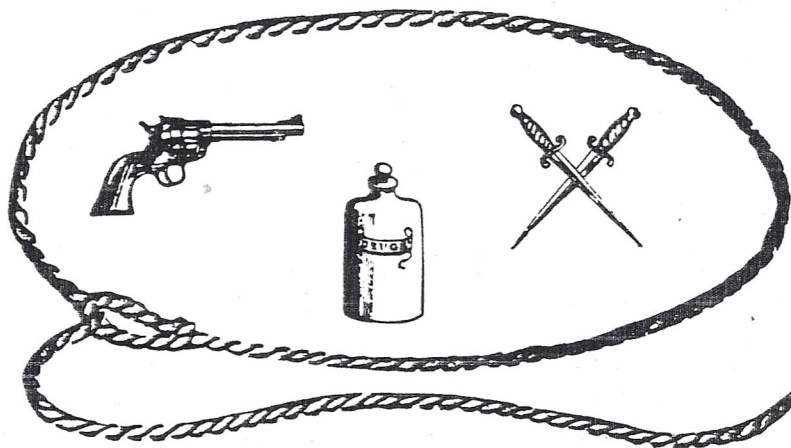


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Jan 21st, 1892

Found dead on ranch east of Fred Claus about 3-1/2 miles east of Golden on Clear Creek between North and Middle Golden and Denver roads. The body of a man identified as August Sodesberg of Swedish nativity who disappeared from Golden about Nov. 24th, 1891. He being mentally deranged and sick at time when last seen. Friends of deceased fully identifying him, being no signs of any crime and satisfied from evidence, thought it not necessary to hold an inquest. Delivered body to friends for burial they bearing funeral expense. County bearing ex of witnesses of finding and reporting same, also coroners exam. Found by Jos. Remington and Harry Curry. Personal effects currency \$2.25, bunch of keys on key ring.

John W. Luman, Coroner

2

April 8th, '92

went to Creswell investigating what seemed to be a mystery. The three graves found on a hill just east of Creswell, from evidence gleaned, decided that they were bodies buried in early days of the camp. Since learned that to be the case.

John W. Luman, Coroner

3

April 30, '92

Called to Denver, Colo., to view the body of Gertrude Catherine Miles, age 2 years, 6 mo., 21 days, who was accidentally drowned by falling in a spring used as a well about 2-1/2 miles W. of South of Hutchison, Jefferson Co., Colo. on April 29th, about 11:30 A.M.

Witnesses examined Mrs. Theresa Miles, Mother
" " Adam Miles, Father
" " George W. Admise, Neighbor

Had body examined by Dr. J. C. McGillvsay, #35 Golden Avenue, Denver, Colo. Thought inquest unnecessary.

John W. Luman, Coroner

4

May 6th, '92

Call to Cy Elliotts about 3-1/2 miles west of Junction to view the body of Lew Witt who died about 1 a.m. May 6th, supposed natural causes as he had been sick for some time.

Witnesses: Aurthur Taylor, Al Brockman, Wm. Thomas, Cy Elliott
Personal effects, clothing he had on and old valise of no value. Buried by Jefferson Co. May 7th, '92, in cemetery near there. No inquest. Aurthur Taylor first met Lew Witt at Mr. Elliotts about June 1st, '91. He knew that

he worked there about 1 mo. - was sick at time left there. Came back Apr. 30, '92, sick and remained till death, was sleeping in same room with him at time of death. Witt left room, he heard him, found him lying on ground, called Al Brockman, they carried him in, laid him on bed and he died at once. Went to see Commissioner Ray as he had no means, got order to send for coroner, also to bring coffin and come at once.

Al Brockman met Lew Witt at Mr. Elliotts May 5th, was not acquainted, thought him quite sick when he met him, helped carry him in when called by Taylor.

Wm Thomas knew Lew Witt, met him first at Montazuma about 9 months ago. Witt worked in a mine some there, was at Mr. Elliotts when Witt came on April 30th, sick, had no means, was German, of obstinate disposition, went with him and brought team from saw mill shanty to Elliotts house.

Mr. Cy Elliott. "Lew Witt came to my house about June 1st, '91, worked for me about 1 month, was sick at time. Spit up blood, wasn't able to offbear from the saw and put him to teaming, worked about a month and then he left, did not see him till this time came here on April 30th and stayed till death. I was not at home, came home when notified at Castles about 25 miles from here."

John W. Luman, Coroner

5

July 2nd, '92

Called to Beaver Brook, Colo., to view the body of an unknown man found in south room upstairs in old C. C. Depot building. Found by E. A. Gustafson, Section man. Deceased about 60 yrs old, 5 ft., 9 in. hgh, blue or grey eyes, light brown hair slightly mixed with grey. Iron grey short chin whiskers and moustache. Dressed in grey Janes pants (Brown coat small squares). Grey mixed vest. Broad rim white wool hat, and heavy new boots.

No peculiar marks noticeable. Hands do not indicate hard work.

Personal effects, 2 pair old grey blankets, a piece of duck cloth, and clothing as described.

Buried by Jefferson Co. in Golden Cemetery, July 3rd, 1892, as unknown.

No signs of any crime and all indications point to death from natural cause. No inquest.

John W. Luman, Coroner

6

Golden, Colo. July 24th, 1892

Called to view remains of John Lavin. Drowned in a lake on Hackberry tree farm about 2-1/2 miles north of Arvada, Jefferson Co., Colo., on above date at about 3:30 p.m. Said John Lavin with others had been seigning in the lake, others of the party started to swim across the lake, said Lavin following when about midway of lake sank, rose, and trying to return to shore, but seemed to be troubled with cramps and sank to rise no more.

Personal effects, cash on person \$3.21. Time check due him from said ranch, 21 days in July @ \$1.00 per day, \$21.00. Said amount received of S. J. Shoop, supt. of ranch, and used in defraying funeral expense; personal effects bearing all funeral expense except taking body to cemetery. No inquest as there was a number of eye witnesses who gave testimony to the fact.

John W. Luman, Coroner

7

Golden, July 28th, 1892

Called to view remains of an unknown man found at the head of a gulch known as Henderson, about one mile southwest of Mount Vernon, Jefferson Co., found by John and Robert Mathews while out hunting cows on the eve of July 27th at about 6 P.M. Said deceased lying on his back by the side of two small cedar bushes on the west and an old pine log on east, feet to north. Said deceased when found had probably been dead from four to six months as body was badly decomposed. Description, height from 5'8" to 5'10", hair light auburn or brown with sandy burnside whiskers thin; lower teeth irregular, upper jaw right side two gone. Age from 45 to 55 years. Dressed in pants of grey and brown striped, overcoat of brownish color with small red dot or speck, with navy blue diagonal cloth frock dress coat, greyish vest, blue flannel shirt with red wool undershirt, heavy boots wool socks, hat blk stiff derby. Personal effects cash 65¢, an open face screw cap non-magnetic shield watch with dog engraved in gold on back of case, 1 door key, 1 chest or trunk key, two watch chains, one with army or navy charm attached to the watch plated One with plated charm red mingled on clouded stone set on one side and dark stone or glass on other. No inquest as nothing could be gained by information attainable. Buried by Jefferson Co. in Golden Cem. Stranger row as unknown.

J. W. Luman, Coroner

8

August 23rd, 1892

Called to Denver to examine into the cause of death of one Lloyd Van Deren. Said Lloyd Van Deren came to his death by being caught under the tank attached to Engine No. 403 in a R.Road accident Aug. 22nd, 1892, at about 7:40 oclock PM about 2/3 of a mile west of Pine Grove on South Park R.R. in Jefferson Co. Said R.R. accident caused by a misplaced switch engine leaving the track and falling down an embankment. Said switch supposed to have been tampered with by some unknown person.

Witnesses examined, H. H. Whitney, 3049 Lawrence St., Denver, Engineer;
R. Demar, Brakeman, 808 16th St., Denver.

Body of said Lloyd VanDeren turned over father of Deceased and expenses born by same. No Inquest.

John W. Luman, Coroner

9

August 24th, 1892

Called to Thos. W. Johnson's ranch, Wheat Ridge, to inquire into the death of Merriman H. Smith. Said Merriman H. Smith there lying dead. Inquest held in which the following named persons were jurors:

I. F. Root, Wheat Ridge
W. E. Howard, Wheat Ridge
E. L. West, Wheat Ridge

Henry W. Childs, Wheat Ridge
O. M. Colman, Golden
C. S. Holley, Wheat Ridge

and the following named persons were witnesses:

Mrs. Gertrude Smith, wife of the deceased, Wheat Ridge,
T. W. Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Wheat Ridge
Miss Dora Smith, Miss Alice Smith, Denver
Henry W. Childs, Wheat Ridge

Frank T. Johnson, acting as secy of inquest

Verdict of jury as follows: That the deceased, Merriman H. Smith, came to his death by a gun shot wound in the mouth which wound was inflicted by the deceased with suicidal intent on or about Aug. 23rd at the hour of 8:10 PM at the residence of Thos. W. Johnson, in Jefferson Co., state of Colorado. Names of Jurors attached as above recorded.

Full testimony of the above proceedings filed with Clerk of District Court. Personal effects, Money \$3.75, applied on funeral expense. One X.L. center fire revolver turned over to wife of deceased, Mrs. Gertrude Smith. Deceased buried by Jefferson Co.

J. W. Luman, Coroner

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11

Golden, Colo. Oct. 19th, 1892

Called to view remains of Leo Westman near Boyds Crossing. Age 79 years, found dead in bed, Oct. 18th at about 11 oclock AM. No inquest as no signs of violence. Cause of death supposed to be natural (old age) Made burial certificate. Remains buried by family.

John W. Luman, Coroner

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Golden, Colo. Oct. 22nd, 1892

Called to view remains of S. H. Coleman, who was found near Eden Park by John Davis on his ranch on above named date at about 10 AM. Supposed to have perished in a snow storm on or about Oct. 13th, '92, while going from Morrison to said John Davis ranch. No inquest. Believed said S. H. Coleman came to his death by being lost in the snow storm and being frozen. Body delivered to his brother, J. G. Coleman. Also personal effects.

John W. Luman, Coroner

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Golden, Colo. Nov. 20th, 1892

Called to view remains of Thos. C. Knight who was found dead in his house lying on the floor by (left blank) about 11 AM on above date. Said Thos. C. Knight it is believed died from heart failure. Body was taken to J. C. Davidsons undertaking establishment from which place he was buried on Nov. 22nd. No inquest necessary, no signs of violence. Personal effects turned over to administrator C. E. Parfet.

John W. Luman, Coroner

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Golden, Colo. December 25th, 1892

Called to view remains of David Ritter found dead at P. P. Schaffters ranch about 1-1/2 miles northwest of Cresswell, Jefferson County. Finding that there had been a crime committed the following persons were summoned as jurors and an inquest held.

O. M. Colman, Golden; J. L. Loyd, Rockland; T. T. Springer, Creswell; Chas. Rice, Creswell; Wm. V. Rowley, Creswell; Frank Beach, Creswell.

And the following named persons as witnesses:

Chas. A. Hayward, Creswell; Fred H. Pratt, Creswell; David Theobald, Creswell; H. G. Shears, Creswell

The following is the verdict of the jury. An inquisition held at P. P. Schaffters Ranch in Jefferson Co., Colorado, on December 25th and 26th, A.D. 1892. Before John W. Luman, Coroner of said County upon the body of David Ritter there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, said jurors upon their oath do say that said David Ritter came to his death between the hours of 7 oclock PM Dec. 24th and 8 oclock AM next following Dec. 25th, 1892, from a gunshot wound under the right shoulder in the back, inflicted by P. P. Schaffters with felonious intent.

In witness whereof the said jurors have hereto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

Chas. A. Rice

Wm. V. Rowley

O. M. Colman

F. A. Beach

T. T. Springer

J. L. Loyd

For reference a full copy of the proceedings are filed with Clerk of District Court. Testimony of witnesses and other papers connected with said proceedings.

John W. Luman, Coroner
Jefferson Co. Colo.

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Golden, Colo. Feb. 28th, 1893

I was notified of the finding of the body of Roger Alston dead on his ranch in Spruce Park about 5-1/2 miles south of Evergreen, Jefferson Co., Colo. The body was found by his brother, Robert Alston, about one mile south of home ranch on another ranch belonging to him where he had gone to feed some stock. He having left the home ranch about 8:30 in the early morning of the 27th, Feb. '93, and was found between 10 and 11 oclock PM of the same day. Supposed to have died about 9:30 AM, he had fed stock and seemed to have been returning to stock yard with pitch fork and fell on his face and expired and the body when found was being guarded by a faithful dog. Age of deceased 67 years. There being no marks of violence or any evidence of a crime being committed it was not thought necessary to hold an inquest, cause of death assigned to heart failure caused by overexertion or exhaustion.

Witnesses examined, Robert Alston, John Hay.

John W. Luman, Coroner

P.S. Body turned over to friends for burial.

J.W.L.

Golden, Colo. July 16th, 1893

Was called to view remains and investigate case of drowning of one Joseph Dahinter at David Lees ranch on north Golden and Denver road. Said Joseph Dahinter having been removed to Lees ranch from where he was drowned. He having drowned at Tosts Lake about 1-1/4 miles north of said Lees on July 16th, 1893, while ~~in~~ bathing about 6 PM of said day. He had worked in hot sun all day, went in bathing in eveing in cold lake water, took cramps and drowned before aid could reach him. Body taken in charge by coroner and buried from J. C. Davidson's undertaking rooms July 18th, 1893. Buried from personal effects found on body in Golden Cemetery. Personal effects found and used in burial, cash \$1.15, certificate of deposit on German National Bank of Denver for \$47.00. Other things found and to be turned over, one open face silver watch Elgin N.W. Co. cheap watch; one British Bulldog revolver of little value; two promisory notes one \$50.00 dated May 20th, '92 on six months and signed by Jacob Gerber, one for \$75.00 dated April 8th, '91, and payable March 1st, '92, signed Jacob Gerber; one old valise containing old clothing and various trinkets of no value; one pair blankets. No inquest. Verdict accidental drowning.

John W. Luman, Coroner

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Golden, Colo. Sept. 30th, 1893

Was called to investigate the death of Patrick O'Mara, Pine Grove, Colo. The body was found in Elk Creek on Sept. 29th, 1893, about 5 o'clock PM by Charles Klingel while coming from work and was lying on his face in water from 10 to 12 in. deep. Said P. O'Mara was in the habit of hauling water in a barrel on a sled and had fallen and drowned. Said Klingel recognized the body and removed same from water a few feet and laid same on a sand bar and notified Michael Hall and Alex Boyd at South Park Hotel about 1/8 of a mile from said place. Said O'Mara was proprietor of Hotel and said Hall his clerk.

Said Hall and Boyd repaired to the place and found body. Said O'Mara being subject to fits and all indication being that he had fallen in a fit and drowned. The body was removed to his residence and coroner notified. Upon investigating case, the statements of above witnesses Charles Klingel, Michael Hall, and Alex Boyd agreeing and no evidence of a crime, not thought necessary to hold inquest. Body left with friends for interment.

John W. Luman, Coroner

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Golden, Colo. Oct. 14th, 1893

On receiving notice of the death of Mrs. Minnie Aschenbach near Hutchinson, Colo., Said case requiring some investigation, I went and made inquiry on Oct. 16 - 17 - 19. Said Minnie Aschenbach died on Oct. 4th, '93, after giving birth to a dead child supposed to have been dead for several days. Death occurring about 3 hours after birth and immediately after removing of after birth by Dr. Baker of Evergreen. Dr. Baker being held responsible for her early death by Bruno Aschenbach, the husband of Mrs. Minnie Aschenbach and calling for an investigation of the case, upon which I interviewed the following attendants and witnesses:

Mrs. Julia James, Midwife, Evergreen, Colo.
Mrs. Anna Rollinger, witness, Evergreen, Colo.
Mrs. Christianna Hines, Professional Midwife, Evergreen, Colo.
Bruno Aschenbach, Hutchinson, Colo., husband of deceased.

After a full inquiry into the case from above named witnesses and attendants and submitting the written testimony to a competent medical advisor, and considering the length of time of interment further investigation not thought justifiable. The Dr. not being thought guilty of crime or responsible for her death.

John W. Luman, Coroner

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Golden, Colo. March 7th, 1894

On receiving notice of the death of Dr. H. L. Goodell at Sanetor H. Browns house north of Arvada said case requiring investigating about his death Deceased came to Sanetor Browns house about 12 oclock March 7, 1894, to see a sick person and soon after coming in the house deceased told Mr. Brown that he felt sick, told Brown to hand him some medicine from his satchel, then deceased set down on a chair but said he felt very sick, told Brown that he would feel better if lay down on the bed. Brown helped him to the bed and soon after he say he would die. Brown sent for his neighbor but before he arrived deceased was dead. Dr. Armstrong was present after his death, say the deceased died of heart disease. Not necessary for inquest. Deceased had property in Arvada, a house and 6 acres land, two cows, horse and buggy. Cash money found on his body and in a trunk, a gold watch No. 7865630, 905 nine hundred and five dollars in gold, 28 dollars in silver and 61 dollars in currency.

Paid for telegraph 1.25

J. C. Davidson 87.56

Aug. Hultman

H. H. Goodell Funeral Exp \$50.00

\$12.00

R. C. Greene Telegraph (?) \$9.15

Balance turn over to the adminstrator

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Golden, Colo. March 24, 1894

Was called to view remains and investigate case of drowning of a child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hains of Golden. Said child went from his parents house about 5 oclock PM Friday March 23rd, 1894, and suppose going to the mill ditch about two block from the house fell in the ditch and drowned. The child was found about half a mile below Golden in Clear Creek dead. From evidence of parents and neighbor not necessary for inquest as it was an accident.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

\$ 5.00

Golden, Colo. April 28th, 1894

On receiving the notice of the death of J. W. Sechrist who died at the Denver Coal Company mine April 28th, 1894, evidently falling from the 330 foot level to the bottom of the shaft 150 feet, said Sechrist was at the time of his death engaged as carpenter at the company's mines making a gate at landing of the cross cut of said level

Taking evidence in writing from Superintendent J. Parfet, the dead body of J. W. Sechrist who was found dead in the bottom level of the Denver Coal Company's mine. What was his occupation on the mine. He was carpenter general roustabout. What work was he put at this a.m. To repairing fans in shaft on 2nd level 330 feet deep, also to build a gate at landing of the cross cut. Was last seen alive about 9 a.m., was found dead in the fourth level at 9:30 oclock a.m. April 28th, 1894. No blame in the company nor the miners. He was a man that was generally liked by all the men here employed. J. Tayler and Henry Pisne was the last men who saw him alive.

James Parfet

August Hultman, Coroner

\$ 6.00

Golden, Colo. May 13th, 1894

On receiving notice of the death of Ed Webber at Aime Arelo mine near Creswell, Jefferson County, went there and observed the location and found from looking over the ground and in the mine that said Webber came to his death by bad air in the bottom of the mine. Taking written statement from Mr. C. Hayes and Mr. Woodhowe, Mr. T. Parshall, the above persons say that said Webber came to his death by bad air in the mine. Nobody's fault but a pure accident not necessary for an inquest.

August Hultman, Coroner

\$ 8.60

Golden, Colo. June 2nd, 1894

On receiving notice of the death of Alx McCourdy whose body was hanged on the Rail Road Bridge near Cumbrea Pottery Work, Golden, Colo. After taking down the body and removing it to J. C. Davidson's undertaking room, I summoned a jury consisting of FredA. Dyer, Chas. J. Anderson, L. T. Gilbert, Patrick McGrath, J. F. Barnoble, J. M. Armburst, and that the above jurors say that Alx McCurdy came to his death on the 2nd of June, 1894, by hanging. The deceased was taken from the county jail of Jefferson County by a mob consisting of persons unknown to this jury, that such hanging was felonious.

Witness	Jurors	George Kelly	\$2.00	Gerry Kerr	\$2.00
		Alx Kerr	2.00	J. D. Williams	2.00
		Dr. Pery Kelly	2.00		

Aug. Hultman, Coroner \$ 5.00

Golden, Colo. June 5th, 1894

I was notified of the finding of the dead body of Peter J(s)ackson who drowned in Clear Creek June 4th, 1894. Said body was found one mile west of Golden on a sand bar in Clear Creek, Jefferson County, Colorado, June 5th, 1894. On inquiring and investigating the circumstances, found that said Pete J(s)ackson fell in the creek at Fork's Creek evidently when he was on duty as Section Foreman on the Colorado Central Rail Road at the above place and date. Not necessary for inquest as it was no one's fault but his own. Persons who helped taking body from the Creek were as follows:

P. McDaniel	Al C. Anderson	Ed Goodwyn
Wille Anderson	John Klatt	John Andran
Chas. Anderson	J. C. Davidson	O. M. Colman

Aug Hultman 5.00
Coroner

Golden, Colo. July 2, 1894

On receiving notice of the death of George Cummings who drowned in Downing (?) Lake about ten miles south east of Golden, Jefferson County, June 30th, 1894 Henry Cartor, foreman on said farm say that this Cummings came to work on said farm June 20, and that said Cummings used to bathe and swim in the lake. Several times before his death think that deceased was hit with cramps when coming in the water and accidently drowned. No blame to anyone on this place. Deceased brother Tom Cummings was in the lake same time but could not get to him in time to save him. Deceased was 30 years old, about five feet six inches, stout built, no property was found on his body. The County have to pay the funeral expense. Not necessary for inquest.

Aug. Hultman 7.00
Coroner, Jefferson County

State of Colorado, Jefferson County July 20th, 1894

An inquisition holden at Cole's Ranch in Jefferson County on the 20th day of July AD 1894 upon the dead body of Joseph Conrad lying there dead by the Jurors whose names are hereto subscribed the said Jurors upon their oathes do say that on the 20th day of July AD 1894 between 4 and 5 oclock PM the said Joseph Conrad came to his death from a gun shot wound gun held in the hand of A. P. Danielson that said gun was discharged accidentally and that we believe that said shooting of deceased was not felonious.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

Witness John A. Newark (2.00)
Joseph Blyth (2.00)
R. W. Strang (2.00)

A. L. Davis 2.50
William Lobb 2.50
Emil Singer 2.50
Isaac Smith 2.50
Henry Golightly 4.00
Robt, Swadly 2.50

Aug. Hultman, Coroner 7.00

Golden Aug. 4th, 1894

On receiving notice of the death of Jacob Kaerper, who was accidentally hurt in the Tindal Coal Mine and died of the effect soon after brought to his home in Golden.

Tindal Coal Mine, Aug. 4, 1894

Statement of James Parfet, Supt. of Tindal Mine regarding the accident and death of Jacob Kaerper which occurred July 31, 1894, in the above mine. Said Kaerper was working in what is known as No. 4 stape in the upper level of the above mines. Kaerper and Cotter were as partners in said stape a short time before the accident. Kaerper was down (?) on the level and told the leader to pull out four or five more cars, that he would send out that amount and this would fix up the chute (?) for next day in filling the chute(?) and working in the middle of the stape a chunk of coal fell from next to the hanging wall catching him against to the foot wall neither he nor his partner imagined that the coal was loose. I saw him while he was down on the level and asked him how the place was he said it was alright.

Kaerper had worked in this mine for ten months previous to the accident and in similar work in different stape. Cotter his partner is an old staper had worked in this and other mines for years.

James Parfet, Supt. Mines
Denver Coal & (?)

Golden, Aug. 4th, 1894

Statement of James Cotter

I was working in the above named mine with Jacob Kaerper as partner and was with him at the time of the accident and state that it was purely an accident and no fault of the mine owners or anybody else.

James Cotter

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Golden, Colo. Nov. 1, 1894

On receiving notice of the death of Julius Regner, child who died at Tindel Coal Mine, Jefferson Co. Nov. 1, 1894, of typhoid fever and an (?) into the matter found that the child died a natural death. Got certificate from Dr. A. L. Elwood who attended the child before his death, that said child died of typhoid fever.

A. Hultman
Coroner 6.00

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Golden, Colo. Feb. 2nd, 1895

On receiving notice of the death of J. J. Smires who died in a cabin near Mr. James Goodnaughth ranch on Coal Creek, Jan. 31st, 1895, from old age, an inquiry and investigation into the matter found that said Smeres being living neighbor of Mr. Goodnaught for several months past part of the time being supported by the County and part of the time by a son of his said to be living in Leadville, Colo. Not necessary for inquest from investigation everything all straight.

Aug. Hultman
Coroner, Jefferson County

Golden, Colo. Feb. 8, 1895

On receiving notice of the death of Sep Gantner who died in the Tyndell Coal Mine Feb. 6, 1895, I at once summoned a jury and held an inquest upon the body of Sep Gantner in Golden, Colo. and the verdict of the jurors is as follows:

An inquisition held at Central Fire Station, Golden, Colo., Jefferson County, on the 6th day of February A.D. 1895, before August Hultman, Coroner of said County upon the dead body of Sep Gantner lying there dead by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oaths do say that Sep Gantner came to his death on the morning of Feb. 6, 1894, about 4 oclock AM of said day by the accidental fall of a rock from the side of the entry in which he was at work at the mines of the Denver Coal Company at Tyndell in said County and State and that his death was an accident not attributable to the fault of anyone.

Witness	Robt. Piliken	2.00	John Nichaecs Sr.	2.50
	Harry Knowles	2.00	C. P. Johnson	2.50
	James Parfet	2.00	O. T. Gilbert	2.50
	W. C. Matthews	2.00	Saml. Eldridge	2.50
			W. Gebford	2.50
			E. Herrod	2.50
			Aug. Hultman, Coroner	5.00

State of Colorado
Jefferson County

Beaver Brook Feb. 23, 1895

In inquisition holden at Beaver Brook in Jefferson County on the 23rd day of February AD 1895, before August Hultman, Coroner of said county upon the dead body of John Doe (note: Doe crossed out and name C. Oconna or C. O. Conna written in) or persons unknown lying there dead by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed the said jurors upon their oaths do say that said unknown person came to his death about 2 oclock on the afternoon of this day by hanging and that said hanging was inflicted by himself. In testimony thereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

R. Broad, Jr.	3.70
C. M. Johnson	3.70
W. S. Medill	3.70
Ira P. Lamping	3.70
W. N. Partheer	3.70
J. D. Williams	3.70
Aug. Hultman, Coroner	6.60

Golden, Colo. March 11, 1895

On receiving notice of the death of Joseph Oliver whose body was found in Turkey Creek Canon, Jefferson County, Colo., March 11th, 1895.

State of Colorado
Jefferson County

An inquisition holden at Morrison in said Jefferson County on the 11th day of March AD 1895, before August Hultman, Coroner of said county upon the dead body of Joseph Oliver lying there dead by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed the said jurors upon their oaths do say that the said Joseph Oliver came to his death about 10 oclock AM on the 11th day of March, 1895, by being thrown from his wagon in a runaway accident, the wheel of the wagon passing over his head and chest, and that the cause of his death was purely an accident.

Witness:

Frank Morris 2.00
W. C. McNeal 2.00

W. C. McNeal 2.50
C. W. Lake 4.15
W. T. Decker 2.50
A. B. Avery 2.50
H. D. Avery 2.50
M. Miller 2.50

Aug. Hultman, Coroner 7.20

Golden, Colo. March 21, 1895

On receiving notice of the death of George Ernest Miller who died on school ground, District 23, Jefferson County, March 21, 1895, 3 miles North of Arvada. Taking witness of C. O. Serist, teacher in said school house, say that George Ernest Miller was playing on the school ground with other boys at noon, March 21, 1895, all at once he was sitting down and complain that his heart pains him and then fall over dead. He at once was carried in the school house and Dr. Green was sent for who arrived soon after and examined the body and found that he died of heart disease.

Jno Ball was at school house district 23 Jefferson County March 21, 1895, saw the boy G. Miller playing on the school ground did not see him when he fall but seen him soon after, helped bring in the school house and soon after Dr. Green arrived.

Said G. E. Miller was at his death 10 years old, adopted son of Henry Edwards, farmer who lives about 3 miles north of Arvada, Jefferson County, Colorado.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner 8.60

Golden, Colo. April 23, 1895

On receiving notice of the death of George Edwards who was shot at Rosco, Jefferson County, Colorado, April 22, 1895, I at once summoned a jury and held an inquest and the following verdict rendered by the jurors.

State of Colorado)
Jefferson County)

An inquisition held at Rosco in Jefferson County on the 23 day of April AD 1895, before August Hultman, Coroner of said County upon the dead body of George Edwards lying there dead by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oaths do say that said George Edwards came to his death on the evening of April 22 AD 1895, about 6:20 oclock from a pistol shot fired by W. Schwagel and that said shooting was done by said Schwagel in defense of his person and property and without felonious intent.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands this day and year aforesaid.

Witness	T. M. Sherry	2.00	C. W. Lake	5.20
	H. H. Shipley	2.00	R. Broad Jr.	5.20
	Gustav Miller	2.00	James L. Mancimer	5.20
			C. H. Judkins	5.20
			A. P. Anderson	5.20
			G. G. Golightly	5.20
			Aug. Hultman, Coroner	8.60

Said George Edwards was medium size, age 33, have no relative or quaintance here, said to have a father living in Kentucky, had no property on or about his body, said to have one third interest in a placer mining at Grass Valley, Jefferson County, Colo. The body was buried at the Camp by order of County Commissioner Broad on County expense.

Golden, Colo. June 8, 1895

Called to view the body of C. J. Kelly, whose body was found in a vacant house on Ford Street, Golden, Jefferson County, Colo., June 8, 1895, an examine and inquiry about said Kelly found that he had no relative here. The body was moved to J. C. Davidson, Undertaker, for burial.

Said Kelly was about 45 years old, of medium size, sandy hair and moustache. Nothing was found on or about the body to show where he was from or about his relatives. He was buried in the Golden Cemetery and expenses paid by the County. Not necessary for inquest, death from natural causes.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner
5.00

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Golden, Colo. June 10th, 1895

On receiving notice of the drowning of a man by the name of J. Nilson, who drowned in Clear Creek at Roscoe, Jefferson County, Colorado, June 2, 1895, said Nilson was working for the Mining Company at the time of his death, said Nilson was about 40 years old, medium size, sandy complexion.

H. Mollenhauer, foreman at Roscoe say that J. Nilson was crossing the creek on a foot log on said day, saw him jump off the log into the creek and going down with the stream did not try to help himself float on top the water about 50 feet that the last saw of him, think that said Nilson committed suicide as he jumped off the log into the Creek. Property belonging to said Nilson was an old trunk, some clothing and papers.

The body of the above Nilson was found on a sand bar below Palmer house in Clear Creek, Jefferson County, Colorado, June 26, 1895, and was buried in Golden Cemetery, expense paid by the county.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

10.00

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Golden, Colo. June 24, 1895

On receiving notice of the drowning of Aron Johnson in Everitt Lake June 23, 1895, I at once went there to investigate into the circumstances and found that said Johnson with several other men went to said lake for swimming in the afternoon of said day and that said Johnson swam across the lake once and started the second time but coming about 100 feet from the shore went down in the water since he was taken with cramps as he went down and never came up again. His companions done all in their power to reach him but couldn't save him from several of Johnson acquaintances say it was a pure accident, fault to no one, not necessary for inquest.

James Truilson say that said Aron Johnson has worked for him about 4 years, was a sober and industrious man about 28 years old born in Sweden, living in this country about nine years, has a brother in State of Kansas, and mother in Sweden. His drowning was a pure accident, no body's fault but his own.

Hans Matheson say he is farming near Everitt Lake. Saw said Johnson swim across the lake and started the second time but could not make it. We done all we could to save him but couldn't help him. Call it a pure accident.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

6.60

Golden, Colo. December 1, 1895

On receiving telegraph from Semper that two mysterious deaths had occurred on Riders Ranch, I at once summoned 2 jurors and went to place and held inquest and found that Clare Cody and Edward L. Cody came to their death on the first day of December, 1895, from the effect of the fumes or gases generated from coal and coal ashes and that the same was accidental and not felonious as we early believed.

Witness	William Eilert	2.00	Jurors	C. W. Lake	5.50
	Watson E. Colman	2.00		W. H. Carter	5.50
				E. U. Udell	5.50
				Ralph W. Colman	2.50
				W. H. Cauklin	2.50
				John H. Morse	2.50

Aug. Hultman, Coroner 9.00

Mr. and Mrs. Cody had no property except some household goods, a watch, and a scarf pin, said to have two horses somewhere, but didn't know where. Found letters written to them from different places, North Dakota, Michigan and New York, and some picture from different party, some no doubt from her parents in South Huron, Michigan.

Golden, Colo. December 14, 1895

On receiving notice of Frank Anderson that he has found the body of John Ellison lying dead in Church Ditch about two miles west of Golden, I at once went to the place and found him lying there dead from investigation and examined the ground found he had fallen from the rail road track fifty feet above the ditch, killed him instantly and evidently no fault to anyone but his own, said John Ellison was at his death about 82 years old, no property of any value was found on or above his body, was buried in the Golden Cemetery by the expense of the County, not necessary for inquest.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner 5.00

Frank Anderson
Walter Eldrigeds

Golden, Colo. December 18th, 1895

On receiving notice of finding a dead body on Jefferson Avenue, I at once summoned jurors consisting of J. Dennes, Jr., A. P. Anderson, M. L. Beats, C. J. Anderson, O. M. Colman, J. W. Luman, at once went to the place and found that the body was that of Alexander Rooney lying there dead. Verdict of the jurors was that he came to his death between 9 and 10 oclock AM on the 18th day of December, 1895, on Jefferson Ave. near the school house near the J. H. Brown place and that to the best of our belief his death was caused by natural causes and not felonious.

Witness: Stephen Lamberson, A. M. Dannell, Lula Vogelston (each 3.20)

Jurors: Jas. Dennes, Jr., A. P. Anderson, M. L. Beats, C. J. Anderson (each 3.70)
O. M. Colman, J. W. Lyman (each 2.50)

Aug Hultman, Coroner 7.40

Property found on the body was 5.00 in gold, 6.30 silver, and 1.00 currency, 1 pr eye glasses, one cane, and one old pocket knife.

Golden, Colo. February 7, 1896

On receiving telephone call from Morrison of finding the dead body of Jas. Richard who committed suicide in the basement of Mr. Rass Building in Morrison Feb. 7, 1896, I at once went over to the place and found that Jas. Richard had committed suicide by cutting his throat, said Jas. Richard has lived until his death in and about Morrison since 1880 and was known by most of the people there, last employment he had was tending bar for Mr. Miller.

No property was found on or about his body, the people of Morrison take the body in cars and it was buried in the cemetery at that place.

On investigation the location circumstances, found not necessary for inquest as it was no fault to anyone but himself.

Witness examined: T. A. Lowes
J.S.T. Gregg
Ed Gartly
Abbo

Aug. Hultman 10.00 Coroner

Said Jas. Richardsen was a man about 55 years old, medium size, gray hair and beard, said to have some relatives in the state of Indiana (but couldn't) ?

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Golden, Colo. April 4, 1896

On receiving notice of the death of George Hinchman that was accidentally killed in Coal Creek Canyon, April 2nd, 1896, by the accidental turning over of a wagon loaded with timber, I at once went to the place and after investigate into the circumstances summoned jurors consisting of the following names: Joseph Dennis, Jr., W. H. Anser, Martin Skankee, John H. Lemon, J. W. Cochran, J. Deffinbaugh, and held a inquest at Cooperdale Ranch, Jefferson County, Colorado, and the verdict of the jurors was that deceased came to his death accidentally as above stated.

Witness		Jas Dennis, Jr.	6.25
		W. H. Anser	2.50
C. E. Blake	3.60	Martin Skankee	3.10
		John H. Larson	2.50
		J. W. Cochran	2.50
		J. Deffinbaugh	2.50

Aug. Hultman, Coroner 10.00

Deceased was about 50 years old, medium size, light complexion, had no property on or about him, had no relatives, was buried by the expense of the county. One old revolver that was delivered to J. Deffenbaugh, his partner.

Golden, Colo. April 10, 1896

On receiving telephone from A. Coors that a man being killed at his brewery, I at once went to the place and found the body of James A. Martin, lying there dead. Removed the body to J. C. Davidson undertaking room and summoned jurors and held inquest on the body of said James A. Martin and found from the evidence of the witness that deceased came to his death accidentally by falling from the third story of a building to the ground. The body of deceased was delivered to his son-in-law Mr. C. A. Price of Denver, Colo. No property was found on or about the body of the deceased.

Jurors		C. W. Lake	2.50	
		J. C. Davidson	2.50	
Witness:	Jas T. Donahue	2.00	J. H. Laney	2.50
	W. H. Cury	2.00	Chas. Nolin	2.50
	W. T. Matthews	2.00	O. M. Colman	2.50
			J. W. Lumon	2.50
			Aug. Hultman, Coroner	5.00

Golden, Colo. July 22, 1896

On receiving notice of the death of John Clark, who was killed by a stroke of lightning on the afternoon of July 22, 1896, on the North Golden Road, three miles east of Golden, I at once went to the place and found him lying on his back on the wagon seat dead. I at once moved the body to J. C. Davidson undertaking office and examined it and found that it was burned very bad all over and seeing that there was no other cause of his death than lightning deemed inquest not necessary, turned the body over to his brother George Clark for burial. No property was found on or about his body, deceased was about 50 years old and single man.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner 5.00

Golden, Colo. July 27, 1896

On being informed that Mr. and Mrs. Johnson was washed away and drowned in the flood that came down Tucker Gulch on the evening of July 24, 1896, at once searched for the body and found the body of Mrs. Johnson close to Mrs. Banalshe's house and the body of Mr. Johnson was found about two miles below on east of town, fastened in a root of a tree and as the house that they lived in was washed away and everything in it, no property was found on or about the body, by investigation deceased not necessary for inquest, the bodies were delivered to their relatives and was buried in the Fairmount Cemetery of Denver, Colo. Mr. Johnson was 71 years old and Mrs. Johnson was 73 years old. Said Johnsons were natives of Sweden but has lived in Country for number of years.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

State of Colorado, Jefferson County

An inquisition held at Golden in Jefferson County on the 10 day of August A.D. 1896, before August Hultman, Coroner of said County, upon the dead body of Harry C. Penney lying there dead by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say that said Harry C. Penney came to his death on Sunday, the ninth day of August A.D., 1896, at the farm known as the C. C. Welchs farm about five miles East of Golden in Jefferson County, Colorado, at about 7:30 o'clock p.m. from the effect of a knife wound inflicted about 1 o'clock p.m. on said August 9th by one William S. Hafer at said Welch farm, said wounds being one on the left side just below the heart, ribs, the wall of the stomach, and two wounds on left arm just below the shoulder and that said wounds was inflicted with felonious intent.

Witness: Emil B. Arnadt
Mrs. Alice Elliott
Mrs. Margret Goyman
Henry Golightly
Clark Barnes

Jurors: O. M. Colman
J. L. Moore
W. H. Carter
Willis Hamilton
R. Broad, Jr.
B. F. Reece

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

By request of Mrs. H. H. Wright, sister of deceased, the body of H. C. Penny was delivered to E. P. McGadru of Denver, Colo. for burial.

Golden, Colo. August 17, 1896

On receiving notice of the death of A. C. Larves, whose body was found in the middle Golden and Denver Road about 3 miles East of Golden in Jefferson County August 17, 1896, I at once went to the above named place and found the body lying on the road or ground dead and after examining the body found that he was killed by a stroke of lightning, moved the body to Golden, and it was delivered to the deceased relatives for burial, deceased was about 31 years old, \$5. in silver and a gold ring was found in deceased pocket which is delivered to his relative.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

Golden, Colo. Oct. 19, 1896

On being informed of the death of a child of Mr. and Mrs. Asmison at Conifer, Jefferson County, Colorado, Oct. 18th, 1896, the child was accidentally shot by another boy and blame to no one, had a letter from the child's father stating that the shooting was a pure accident not necessary for inquest.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

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Golden, Colo. Oct. 19, 1896

On receiving telegram from Platt Canon that one Sam Lackny body was found dead in a tunnel, I at once started for the place, but coming to Denver was informed that the place where the body was found was in Douglas County and went back to Golden, following Tuesday, Oct. 20, got another telegram from W. P. Doran, undertaker at Denver that the body of (Lackne crossed out) Samuel Lacker had been brought there and I at once went to said place and viewed the body and found from examination that said Laker has died from a natural death, not necessary for inquest.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

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Golden, Colo. Oct. 28, 1896

On receiving notice of the death of Nels Person who died near Cresswell, Jefferson County, Oct. 27, 1896, I at once went to the place and found the dead body of deceased lying on the grass in the field of Sandbergs farm with a rope around his neck after viewed the body summoned jurors and held a inquisition and the verdict of said jurors was that deceased came to his death by strangulation and no fault to anyone but his own.

Witness: E. W. Erikson

Jurors: A. Rudin
A. Strausberg
Charly Larson
John Bergen
Oly Anderson
A. Anderson

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

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Golden, Colo. Dec. 12, 1896

Received word from Littleton, Arapaho County, that one M. W. Strong being found dead 9 miles west of Littleton, December 12, 1896, the body of deceased was examined by Dr. McArthur of Littleton and then turned over to deceased relative, not necessary for inquest.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

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Golden, Colo. Feb. 28, 1897

On receiving telephone from Morrison that a dead man has been found at a sawmill camp on South Turkey Creek, Jefferson County, Colo., Feb. 28, 1897, I at once went to the place and found the body of L. A. Sporgo lying there dead by inquiring and investigation the circumstances, found that said L. A. Sporga has died of heart failure, not necessary for inquest, removed the body to Golden and delivered it to deceased wife and it was buried in the Golden Cemetery. Property found on or about the body, valise and clothing, cash 2.00 which was paid out for telegraphing and the balance of property turned over to his wife.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

Golden, Colo. April 19, 1897

On receiving telephone from Denver that a dead man has been found in a small frame house on Jefferson Avenue about one mile west of the Arapaho County Line in Jefferson County, Colorado, April 17, 1897, at once went to the place and found that the dead man was Adam Aple and that he had committed suicide by hanging himself with a leather strap around his neck, by inquiring and investigation from deceased son and acquaintance, was not necessary for inquest, take the body to Golden and it was buried in Golden Cemetery April 18, 1897, and the expenses paid by the deceased relatives, property found and about the body some household goods, four cheap watches, this property was turned over to the deceased's son.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

Golden, Colo. May 7, 1897

On being informed that the body of a dead man being found about 1-1/4 miles south of Green Mountain ranch, I at once in company with the Deputy District Attorney Jamison went to the place and found the body of an unknown man lying there dead and after true examination of the body and surrounding premises took the body to Golden and held an inquest with the following jurors: J. M. Johnson, J. C. Davidson, W. Gifford, J. G. Hartzell, Samuel Hass, C. H. Judkins. Said jurors upon their oath do say that the unknown male person came to his death from some means to the jurors unknown, nothing was found on or about the body to indicate who the person was, was buried in the Golden Cemetery and expense paid by the County.

Witness: A. F. Martin

Jurors: J. M. Johnson
J. C. Davidson
C. H. Judkins
Samuel Hass
W. Gifford
J. G. Hartzell

August Hultman, Coroner

Golden, Colo. June 14, 1897

On being informed of Dr. Kessler that he has found the skeleton of a man about 2-1/2 miles west of Golden, known as Chiminy Gulch in Jefferson County, Colo., I at once went to the place and found the dead body or skeleton of a unknown man and by investigate and search could find nothing on or about the body to identify who he was, in the pockets was one old powder horn and pocket knife, a bunch of (?) keys and a cheap watch, no papers of any kind, the body was so badly decomposed so it was impossible to remove at that time, it was buried at the place where it was found temporarily until more suitable for removal to the cemetery.

Aug. Hultman

Golden, Colo. July 10, 1897

On getting notice that a child has been killed at Harris, Jefferson County, Colorado, son of Mr. Frank H. Whiting, by being thrown from a horse and dragged to death, had a letter from the boy's father and also from H. A. Calkins that it was true accident and fault to noone, not necessary for investigate or inquest since death (?) and sent it to undertaker J. N. Rogers, 1531 Champa Street, Denver, Colo. The boy's name was Martin Bates Whiting, age 6 years, 9 months.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

Golden, Colo. Aug. 23, 1897

On receiving telephone from Mr. Rollins Cramer of Arapaho County that a man by name of Henry Niemann died at Platte Station Sunday, Aug. 22, 1897, the remains was brought to Denver and turned over to the coroner, but as the death happened in Jefferson County, I was notified of same, the body was buried in Denver, Colo.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

(A newspaper article accompanies this entry, detailing how Henry Niemann, a carpenter, after running at top speed for 1/4 mile with a friend, Henry Groth, dropped dead at the Platte Canyon railroad station. Mr. Niemann who lived at 1153 Seventh Street in Denver, was survived by a wife and 5 children.)

Golden, Colo. Sept. 18, 1897

On receiving notice of the death of A. G. Ambrust who died at Newman Saw Mill Sept. 16, 1897, in Evergreen Precinct, Jefferson County, Colorado, and that Ambrust died of shotgun held in his own hand, the verdict of the jurors is as follows: State of Colorado, Jefferson County.

An inquest held at Newman Saw Mill in Evergreen Precinct, Jefferson County, on the 16th day of Sept. 1897, before August Hultman, Coroner of said Jefferson County, upon the dead body of Grant Ambrust lying there dead by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed that said jurors upon their oaths do say that the said Grant Ambrust came to his death at about 10:15 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, Sept. 16 A.D. 1897, from a gun shot wound fired from a shot gun held in the hands of the said Grant Ambrust and that said shot was fired by said Grant Ambrust either accidentally or other suicidal intent but as to which the said jurors upon their oaths are unable to agree and determined.

Jas. Dumes, Jr.
W. W. Halls
John Newman

John M. Armburst
John Janson
Soloman Gross

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

Witness: Roy Englart
Bertha L. Ambrust

Golden, Colo. Oct. 4, 1897

On receiving telephone from Police Headquarters of Denver that a man has been killed close to the county lines on Prospect Avenue, Jefferson County, Colo. said man proved to be the body of Thos. Martin lying there dead and that the jurors in Coroners inquest found that said Thos. Martin came to his death about 9 o'clock in the evening Sunday, Oct. 3, 1897, from a gunshot wound in the right side. Said shot fired from a gun held in the hands of Thos R. Buck and that said shooting was accidentally and not felonious.

J. C. Davidson
 Harry Stewart
 Samuel Eldridge
 O. M. Colman
 C. S. Holley
 Jas. Dumes, Jr.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

Witness: Thos. R. Buck
 John Martin

Golden, Colo. Oct. 13, 1897

On receiving telegram from Arvada that Albert C. Nelson has been killed, I at once went there and examined the body and the place and from the evidence shown by person on the place that the said Albert C. Nelson was thrown from a horse and accidentally killed and no fault to anyone, said Nelson at his death was 18 years old and lived with his mother on the farm. Drs. Halleck and Snitker was present soon after the accident and pronounced that deceased came to his death as above stated not necessary for inquest, the body turned over to his mother of deceased for burial.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

Golden, Colo. Nov. 30, 1897

On receiving notice that the body of a dead man has been found in a straw stack on Standly farm about 6 miles east of Golden; property found on the body was a revolver, a watch, and a leather belt. Nothing to identify him except a Registered Return Receipt, Sept. 9, 1897, Fred Linderman - Gilmore - St. Charles County, MO to Andreas Hanert, Dix, La Plata County, Colorado (?). Mr. J. Caullihand of Berkley identified the dead body as that of Fred Linderman and that said Caulliehand had said Linderman's trunk in his possession, and that deceased folks, sister, and brother-in-law lives at Dix, La Plata County, Colorado, and that the revolver and watch belonged to the deceased, being delivered to Mr. J. Caulliehand for the deceased relatives (a note in the margin not legible). Not necessary for inquest, body was buried at Golden Cemetery by the expense of the County. Said deceased was 40 years and 5 feet 6 inches tall, dark complexion.

Aug. Hultman, Coroner

J. Caulliehan address is Box 715, Denver, Colo.

Office of Coroner
Jefferson Co, Colorado

Notice having been given of the body of E. P. Randall having been found at the Lakeview House near Berkley, Jefferson County, Colorado, and upon inquiry from attending Physician and the evidence of E. W. Miller, Undertaker, it was decided that the deceased died of alcoholism and that an inquest was unnecessary.

Fees 5.00
Mileage 3.20
8.20

D. S. M. Kessler, Coroner

Golden, Colo. Feby 28th, 1898

Office of Coroner
Jefferson Co., Colorado

Having been notified that Wm. Brown was lying dead about one fourth of a mile from his cabin, 9 miles S.W. of Morrison, an investigation elicited the following:

partial autopsy by Dr. F. L. Luce, Morrison, assisted by the coroner, revealed the fact that no personal injury was the cause of death--and upon examination of Brown, his son who found the body, and by conversation with his immediate neighbors who claimed that he had been ailing for about a year past--from indicating heart and kidney trouble and the examination of Dr. Luce and Kessler bearing out these facts, it was decided an inquest unnecessary.

Found on body, \$10.00

Dr. S. M. Kessler, Coroner

Fees 5.00
Mileage 3.50
Autopsy 5.00
13.50

Golden, Colo. May 29, 1898

Office of Coroner
Jefferson County, Colo.

Having been given notice of the body of John Johnson being found in hay barn of deceased near Creswell, the coroner proceeded to investigate as to cause of death and as some doubts were expressed as to the reason of death, a jury was impanelled and inquest held.

The witnesses, George C. Johnson and Oscar W. Johnson, testified that they left the father at the lower place about a mile from the residence of deceased. That upon leaving there about 2 P.M. he declined to return with them and said he would walk. That after delivering a load of oats to Creswell, that upon their return about 6:30 P.M. the deceased had not put in an appearance and that they went in search of deceased and that Oscar W. Johnson first found the body and called his brother and on their examination found the father cold and dead. Upon this evidence the Jury rendered the following verdict - "In the matter of the death of John Johnson, we the jury find that he came to his death by reason of apoplexy.

Signed by R. A. Strain, Foreman W. G. Shears C. U. Shears Oly Anderson
S. J. Peterson E. W. Erickson

Dr. S. M. Kessler, Coroner

Fees - Inquest 5.00)
35 mileage 35.00 - 8.50)
Witnesses 12.00)

Cash on body \$120.00

Certified to County Court

Office of Coroner
Jefferson Co., Colorado
Golden, Aug. 29, 1898

Having been notified of the drowning of two young men in the Arapaho ditch Company's lake about 6 miles from Golden and upon investigating the same decided that the same was case of accidental 'drowning - and concluded to hold no inquest. I attach herewith a newspaper copy as part of authentic report of the accident.

Newspaper article: "Boys drowned near Golden"

The Larger Made a Fatal Effort to Save His Smaller Companion.

Golden, Colo., Aug. 29--(Special.)--

An accident occurred near this place yesterday morning which resulted in the death of two boys, Ernest Anderson, 17 years old of Golden, and John Henry Rogers, 12 years old, of 1217 Twelfth Street, Denver.

Yesterday forenoon the two boys started from the Anderson home to catch a horse which was in a pasture some distance from the house. The storage reservoir of the Arapahoe Ditch Company is about a mile from the Anderson place and when the boys left the younger one told his mother that he might take a bath while he was gone.

That he had done so with fatal results was shown by subsequent discoveries. Neither of the boys were seen alive after that time. As they did not return to dinner nor toward evening, the family became alarmed and an older brother of the Anderson boy was sent to look them up.

On the bank of the reservoir he came upon the clothes of the Rogers boy, and nearby his brother's shoes, where he had evidently hurriedly taken them off before making an attempt to save his smaller companion from drowning. A party was formed to drag the reservoir for the bodies, and at 2 o'clock this morning they had both been recovered. From the circumstances surrounding the case it would appear that the Rogers boy had taken off his clothes and gone in swimming, his older companion remaining on the bank. From the fact that the Anderson boy was fully dressed when found would argue that he had plunged in to save his companion upon the latter getting beyond his depth, and in the attempted rescue both had become strangled.

Dr. S. M. Kessler, the county coroner, was notified, but after looking into the circumstances, decided that no inquest was necessary, as it was purely a case of accidental drowning.

The mothers of both of the boys are widows. Ernest Anderson will be buried at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Anderson home, and the funeral of John Rogers will take place at the residence of the family in Denver tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. S. M. Kessler, Coroner
Jefferson Co., Colo.

Fees	10.00
Mileage	1.20
	<u>11.20</u>

Office of Coroner
Jefferson County, Colo.
Golden Oct. 29, 1898

Having been notified of the finding of Mr. Ed Grenhow dead in his bed by his brother Lesh Grenhow, investigated into cause of death and from information gained from Dr. F. L. Luce of Morrison, determined that cause of death was from heart disease and that inquest was unnecessary.

Fees	5.00
Mileage	1.60
	<u>6.60</u>

S. M. Kessler, Coroner

The above death occurred Oct. 25, 1898

Office of Coroner
Jefferson County
Golden, Colo. Oct. 29, 1898

Having been called to examine into cause of the death of an infant son of Fritz and Mary Keuhule residing in the City of Golden, the same having been found dead in bed. After viewing the body and examining the parents, concluded death was the result of (?) and therefore from natural causes - no inquest necessary

Fees \$5.00

S. M. Kessler, Coroner, Jefferson Co.

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Office of Coroner
Jefferson County
Golden, Colo. Nov. 2, 1898

Having been notified of the finding of the body of F. Spalti in Coal Creek Canyon on the night of November 1st, 1898, I proceeded to investigate as to cause of death -- upon my arrival I found that body had been removed and surroundings so much altered by the removal of wagon and load that it was impossible to determine cause of death. I therefore summoned jury and witnesses to appear and held an inquest at the residence of C. F. Wilson on Coal Creek. The following was the testimony of witnesses.

August Brunin being sworn testified that -

I found the body about 9 o'clock P.M. It was lying under right rear wheel and hub was on left side of body. He was dead when I found him, wagon was turned half over. The bank was 7 or 8 feet high where wagon went over. The horses stood in front of wagon, lines were under the wheel, wagon was dragged about 2 feet. Mr. Chris Patrick help me take him out from under the wheel of the wagon. I am of the opinion it was an accidental death. This statement is concerning the death of F. Spalti, killed in Coal Creek Canyon Nov. 1st, 1898.

/signed/ August Brunin (Brunner ?)

Sworn to before me this the 2nd day of November, 1898

S. M. Kessler, Coroner

Chris Patrick being sworn testified that Mr. Brunin came after me about 10 P.M.

He (Mr. Brunin) went on to wagon where I found him when I got there. I put my hand on the face of the dead body to see if it was cold (meaning body of Mr. Spalti). He was cold and blood was running out of his forehead. We took hold of wheel and lifted it up and pulled him out. The hub hit him on left side. His head was cut open by rocks. The bank where wagon went off or over was 7 or 8 feet high. I am of the opinion it was an accidental death. Mr. Brunner then went after Mr. Wilson. We put the man's body in the wagon and I drove from there to my place one and one fourth mile from Wilson's place where accident occurred. This is concerning the death of F. Spalti, killed in Coal Creek Canyon Nov. 1st, 1898.

/signed/ Chris Patrick

Sworn to before me this 2nd day of November, 1898

S. M. Kessler, Coroner

The following jury after being sworn rendered a verdict as follows --

We the undersigned do find in the case of F. Spalti's death according to evidence given, that death of same F. Spa was purely accidental and that

there is no blame on anyone except deceased.

/signed/ Chas. W. Seeley, Foreman of jurors; G. A. Seeley, James Goodenough,
Chas. F. Wilson, Laura Wilson, A. B. Kessler.

Fees:	S. M. Kessler	8.00)	
	Chas. W. Seeley	3.20)	
	G. A. Seeley	3.20)	
	James Goodenough	2.30)	Jurors
	A. B. Kessler	4.25)	
	L. Wilson	2.00)	
	C. F. Wilson	2.00)	
	C. F. Wilson	1.40)	Summoning Jurors
	Chris Patrick	2.15)	Witnesses
	August Brunner	2.45)	
		<u>30.95</u>		

77 (1) Golden, Colo. June 2nd, 1899

Record of Inquest held at Pine Grove, Jefferson County, Colo., May 31st and June 1st, 1899, upon the body of Thos. Crowdis who was stabbed with a knife ten times on left side of body. It occurring at Pine Grove, Jefferson County, Colo., May 30th, 1899, in his place of business at about 6:15 PM o'clock, 1899. Done by Wm. Archibald Briscoe.

Name of Jurors in Inquest: Ben W. Spencer, George H. Wills, Elias H. Corbin, Frank Smith, W. J. Rathburn, Wm. McQueary, E. C. Dake, Clerk of Inquest

Witnesses in above case: John A. Hansen, Geo. Scholle, Geo. Hamer, Ed Randle, Dr. W. C. McNeil, Thos. Bushes, E. J. Rutherford, N. P. Harper, C. W. Lake

Verdict of Jury. Said jurors upon their oath do say that the said Thomas Crowdis came to his death on the 30th day of May, A.D. 1899, about 6:15 o'clock P.M. at Pine Grove, Jefferson Co., Colorado, by ten knife stab wounds inflicted by a knife held in the hand of William Archibald Briscoe, and we further find that said wounds were feloniously inflicted by said Briscoe upon the body of said Crowdis.

John W. Luman, Coronor. In above case.

78, 79 Golden, Colo. Aug. 21st, 1899

Upon being notified of the finding of the body of an unknown man in Platt Cannon about 4-1/2 or 5 miles above station on South Park R.R., I at once proceeded to the place and investigated the same.

The body was found Friday, Aug. 18th, 1899, about 5 P.M. by Alfred H. Bradtke and his brother Wm. E. Bradtke, near the head of Cottonwood Gulch, 4-1/2 or 5 miles above Flatte Cannon Station on South Park R.R. The body was found by above parties while hunting cattle. Said body was lying in a ravine on his back dressed in a blue and white striped jumper, navy blue vest, striped chiviot shirt, and gray undershirt, blue overalls and gray socks.

Description of Body: A man of about 60 years old or over, about 5-8 in. tall, long gray whiskers, head very bald, and forehead sloped back. Weight from 120 to 130 lbs. About 30 ft. from the body was a brown overcoat, old and badly worn,

a navy blue blouse coat, an old cap, and about 40 ft. from body was a pair of shoes and black broad rim wool hat. In his overall pocket was an old money purse containing \$5.46.

Upon thorough investigation finding no evidence of any crime, decided an inquest unnecessary and name cause of death exposure and probably starvation caused by derangement of mind.

Body unknown and could find no means of identification. Buried in Golden Cemetery, Aug. 21st, 1899, by Jefferson County.

He had been wandering about in the mts. for about a month being seen at times and occasionally coming out for something to eat. He was seen one week previous to being found dead by same parties near where found, but avoided conversation and did not have any visable signs of anything to eat or anything to cook with and no camp whatever. In his overcoat inside pocket was found part of a large spool of blk. thread, thimble and needle. Also one box and part of another of matches.

Money found on body used to pay the parties for assisting in getting body out of mts. to where we could reach it with wagon, etc.

Chess Massey	1.50	
G. S. Swoope	1.50	
J. S. Todd	1.50	
Telegram	.30	
	<u>.66</u>	By coroner, three letters of investigation
Total	5.46	John W. Luman, Coroner, Jefferson Co.

80, 81 Golden, Colorado Dec. 6, 1899

Dec. 5, 1899. On being notified of the finding of a dead body in C. C. Welch pasture near Veto Stock Ranch about 7 mile S.E. of Golden, I at once went to the place accompanied by J. C. Broughton who found deceased. Wm. Flaherty identified the body as that of Chas. H. Sawyer, the man having been in charge of Veto Stock Ranch. The said body of Chas. H. Sawyer was found by John C. Broughton while hunting horses in the Welch pasture on Dec. 5th, 1899. And upon a thorough investigation decided an inquest unnecessary, the cause of death being accidental caused by being thrown from a wagon by a team which he was driving and from some cause run away throwing him from the wagon on the evening of Dec. 2nd, 1899. He received injuries in connection with exposure which proved fatal. There being snow on the ground and the weather cold. Evidence sufficient to establish proof of accidental death found in tracing route of runaway team, they having turned the wagon over and readjusted same and running about 3/8 of a mile, running against post of barbed wire fence, there breaking their harness sufficient to liberate them from the wagon. Said team still carrying the harness Dec. 6th, when found by coroner and party while investigating and unharnessed on said date.

Through papers found in personal effects, was led to telegraph to address of same and found that his mother resides in Washington, D.C. She ordered his remains sent to her and sent funds to defray same expense. His remains being shipped Dec. 9th, 5:15 PM from J. C. Davidson's undertaking rooms. Personal effects found of no value, all of which was turned over to F. M. Skinner, owner of Veto Ranch by whom Chas. H. Sawyer was employed. No Inquest.

John H. Luman, Coroner
Jefferson Co. Colorado

December 19th, 1899. On being notified by Mr. Miller, Justice of Peace at Edgewater of the finding of a dead body on a ranch near Manhattan Beach and in Jefferson County, I went to the place named taking Mr. Miller with me. The body was found face downward in the snow. The body was identified as that of William A. Ganish (Garrish) of Denver, and was about thirty-four years of age. Everything pointed to death from exposure. The remains were claimed by his sister who turned them over to an undertaker. Nothing of value was found on the body. No inquest was deemed necessary.

Fees, \$5.00

S. S. Elwood, Coroner of Jefferson County

On Sunday, March 4th, 1900, I was called to the depot to meet the 5:15 P.M. train to take charge of the remains of William Arundale of Middle Park who was killed by the C. and S. train at Elk Creek, Jefferson County. W. Arundale was returning home from the insane asylum at Pueblo and was in charge of his wife. The remains were brought to J. C. Davidson's undertaking parlors. After investigating the matter thoroughly and finding out what I could regarding the case from the trainmen, I decided that owing to the unbalanced condition of his mind that he had deliberately thrown himself under the cars and was instantly killed. He was about thirty-five years old and 5 feet 9 inches tall. As no inquest was necessary, the remains were given in charge of wife and other friends. He was buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Fees, \$5.00

A. S. Elwood, Coroner of Jefferson County, Colorado

On the 4th day of June A.D. 1900, I was notified that the body of a man was found in Clear Creek in Jefferson County and had been brought to the undertaking rooms of J. C. Davidson, Golden, Colo. Went to said rooms and inspected the body, not being able to find out the cause of death, decided to hold an inquest on the 5th day of June, A.D. 1900, at 11 A.M., issued venue for 6 jurors and subpoenas for 2 witnesses, Jas. H. Williams and John Sanders. The following jurors answered to their names: D. L. Williams, J. Huggard, J. Reichwein, O.M. Colman, Felix Doucette, J. L. Davidson, who rendered the following verdict, "An inquisition held at Davidson's store in Golden in Jefferson County aforesaid, on the fifth day of June A.D. 1900 before Thos. Ward, Coroner of said County, upon the dead body of Julius Schwabe lying there dead, by the Jurors whose names are hereto subscribed: The said jurors upon their oaths do say, that the said Julius Schwabe came to his death on the evening of June 3th, 1900, by accidentally falling from the foot bridge across Clear Creek opposite the Golden Brewery, and was drowned in said Clear Creek. In testimony whereof, the said Jurors have hereunto set their hands, the day and year aforesaid.

J. Lofton Davidson	O. M. Colman	John Reichwein	D. L. Williams
John Huggard	Felix Doucette	Jury fees	\$2.50 each -- \$15.00
J. H. Williams	Jno. Sanders	Witness fees	\$2.00 each -- \$4.00

Coroners fees \$5.00 taking down evidence, 440 words at 20¢ per hundred, 90¢
The sum of \$1.25 was found on deceased and turned over to O.M. Colman who had
charge of funeral, also pocket knife and part of case of watch.

Papers filed in District Court

85 Golden, Colo. June 11th, 1900

On being notified of the death of Peter Brown by the falling of a derrick at
the quarry at which he worked, situate between Golden and Morrison, by Archie
Hamilton who also worked at said quarry, I proceeded to go to the scene of the
accident and investigated the cause of same, found that the death was caused
by the accidental breaking of a wire rope which caused the derrick to fall on
the body of deceased, killing him instantly. Had the body removed to the
undertaking rooms of J. C. Davidson. On the body was found 1 gold watch
No. 111957, 1 gold chain, one cent, and one memorandum book without any marks.
After getting all the information possible, decided the death was purely
accidental and that an inquest was unnecessary.

Thos. Ward, Coroner

June 14th, expressed watch and chain to E. P. McGovern for Joseph Gregor, friend
of deceased who had charge of funeral.

Fees, 1 day \$5.00
Mileage .60
5.60

86 Golden, Colo. June 17th, 1900

On the 17th day of June, AD 1900, received telegram notifying me of the death
of Mike Fink, he being drowned in lake at Pine Grove, proceeded to Denver at
once in order to get to Pine Grove by first train in the morning of June 18th,
1900, on arrival there went to the Crystal Lake and viewed the body and gained
all the information I could as to the circumstances of the death, from the
parties who went to the lake with the deceased and others, from this information
was satisfied that the death was accidental and that no one was responsible for
the accident, consequently that no inquest was necessary.

There being no papers or address of any kind found on the body or at his boarding
house and no effects whatever except one nickel, with the exception of (seven
dollars) balance of wages due him from his employer, Peter Funk. I arranged
to have a coffin made (there being no undertaker at Pine Grove) and the funeral
taken charge of by said Peter Funk for the amount of \$7.00 due deceased for
wages.

Thos. Ward, Coroner

Fees, 2 days, \$10.00
Mileage to Denver, 16 mi. 11.60
Mileage to Pine Grove 42 mi.
21.60 plus .25 - \$21.85

Page 84	5.00
85	5.60
86	21.85
settled by warrant	<u>32.45</u>

Golden, Colo. Sept. 11th, 1900

On the 9th day of Sept. AD 1900 received telegram notifying me of the death of P. L. Bromley, he being found dead in bed at his home in Pine Grove, proceeded to Denver at once in order to get to Pine Grove on the morning of Sept. 10th, 1900. On arrival there viewed the body and gained all the information possible from the resident also from Dr. McNeal found that he had been complaining for sometime of pleuresy, also of heart trouble; also that deceased not appearing on the morning of the 9th at the usual hour, the neighbors opened a window and saw him lying on the bed dead. There was no sign of any struggle. The body was in a natural position and no indication whatever of any foul play, decided that he died from pleuresy and heart trouble, and that there was no necessity for an inquest, no money was found, and the contents of the room were of very little value, practically nothing. Mr. George H. Bruce, a friend of deceased and owner of the property where he resided, purchased a coffin and took charge of the body, from an old letter it was ascertained that at one time the deceased had a sister living in the East, a telegram was sent to the address but no answer received, deceased had often said he was all alone, no relatives he cared anything for.

Fees, 2 days	\$10.00	Thos. Ward, Coroner
Mileage to Denver 16		
to Pine Grove 42		
	<u>58</u>	\$11.60
return 58		.25 telegram
	<u>116</u>	<u>21.85</u>

settled by warrant

88, 89 Golden, Colo. Oct. 17, 1900

On the 13th day of October AD 1900, in response to a telephone message notifying me of the death of a man by the name of Robt. H. Ellldridge in a sudden manner, on the farm of Charly Christopher in Jefferson County, north of school house in District 6, went to said farm, inquired into the circumstances of the case, and satisfied myself that an inquest was necessary and had the body of deceased moved to Golden to the undertaking establishment of J. C. Davidson and subpoenaed Louis E. Zeller and Jos. M. Miller to appear as witnesses at an inquest to be held at J. C. Davidson's, Golden, at the hour of 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 15, 1900, and summoned as Jurors C. W. Lake, August Hultman, W. H. Carter, J. D. Williams, O. M. Colman, and J. Lofton Davidson, who rendered the following verdict:

State of Colorado
Jefferson County

At an inquest held at Davidson's Furniture Store in Golden in Jefferson County on the 15th day of October AD 1900 before Thos. Ward, Coroner of said County upon the dead body of Robert H. Ellldridge, lying there dead, by the Jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say that the said Robt. H. Ellldridge came to his death on Saturday last, October 13th AD 1900 about 3 p.m. at Chas. Christopher's farm, west of Arvada in said Jefferson County from excessive use of intoxicating liquors.

In testimony wherof said Jurors have hereunto set their hands this 15th day of October AD 1900.

C. W. Lake	W. H. Carter	O.M. Colman
Aug. Hultman	J. D. Williams	J. Lofton Davidson

A balance of \$15.30 was due deceased from his employer, Louis E. Zeller, which was paid to me and used as below.

Oct. 17th Paid to Davidson for coffin	\$15.00
Writing letters to various parties	.30
	<u>15.30</u>

Fees

Oct. 13 going to Christopher farm north of Ralston, 8 miles from Golden to inquire into death and to remove the body to Golden	1 day	\$5.00
Mileage there and return, 16 miles		1.60
Oct. 15, holding an inquest		5.00
		<u>11.60</u>

Taking down evidence, 500 words @ .20 per 100		1.00
		<u>\$12.60</u>

Oct. 22, testimony and verdict mailed to Clerk Dist. Court

90, 91 Golden, Colo. Oct. 17, 1900

On the 15th day of October AD 1900, received telegram from E. P. McGovern, Coroner of Arapahoe County, that on the 14th a man had been shot in Jefferson Co. but being Sunday and neither telegraph or telephone office to Golden being open, the body had been taken to office of coroner of Arapahoe County, and was held waiting instructions from me as Coroner of Jefferson Co., went to Denver and after inquiring thoroughly into the matter, decided that an inquest was necessary and arranged to have the body brought to Golden the following morning for that purpose, subpoenaed Wm. A. Wheeler, Chas. Wheeler, Edwin W. Edie, and Miss Kittie Mockridge as witnesses to appear at inquest on the 16th day of October AD 1900 at the hour of 1:30 PM, and summoned as Jurors C. W. Lake, August Hultman, W. H. Carter, O. W. Garrison, John Nicholls, J. L. Davidson, who after viewing the body and hearing the evidence returned the following verdict:

State of Colorado)
Jefferson County)

An inquisition held at Davidson's Furniture Store in Golden in said County before Thos. Ward, Coroner of said County, upon the dead body of Arthur W. Green, lying there dead, by the Jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said Jurors upon their oaths do say that the said Arthur W. Green came to his death in Jefferson County, Colorado, near the DL and GRR, on the 14th day of October AD 1900 about noon, from a gun shot wound, shot fired by one C. W. Johnson, and that such shooting was accidental.

In testimony whereof the said Jurors have hereto set their hands, the day and year written above.

C. W. Lake	Aug. Hultman
W. H. Carter	O. W. Garrison
John Nicholls	J. L. Davidson

The body was turned over to E. P. McGovern by directions of mother of deceased.

Fees

Oct. 15th, going to Denver to inquire into the death of Arthur W. Green and take charge of the body	one day	\$5.00
Mileage to Denver and return, 32 miles		3.20

Mileage necessarily travelled over the city and outskirts to see various parties connected with the case, 10 miles	1.00
Oct. 16, holding inquest	5.00
Taking down evidence, 1259 words @ 20¢ per 100	2.50
	<u>\$16.70</u>
Oct. 22, Testimony and verdict mailed to Clerk District Court	
	page 88 12.60
	90 16.70
	<u>29.30</u>
Paid by warrant	

92 Golden, Jefferson County, Colo. November 7, 1900

On the evening of Nov. 6, 1900, was notified that the body of a child had been found in some weeds about one mile north of the Jesuit College and on the morning of the 7th went to the location indicated, after inquiring around, found that the body of a small child had been found on land near the Creek close to the road, which is much higher than the land where the body was found, and on investigating the case it appeared evident that the body placed in a paper box had been thrown down from the road, there were no marks to give any indication of where it came from, or who had committed the deed, and no one in the neighborhood had the slightest idea or suspicion who was the guilty party. Ascertained that the body had been taken to Arvada by Mr. Burton, Justice of the Peace, proceeded to Arvada and got the body, could get no information more than the above, but found it was the body of a very small child, not matured, in a state of decay, as there was no evidence of any kind to be produced, decided an inquest unnecessary, brought the body to Golden, and turned it over to J. C. Davidson for burial.

Nov. 7, going to place about 1 mile north of Jesuit College and to Arvada and making inquiries, 1 day	\$ 5.00
Mileage, 20 miles @ 10¢	2.00
	<u>7.00</u>

93 Golden, Jefferson County, Colo. Nov. 26, 1900

On this 26th day of November AD 1900, received information that the body of a man had been seen a few days since hanging in the ruins of a building on top of hill above Chimney Gulch by a boy named Anderson. After examining the boy, proceeded to place where the body was seen accompanied by the boy, found no body there, but after questioning the boy getting all particulars possible and examining the place, was satisfied that a body had been there according to statement of said boy, but had been removed, examined the grounds for a considerable distance round, but could find no trace, notified sheriff.

Making inquiries and examining into case, 1 day	5.00
Mileage, 6 miles	.60
	<u>5.60</u>

Golden
Jefferson Co., Colo.
January 1901

Inquest upon the dead body of Thomas M. Williams

On January 3, 1901, I was notified by F. E. Jump of the dead body of Thomas M. Williams, aged 59 years, October 26, 1900, being found in Jefferson County, Colorado. I immediately went to the place and found the body as notified.

I inquired of H. H. Williams, son of deceased, A. W. Hooper, son-in-law of deceased, J. T. Fletcher, Jas. W. Brinkerhoof, and F. E. Jump, concerning the death of said Thomas M. Williams. And from the information thus obtained I am - of the said Thomas M. Williams, who appears to have been for some time in a very low state of physical health, and had for several days past been confined to his bed by sickness, while perhaps temporarily insane committed the act of self destruction.

Jany. 4, 1901. Afterwards it was deemed best to hold an inquest, and this day, thereupon I summoned W. H. Sweetsen, Samuel Hess, W. T. Heath, I. F. Fletcher, J. L. Randall, and W. C. Randall, who having been by me first duly sworn as Jurors herein. J. W. Brinkenhoof, Williams and Minnie Hooper were sworn as witnesses and thus in - reduced to writing and submitted by them respectively. And thereupon the said Jurors return a verdict that the said Thomas M. Williams came to his death about between 5 and 5:30 oclock PM January 3, 1901, in said Jefferson County from a gun shot wound inflicted by himself while temporarily insane.

Fees, 2 days	\$ 10.00	Wm Klutt, Coroner
32 m. @ 10¢	3.20	Jefferson Co. Colo.
	<u>\$ 13.20</u>	
		Paid by Co.

Golden, Colo.
Jany. 28, 1901

In the matter of the dead body of Sam Cobean

January 26, 1901, received a telegram from Alex Searsway, notifying me of the dead body of a person on Goose Creek, in my County (Jefferson), about 23 miles southeast of Buffalo. I repaired to the locality named, arriving there on Jany. 28th, January 28th, 1901. Viewed the body and took charge of the same. I talked with Doctor King, and J. H. Lawrence in the employ of the Denver Union Water Company, also with Alex Searway and others; from which it appears that the name of the deceased is Sam Cobean, that the said Sam Cobean came to his death on or about 9 oclock PM on January 25th, 1901, That he was found lying dead on the ground near his bed in his tent with his throat cut and lying beside him was a bloody razor. I found in his pockets \$25.70 in money.

After considering the matter and the information received from said parties, I am of the opinion that the said deceased died by his own hand, and that no one insofar as I could discover in any way guilty of causing his death, and that in all the circumstances an inquest is not necessary. Therefore, I ordered the body of said Sam Cobean buried there and turned the body over to Alex Searway for burial, and gave the \$25.70 to Dr. J. H. King to meet the expenses of such burial. I suppose the said deceased to be from 35 to 40 years of age.

Fees 2 days, \$10.00	Mileage 130 mi	Wm Klutt, Coroner of Jefferson County
@ 10¢, \$13.00,	2 telegrams .70	<u>\$23.70</u>

Decd. had a bro. living in Toronto, Canada

In the matter of the dead body of Arthur F. Farley

June 19, 1901. Received notice from William Anderson of Creswell, Colo., that the above named decedent had shot himself, at the G. Y. Arnold ranch, near Creswell. I repaired to the Arnold ranch indicated, and found the dead body of said Arthur F. Farley in a bedroom in the farm house on this ranch, about 11:20 P.M. There were present on the premises when I arrived there Thomas Farley, father of deceased, Hannah Farley, mother of deceased, and his sister. The deceased was apparently about 25 years of age, and had been living there with his father's family for about four years.

I examined the parties above named and Fred Markle, M. D. Sheller, and Asbert Downs; and from the information so gained I came to the conclusion that an inquest by a jury was unnecessary; that the deceased came to his death about 1:30 PM, June 19, 1901, from a Winchester rifle shot, inflicted by the deceased himself, while in an insane condition of mind; that this condition of mind had existed at intervals for about eight months. No one appears to have been present when the deceased committed the act, others were in the house at the time, the father, mother, and sister. I turned the body of deceased over to the father, Thomas Farley, for burial.

Fees, 1 day	\$5.00
32 miles 10¢	<u>3.20</u>
	8.20

Wm. Klutt, Coroner
of Jefferson County, Colo.

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Inquest;

In the matter of the dead body of Charles J. Snyder

Aug. 29, 1901. Received information by telephone from Justice Burton of Arvada, Jeff. Co., of the finding of the dead body of an unknown person hanging by the neck in the barn of Henry Carne, near the C and S Ry track, about 1/2 mile west of Arvada in my county. I repaired to the place indicated same day accompanied by A. D. Jameson, Deputy Dist. Atty. Viewed the body and there being a fresh wound in the top of the head of the dead body, which was clothed only in trousers, drawers, and undershirt, decided to hold an inquest. Thereupon I summoned L. A. Rena, Chas. Wheeler, A. W. Davidson, A. H. Barth, J. C. Kenwell, and Wm. Jolly, and they were duly impanelled and sworn by me as Jurors, pursuant to the statute. Inquest held at Buxton's shop in Arvada, to which place I removed the body. Ernest Carne, Henry Carne, and Dr. E. P. Greene were sworn as witnesses. After hearing the evidence which was written down by H. S. Buxton as clerk and viewing the body and the place where the same was found, the Jurors made and subscribed a verdict before me, that the said deceased (who was not identified by the evidence taken but from an article published in "The Denver Times" of this date) came to his death between 10 and 1 o'clock, August 29, 1901, in the day time by hanging himself while temporarily insane. I turned over the body to H. S. Burton, J.P. to deliver to the friends of deceased, who telephoned from Denver that they were on the road after the same. And in case they didn't appear to bury the same at the expense of Jefferson County at Arvada. No valuables of any kind was found on the body, nor anything whatever, except the clothes above mentioned. Dr. E. P. Greene made an examination of the wound referred to above and found that the skull was not fractured.

Fees	1 day	\$5.00
	16 mile 10¢	<u>1.60</u>
		6.60

Wm. Klutt, Coroner of Jefferson County

In the matter of dead body of unknown man
supposed to be Henry Fitschew (Fitschen)
about 60 to 65 years of age

On Thursday, Nov. 21, 1901, I was called to take the body of a man 60 to 65 years old, supposed to be named Henry Fitschen, found dead hanging by the neck, about one mile above Elk Creek, on or near the Colo. Southern Ry. track, in my county. I repaired to the place and found the body as above. Upon inspection of the body and surroundings, I became convinced that the death was suicidal and that no inquest was necessary. I cut the body down and brought the same to Golden, and delivered it to J. C. Davidson, undertaker, for burial, which he buried on November 22, 1901, in Golden Cemetery.

Fees	1 day	\$5.00	Wm. Klutt, Coroner
	10 mi	2.00	Jefferson County
		<u>7.00</u>	

I required the services of two assistants to remove the body, and employed C. H. Judkins and Hary Daily, Jr.

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Berkeley Annex
Jefferson Co. Colo.
Jan. 27, 1902

In the matter of the dead body of Geo. V. Dunn

Jan. 28, 1902, was notified by J. L. Davidson of Golden, that G. V. Dunn of Golden had committed suicide at his home. I inquired into the circumstances carefully, and being convinced that the facts were clear, I sent a letter to J. L. Davidson, undertaker, giving permission to lay the body out same evening.

Jan. 28, 1902. Went to Golden this AM, examined body, and found that Dunn had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a 32 cal. revolver, his wife seeing him fire the shot. After examination, I was convinced that no inquest was necessary, and thereupon signed the death certificate. Permission was given to J. L. Davidson to bury the body, and it was buried on this date in Golden Cemetery.

Fees \$5.00

H. Hallock, M.D.
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

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Nov. 4, 1902
Berkeley Annex,
Jeff. Co.

In the matter of the dead body of Harry Hall
Infant 3 days old

Was notified by a neighbor the infant son of A. S. Hall had died in his bed during the night. I went immediately to ascertain the cause of death. I found that the infant was sleeping in a crib alone, and the night being rather cold, had been attacked by congestion of the lungs, and death ensued before the accident had been discovered. I accordingly rendered the cause of death as Pulmonary Congestion. Permission was given to remove the body, and he was accordingly taken to Oklahoma City for burial same afternoon.

Fees \$5.00

H. Hallock, M.D.
Coroner of Jefferson County, Colo.

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Berkeley Annex
Jefferson Co., Colo.
May 24, 1902

In the matter of the dead body of Eben E. Eaton

Was called by J. W. Rogers & Son, undertakers, to issue certificate of death for Eben E. Eaton, who died at Edgewater the previous night without medical attendance. I went to Edgewater and found the body lying in a tent where he had been sleeping. On questioning his sister, Mrs. Conant, carefully concerning his previous health, and his habits, she stated that he had been affected with rheumatism for many years, had sometimes used crutches, and had had rheumatism of the heart at different times, suffering very much from same. I questioned some other people living in vicinity and finding the above statements to be true, I issued the certificate of death giving the cause as cardiac paralysis due to rheumatism.

Fees \$5.00

H. Hallock, M.D.
Coroner of Jeff. Co.

Body buried by Rogers & Son, Riverside Cemetery, Denver

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Berkeley Annex
Jefferson Co.
June 7, 1902

In the matter of the dead body of Edith Withers

Was notified by undertakers J. N. Rogers and Son that the body of Edith Withers was lying at their undertaking rooms in Denver on Champa St., and sent for me to view the body. I accordingly went to aforesaid rooms and made a careful inspection of the body, and found a fracture of the cervical vertebra causing paralysis of the heart. The accident had been caused by a team running away in Turkey Creek Canyon, wagon containing a large load of Denver High School girls and boys on hayrack, when the horses took fright and ran away with the result stated.

Fees \$5.00

H. Hallock, M.D.
Coroner, Jefferson Co.

Body buried by Rogers & Son at Fairmount Cemetery

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Berkeley Annex
Jefferson Co.
May 23, 1902

In the matter of the dead body of Jonas W. Whan

Received a telephone message from T. H. McGill of Morrison that the dead body of J. W. Whan had been found in bed at his home at Morrison and requested me to come up as soon as possible, and make an examination into the case. I did so finding that the cause of death in the case of said Whan was heart failure from a long continuing bout of alcoholic inebriety producing heart failure. Death was also accelerated by a mild form diarrhea, caused by alcoholic excess in all probability.

Fees for trip and examination \$5.00

H. Hallock, M.D.
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

Body interred at Morrison, Colo.

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William H. Bell

Berkeley Annex
Jefferson Co. Colo.
May 24, 1902

Was notified this P.M. by W. Ransom that the dead body of W. H. Bell had been found in bed this forenoon at Ransom's house. I immediately made a trip of about 7 miles in the country to Ransom's house and made an examination of the body. From all appearances said Bell had died in a convulsion. The symptoms all pointed to this condition. The fingers were tightly clinched, the mouth frothy, the bedding pulled about, the muscles of the body in a state of clonic contraction, and knowing that he had frequently been subject to convulsions the last few years, the case seemed clear that cardiac failure had occurred during the convulsion. He had also been suffering for several months from a recent cerebral hemorrhage.

Fee \$5.00

H. Hallock, M.D.
Coroner of Jeff. Co.

Body buried by H. S. Benton in the Arvada Cemetery.

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Berkeley Annex
Jefferson Co. Colo.
June 28, 1902

In the matter of the dead body of George Sperling

This PM I was notified of the killing of George Sperling by a thunderbolt on a ranch near Semper and requested to repair immediately to that place to examine body and arrange for its being taken care of and interment. On arrival I found the body which had fallen backward from where said Sperling had been standing. Found one half of body which had been nearly roasted by the electric fluid, was also turned nearly black.

I took an inventory of the wearing apparel of deceased, telegraphed his people in Mo., and turned the body over to H. S. Benton and Hall, undertakers, for burial. I ascertained the deceased was single.

Fee \$5.00

H. Hallock, M.D.
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

The body was embalmed by undertaker Hall and afterwards shipped back to his people in Graham, Mo., by express.

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Berkeley Annex
Jefferson Co., Colo.
June 28th, 1902

In the matter of the dead body of George Bates

This man apparently about 40 years old was killed in the same way, time, and place as the previous case, Geo. Sperling. He had fallen backward in his tracks where he had stood in the open barn door of the ranch near Semper when the thunderbolt had struck the peak of the barn at the ridge pole directly over his head. His flesh was much seared, his clothing burned nearly off of one leg, the buttons on his coat melted, and death in his case, as in the last, had been absolutely instantaneous. He had been employed as had the said Sperling to work upon this ranch, and neither man had been on the ranch more than 3/4 hour when the bolt had extinguished them. This man was also embalmed, by undertaker Hall, but neither his friends nor relatives could be found, and he was buried by the county in the Arvada cemetery.

Fee \$5.00

H. Hallack, M.D.
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

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John J. Johnson, Age 31

Berkeley Annex
Jefferson Co. Colo.
July 15, 1902

In the matter of the dead body of John J. Johnson

I received notice this P.M. from the county coroner by telephone that a man had been found in a well on a ranch near Golden and asking me to repair to the spot, and make examination. I went and found that the said J. J. Johnson had committed suicide the night previous by jumping headlong down a narrow well, after having first partially cut his throat with a pocket knife, which was afterwards identified as the knife belonging to himself. The body was found at bottom of well with head downward, and sticking in the mud at the bottom of the water. Death was caused by drowning inflicted by his own hand. His cousin stated that he had been of unsound mind, and that he had only recently been released from an insane asylum in Iowa. He was a teacher, and had only been in this state for about 2 weeks.

Fee \$5.00

H. Hallock, M.D.
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

Body taken in charge by undertaker Davisson of Golden.

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Andrew Kelly, Age 33

Berkeley Annex
Jefferson Co. Colo.
July 26, 1902

In the matter of the dead body of Andrew Kelly

I was notified by McGovern, undertaker, Arapahoe St., Denver, that he had in charge the body of Andrew Kelly, an alderman who had been killed by a runaway in Jefferson County, and had been taken into Denver by mistake, before the coroner was called. I accordingly found that a fractured skull had caused a cerebral hemorrhage and that death had resulted from these causes.

Fee \$5.00

H. Hallock, M.D.
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

The body was interred by McGovern.

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Berkeley Annex
Jefferson Co. Colo.
Oct. 20th, 1902

In the matter of the dead body of an unknown man found on the Kendrick ranch

About sunset this date I was notified by Sheriff Nichols of Golden that an unknown man had been found on the Kendrick Ranch on the road to Morrison. He also said that someone had sent for Horan to go, as the people on ranch did not know who to send to. I at once telephoned to Horan's office and rec'd reply that he had been out there, but was now on his way back with the body. I telephoned next day but got no reply. The 2nd day I wrote Horan for his authority to go into Jefferson Co., and for the verdict as to cause of death. In a few days I rec'd a letter from him saying that I could not be found at the time which is untrue because no attempt had been made to find me, and I had been at home all day. He had a ? ex. by two physicians but they did not find any cause of death.

My fee \$1.00

H. Hallock, M.D.
Coroner, Jefferson County

Interred probably by Horan, Coroner and undertaker of Denver.

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Coroner's Office
Golden, Colo.
Jan. 24th, 1903

Inquest on the dead body of Thomas Coffey

January 23rd, 1903. I was called to Arvada to take charge of the body of Thomas Coffey laying there dead, who resided at that place, and who had been killed in an accident coupling cars on the Denver and Northwestern Railroad. I went to Arvada, accompanied by District Attorney Jameson, looked over the case and summoned the following men as members of the Coroner's Jury, all of whom were duly sworn. J. F. White, J. R. Rader, Joseph Dennis, Jr., W. G. Truax, William Graves, and Simon Graves. L. A. Reno was employed as Clerk. The following witnesses were examined at the inquest: Ed Benton, Wm. Buckley, Wm. Eustice, Charles Bennetts, Antone Matthews, A. Fagerberg, Charles A. Swift, R. C. Greene, and Richard Russell. The inquest was held in John B. John's hall at Arvada.

After hearing the evidence of the above witnesses, the jury came to the following conclusion as evidenced by the verdict vis' that the said Thomas Coffey came to his death about 9 oclock AM on the twenty-third day of January, AD 1903, at Arvada in the said Jefferson County, by being crushed between the motor car and a flat car while endeavoring to couple the same together, that such injury was accidental, the jurors are of the opinion from the evidence before them that the couplings used on the cars in question of the D&NWRR Co. are unsafe.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Jan. 27th, 1903

In the matter of the dead body of Charles Benedict

January 27th, 1903. I received a telephone call from Dr. McNeal at Spragues Camp at the mouth of Coal Creek Canon on the line of the Denver and Northwestern and Pacific Railroad saying that one of the graders had died there very suddenly at about 10 PM the night before and that they wanted me to come out and investigate. I went out as requested, found a large fleshy man with dark hair, blue eyes, and would weigh about 190 pounds found nothing on the body to identify him except a tag in the American Registry Co., Washington, D.C., No. 67324, found out from them that it was Charles Benedict of Sandusky, Ohio. Communicated with relatives and they paid burial expenses and had him buried here in the Golden cemetery. Deceased went under an assumed name. He was known here as Charles Summers. Found out later he was an embezzler to the extent of \$500.00 from Hoover and Woodward of Sandusky, Ohio, for whom he had worked for 20 years. No inquest was held as I did not think it was necessary.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroner's Office
Golden, Colo.
May 8th, 1903

Inquest on the body of Robert N. Hartman

May 8th, 1903. I received a call from Professor H. B. Patton at the School of Mines announcing that Professor Robert N. Hartman had been accidentally killed at the school. I proceeded to the school, viewed the body, and removed it to his home. On May 9th, I summoned a jury comprising the following men, who served as jurors: R. Broad, Jr., Geo. Kelly, Thomas Ward, W. H. Carter, S. A. Cunningham, and Louis C. Hill. The following witnesses were summoned: Dr. Paul Meyer, Charles Jaquette, and Guy Warfell, after viewing the remains, the scene of the accident, and hearing the evidence, the jury decided that the said Robert N. Hartman came to his death on the 8th day of May, A.D. 1903, about 2 o'clock P.M. at the State School of Mines in Golden in said County, by accidentally inspiring Hydrogen Sulphide gas in the Hydrogen Sulphide generating room of the said School of Mines. In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands and seals this day and year aforesaid.

Louis C. Hill
Thos. Ward
Geo. Kelly

R. Broad, Jr.
S. A. Cunningham
W. H. Carter

Attest: J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroner's Office
Golden, Colo.
May 26th, 1903

In the matter of the dead body of A. L. Barron

On May 26th, I received a call to go to Orman and Crooks Camp No. 8 near the Wagner Ranch to view the body of A. L. Barron, a grader employed by them who had been killed by lightning. I went out and brought the body to Golden as no inquest was necessary. I telegraphed to his mother in Butte, Montana, and received word from her to bury him in Golden, which I did on Friday, May 29th, 1903. He had no money or valuables on his person except a watch and ring which I sent to his mother in Butte.

J. L. Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroner's Office
Golden, Colo.
July 24th, 1903

In the matter of the dead body of O. A. Anderson

On July 24th, 1903, I received a telephone call from W. P. Horan, Coroner of the City and County of Denver, saying that he had been called to see a man who had been drowned in the small lake at Berkley and as it was in Jefferson County, it was not his jurisdiction. I went and viewed the body, found he had gone to the lake with Gustav wingun and John Lingstrom, had gone in swimming, was seized with cramps, went under and came up several times, finally floating on his back. He had been doing a number of tricks and was watched by a crowd of boys who finally realized that he has drowned and Edward Funkhauser, 14 years old, went in and towed the body to shore. The drowing was purely accidental and no inquest was necessary, so I turned the body over to Mr. Horan at the request of his relatives, who buried him. Anderson was 57 years old, and lived at No. 709 West 43rd Avenue, Denver, Colo.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
August 2nd, '03

In the matter of the dead body of Geo. C. Sample

I was called up today by telephone from Mt. Olivet by Charles Pearson who said that a young colored man had been drowned accidentally in the Arapahoe Lake six miles north of here and that I was wanted at once, so I went out and found that the body had not yet been recovered so I spent the rest of the afternoon trying to recover the body but without success. The man's name was Geo. C. Sample and he was the janitor at the State Armory. He had gone out fishing and swimming with some friends and was taken with cramps and was drowned in spite of the help given him. I notified his father Sunday and he came to Golden that afternoon with friends, and went out to the lake Monday morning and worked all day and Tuesday until noon when the body came up of its own accord, and was taken to shore, after which I was notified and went out again to view the body, found that no inquest was necessary, so turned the body over to the father who took it to Denver for burial.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Coroners Office
Golden, Jefferson County
Aug. 11th, '03

In the matter of the dead body of Henry Murphy

I was called up today by telephone from Buffalo Park by a representative of Geddis and Serrie, the contractors building the dam at Cheesman Lake, 26 miles above Buffalo, saying that an employee of theirs, Henry Murphy by name, had been drowned that day and wanted me to come up and investigate so I went up immediately and found the circumstances to be as follows: Murphy with two other men were unloading sand from the scows and had just finished one and Murphy went to jump from the empty one to a loaded one which was about six feet away, as he went to jump he stubbed his toe on the side of the scow and fell head foremost into the water, came up once and went under again, and did not come up any more. The body was recovered 28 minutes later with grappling hooks, water was 47 feet deep where body was found. I examined witnesses J. C. Ferree, a fireman on one of the stationery engines who was the first to see the accident and also Dr. H. R. Lathrop, who was on the dam at the time of the accident. I am satisfied from what I saw and heard that the accident was one of those unavoidable ones which will happen and that the contractors, Geddis & Serrie, were in no way to blame.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Henry Murphy was buried at Pine Grove Aug. 12th, 1903.

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
August 28th, '03

In the matter of the dead body of Giovanni Mariani

On August 26th, I received a telephone call from Mr. Greene at Buffalo Park saying that a man had been killed at the Cheesman Dam and wanting me to come immediately and investigate. I went up on the first train to Buffalo and from there to the Dam. On arriving there I found that Giovanni Mariani had been killed by being crushed between two large stones, the circumstances being as follows: John Ursalla was head derrickman and Mariani was his assistant. Mariani had fastened the hooks on the rock which was to be raised, then stepped back and told Ursalla it was alright to go ahead. The rock was raised and as the boom to the derrick had not been properly fixed by Mariani, the rock instead of being pulled straight up, swung over and hit a larger one which was sitting on the dam. Mariani saw when too late that he was caught and tried to stoop under it but only got down far enough to protect his body and his head was crushed. He lived an hour and a half after the accident.

The only point of difference brought out was that Ursalla claimed that he had not given the signal to raise the rock but the Engineer Carl Gibson to whom I talked for some time claimed that he did give the signal as he never raised the rock until he got the signal from the head derrickman. I think that in the excitement of the accident Ursalla either forgot that he gave the signal or else denied it from fear of the other Italians, friends of Mariani, as there was considerable feeling between the two factions. After carefully examining all the witnesses, I was satisfied that it was Mariani's own fault that he was killed and did not deem an inquest necessary so did not hold one.

Mariani had \$10.00 in cash and a certificate of deposit for \$165.00 in a bank in Denver owned by Prospero Frazzini & Bros., also a time check for \$15.45, the balance due him from Geddis & Serri. I got all of these, a total of \$190.45, and after paying necessary expenses amounting to \$15.00, I turned the balance \$175.45 over to Prospero Frazzini to be sent to Mariani's family in Italy, taking the accompanying receipt for it. Mr. Frazzini said he would see Dr. Cuno, the Italian Consul in Denver and then forward it all to Italy.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Mariani was buried at Pine Grove, Colo., Aug. 27th, 1903.

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Sept. 10, 1903

In the matter of the dead body of Charles A. Cobb

I received this morning a telephone call from the Coroner of Arapahoe County saying a man by the name of Charles A. Cobb had shot himself on the Dean ranch in Jefferson County, and as it was out of his county, he notified me and I went over, and investigated the matter. I found that the man had been drinking heavily for two months and was really unbalanced from whiskey. The shooting was with suicidal intent and as it was a very plain case, I thought that no inquest was necessary so did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Sept. 18th, 1903

In the matter of the dead body of Robert B. Broad

This afternoon I was called on by Mr. L. R. West saying that Robert B. Broad of Ralston Creek had committed suicide about 2 o'clock by taking carbolic acid, and he wanted me to go out at once, which I did, and investigated finding the circumstances to be as follows: A number of years ago Mr. Broad was kicked in the forehead by a horse and his skull was crushed. He was operated upon and a plate put in, but as time passed there was a pressure on the brain, which brought on attacks of melancholia, and it was during one of these spells where he was not feeling well that he took the carbolic acid which ended his life. After looking the matter over I decided no inquest was necessary so did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Sept. 19th, 1903

In the matter of the dead body of Thomas Bishop

At 6 o'clock last night I received a call from Mr. A. H. Lytle of Lyden saying that Thomas Bishop had died at the Broadway Hotel, about 3 miles up Coal Creek Canon, from injuries received in an accident which happened Sept. 16, '03, and he wanted me to go out and investigate at once. I went out and got the body and found the circumstances to be as follows: Bishop was a teamster working for Good & Co., one of the subcontractors on the Moffat Road, and was engaged in hauling goods from Lyden to their headquarters at Camp #1 up Coal Creek Canon. He had left headquarters in the morning with a light load and six horses, two of which he was leading and the other four were being driven. He was running the horses according to the statement of some of the men down the canon and just before he reached the Broadway he was thrown from the wagon by its striking a rock and moving the seat. He had a severe abrasion on the left temple where his head had struck a rock, also a bruise on the left arm where the wagon had run over it and also marks on his chest where the wheel had passed over it. He was injured so badly that he would not let anyone move him so a bed was made and some of the men went on to the Broadway and telephoned for the Doctor, but before the doctor came, Mr. Babcock who runs the Broadway took a team and went up and got him, the Dr. saw him on Wednesday afternoon, but did not see him again until after he died on Friday morning. The only difference that I found was that C. M. Hayden, another driver who was with him (Bishop) claims that he, Bishop, was not running his team, and that he was not intoxicated as was claimed by others; after talking to everyone whom I could who knew anything about it, I decided that an inquest was not necessary so did not hold one. Bishop was buried at the Golden Cemetery, the expense being borne by Good & Co.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Sept. 24, 1903

In the matter of the dead body of
an unknown man found on the Christian Ranch

At noon today I received a call from Mr. Burton of Arvada saying a man had been found dead on the Christian Ranch 3-1/2 miles northwest of Arvada and wanted me to investigate. I went out and found the man in a haystack where he had evidently intended to sleep. He had a .38 calibre revolver in his hand and had fired two shots in his mouth, blowing his head off. He had been there at least a week or ten days and was in a bad state of decomposition when I found him. I should judge him to be about 25 years of age and a Swede. He had a thin mustache, was about 5 feet 6 in. tall and weighed about 150 pounds, had blue eyes and dark hair, wore a pair of grey checked trousers with overalls over them and a light brown check coat with no vest. He had nothing on him to identify him and all that I found was a dollar watch, a pipe and tobacco, a pocket knife, and two .38 calibre revolvers. I brought him in to Golden and buried him here at the County's expense. Sept. 25th, 1903.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner Jefferson Co.

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
October 2nd, 1903

In the matter of the dead body of Daniel McGinnis

Last night I received a call by telephone from Mr. Perry, the manager of the Leyden Coal Co. mine at Leyden, saying that a man had been killed at their mine, and wanting me to come out and investigate, which I did this morning, and found the circumstances to be as follows: Daniel McGinnis had been in Denver during the afternoon and was late in going to work. He went in to the engine room at the mine and asked Lou Harman the engineer if he could go down. Harman said no, that the men were all down and the cage was at the bottom of the shaft and that he would have to wait until the shift boss came up and then he could go down. McGinnis said no, he didn't think he'd go to work that night, he had been late and would go home, he walked out of the engine room and met the cage man and asked him about the cage and received the same answer he had from Harman. The cage man went on in to the engine room and McGinnis walked over to the shaft and opened the gate which was hooked, and either looked down and lost his balance, and fell, or else deliberately threw himself down. After learning all I could I decided no inquest was necessary and did not hold any. I brought the body, which was frightfully mashed up, to Golden and buried it in the Golden Cemetery, at the expense of the Leyden Coal Co.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroner's Office
Golden, Colo.
Oct. 9th

In the matter of the dead body of W. J. Florida

Yesterday afternoon I received a telephone call from Good & Co. camp at Leyden Junction saying a man had been accidentally killed and wanting me to come out. I went out and found out that W. J. Florida had been working for Good & Co. as a teamster, but had quit on the seventh and had drawn his pay and was coming down Coal Creek Canon with one of the other drivers, and when just above the Broadway about 3 miles above the mouth of the Canon, he was thrown from the spring seat of the wagon, on account of the wagon hitting a rock. He fell in front of the

wagon and the front wheel ran over his head but did not kill him instantly, so they loaded him in the wagon and started for the Broadway, but Florida died before they reached there. After he died they took the body on down to Leyden Junction, the nearest telephone, and sent for me. After learning the circumstances I decided no inquest was necessary so did not hold any. Deceased had \$43.00 on his person which I turned over to his wife, taking her receipt for the same. She had the body taken to Denver for burial.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Copy of receipt attached signed by Mrs. Hanna Florida

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Oct. 9th, 1903

In the matter of the dead body of H. F. Lunan

Yesterday evening I received a call from H. S. Burton of Arvada saying there had been a suicide there and wanting me to come and investigate which I did and found that H. F. Lunan had left the home of his son John Lunan some time after 10 o'clock in the morning and did not return. When dinner time came he was not to be found search was made until two o'clock when he was found among the brush where he had tied a piece of rope around the limb of a small tree, put the noose around his neck, and thrown himself forward, so that death was caused by strangulation. Mr. Lunan was 81 years of age and had been very melancholy for some time. It was a plain case of suicide so I did not hold an inquest as I did not think any necessary. I turned the body over to Mr. H. S. Burton of Arvada for burial at his son's expense. Mr. Lunan lived one mile northwest of Arvada.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Oct. 18th, 1903

In the matter of the Inquest on the dead body of Bert Zoller

On Saturday Morning, Oct. 17th, I received a call from Evergreen saying that a man had been shot at Munnells Charcoal Camp 9 miles above Evergreen and wanting me to investigate, which I did. I went up and brought the body to Golden and summoned Charles Munnell and John Irwin as witnesses. On Monday, October 19th I summoned the following Jurors: A. W. Doolittle, H. T. Curry, W. H. Carter, C. L. Palmer, Thos. Ward, and O. M. Colman, who after hearing the evidence, brought in the following verdict, that the said Bert Zoller laying there dead came to his death on Friday, the 16th day of October, A.D. 1903, at Munnell's Charcoal Camp in said Jefferson County from a bullet wound fired from a revolver in the hands of Fred Huron, and the Jurors further find and believe from the evidence that said shot was accidentally fired by said Huron.

Thos. Ward	C. L. Palmer
W. H. Carter	O. M. Colman
A. W. Doolittle	H. T. Curry

Attest: J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Nov. 22, 1903

In the matter of the dead body of John L. Jerome

Yesterday morning I received a telephone call from Buffalo Park saying that John L. Jerome had committed suicide on Saturday night and that I was wanted to investigate. I accordingly went to Buffalo as soon as I could and reached there about 4:30 Sunday afternoon and after a careful investigation found the facts to be as follows: That death had been caused by an accidental overdose of some drug he had been in the habit of using to cause sleep, as he had been suffering for months with insomnia. No letters were left or any evidence that he had thought of committing suicide and I am convinced that the death was purely accidental. After investigating all the circumstances I decided that an inquest was not necessary so did not hold any and turned the body over to Rogers & son, the Denver undertakers, and it was taken back to Denver by them on the special train which had taken us to Buffalo. I took charge of all his personal effects and turned them over to his son-in-law John McGowan before we reached Denver.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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In the matter of the dead body of an unknown
man supposed to be Peter Boullen

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Dec. 14th, '03

Saturday morning, December 12th, I was notified by Jerry Case, a boy here in town, that while out hunting he had discovered the body of a dead man on top of one of the mountains northwest of town, so immediately after dinner I started out with two assistants and young Case as a guide to investigate. On arriving at the place I found the man lying near a rock with an empty bottle in his hand, which had contained some acid he had swallowed as his lips and tongue were badly burnt. It was a plain case of suicide and after looking over the place carefully, I prepared to bring him down, which we did with a great deal of difficulty, as he was at least a mile and a half from the nearest place a wagon could be gotten. I brought the body to the store and upon examination I found the man to be a Swede about 5 feet 10 inches tall, and would weigh about 175 lbs. He wore a black diagonal serge suit, fairly good, also a black overcoat, black Derby hat, and carried a cane. He had 17 cents and a cheap gold ring, also a cheap watch, with a brass chain and a copper cent piece of 1848 for a charm on his person. He also had a half pint bottle of whiskey in his overcoat pocket. He had a large bald spot in the middle of his head running back from his forehead to the crown of his head, and the hair on the sides was 4 or 5 inches long, had a large prominent nose, and looked like a hard drinker. Upon inquiry later I learned that he was probably a Swede shoemaker who had been working for the May Shoe & Clothing Company in Denver by the name of Peter Boullen.

I communicated with his friends at the May and they said he had no friends and they could do nothing for him, said he had a sister in Minnesota, but did not know where she was, and could not get her address, so I buried him Tuesday Dec. 15th at the County's expense.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Jan. 6, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Walter Dale

Last night I received a telephone call from the Olinger Undertaking Co. in Denver saying that Walter Dale, a fourteen year old school boy, had committed suicide by drinking Carbolic Acid, at the Wheatridge school house, and wanting me to investigate. I went down this morning and after carefully investigating the circumstances found it to be a case of boyish love affair in which he thought he had the worst of it. He procured a bottle of Carbolic Acid and during the recess commencing at 2:45 PM drank the acid, and succeeded in getting back to his school room where he died. He had written several notes to a girl friend of his concerning the girl who had jilted him and saying he could stand it no longer so was going to kill himself, which he did. After investigating the matter I decided no inquest was necessary, so did not hold any.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo
Feb. 2nd, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Edward Sawyer

On Monday morning Feb. 1st I received a call from Glenmore Lake in Platte Canon saying a young man by the name of Edward Sawyer had been found dead in a tent there in which he had been living, and wanted me to investigate, which I did, and found that the young man had come west from Indiana in search of health, as he had been suffering from Tuberculosis, and had died while alone. Upon investigation I found that there was no need of an Inquest so did not hold any. Turned the body over to his father, William Sawyer, who shipped it to Indiana for burial.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo
Feb. 4th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Roscoe Hurley

Tuesday Feb. 2nd I received a call from Coroner Horan of Denver County saying a ten year old boy Roscoe Hurley, who lived at West 42nd Ave. and Stewart Street Denver had been drowned in West Berkeley Lake, that he had been notified and went and got the body before he discovered that the accident had happened in Jefferson County. I went to Denver and investigated and found that Hurley with Frank and Matthew Downey, two other boys, had been skating on Berkeley Lake when the thin ice broke and Hurley fell in. Frank Downey also fell in while trying to rescue Hurley. Matthew Downey succeeded in getting his brother out, but young Hurley was drowned before they could help him. The Denver Fire Dept. was notified and sent a wagon with grappling hooks out, and Al Walker and James Ferrill recovered the body about 7:45 PM, the accident having happened at 5:10. As I thought no Inquest was necessary, I did not hold any, and turned the body over to Walley and Rollins Undertakers for burial at the request of the father.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Feb. 4th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of William Frye

Wednesday afternoon February 3rd I received a telephone call from H. S. Burton at Arvada saying they had found a man in the brush along Ralston Creek, that had committed suicide and wanting me to come and investigate, which I did at once, and found it to be William Frye, an old resident of Arvada. It seems he had been suffering for some time with aching teeth and he finally had them pulled. The Dentist used Coacane and blood poison set in so that he suffered a great deal. The last seen of Mr. Frye was on Feb. 2nd when he was seen on the track of the D & NW railroad about noon near the place where his body was found. It seems he had gone down to the creek bed, got a can of water and dissolved some Cyanide of Potassium in it and drank it, causing instant death. Mr. Frye had enough of the poison left to kill all the people in Arvada. As it was a plain case of Suicide I did not hold an Inquest. I turned the body over to his family.

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Feb. 20th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Howard Snyder

Saturday night Feb. 20, I received a telephone call stating that Howard Snyder had been drowned in Coors Lake just below Golden and wanting me to investigate which I did and found that he with a party of others including Mr. Head and Driscoll, freshmen at the School of Mines, and the Misses Cora and Vera DeFrance, Maud Morrill, and Miss Ireland had been skating, when the ice broke suddenly and all went in with the exception of Miss Ireland. The balance of the party were all rescued, after being in the water about 20 minutes, but during this time Snyder was taken with cramps and drowned. The mishap was purely accidental, and I did not think an inquest necessary so did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
April 5th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Wm. A. Davis

This morning I received a telephone call from S. M. Perry, the president of the Leyden Coal Company, saying a man had been killed at their mine at Leyden, and wanting me to investigate which I did. I went out and found that he had been working in one of the rooms with his brother. They had just finished loading their first car of coal and the brother had started out with it. The man who was killed was picking down more coal when suddenly a large chunk weighing probably half a ton fell from the face of the wall and caught him across the neck and chest causing an internal hemorrhage which killed him almost instantly as he groaned only once or twice and was dead before his brother could reach him and he was not over 50 feet from him at the time. The case was purely accidental and could not be avoided and as I did not think an inquest necessary I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
April 9th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of M. E. Powers

This morning about 10 oclock I received a call from Mr. E. Herrod saying that he and Wm Llewellen had found a dead man in the little red brick cabin belonging to Mr. Llewellen, and wanting me to investigate. I went over with him and found it to be M. E. Powers who had been living there. The door was open the least little bit, and the screen was hooked from the inside. We went in and found him dead sitting on a box in the north east corner of the room at the foot of the bed. He had evidently been dead from 36 to 48 hours and I think he died some time Thursday night for he had not been seen since Thursday afternoon at 5 oclock. Powers had had heart trouble and had been drinking hard for two weeks and I think that is what caused his death. There were absolutely no signs of foul play, and I did not think an inquest necessary so did not hold one. I found his brother's address among his things and telegraphed him about his brother, and finally made arrangements with him and shipped Powers to him at Red Oak, Iowa, on Monday, April 11th, 1904. I also sent his brother a satchel containing his watch, and anything Powers had of any value.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
May 10th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Wm. E. Calkins

Yesterday I received a call by telephone from Jacob Derr, saying a young man by the name of William C. Calkins had committed suicide at the home of Mr. Wertman, the first house east of Boyds Crossing on the north road to Denver and wanting me to investigate, which I did. I went down on the first car and found that Sunday night the boy had been visiting Miss Lizzie Wertman, and about nine oclock started to go home and went out in the yard to pump up his wheel. While he was out there he drank about two ounces of Carbolic Acid, he then went back in the kitchen and got a drink of water, from there he went back to the parlor where the girl was, handed her the empty bottle and told her he had taken the acid. In a few minutes he was unconscious but did not die until about 2 oclock in the morning. It was a plain case of suicide without any apparent cause so I did not think an inquest necessary and did not hold one. I took the body to the home of his parents and turned it over to them. The boy was a student in the Wheatridge High School, was about 19 years of age and would have graduated in June.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
May 25th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Peter Weller

Monday May 23rd, 1904, I received a telephone call from Dr. M. Baker at Evergreen saying that a man by the name of Peter Weller had killed himself on his ranch about 6 miles south of Evergreen, and wanting me to come and investigate, which I did, and found that he had shot himself in the right temple with a .32 calibre revolver on account of family and financial troubles. It was a plain case of suicide and as I did not think an inquest necessary I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
July 11th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Katie Weinstein

Sunday July 10th 1904 I received a telephone call from Denver saying a woman had committed suicide, about 2 blocks west of the end of the Larimer St car line on West Colfax Ave. and wanting me to investigate, which I did. I found out that she had been living on a place there with her son, who had come to Colorado for his health. They both had tuberculosis and he had sent her money to come to Colorado. She had become homesick and discouraged and decided to end it all so she got hold of a bottle of Carbohc Acid and drank about 2 ounces. She was found at once, and several physicians called, among them the Police Surgeon from Denver, but it was too late and she died about 11 oclock. It was a plain case of suicide, and I did not think an inquest necessary and so did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Her name was Katie Weinstein and she was 57 years old.

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Golden, Colo.
July 18th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of William Little

Saturday July 16th, 1904, I received a telephone call from Mrs. P. H. Murray at Mount Olivet saying that one of the men working there, by the name of William Little, had gone in swimming, was taken with cramps and had been drowned. The body was recovered Sunday morning and brought to Golden. He was a man about 45 or 50 years old rather short and heavy set, had grey hair, a sandy mustache and a florid complexion. I did not think an inquest necessary so did not hold one. Upon further investigation I obtained the address of his daughter and brother, notified them, and later shipped the body to Vesta, Nebraska, to Lindsey Little.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Golden, Colo.
July 18th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of J. W. Hallock

This morning about nine oclock I received a telephone call from Major Wheeler at Arvada saying a man had been killed by the coal cars at Leyden and wanting me to go out and investigate, which I did, and found the facts to be as follows: John W. Hallock was the Railroad yard master at the Leyden mine, and among other things it was his duty to let the cars down under the coal chutes to be loaded. He and the brakeman, George Holden, were letting down a string of three empty cars according to John Maughan, the only man who saw the accident, Hallock was walking along the side of the first car and the brakeman, was at the break on the last end of the third car. The cars had gotten within about 10 feet of a car that was being loaded, when Hallock started to push the draw bar over, when he stumbled and fell. As he started to fall he called out, and the brakeman stopped the cars

in less than three feet but it was too late. He struck his head on the rail, and the back of his head was pinched between the rail and the car wheel enough to kill him, his jaw was broken and one hand crushed some. It was such a plain case of pure accident that I did not think an inquest necessary, so did not hold one and left the body at the mine subject to the orders of his relatives.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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July 25th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of an unknown man found in the Arapahoe Ditch.

Sunday Evening, July 24th, 1904, I received a call from Charles Johnson saying a dead man had been found in the Arapahoe ditch, I went down and found the body between the bars at the gate near the Richwein house. I went to work and got the body out, found it to be in a bad state of decomposition, as near as I could tell he was 5 feet 6 in. tall, would weigh 150 or 160 pounds, had dark brown hair and mustache, a round face and short neck, and may have been anywhere from 30 to 40 years of age. He wore a number 8 or 9 shoe, which had been newly half soled. He had on a blue serge vest, no coat, or underclothes, wore a black shirt of heavy cloth, and had no tie. He had on a pair of medium grade striped pants, and overalls. His hands were soft and not indicative of a laborer. I think from the condition of the body it had been in the water from a week to 10 days. I kept the body open for inspection until noon and no one seemed to know him, and as there were no signs of foul play, and it appeared to be either a case of accident or suicide, I did not think an inquest necessary so did not hold one. I took the body out and buried it in the County ground.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo
Aug. 14, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Robert M. Conley

Thursday afternoon, August 4th, I received a telephone call from Mr. H. W. Lake, the owner of a ranch 9 miles south east of Morrison, saying a man had been struck by lightning and killed, and wanting me to come over and investigate, which I did and found it to be a plain case and as no inquest was necessary I did not hold one. At the request of Mr. Lake I brought the body to Golden, and telegraphed to his brother, W. C. Conley, in Minnoria (?), West Va., and also another brother at Clintons, Wash. I received word from W. C. Conley on August 11th that he was not able to bury his brother, and so buried him in the County ground, paying for the burial with the money he had coming from Mr. H. W. Lake, \$23.33, twenty-three dollars and thirty-three cents. The body was buried Aug. 12th, 1904.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
August 9th, 1904

Inquest on the dead body of Wilbur P. Stebbins

Tuesday evening, August 9th, I received a call from Sheriff Nicholls saying that Mrs. Ida M. Stebbins had killed her husband, Wilbur P. Stebbins, at Sunnyside, the home of Wm. G. Lewis, in Jefferson County, and wanting me to investigate. I left with him on the 9:40 p.m. electric car and went to Sunnyside and found that Stebbins had been killed by his wife. I brought the body to Golden and held an inquest at the Store Wednesday afternoon, August 10th, with the following Jurors: Chas H. Wade, James R. Ward, M. B. Hobson, A. R. Chapman, James H. Williams, and Edward Bicking. The following witnesses were examined: Roy Stebbins, Ella Stebbins, H. D. Haywood, Frank Lewis, C. E. Cantwell, A. H. Schroeder, and Jasper Belding. The testimony of all was along the same line and showed that Mrs. Stebbins shot in self defense and only as a last resort. After hearing all the testimony the Jurors without leaving their seats brought in the following verdict:

An inquisition holden at J. C. Davidson's store in Golden, in Jefferson County on the 10th day of August, 1904, before J. Lofton Davidson, Coroner of Jefferson County upon the dead body of Wilbur P. Stebbins lying there dead, by the Jurors whose names are hereto subscribed: The said Jurors upon their oaths do say, That the said Wilbur P. Stebbins came to his death at Sunnyside, the home of Wm. G. Lewis in Jefferson County on the ninth day of August, 1904, about 8:30 P.M. from gunshot wounds, and that the said gunshot wounds were inflicted by his wife, Ida M. Stebbins; that they were inflicted in self defense, and without felonious intent, and further that the said Ida M. Stebbins was fully and completely justified in so doing.

Edwin Bicking
Jas H. Williams
A. R. Chapman
Chas. H. Wade
M. B. Hobson
James R. Ward

Attest
J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Aug. 20th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Catherine Boehm

Today at noon I received a call from Dr. Green at Arvada saying a woman living there by the name of Catherine Boehm had killed herself by hanging, and wanted me to come to Arvada and investigate, which I did, and found that she had hung herself with a small soft cord by tying the rope over a beam in the dug out in the rear of her home. She had been demented for some time and had just come home from the hospital a week before, and as there was absolutely no evidence of foul play and it was a plain case of suicide, I did not think an inquest necessary and so did not hold one. The remains were taken charge of by the husband and buried by him.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Golden, Colo.
Aug. 22nd, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Wm. Earl Peck

Yesterday afternoon about 4 oclock I received a telephone call, saying that a man had been killed at the bridge on the corner of Ford and Fourteenth Street, and wanting me to come over. I went as soon as possible and found it to be Earl Peck, who had been working for the Buckman Brothers on their ranch about 5 miles east of Golden. Peck and Guy Buckman were on their way to town with loads of hay and straw. There were no brakes on the wagons and in coming down the Ford St. hill the bale of straw Peck was sitting on slipped and threw him to the ground in front of the wagon. One of the wheels ran over his body and broke his right arm. The other one ran over his head breaking his jaw, and tore the right ear off so that it only hung by a thread. There was also a bad cut on the back of his head and also cuts on the upper and lower lips. It was a plain case of accident and as I did not deem an inquest necessary I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Golden, Colo
Oct. 8th, 1904
Coroners Office

In the matter of the dead body of A. A. Porter

Yesterday afternoon I received a call saying that A. A. Porter, an old time citizen and janitor of the north side school, had been found dead in the woodshed at the school and wanting me to investigate which I did and found the facts to be as follows: Mr. Porter was the janitor of the school and it was his duty to ring the bell for the recesses, this he did for the first recess at 2:30, and when the time came for the second recess at 3:30 he did not ring the bell, so a search was started for him as it was known that he suffered from heart trouble. He was found in the woodshed by one of the school boys, who thought he was asleep, as he had been sitting on a bench and had slipped down and was laying against it. Mr. Arasmith the principal was called and he sent for Dr. J. P. Kelly, who said he was dead, and then I was sent for. There were no suspicious circumstances and as it was a plain case of heart failure, I did not hold an inquest. Mr. Porter had \$92.10 in money, and a gold watch on his person, which I took charge of and turned over to the administrators.

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Golden, Colo.
Dec. 14th, 1904

Inquest over the dead body of Simon Mueller

Friday evening Dec. 9th, 1904, I received a telephone call from Mr. W. H. Decker of Morrison saying a man had been murdered who lived on the McIntyre Ranch 6 miles south of Morrison, and wanting me to investigate which I did. I went over Saturday morning and found the man to be Simon Mueller, who had been stabbed by Elmer E. Coob. I brought the body to Golden and on Monday, December 12th, held an inquest with the following jurors: J. C. Davidson, Wm. Williams, D. T. Gilbert, A. J. Treffersen, A. C. Pattee, and O. L. Hall. Walter Sweetser acted as Clerk of the inquest. W. H. Decker, Wm. Balliet, J. W. Montgomery, Clause Weibur, Dr. F. L. Luce, and S. M. Kessler were supeoned, and testified. The latter two were employed to hold an autopsy, and did so. After hearing the testimony, a copy of which I certified to

the Clerk of the District Court, of all the witnesses the jury brought in the following verdict:

state of Colorado)
County of Jefferson) S.S.

An inquisition holden at J. C. Davidson's store in Golden in Jefferson County on the Twelfth day of December A.D. 1904, before J. Lofton Davidson, Coroner of said County, upon the dead body of Simon Mueller lying there dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed; the said jurors upon their oaths do say that the said Simon Mueller came to his death in said Jefferson County, on the ninth day of December A.D. 1904, about 11:30 o'clock P.M. from certain wounds inflicted with a knife held in the hands of Elmer E. Cobb, and that the same were inflicted feloniously. In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands this day and year aforesaid.

Signed: Arthur C. Pattee
D. J. Gilbert
C. L. Hall
A. J. Treffersen
Wm. Williams
John C. Davidson

Attest: J. Lofton Davidson, Coroner, Jefferson Co.
After the inquest I turned the body over to E. P. McGovern for burial, at the request of the administrator, and received a Coroners warrant for the arrest of Elmer E. Cobb, to Sheriff Nicholls.

J. Lofton Davidson
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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Dec. 24th, 1904

In the matter of the dead body of Joseph Herringcamp

Yesterday afternoon I received a call from Mr. Geo. W. Waltamath who said that a man was dead at the old Murphy cabin on Ralston Creek, 5 miles west of Golden and wanting me to investigate which I did, and found him to be Joseph Herringcamp who had been working with waltamath sinking a shaft for a coal mine near where the Bentley and Todd mine used to be. Friday morning he complained of pains in his stomach and went to the cabin to bed where he stayed until noon, when waltamath came to Golden to get a rig to bring him in as he was very sick. He left at noon and at 3 o'clock he returned and found Herringcamp had gotten up out of bed, gone in the other room and sat down in front of the open fireplace, where he had died and fallen crossways of the chair. His left foot had fallen against the fireplace grate and had burned the toes all off. The men had been batching and Herringcamp had eaten 3 cans of tomatoes in two days, besides all the other things they had. Waltamath had eaten just the same as the other man with the exception of the tomatoes and as Herringcamp had violent convulsions and cramps and profuse vomiting. I am satisfied he died from ptomaine poisoning. I brought the body to Golden and buried it at the county's expense as he had nothing to pay for burial. I did not think an inquest necessary so did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Jan. 31st, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Matt M. Brown

Yesterday afternoon I received a call from Manager Perry of the Leyden Coal Mine, saying that a man had been killed at the mine and wanting me to go out and investigate which I did. I arrived at the mine at 7 P.M. and found that Matt M. Brown had been killed about 4 oclock. He was a machine helper and had been cleaning out the cuttings from the machine and had just about finished when in reaching in to the back of the cut, he got his head a little under the undermined coal, when a piece of coal about a foot square and four feet long fell on his head and fractured his skull near the right eye. He was killed instantly, his partner a man by the name of McDonald, was working with him and helped him as soon as possible but was too late to do any good. It was one of those unavoidable accidents which happen in coal mines, and as no blame could be attached to the company for negligence, I did not think an inquest necessary so did not hold one and left the body subject to the order of his relatives.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
March 17th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Winfred I. Straight

Last night about 9 o'clock I received a telephone call from Mr. C. P. Dixon, saying that Winfred I. Straight, a carpenter, had died very suddenly in his home on the north side and wanting me to come over and investigate and take charge of the body, which I did.

I found upon investigation and after talking with Mr. D. Kline, a carpenter who lived in part of Straights house and also Mr. Ed Denalon who was called in, that it was a plain case of suicide, by drinking carbolic acid, as the broken bottle was found in his pocket, but the clothes were not wet showing that it had been empty when was broken by his falling on the floor.

He had all the symptoms of carbolic poisoning, frothing at the mouth, and convulsions, the lips were burned, showing white when I first saw the body and later turning brown. There was also a slight burn on the right side of the face.

I took charge of the body and brought it to the store. I looked up the addresses of his relatives and telegraphed to his brother and father at Wayne, Michigan. March 21st, '05. Received word from Michigan that R. E. Straight, brother of deceased, would come to Colo. and he arrived today. R. E. Straight arrived here March 22nd after having been in a wreck himself. I prepared the body for him and turned over all personal effects to him and he took the body home with him to Dearborn, Michigan. The rest of the property I turned over to the administration.

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Golden, Colo.
March 20th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Albert Zimmer

Saturday, March 18th, 1905. I received a telephone call from Midway, below Morrison, saying that a man had been found dead in a cabin near that place, and wanting me to investigate, which I did, and found that the man was Albert Zimmer who had come to Colorado for his health from Chicago as he was suffering from Tuberculosis. He was living in a little cabin by himself and had passed away while no one was there. There was no possibility of foul play, and as I did not think an inquest necessary, I did not hold any, but turned the body over to his friends who had W. P. Horan of Denver take care of them.

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Golden, Colo.
March 23rd, 1905
Coroners Office

In the matter of the dead body of James R. Ward

Last night at six oclock Mr. Wm. Sweetser came to me at the store and told me that James R. Ward had died alone and suddenly, and he wanted me to come down at once and investigate. I did so and found that Mr. Ward had been standing either at the window or sink in one of the back rooms upstairs at 1144 Ford Street where he lived with Mr. Sweetser and his heart had failed him and he had dropped to the floor in a heap right where he had been standing. As he was a personal friend of mine and he was past 70 and had been troubled for sometime with dilitation of the heart, there is no doubt but what that caused his death. No inquest was necessary so I did not hold one. I took the body to the store and prepared it and shipped it to Brighton, Illinois, for interment. Mr. Sweetser accompanied the body.

J. Lofton Davidson
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Golden, Colo.
April 4th, 1905
Coroners Office

In the matter of the dead body of James E. Hutchinson

Sunday evening April 2nd, I received a telephone call from Mr. A. R. Chapman saying that James Hutchinson, a fireman on the C & S had died very suddenly at the Omaha House and wanting me to take charge of the body, and investigate, which I did, and found from conversation with Peter Mackin who was with him at the time that they had just set down to supper, when Hutchinson who had a bad cold and had been coughing all day, began to choke and raise phlem in large quantities. He choked badly, and was taken out in front of the building where he fell dead. He had suffered with heart trouble for several years and the violent choking caused paralysis of the heart, which killed him instantly. I brought the body to the store and prepared it for burial on Sunday, April 7th, 1905, by the Masons of which lodge he was a member. As no inquest was necessary, I did not hold one.

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Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
April 18th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Geo. W. Bacon

Monday afternoon April 18th, I received a telephone call from the residence of Mr. G. W. Bacon saying that he had passed away suddenly and wanting me to investigate which I did, and found that he had suffered for years from enlargement of the prostate gland, which had caused chronic cystitis, and this had caused his death, from lack of medical care, as he was a Christian Scientist. As no inquest was necessary I did not hold one.

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Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
April 19th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of James W. Traylor

Yesterday afternoon I received word that James W. Traylor had lost his life in an accident at the Cross Coal Mine operated by the State Industrial School, and wanting me to investigate which I did and decided to hold an inquest. I summoned a jury to appear April 19th at 10 A.M. and at that time I held the inquest at the store of J. C. Davidson where I had taken the body. The following witnesses were examined, J. C. Taylor, John Huggard, H. L. Link, and Lafayette Hawkins. After hearing the testimony the jurors whose names are signed below decided that the said James W. Traylor came to his death in said Jefferson County April 19th, 1905, as the result of an accident, which occurred, at the Cross Coal Mine, about 10:00 oclock A.M. of said day. Said deceased came to his death by unavoidable accident, no blame being attached to the operator of said mine.

Signed: John Hallock Wells
A. W. Doolittle
F. A. Landry
C. H. Herdic
F. L. Porter
H. C. Benedict

Attest:

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson
County, Colorado

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May 17th, 1905
Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.

In the matter of the dead body of Roy Arnold

Friday afternoon, May 12th, I received a telephone call from Dr. J. P. Kelly telling me that a man had committed suicide out on Ralston near the Hanson place by drinking Carbollic Acid, and wanting me to investigate which I did and found the man to be Roy Arnold, who had been working on the different ranches in that neighborhood. When I arrived at the scene he was not dead, and at the request of the doctor who was treating him, I took the body to the County Farm where he was treated by Dr. Kelly. We arrived there with the body about 4 P.M. and left it in charge of the keeper of the poor farm, and returned to town. He lived until about 7 P.M. and I went out Saturday morning and brought the body into Golden and am still holding it trying to locate his relatives.

May 20th, 1905. After tracing all the clues I could find, I found that the deceased had been going under an assumed name, and that his real name was Roy Huff, and that

he was the son of Henry N. Huff of Butler, Kentucky. I wired to him, but he was unable to do anything for him, so I buried him today at the County Expense. Huff was 5 ft. 7" tall, weighed about 140 lbs., had dark brown wavy hair, dark complected, dark eyebrows extending clear across above his nose, medium ears inclined to stand out, medium build, and brown eyes.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner Jeff. County

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Golden, Colo.
May 17th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Henry Meyer

Sunday Evening, May 14th, 1905. I received a telephone call from Henry Corbin of Pine saying he had found the dead body of Henry Meyer in the house where he was living on Joseph Kayser's ranch near Stone Spur on the Platte, and wanting me to come up and investigate, which I did, leaving here Monday morning in company with Joseph Kayser and Charles Sitterlee, when we arrived at the place we were met by Mr. Corbin, and found Meyer laying on the floor beside his bed with all his clothes on, where he had evidently fallen just as he went in the house, as the horse he was using was found in the field with its harness on. Meyer had complained for some time of not feeling well and was known to be suffering with valvular disease of the heart, which must have taken him off sometime on Friday previous, as he was last seen on that day, and as there was no indications of foul play, I did not think it necessary to hold an inquest, so did not. I received \$ from Kayser, whom he had been working for and who was an old friend of his, which I applied towards his burial expenses, Mr. Kayser paying the balance himself. The body was buried in a good casket in the Golden Cemetery.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo
July 20th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Angelo Riccinti

I received a call today from W. P. Horan of Denver saying the body, Angelo Riccinti, an Italian who was killed by lightning near Frank Ewarts ranch in this county had been taken to him by mistake, and wanted me to investigate which I did. I found no suspicious circumstances. He had been working in the field with his wife and another woman, and was struck by lightning during the storm. As no inquest was necessary, I did not hold one, and the body was buried at the expense of the relatives by Mr. Horan.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
July 27th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Peter walpole

Tuesday evening July 25th, I received a telephone message from Dr. Baker of Evergreen saying that a man by the name of Peter Walpole, 70 years old, had been found dead in his cabin 2 miles south of Evergreen, July 26th, and found the body in bad condition, but no signs of foul play. Did not think an inquest was necessary so did not hold one.

Mr. Walpole was living in a cabin by himself and was last seen in Evergreen on Thursday, July 21st, and from the condition of the body and the surroundings I am satisfied that he was killed by a stroke of lightning, Thursday night. After investigating the case I turned the body over to his son, Edward walpole, and it was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery.

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Coroner of Jefferson County

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Golden, Colo.
July 31st, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of J. H. Tennis

Sunday Evening, July 30. I received a telephone call saying that a man had been killed at west 38th Ave. and Wadsworth Ave., and wanting me to investigate, which I did, and found it to be J. H. Tennis. He had been riding a horse and was chasing some boys, who had been stealing cherries away from the Henry Lee Ranch, when last seen alive. There was some suspicion of foul play, but after careful examination of the body and a number of persons who were there afterward, I am satisfied that it was an accident as the horse he rode was in the habit of whirling suddenly and I think did so with Tennis and he fell and was dragged for some distance, causing concussion of the brain. I did not think an inquest necessary, so did not hold one and took the body home and turned it over to his wife.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Aug. 9th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of an unknown baby found at 14th & Ford St.

Monday afternoon I was called to investigate the matter of an unknown baby found under the bridge at 14th & Ford Sts. by Plummer Gardner. I found it to be that of a well formed male child, which had been wrapped in a copy of the Denver Daily News, dated Aug. 6th, 1904. The child had not been dressed at all and there was nothing whatever to show whom it belonged to. There was no marks on the child to show that it had been killed, and I am not sure whether it was naturally born or not, but am inclined to think it was. Upon further investigation I have found that the child was illegitimate and its mother was Grace Jasper, the father being a man by the name of William Bock. Dr. D. E. Garvin was the attending Physician, and it was he who dropped the child in the ditch where it was found. I have turned over what evidence I have gained to the Sheriff and Deputy District Attorney, and the case is now in their hands.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
August 12th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Dee Crowley

Yesterday afternoon I was called in to investigate the matter of the dead body of Dee Crowley, the 13 year old son of David Crowley, who had been killed by lightning on the Church ranch 5 miles north of Golden. I found that the boy had started out on horse back to bring in the cows for Harry Bates, the man he was working for, after a storm. He had not gone over 100 yards from the barn when a stroke of lightning killed him and the horse he was riding instantly. No inquest was necessary so I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Aug. 26th, '05

In the matter of the dead body of Patrick Meehan

Thursday afternoon, Aug. 24th, I received a telephone call from R. W. Spencer at Pine saying that a boy had been drowned at Crystal Lake near there, and wanted me to come up. I asked if there were any suspicious circumstances and he said no, the boy had dived and been taken with cramps and had drowned after several attempts were made to save him. I did not think it necessary for me to go up so told Mr. Spencer I would not come. Yesterday evening I received another call from Mr. Spencer in Denver saying he had recovered the body and brought it to Denver, and that a bullet wound in the head had been found, so I went down to investigate and found it to be the body of Patrick Meehan, and from what I could learn, he must have been struck by a stray bullet fired by some one, who was at the Grocers Picnic, just as he was making a dive from the raft. He was facing west and jumped that way. The bullet hit him in the left temple and took a downward course and could be plainly felt with a probe, and must have come from the south across the creek, where people had been shooting. The bullet must have struck some object and glanced over the dam and struck him at the instant he touched the water. It could only have been an accident, and I did not think it necessary to hold an inquest, and turned the body over to his parents.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

A newspaper clipping marked "News, Aug. 26th, 1905" is attached to the above report, describing the incident with more details.

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Sept. 4th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Chas. J. Duba

Yesterday afternoon I received a telephone call from Marshall J. C. Robb, saying that John Prout and Wm. Dennis had just reported finding the body of a dead man in the channel of the old high line ditch near where the tunnel comes out on the east side of the hogback near the clay pits operated by J. B. Gehman. I went up and investigated and found that the man had shot himself with a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson Revolver, which I found laying near the body. Upon searching his clothes I found his name to be Chas. T. Duba. He had been working for James Lenard, a Denver Real Estate man, and at this writing I know of no cause for his killing himself. He was a married man, but had no children. I turned all his effects over to Mr. Lenard, as it was a plain case of suicide, and I did not think an

inquest necessary, and so did not hold one. I received orders from Mr. E. W. Roberts (Duba's wife's father) to prepare the body for burial and did so. Will hold the interment at Fairmount Cemetery tomorrow.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Sept. 7th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Samuel Essenan

Monday afternoon, Sept. 4th, I received a telephone call from R. W. Spencer at Pine saying a drunken negro by the name of Samuel Essenan had fallen from the train between the cars at Mill Gulch on the Colo. and Southern, and had been instantly killed, and the railroad people had taken the body up to Pine. Spencer wanted me to investigate and I told him to have the body taken to Denver where it belonged and I would go down and investigate. The body was taken to W. P. Horans in Denver and I went down and found that the man had been drunk and fallen between the cars, the fourth and fifth on the train, and had had his skull fractured, as it was a plain case of accident, and the railroad was not to blame. I did not think an inquest necessary and so did not hold one. I left the body at Horans for friends of Denver County to bury.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Golden, Colo.
Oct. 3rd, 1905
Coroners Office

In the matter of the dead body of an unknown found on the Shaw Ranch above Evergreen, Colo.

Sunday, Oct. 1st, I received a telephone call from Dr. Baker at Evergreen saying the body of a dead man had been found on the Shaw Ranch 5 miles above Evergreen and wanting me to investigate, which I did and found that it had been a suicide by Carbolic Acid, and the body must have been there at least a year as there was nothing left but the clothes, which had rotted, and the bones. The head was gone, and both hands. The lower jaw was found about 10 yards from the body. (The statement, "The clothes were in such a condition you could not tell what color they had been." was written in and crossed out.) and there was nothing on or about the body which gave any clue as to the identity of the person. An inquest would have done no good so I did not hold one, but brought the body to Golden and buried it.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Oct. 7th, 1905

I went to the Golden Cemetery today and exhumed the above body for Mrs. Helen Atchison of Denver, and found that his clothes were a dark blue serge coat and vest, a pair of dark blue stripe cotton trousers, blue flannel shirt, light colored brown, heavy ballrigan (?) underwear, black socks, and a pair of Douglas shoes, with rubber heels.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner, Jefferson County

The following typewritten note has been attached to the above report:

The following note attached to the report on page 176:

Golden, Colo. Mch. 21st, 1906

On this came F. D. Taggart Attorney for Mrs. Atcheson to ask for a permit to exhume the remains heretofore claimed by him and Mrs. Atchison of Denver, Colo. to be that of her husband F. W. Atchinson. The said Mrs. Atchinson before the finding of the body had been to me and said that her husband had two fillings of amalgum in each side of the lower jaw, in the molars making four fillings in the teeth in all; she had also stated that the left foot was slightly turned in and the instep slightly curved upward and that the right collar bone had been broken when he had been in Coldwater, Michigan, when he was Eighteen years of age; that he had been in his lifetime about Five feet ten inches high, and had dark brown fine hair; upon a cursory examination of the body when discovered I did not think anything could be determined with certainty, but upon a careful and exhaustive examination at the time of the exhumation of the body I found every one of the representations as to the foregoing points of identity to exist in the remains. On October 7th, 1905, when I exhumed the remains the said F. D. Taggart measured the principal leg and arm bones and applied the same measurements to the corresponding bones of my own body and they were as nearly exact in length as we could determine. I am Five feet ten inches in height. On the Seventh of October, 1905, the said F. D. Taggart, Mrs. Atchinson and her daughter expressed their earnest desire to take said remains with them as the remains of Fuller W. Atchinson and give them burial as such. These requests I refused because I insisted the permit of the Board of Health of the City of Golden would have to be first obtained and further because I did not want to take any possible chance of being mistaken in the discharge of my official duty. The jaw with the said amalgum fillings in the teeth together with the bottle containing the Carcolic Acid and a small bunch of the hair I have had in my possession since October 1st, 1905, and this day have delivered them over to the said F. D. Taggart. From the actions and conduct of Mrs. Atchinson, her daughter and their said Attorney I believe that they think that they have correctly identified the remains as those of Fuller W. Atchinson, the husband of Mrs. Atchinson and a permit has accordingly this day issued to exhume the said remains and remove them to Denver as the remains of Fuller W. Atchinson, and the said remains have been by me this day delivered to the said F. D. Taggart.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Oct. 9th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Charles Powers

Sunday afternoon, Oct. 8th, I received a telephone call from R. H. Greene, the telegraph operator on the C & S saying a man had died suddenly on the C & S afternoon train coming down from the mountains. I went over and found it to be Charles Powers of Sharon, Penn. He was a man apparently 45 or 50 years of age, and from the appearance of the body, I am satisfied that he died from a stroke of apoplexy. He was with friends on the train, and they were anxious to take him on to Denver, and as there was no possibility of accident and no suspicion of foul play, and no inquest was necessary, I allowed them to do so and signed certificate for J. H. Rogers & Son of Denver.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

A note attached to the above report on the letterhead of R. H. Doolittle, Claim Agent of The Colorado & Southern Railway Co, Denver, Colo., lists items sent by Adams & American Express to Mrs. Charles Powers at Sandy Lake, Pa., which articles were found upon the person of the deceased - dated November 1st, 1905.

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Nov. 27th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of an unknown man found on the Swadley Ranch

Yesterday afternoon I received a telephone call from George C. Swadley saying a dead man had been found in a straw stack on his ranch, and wanting me to investigate. I went down this morning, and found the man, nothing being left but the clothes which were so decomposed that nothing could be told of what they were, or what color, and nothing was left of the body but the bones, which were large. He wore a pair of No. 9 working shoes, two suits of heavy cheap underwear, a black shirt, and high top overshoes; in his pockets I found a rusty knife, a pair of scissors, a comb, and a small piece of window glass but nothing which would serve to identify him. Two men had been there before my arrival, and taken the body out and pulled it to pieces, so whatever other evidence there may have been was destroyed. I brought the bones to Golden and buried them. The body was found in a straw stack about 100 yards from the Moffat road on the Swadley Ranch. As an inquest would have been useless, I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Dec. 11th. I was called to Arvada again on this case and after spending the day investigating, my ideas were not changed in the matter, and I decided a second time that no inquest was necessary.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

A newspaper article accompanies this report, reporting the criticism of Coroner Davidson in his first investigation of this case for overlooking "a couple of bones" and neglecting to take the clothing. A neighbor, William Hutchins, had identified some of the clothing as belonging to a Peter Johnson of the area who had been missing since March 25. This was apparently disproved in the second investigation.

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Nov. 20th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Mrs. Caroline Behr

This morning I received a call from Dr. D. E. Garvin saying that he had been called to the Behr residence to see Mrs. Behr who he found to be dead when he got there and asked me to investigate, which I did and found that she had been complaining of her heart for some time. She got up about 7:30 saying she was hungry and would get breakfast. Her husband thought he heard something falling in the other room but did not pay any attention to it until he got up later and went out and found her on the floor dead. Dr. Garvin was called but too late, as she must have been dead over an hour. I am satisfied from what I learned that her death was caused by a heart blood clot, and as there was no suspicion of foul play, I did not think an inquest necessary and did not hold one.

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Golden, Colo.
Dec. 13th, 1905

In the matter of the dead body of Fred H. Pratt
of Creswell

Yesterday afternoon, I was notified of the sudden death of Fred Pratt, and asked to investigate, found out he had been troubled with his heart for some time, and had been doctoring for it for some time. He was suddenly stricken while in his barn and was found dead by his mother-in-law. There was no suspicion of foul play, and as an inquest was unnecessary, I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Jan. 8, '06

In the matter of the dead body of Arthur Loftus Gear

Saturday evening, Jan. 6th, I received a telephone call from Dr. J. P. Kelly saying that a boy had shot himself, near the ranch of James W. Smith, and that I was wanted. I went down to investigate, and found that Loftus Gear and his son had been going home from Golden, and the son had gotten out of the wagon to shoot at a rabbit, but the rabbit got away. He got back in the wagon but failed to take the cartridge out of the gun, and it was jarred so it dropped down and struck the hammer on the foot rest exploding it. The charge entered his right leg just above the knee and tore out the artery. Mr. Gear stopped at Smiths' to telephone for a Doctor and then took the boy home. The accident happened about 5 o'clock P.M. and the boy lived until six P.M. It was a plain case of accident and as no inquest was necessary, I did not hold one.

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Coroner of Jefferson County

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Feb. 5th, 1906
Golden, Colo.
Coroners Office

In the matter of the dead body of Katie Lanola

Saturday afternoon, Feb. 3rd, I received a telephone call from the family of Charles Lanola, saying their daughter, Katie, had been burned to death, and wanting me to investigate, which I did, and found that she with other children had been watching an older brother burning weeds and dry grass. They became so interested that they did not notice that the fire had circled and was burning all around them. The others who were older all made a dash through the flames and got out safely, but Katie only 5 years old was afraid to try it, and stood still till the flames set her clothing on fire. She was horribly burned from the knees up and lived only from 11:30 A.M., the time of the accident, until 3:30 P.M. It was a plain case of accident and as no inquest was necessary, I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Feb. 19th, 1906

In the matter of the Inquest held on the
dead body of Herman Panzier

Saturday afternoon I was called to Leyden to investigate the death of a man who had been murdered, about a mile northwest of Leyden. I went out and found it to be Herman Panzier, foreman of a grading outfit belonging to E. J. Carrol. It was a murder case so I decided to hold an inquest, which I did today before a Jury of the men whose names are signed below. Thomas Burt, E. J. Carrol, and Frank Woodard, all of Leyden, were examined as witnesses, and after due deliberation, the following verdict was rendered. That the said Herman Panzier came to his death in said County and State on or about Feb. 12, '06, from a gun shot wound in the head, feloniously inflicted by parties unknown. The evidence submitted strongly pointing to the guilt of one Sigfried Berkenfield as the perpetrator of the crime.

Signed: Thomas Ward
Chas. L. Palmer
Wm. Williams
Sam'l Cuningham
Fred L. Palmer
Chas. H. Herdic

Attest: J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

A. H. DeFrance, Jr.
Clerk of Jury

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
April 14th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of John Eudy

This morning I received a telephone call from H. S. Burton at Arvada, saying a man had died suddenly, and wanting me to investigate, which I did and found it to be John Eudy, who had been sick with Grippe for several days and had been treated by Dr. Russell, and was doing well. His heart went back on him and he died suddenly, and I was called. It was not a case where an inquest was necessary so I did not hold one, but turned the body over to Burton who took charge of it for the family.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
May 14th, '06

In the matter of the dead body of Anne Polley Anderson

Last Friday, May 11th, I received a call from A. E. Johnson, a ranchman living near the Prospect Valley school, saying an unknown woman had come to their house that afternoon to get out of the storm, and within 15 minutes was dead from apoplexy. He wanted me to investigate, and I did and brought the body to Golden and held it till Monday when I received a telephone call from a man in Denver saying he thought it was his mother-in-law. He came up and identified her, and I buried her for him, Wednesday, May 16th. There was no need for an inquest so I did not hold one. The son-in-law's name was J. W. Latham, and the woman's name was Anne Polley Anderson, and her home had formerly been at Harris, Colo.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
May 24th, '06

In the matter of the dead body of John McEachern

Last Tuesday, May 24th, I was called to investigate the sudden death of John McEachern, and found he had died from a stroke of apoplexy. As an inquest was not necessary, I did not hold one.

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Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
June 18th, '06

In the matter of the dead body of C. W. Finfrock

Saturday afternoon I received a telephone call from Dr. S. M. Kessler saying a man had been drowned in west Berkeley Lake, and wanting me to come down and investigate, which I did. I found it to be A. W. Finfrock of Denver and a plain case of accidental drowning. The body was recovered by the Denver Police force, and J. H. Rogers & Son had an order for the body. No inquest was necessary so I did not hold one but turned the body over to them for burial.

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Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
June 19th, '06

In the matter of the dead body of Ivan Molholm

Yesterday afternoon I was called up by F. B. waters, a Denver undertaker who said a boy had been drowned on 4th Avenue near the County line and in Jefferson County. I investigated and found it to be a nine year old boy, Ivan Molholm, who had been playing on the ditch bank and fallen in. It was a case of accidental drowning and as no inquest was necessary, I did not hold one. I turned the body over to F. B. waters for burial at the request of the parents.

J. Lofton Davidson

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Coroners Office
July 7th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of James Maloney

Saturday afternoon I was called on to investigate the sudden death of James Maloney who had died on his ranch on Guy Hill. I found upon investigation and conversation with Dr. J. P. Kelly, that Maloney had been troubled with valvular disease of the heart for some time and on account of the high altitude his heart had gone back on him and his death was very sudden. No inquest was necessary so I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
July 9th, '06

In the matter of the dead body of Mary Felora Luvino

Yesterday morning I was called by Coroner Rollins of Denver County to investigate the death of a ten months old Italian girl baby which I did. I found that the child had died of whooping cough. The parents were poor and had not called a doctor and as there was no one to sign the death certificate, the child could not be buried until I investigated the case and fixed up the certificate which I did and the body was buried at Mt. Clivet Cemetery as no inquest was necessary.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
July 11th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of J. F. Chandler

I was called upon this morning to investigate the sudden death of J. F. Chandler, a barber employed by C. H. Herdic. I found that he had been drinking hard for several days and particularly last night. He got up about 4 o'clock this morning and complained of a severe head ache and his wife advised him to take some Bromo-Selzer but he did not. He stayed up about 10 minutes and then went back to bed and when his wife called him at six o'clock he was dead. I am satisfied that his death was caused by drinking. I did not think an inquest necessary so did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
July 13th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of Martin Baide

Yesterday afternoon I was called to Leyden to investigate the death of Martin Baide who had been killed in an accident at the Leyden Coal mine. I found that he had been loading coal in his room, into one of the heavy steel cars weighing two tons which are used at the mine. The tracks are on an incline and the men are supposed to block them carefully. Baide blocked his car and stepped in front of it and commenced loading coal. The car had not been blocked carefully and the block slipped allowing the car to move and he was crushed between the car and the face of the room. The accident was caused by his own carelessness and his brother seemed satisfied of that fact so I did not think an inquest necessary and did not hold one. Baide was 20 years of age and single. The accident occurred in Room No. 1 of the Sixth South East Entry at 3 P.M. July 12, 1906. I turned the body over to his brother, who took it to Denver for burial.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
July 23rd, '06

In the matter of the dead body of Cleo Spruin

saturday morning, July 21st, I was called to investigate the death of Miss Cleo Spruin, an actress at Manhattan Beach, who died at a private sanitarium, conducted by Dr. Everett M. Brandt at 5349 west 26th Ave. in Jefferson County! The parents of Miss Spruin came on from their home in Providence, R.I., and after making an investigation, the mother charged that Dr. Brandt had fallen in love with the girl, had taken her from her boarding house to his sanitarium so he could drug her, and ravish her. After a thorough examination of all parties concerned by Deputy District Attorney Pattee and myself, we were of the opinion that every thing was all right and the girl's death caused by typhoid fever as the doctor had claimed and we were ready to drop the matter but Dr. Hugh L. Taylor, Secretary of the State Board of Health refused to allow the body to be shipped out of the state until an autopsy was held and the exact cause of death ascertained.

Accordingly I employed Dr. S. M. Kessler of Berkeley and Dr. J. H. East of Denver to perform the autopsy, which was conducted at H. D. Martin's Undertaking Parlors 10 E. Colfax Ave., in the presence of Dr. C. K. Tenant, who represented the family,, and Drs. Wm. M. Beggs, A. S. Tansig, and E. J. A. Rogers, who had been called in consultation by Dr. Brandt. The autopsy disclosed that death was caused by typhoid fever, that the girl had not been drugged, that there had been no assault, that there had been no operation of any kind. I accordingly signed a death certificate and dropped further proceedings in the case.

The attached clipping from the Denver Post of July 22nd gives an accurate account of the case.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

The accompanying clipping from the Denver Post carries the headline "Dr. Brandt Fully Vindicated -- Miss Spruin Died of Fever" and the sub-heading, "Her Mother's Accusation That Dr. Brandt Murdered Her was All a Horrible Mistake," also "Nearly Insane from Grief, Mrs. Spruin Listened to the Stories of Unreliable Persons, and Greatly Wronged Her Dead Child and the Physician in Her Demand for Justice." The story reads in part, "Misses Cleo Spruin and Katherine Brown, chorus girls with the Augustin Daly Opera company at Manhattan Beach, were both seized with what seemed to be ptomaine poisoning after eating a late lunch several weeks ago. When they had partially recovered they were removed from their boarding house at 2345 Chase Street, to Dr. Brandt's sanitarium at 5349 West Twenty-sixth Avenue, just over the line in Jefferson County." "After an illness of nearly three weeks both young women died. Miss Brown's body was sent to her friends in the East and buried. But Miss Spruin had run away from home to go on the stage, and until they were advised of her death her parents had thought she was with her married sister in Boston. The parents came to Denver and began to make inquiries as to the life their daughter had led and the causes that led up to her death. Because of the serious nature of their illness visitors had been denied the girls almost ever since they were taken to the sanitarium. Because of professional scruples, Dr. Brandt refused to tell Mrs. Spruin freely everything that had come to his knowledge in his treatment of the case." "Almost crazed with grief, confronted at every turn with strange conditions, Mrs. Spruin in her desire for a full investigation of the wrongs she was convinced her daughter had suffered, went before the district attorney and swore to a complaint charging Dr. Brandt with murder." The balance of the story covers the autopsy and vindication of Dr. Brandt.

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Golden, Colo.
Aug. 12th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of Andrew Cheek (colored)

Friday afternoon, Aug. 10th, I received a telephone call from Platte Canon, saying that a colored miner by the name of Andrew Cheek (Chuk) had been overcome by bad air in a shaft and had been killed and wanting me to investigate, which I did, and found that Cheek had been working for another colored man by the name of Samuel Howard in a shaft and tunnel that Howard owned. The air had been bad on account of the hot weather and Howard had built a wood fire at the bottom of the shaft to clear the mine of bad air, but it had not done so and Cheek was overcome when he went to work. Howard, according to his story, went down twice and tried to recover the body by tying a rope around the body to windlass it up but the rope slipped off of the body and he did not have strength enough to go down the third time so went to the nearest phone and notified me, and wanted the county to bury the man. I referred him to the Commissioners and Saturday morning he came to Golden and met Mr. C. L. Palmer, one of them who authorized me to provide for the burial which I did, taking Howard's receipt for all claims against the County in full. Sunday the body was buried near the mine in Bear Gulch a mile and a half from the railroad.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Aug. 15th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of Mary Ann Begley

Tuesday afternoon I received a telephone call from Morris Langley saying the body of a dead woman had been found on the ranch owned by Daniel Hanley near Maple Grove and wanting me to investigate. I went down and found it to be an old lady who had been drowned and the body was still in the water entirely nude except for shoes and stockings of which one had become caught in a barbed wire fence which held the body where it was. I brought the body to Golden and gave the reporters a description of it and Wednesday morning James Begley of Denver and a friend of his, Mrs. Mary Campbell of Denver, came up and identified it as Mr. Begley's wife Mary Ann. She had been demented for six years and had wandered away from home Saturday morning. Langley saw her in the field Sunday morning so she must have drowned sometime Sunday. Mrs. Campbell paid for the burial which was at Mount Clivet today.

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Coroner of Jefferson County

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Golden, Colo.
Aug. 26th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of an unknown man
found on Mt. Lookout

Last Tuesday afternoon, August 21st, I received a call from Mr. D. Gruber of Denver, saying that he and a friend of his, E. A. Salter of 1498 South 13th Street Denver, had found the body of an unknown dead man under the ledge of rock at the top of Mount Lookout just west of town. I went up Wednesday morning and got the body and brought it to Golden. There was nothing left but the clothes and skeleton and the clothes were in a bad state of decomposition. He had worn a fairly good suit of blue clothes, a new pair of shoes, with cheap socks, a soft shirt and a black derby hat. An empty beer and whisky bottle were found near the body. There

was absolutely nothing on or about the body by which the cause of death or the identity of the man could be ascertained. I held the body until Friday, Aug. 24, and then buried it in the Golden Cemetery at the County's expense. I did not hold an inquest as I did not think one necessary.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Oct. 18th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of John Lindskog

Wednesday afternoon I received a telephone call from Mr. N. D. Johnson of Pine saying that John Lindskog of that place, a man 78 years of age, had died and that the Dr. who had been attending him had died several days before so no certificate could be obtained. The old man had suffered from catarrh (?) of the stomach for some years and that was the cause of death. I issued a certificate, but did not hold an inquest as it was not necessary.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Oct. 28th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of A. R. Elsner

Last Sunday, Oct. 21st, I was called to investigate the death of A. R. Elsner who had died of consumption in a little cottage near the J. W. Lamm residence. I found that he had a bad hemorrhage Saturday night and his wife stated that she could have easily have stopped it if he would have taken medicine, which he refused to do on account of his belief in Christian Science. The loss of blood from the hemorrhage weakened him so that he died at 11 A.M. Sunday morning. As no doctor had been in attendance, I investigated the case and signed the death certificate. I did not hold an inquest as I did not think it necessary.

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Golden, Colo.
Oct. 29th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of Gottlieb Getter

Last Wednesday morning Oct. 24th, 1906, I received a telephone call from John Treffersen saying that Gottlieb Getter, an old cobbler, had been found dead in his work shop on the north side and wanted me to investigate, which I did. I went over and got the body and brought it to the store and then went and examined the room where he had been staying and found in a pair of his pants a certificate of deposit on the Woods & Ruby Bank of this city for \$1500.00, also one on the Colorado National Bank of Denver for \$800.00. On the body we found a gold watch & chain and \$17.70 in cash. There were no indications of foul play, and as the old man had been in feeble health for over a year, I did not think an inquest necessary so did not hold one. Mr. John Treffersen was appointed administrator of the estate and I turned the above mentioned effects over to him and took his receipt for them. The body was buried in the Golden Cemetery yesterday.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Nov. 30th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of Michael Huthman

This morning I received a call from William Light saying a man was dead at Morrison and telling me to investigate, which I did and found it to be Michael Huthman, who had been working around Abe Herr's saloon at Morrison. He had been a victim of tuberculosis and was also a hard drinker. Mrs. Herr went to his room at 7 A.M. and he was apparently all right although he had been sick. At 7:30 she went in to take his breakfast. She found him dead on the bed. The tuberculosis and drinking undoubtedly caused his death. As no inquest was necessary, I did not hold one but brought the body to Golden and buried it.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Dec. 8th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of Christopher Rabe

Yesterday morning I received a telephone call from C. M. Hurst, the Undertaker at Littleton, saying Christopher Rabe, a man 86 years old, had been found dead in his chair at his home near Littleton in Jefferson County, and wanting me to investigate, which I did, finding it to be a case of senility and no signs of foul play of any kind, so I did not hold an inquest as it was not necessary.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Dec. 12th, 1906

In the matter of the dead body of Calvin Thacker

Monday, December 10th, I received a telephone call from C. M. Hurst at Littleton saying a consumptive, by the name of Calvin Thacker had died of a hemorrhage in Jefferson County and there had been no physician there, and wanted me to investigate, which I did, and found things as stated above. There was no necessity for an inquest so I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Feb. 28th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Jesse W. Atherton

Tuesday evening, Feb. 26th, I was called to the Golden rooming house to investigate the death and care for the body of one Jesse W. Atherton who had died there of Tuberculosis. There was no evidences of foul play and as an inquest was not necessary, I did not hold one. I took the body to the store, communicated with his relatives, and buried him here in the Golden Cemetery.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Golden, Colo.
March 22nd, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of John Halter

Last night I received a telephone call from Olinger, the undertaker in Denver, saying he had been called to a case in Berkeley just across the Jefferson County line. A man by the name of John Halter who had died very suddenly, and asking my permission to remove the body to his place of business, which I granted. He then asked me to come down and investigate which I did today. I found he had been away from home for 3 days and his wife did not know where he was only sick about 30 minutes and from all I could learn there was no suspicion of foul play, and I think he died from a heart blood clot, and signed a certificate to that effect, as I did not think an inquest necessary.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
March 25th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Hiram L. Mitchell

This morning I was called to Denver by Coroner R. P. Rollins of Denver County to investigate the death of Hiram L. Mitchell, who had been electrocuted on the electric line at the big cut near Jefferson Park, and taken in to Denver to Rollins place of business by mistake. The accident occurred Saturday, March 23rd, about 5 oclock. I investigated the matter and found that in some unknown way he had caught hold of a live wire while up on the pole and was killed instantly, not even his companions knowing how it happened. It was entirely an accident and as no inquest was necessary I did not hold one but turned the body over to Rollins who shipped it to Mitchell's home at Bowling Green, Iowa.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
April 13th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Louisa Cuchlow

I was called by telephone last night by H. S. Burton of Arvada to investigate the death of Louisa Cuchlow, who had died very suddenly at Arvada. Upon investigation I found that there were no signs of foul play, and I did not think an inquest necessary and did not hold one. I signed the death certificate as valvular disease of the heart and turned the body over to Burton for burial. Mrs. Cuchlow was about 56 years of age.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Golden, Colo.
April 18th, 1907
Coroners Office

In the matter of the dead body of an unknown suicide

Wednesday evening, April 17th, I received a telephone call from Clark Barnes saying that one of his hired men had found a dead man in a gulch on the Green Mountain ranch and wanting me to investigate. I went down yesterday morning and found it to be a suicide who must have been dead any where from 3 to 6 months. He had shot himself in the head with a Harrington Richardson .32 Caliber revolver, and the body was so decomposed that identification was impossible. I found a note book in his pocket in which had been written and scratched out with an indelible pencil, James Lynch (adon or Mannin Hotel) Tacoma, and on the back page a note in the same writing which read, I have no name, no home, if you find me beary me eany old place. Goodbye. He also wore a silver watch Fabys case numbered 6,807482. with American Waltham works 15 jewel no 8,100,968. Stem wind and set.

He was laying on his face and under him was a good black overcoat of smooth weave, black cloth coat and vest with indefinite stripe, striped brownish grey trousers, soft shirt, cravat, and wore fairly good make of light shoes #7, with sewed soles. He was auburn haired and wore a soft black hat, was 5 feet 8 or 10 inches tall and would weigh from 150 to 175 lbs. As no inquest was necessary I did not hold one and buried the body at the countys expense.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
April 22nd, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Fred Skinner

Thursday afternoon I received a call telling me that a man had been killed about 1 mile below town on the Church ditch and wanting me to investigate which I did and found a man by the name of Fred Skinner had been working in the ditch there digging a trench to put in a concrete wall. He was working for the Hinchman and Renton Fireproofing Co. of Denver who had the contract. The place where he was working was 18 in. wide, 10 feet deep, and about 100 feet long. He had been shoveling when the bank suddenly caved and he was buried. Help was right at hand and his head was uncovered in 5 minutes but he was dead. He was dug out as soon as I reached the place and I brought him to the store. I examined the others who were working there, under oath as per attached affidavit and decided no inquest

was necessary, so did not hold one. Skinner was married and left a wife and baby. His home was in Provo, Utah, and I shipped the body there Sunday, April 21st, his wife bearing the expense.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

Attached affidavit:

Golden, Colo. Apl. 18, 1907

After being sworn, Mr. Wing said:

My name is Walter D. Wing. My home is in Denver. On April 18, 1907, I was working for Hinchman and Renton F.P. Company of Denver on a job of concrete work on the Church ditch about a mile below Golden in Jefferson County. I was turning a drill in the trench about 6 feet east of where Fred Skinner was working. The trench was about four feet deep where I was working and about ten feet deep where Skinner was at work in the clay. The first that I knew that any thing was wrong I heard Skinner call out Ho-there or something to that effect. I heard the dirt cave in and I with the engineer Charles Clymer jumped out of the trench and I turned and saw that Skinner had been buried. I said to Casey and Hogan (two other men who were working there) hurry up and help dig this man out of here Skinner is covered up. We uncovered his head and found that he was dead.

The trench in which Skinner was working was 18 inches wide 100 feet long and from four to ten feet deep. I had worked for about fifteen days on this job Skinner had worked about thirteen days. We timbered the ground on the trench at all times whether it was dangerous or not. I heard Mr. Renton one of the firm caution the foreman to do the work right as he did not want any one on the job to be hurt. We always had plenty of timber on the job and the men did the timbering as it was deemed advisable.

I think that it was an unavoidable accident and the firm were in no way to blame. I worked in the same place at 8 A.M. and Skinner was killed at 2 P.M. I sounded the ground and it picked firm and I did not consider that there was any danger. The cave in started right next to a set of timbers.

Mr. Skinner was a married man about 22 years of age and leaves a wife and one baby.

The trench was being dug to put in a concrete wall to prevent the ground from sliding and to hold the water in the Church ditch.

Charles Clymer, the Engineer, was in charge of the work at that time. We went to work as fast as we could to get Skinner out. We had his head uncovered in five minutes but he was dead. We notified Mr. Fred Johnson and he in turn notified the Coroner who was on the ground in about half an hour.

/signed/ Walter D. Wing

William Case and Amund Hogan each being separately sworn do say that they have read the above statement and are of the same opinion as Mr. Wing. respecting the occurrence of the accident and the condition of the ground in which the deceased was working and were employed in the same capacity and considered it the safest part of the trench. Mr. Hogan had worked on the job since its inception and Mr. Case a few days less.

/signed/ William Case
/signed/ Amund Haugen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this eighteenth day of April 1907.

/signed/ J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
April 27th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Alfred Packer

Thursday afternoon I received a call from Littleton saying that Alfred Packer (known as the man eater) had died at Deer Trail in this county and wanting me to investigate which I did and found no suspicion of foul play. It was a general breaking down from the hard life he had led, his confinement in the Penitentiary for 23 years having broken his constitution. He died at the home of Mrs. Van Alstine who had taken care of him for 6 months and as no inquest was necessary I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
April 30th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of a child of unknown parentage

I received a telephone call this morning from Dr. S. M. Kessler saying a child had died at the home of Mrs. Heald at 43rd and Denton Sts. in Mountain View and wanting me to investigate which I did and found that Mrs. Heald was in the business of caring for children of unknown parentage most of her business coming from young mothers who had left the Crittenden Home. The child in question had undoubtedly died of acute indigestion and as there was no suspicion of foul play I did not think an inquest necessary and did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
May 9, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of James L. Pentney

Yesterday morning I received a call from the Wannamaker ranch saying a man had died there suddenly, and wanting me to investigate which I did and found it to be one James L. Pentney who had come to Colorado 2 years ago for tuberculosis, he had steadily gotten worse. He had died without a physician and as there was no suspicion of foul play and no inquest was necessary I did not hold one, but turned the body over to his wife.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
May 11th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Tony Zurnok

Yesterday morning I received a telephone call from Manager Perry of the Leyden Coal Co. saying a man had been killed at the mine and wanting me to investigate which I did and found out that Tony Zurnok, the deceased, and his partner, Adam Plitz, were working in room no. 5. They had just gone on shift, had sounded the roof and taken down the loose rock. They found one piece loose but thought

it would hold until they loaded a car, when they intended to put in another set of timbers, but before they got the car loaded the piece weighing about 500 lbs. fell and struck Zurnok a glancing blow fracturing his skull and killing him instantly. It was a case of carelessness on the part of the men themselves and as I did not deem an inquest necessary I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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(Schroeder)

Golden, Colo.
May 21st, 1907
Coroners Office

In the matter of the dead body of Fred C. Schweder

Yesterday morning I received a telephone call saying that Fred C. Schweder had hung himself on his ranch at Wheatridge and wanting me to investigate which I did and found out he had placed a bar across a hole in the ground and tied a rope around the pipe and the other end around his neck and choked himself to death. It was a plain case of suicide and as no inquest was necessary I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
June 5th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Earl I. Stevens

I was called to Leyden yesterday afternoon to investigate the death of Earl I. Stevens who had been crushed between a car of coal and the side of the entry as he was taking the coal to the shaft to be hoisted. No one saw the accident and from all I could learn he must have gotten off to (sprag) the car, in a narrow place where it was not necessary and was pinched. When found he was still standing wedged in and his lamp burning. It was an unavoidable accident and as no inquest was necessary I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
June 6th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of David Montague

Yesterday I received a call from H. S. Burton at Arvada asking me to investigate the death of David Montague who had died suddenly at that place. I found that he had been up and around his garden in the morning and at six oclock had gone to the water closet where he was found dead a little later. He had been bothered with neuralgia of the heart and that was undoubtedly the cause of his death. As no inquest was necessary I did not hold one, but turned the body over to Burton for burial.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
July 12, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Chas. E. Morton

Yesterday morning I received a telephone call from A. W. Heater, saying a man by the name of Chas. E. Morton, 72 years of age, had died suddenly at his ranch and wanting me to investigate and I did so and found out it was a case of asthma and heart disease. As there was no suspicion of foul play an inquest was unnecessary I did not hold one. I turned the body over to Olinger for burial at the request of the relatives.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
July 13th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of John W. Todd

Yesterday afternoon I received a telephone call from Platte Canon saying a man had been killed by the railroad there and wanting permission to move the body and also for me to investigate. I allowed the body to be moved by the undertaker at Littleton and this morning I went over the ground and found that John W. Todd a resident of Platte Canon was the victim. He was very deaf and had waited at the station until the regular train passed, and then started down the track home. When in a cut on a curve a "light engine had hit him and mangled him badly, his head was cut off, one leg was off, and the other broken, and his whole body was marked up. The Engineer saw him as they rounded the curve and whistled but he (Todd) did not hear it and was struck before the engine could be stopped.

Todd had no business to be on the track, especially as this was the third time he had been struck. As it was an unavoidable accident, no inquest was necessary so I did not hold one. I turned the body over to Dyer, the Littleton undertaker for burial at the request of his relatives.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Aug. 2nd, 07

In the matter of the dead body of Percy L. Tyrrel

Yesterday afternoon I was called on by J. N. Rogers & Sons of Denver, to whom the body had been turned over, to investigate the death of Percy L. Tyrrel, who had died as the result of a fall from a box car at Buffalo Park, Colo. the day before. It was a plain case of accident, in which several ribs were fractured, and also internal injuries and as no inquest was necessary, I did not hold one, and signed the death certificate for them.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Aug. 14th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Henry Venable

Monday afternoon I received a telephone call from Dr. Baker at Evergreen saying a man had been found dead, and wanting me to investigate. I went up Tuesday and found that Henry Venable a barber had killed himself by shooting with a .32 caliber revolver. He had been drinking heavily and went home to his cabin Saturday night the 10th and took off his coat and vest, laid down on a cot and shot himself in the heart. The gun was still clasped in his hand when I got there. He was found by a young man by the name of Coplan from Denver, whom Venable's wife had sent up to look for him. It was a plain case of suicide and as no inquest was necessary I did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Aug. 15th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of John P. Rodgers

Tuesday this office received a call from Arvada saying a man by the name of John P. Rodgers, an old resident of Arvada, had been found dead in his room. As I was out of town Deputy Coroner Williams investigated the case and found that the man had been suffering from a Goitre, and also had had heart trouble. As there were no signs of foul play no inquest was necessary, none was held, and the body was turned over to Burton for burial.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Aug. 24th, 1907

In the matter of the Inquest held on the dead
body of Grant McQuary

I received word yesterday of the killing of Grant McQuary by Bert Shaffer at Shaffers Crossing near Pine, Colo. and went up to investigate. I decided to hold an Inquest and brought the body to Golden and held the inquest at my store today. I summoned a jury composed of C. L. Palmer, Jas. Mincimer, David Jones, Alfred Olson, John Cuthbertson, and William Williams all of Golden.

The following witnesses were examined: Charles Shaffer, Bert Shaffer, Pearl Shaffer, Dr. D. E. Garvin, and Wilbur Matthews, the jury brought in the following verdict. That the said Grant McQuary came to his death at Shaffers in Jefferson County at about 7 o'clock A.M. on the twenty-third day of August, 1907, from a gunshot wound, said gun being in the hands of Bert Shaffer, and that the said wound was inflicted by Shaffer in the necessary defense of his life, the prisoner was accordingly discharged. A full copy of the testimony as verdict was taken and turned over to the clerk of the district court.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Sept. 17th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of George Dudle (Diedle)

Yesterday I received a telephone call from A. W. Heater saying one of his men had found a dead man in the Arapahoe ditch, and wanting me to investigate, which I did. I went out and got the body and brought it in, and it was identified by Misses Werner, Litchenhed, Deubllbus, Sattlencye, and Broun as that of one George Dudle, a German who had worked at the Brewery for several years. He disappeared Aug. 4th, 1907, from a German picnic held at Kochs resort below Golden and is supposed to have fallen in the Arapahoe ditch near Coors tresle on that date. The body was in bad condition, and I buried it as soon as possible, as there was no foul play and no inquest was necessary.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Sept. 17th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Jacob K. Fry

September 10th I received a call from Mr. Fry saying his father was dead and wanting me to investigate, as his father was a Christian Scientist and would not have a Doctor. He had died of Pneumonia and as there was no suspicion of foul play, I did not think an inquest necessary and did not hold one.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson County

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Sept. 18th, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Stephen Lewis

Monday, Sept. 16th, I received a call from the Leyden Mine saying they had had a fatal accident there and wanting me to investigate. I went out and found that Stephen Lewis had been killed by a cavein of coal, while working with John Fewster in D Entry off of the first N.W. Entry of Room 5, while cutting out pillars. The accident was caused by their over eagerness to break down a great deal of coal. He had undermined too far and a chunk of coal weighing 5 tons pinched out on him. The place was well timbered and no blame could be attached to anyone so I did not deem an inquest necessary and did not hold one. I brought the body to Golden, and shipped it to Boulder where it was buried.

J. Lofton Davidson
Coroner of Jefferson Co.

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Coroners Office
Golden, Colo.
Sept. 23rd, 1907

In the matter of the dead body of Mary Webber Fry

Saturday night the 21st I was called to investigate the death of Mary Webber Fry, wife of J. K. Fry, who had died twelve days previously. The case was similar, both being Christian Scientists, but she died of Tuberculosis. As no inquest was necessary I did not hold one.

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