

Division: "C"
District: Cariboo
Detachment: Hanceville Detach.

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RE: REX vs SEYMOUR (Indian) Stoney Reserve.
Murder.

Whitewater Lake. There was quite a bit of bare ground along the South slopes also there was a band of loose horses grazing in that vicinity which made tracking very difficult. Consequently we do not know just how far away from the scene of the tragedy Seymour rode before quitting his horse. The horse was away approximately 20 hours. Between the time Seymour left and our arrival it had thawed quite a bit and we were unable to distinguish between old and new tracks.. The snow was heavily crusted and a man leaving a horse and travelling on foot would leave no impression other than a light disturbance which would disappear after a day or so. As we had nothing to go on and had followed out every track and trail without result we made preparations to take the body to Hanceville for a Post Mortem.

Post Mortem was made by Dr. Kniffel At Hanceville on Feb. 21st.

An Inquest was held before Coroner Hance at Hanceville on Feb. 22nd 1934, the following Jurymen were sworn:- Foreman, T. Orford, P. Hance, G. Hance, A. Robertson, G. Jakel and J. Ragan.

1st witness, John Baptiste, husband of deceased woman who identified the body that of his wife.

2nd, Dr. Knipfel, that woman died from bullet wound.

3rd, Buffalo Johnny Hance, gave evidence as in the above statement by him.

4th, Mrs. Seymour, who corroborated Buffalo Hance as regards the quarrel and shooting also the drinking.

5th, Mrs Buffalo Hance, who corroborated evidence of last two witnesses, and also gave evidence of Seymour leaving on his horse and the horse returning on the following day.

6th, Const. Weir, gave evidence of the finding of the body, also of finding two 32-20 calibre cartridge cases near the door of the cabin, these being the same calibre as the rifle Seymour was supposed to have been using, also home brew mash and containers used at the time of the tragedy. The clothing of the deceased was also produced.

The Jury brought in the following verdict:- 'That Mrs. John Baptiste met her death from gunshot wound inflicted by the hand of Seymour, Indian of Stoney Reserve'.

The Coroner issued his warrant for the arrest of Seymour on a charge of murder.

The Exhibits are being held at the Hanceville Lockup.

I respectfully await your further instructions in connection with the above.

A copy of this report should be forwarded to the Indian Agent, Williams Lake.

Report unconcluded.

The NCO i/c,
Cariboo District,
B. C. Police,
Williams Lake, B. C.

(D. J. Weir) const.,
i/c Hanceville Detach.,
B. C. Police.