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M. C. NOTT, Under Secretary of Justice.



MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY held by Reginald Gordon Cook son	milutationii.
Esquire, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the State of New	South
Wales, this eighteenth day of July	odinthonidinim
one thousand nine hundred and forty- five at City Coroner's	Court, Sydney
as to the cause of death of JOSEPH HAIM SAUL MARSHALL known	<b>3.5</b>
* GEORGE MARSHALL.	. ~

\* Note here appearances. (if any) on behalf of interested parties.

#### Depositions of Witnesses.

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# being duly sworn on oath saith:-

I am a merchant by occupation in business at 703 Hay Street, Perth, Western Australia.

My brother Joseph Haim Saul Marshall known as George Marshall was born on the 2nd July, 1910, at Singapore, and I last saw him about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  months ago. He has been disassociated with my family for a period extending over  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years owing to differences in family matters.

When my brother George was about 7 years old he met with a motor car accident in Singapore and he suffered severe head injuries. He was a delimate lad and grew up with a definite aversion to society. He was sent to France for higher education at the age of about 18, and spent approximately 5 years there, during which time . he seemed to gather a very strange attitude toward life in general. He composed and published a book of verse entitled "Just you and I." which met with very poor critical response. He was extremely discouraged after that effort and secluded himself from society more than every before. We were all particular fond of him and he of us to an extent whereby when my father lost his fortune during the last slump about 1929 George insured his life against accident in a car for a very huge sum of money unbeknown to us. His idea was that at the end of one year when the policy came into effect he would drive himself over a cliff so that the family could collect the proceeds. We discovered his intentions and put an immediate stop to it. He was a man of intense likes and dislikes and could make an imaginery friend or enemy within a few minutes. He went back to Europe about 1934 during which time he did no work at all receiving a remittance from a business partnership with my father every month. His five years in Europe was spent mainly in the various reserts where he managed to live fairly cheaply. On his return to Singapore in 1939 he had an altercation with my father on business matters, received his share of the profits and left for Australia. On his arrival here he appeared to be very gay and adapting himself to the Australian conditions. A little later on he left for Sydney from Perth where he talked a prominent Doctor

into performing a major operation on his legs which had in fact nothing wrong with them excepting a slight bow legged tendency. He was extremely sensitive and felt that a little compaint like that was of major importance. He then returned to Perth, had an altercation with the family and joined the Prices Commission. He was not interested in making friends and lived a life of complete seclusion mainly with books of a philsophical tendency. He felt that society was against him and developed a persecution mania, quoting a letter he sent to one of his friends which was shown to me he described the Prices Commission as being turned into a "mad house" at his expense. He was always seeking books of an unusual nature, and anything dealing with peculiar situations or exhalting suicide was acceptable to him. He has made no pretence about his intention or eventually taking his own life but naturally he was not taken seriously. On or about December, 15th last, I received a call from a personal friend who said that George had called in to see him in a very excitable frame of mind. He said that he was going to the country and might never return, and asked this friend to keep in safe custody for him a sheaf of papers which in the event of his death would be called for by some person or persons unknown. Despite the fact that I hadn't seen him or heard of him for a period extending over two and a half years I was naturally very agitated at the implications and dashed down to his flat in Perth with my friend. He had however left for the country and we had no means of contacting him. On January the 1st of this year Dr. Waxler of the Heathcote Nursing Home, Canning Bridge, Perth, rang me up to say that George was an inmate of the Institution. Evidently he had left for a country town called Bunbury and booked in at the best hotel. He left to go into the bush where he took an overdose of a type of pill, the name of which I am not acquainted with, He obtained those pills by presenting to various Chemists a prescription he had obtained for insomnia, and that was evidently how he managed to get that large amount. The dose did not take effect and he awakened 24 hours later in a state of semi-coma.

He then walked to the dage edge of the ocean where he was arrested by the Police. The Court hearing was held in Bunbury and he was certified by three Doctors as insane. He was taken under escort to Heathcote and the Policeman in charge described him as a man who was particularly interesting to talk to and who showed little signs of the difficult time he must have gone through. I interviewed Dr. Waxler, Superintendent of Heathcote, Western Australian, who described George's condition as being due to split personality. The Doctor felt that George had been suffering that particular state of mind extending possibly over ten to twelve years. He was put on an intensive treatment of insulin shock at the end of which period the Doctor had to either confine him to a mental home or take a chance on his becoming a little more stabilised. In the event of the former there was no doubt in the Doctor's mind that he would become completely insane, in the event of the latter there was a possibility that he might regain a foothold on life instead of sawing soaring into the clouds as he so often did. I received news from his bank in Kings Cross, Sydney, on the 30th June, 1945, to the effect that the Police had reason to presume that George was dead. I rang Dr. Waxler who evinced no unusual surprise at the news. I myself have no doubt that this was a form of death that would appear to him as being the finest and noblest way of terminating his life. The bottle of water that was found beside him would be in my opinion a sort of a cleansing rite which is entirely figment of his imagination prior to his departing this life for a future one which he believed would be so beautiful. He was intensely interested in the verses Omar Khayyam and the particular verse, page 52- XXIII, is to my knowledge the one which he felt was among the finest pieces of literature that he had ever read.

From my own personal knowledge my brother had written to various people about his previous intention of committing suicide at Bunbury and it was partly on these grounds that he was certified in Western Australia as being insane.

I do not know if my brother's life was insured and at this stage I do not know if he left a will, but I do know that he is

a property owner in Western Australia, (Perth) and also at Singapore. I know that my brother is a single man.

I have examined a pair of shoes, small gents size, bearing the brand of Union Shoe Store, North Bridge Road (No. 350), Singapore. I know that my brother George Marshall purchased shoes from that store.

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Taken and sworn at the City Coroner's Court, Sudney the

18 G day of

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# INQUIRY TOUCHING THE DEATH OF JOSEPH HAIM SAUL MARSHALL known as George Marshall

INQUIRY ADJOURNED WHAT. GENERALLY TO A DATE TO BE FIXED AT THE CITY CORONER'S COURT, SYDNEY.

S.M.

CITY CORONER

V.G. Cooksor

CITY CORONER'S COURT SYDNEY 18/7/45 GL This demonent sworn states

My name is WILFRED STANLEY EDDIE

I am a sergeant of police stationed at Mosman.

At about 1.15 pm on 3rd June, 1945 in response to telemhone message I went to the bush at Ashton Park Mosman, about 30 feet up from the water's edge of the southern part of Sailor Bay. I there saw other police and a Mr Reginald Johnson of 24 Bond Street Sydney. He showed me the body of the deceased, lying on the ground with his shoulders and head reclining on a rock, beneath which was a Sunday Sun Newspaper dited 20th May, 1945. The deceaseds body's was in a very decomposed condition, face very swollen and blackened and eten away by maggots, also the hands, the flesh was eaten off either by rats or maggots. I later got in touch with det sergt Hargraves who viewed the body As there were no suspicious circumstances the Coroner was informed and on his direction the body was removed to City Morgue. Whilst waiting for body to be removed I took a statement off Mr Reginald Johnson. Statement produced MARKED EXHIBIT 1.

On the morning of 4th June, 1945 the body was identified to the Coroner by me. Post mortem examination was held by Dr Shel whom whose certifixeate I now produce

MARKED EXHIBIT 2.

I PRODUCE CERTIFICATE FROM GOVERNMENT ANALYST. & 3
Beside the body when it was lying in Ashton park I found lemonade bottle produced with sprahkler top
EXHIBITA.

A PECULIAR SHAPED DRINKING GLASS EXHIBIT 5
TOBACCO TIN EXHIBIT 6

SMALL EDITION OF RUBAIYAT OF OMAR KHAYAM EXHIBIT 7

It was laying face down on his chest at mage 52

reference to death.

The lemonade bottle and tobacco tin

Were forwarded to the Government Analyst and certificate produced shows poisson in tobacco tin corpound of barbetuic acid as set out in exhibit 3.

There was nothing amongst the amparel of the deceased to identify him by. He was wearing a grey pull over—diamond pattern—V neck and also had a small mair of shoes—about size 6 with named stamped therein—The Union Store Shoe Co—Northbridge Road Singapore—About the 26th June, 1945—a Mr Blair of 22 Wylde Street Potts Point communicated with me and told me something. I later interviewed Mr Blair—and we shown two photographs. First photograph of a dark skinned person, the forehead, hair and moustache seemed to me to be identical with deceased s.

EXHIBIT 8

Second photograph shows me a V neck pull over with diamond pattern similar to the one or identical worn by deceased.

EXHIBIT 9.

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W'S Eddie

Taken and sworn at the City Coroyer's Court, Sydney, the

Before mg,

City Coroner.

This demonent sworn states ...

My name is WILLIAM ALLAN HARGRAVE.

I am a det sergeant of rolice stationed at North

Sydmyy About 2.45 pm on 3rd June, 1945. I want to the

bush in Ashton Park Mosman about 30 feet up from the

water's ødge of Taylor Bay. I there saw Sergt Eddie of

Mosman police with other police. Iso the body of a man
in an advanced stated of decomposition.

The skin had both rotted off the hands and also had appearently been aten away by rats. Rats and flies had made havoc of the features. The blackness of the skin gave me the impression at the time that the corpse may have had an admixture of dark blood.

Portion of the top lip showed the deceased had as small eyebrow type of moustache. The hair on the head was long and dark. Amongst the apparel worn by the corpse was a woollen V neck diamond mattern pull over.

Also were small pair of shoes which later on being examined had a brand inside! The union Shoe store 350 Northbridge Road Singapore Beside he body there was a drinking glass EXHIBIT 5. Bottle containing water exhibit 4

Tobacco tin exhibit 6 with paper inside which had powder adhering to it. The body was reclining with head and shoulders resting on a slanting rock and under the body was soread a newspaper dated 20th may,1945 Beside the body was a small book Rubayaat of Omar Khayam which showed weather beaten pages 52 and 53.

EXHIBIT 7. Verse 23 had been marked by mencil.

Body was later removed to the City Morgue and nothing showed in my investigation which would suggest in any way foul play. A full description of the body was circulated over the police net work and searching inquiries were made to etablish the identity of the corpse. On 27th pme

Potts Point He told me something and as a result I made a search of a flat rented by a man named or known as George Mars hall correct nameph Joseph Haim Saul Mashall a native of Singaporre. In the flat I saw empty lemonade bottles similar to that found beside the corpose exhibit 4 I also found in the flat a small sized mair of shoes bearing the identical brand inside as the shoes worn by the sorpse , namely the 'Union Shoe Stroe 305 Northbridge Road Singapore.

PAIR OF SHOES MARKED EXHIBIT 10.

Exhibit 8 bears a striking resmablance in colour
the hair and small moustache as the corpse seen by me on 3rd
June. Exhibit 9 shows Marshall wearing V neck diamond rattern
pull over identical in mattern as that worn by corpse.
I caused publicity to be given in Sydney Press with view
of Marshall beidng identified without success and Marshall's
name was mentioned in press and Marshall failed to entact
the police or friends. On 3rd July 1945 I handed
to Dr Grieve microbiologist Board of Health
hairs taken from he head of the corpse and hairs taken by me
from the hairbrush and comb found in the flat occupied by
"arshall. I produce CERTIFICATE OF DR GRIEVES EXAMINATION

EXHIBIT 11

AOC.

Taken and sworn at the City Coroner's Court, Sydney, the

Before me:

City Coroner.

This deponent sworn states.

My name is ANDREW BLAIR .

I am the profr etor of Chatsworth 22 Wilde Street Potts Point I lived there. On 20th April, 1945 a man named George Marshall called at my address and took a flat from me from that date. He engaged it from that date to 18th May and paid rent in advance. I saw Mr Marshall on 2 or 3 occasions while he occupied my flats, I saw him on 18th May in company of a young lady. He then paid me further rent in advance up & 15th June. He had taken flat from me in different premises about three years previously. The last occasion he informed me that he came from elbourne. and later in . conversation that he lived in Perth. I met him in a tram inApril 1945 prior to coming to my flat on William Street. He said he was not comfortable where he was staying and would like to come to my place. I did not see him at my place after 18th May. About 3 weeks later I went to see his bank manager, Union Bank at Kings Cross. He told me not to worry that Marshall was one that travelled about and that he mould turn up any day and not to worry. he also asked me to wait a week. I then heard that a body had been found at Mosman and was unidentified. I made an appointment to meet sergeant Eddie. Later the police came to my premises and looked through Mr Marshall's flat I see the tumbler

exhibit 5 I only had one tumbler of that type and it had been in Mr M arshall's flat and when I saw that my doubts vanished. There were other lemonade bottlee beside exhibit 4.

He always dressed very smartly. I never took any notice of the jumners he wore. He sometimes work light trousers.

AOC.

Taken and sworn at the City Corpner's Court, Sydney, the day of Mugust 194.

Before me.

Before me.

City Coroner.

This deponent sworn states ...

My name is CHARLES ERNEST HARVEY JACOBS.

I am a retired British Civil servant. I reside at 19 Elizabeth Road Elizabeth Bay. I knew a man named George Marshall for many years. He would be about 34 or 35 years of age. I knew him from when he was about 14 years of age. I had a school at Singapore at one time and he attended by school. I had seen him in Sydney on several occasions at considerable intervals. I see the photographs exhibits 8 and 9. I recognize him quite clearly from those photographs. The school was Raffles Institution at Singapore. He was a quiet boy with no particular characteristic and never any trouble. Later life he was a rather a remarkable case, His later mental reevelopment indicated that he had developed what appeared to me to be a first class philosophic mind He was well able to discuss abstract thought in a manner that would have done credit to a man bo had made a name for himself in clear consise and deep thinking. His school days gave me no clue whatever to his subsequent development. The phild sophy in Rubaiyat of Omar Khayam would appealed to him anything touch such matters would appealed to him very deeply but so far as I could judge the anneal would have been rather towards a living solution than towards unsolved ending. I last saw him on night of Saturday May 195h shortly before II pm he was then as always, beautifully dressed, charming in manner, appeared full of good spirits and so impressed the party of ladies whom I was then escorting to their homes that they decided to offer him frequent hospitality in order that they might become better acquaint ed I had seen him two weeks mreviously in the Domain for a per od of some two hours when he discussed Labour Movements with great insight and intelligence

CityCoroner's

AOC.

S. A. June

This deponent sworn states ...

My name is GWENNETH DOROTHY GRAHAM.

I reside at 29 Gloucester Street, Rockdale.

I am a hairdresser. I had known a man named George Marshall for about four years, During that tire I became very friendly with him. About four years ago he suffered some injury to his legs. After that I understood he returned to his recople in West Australia. He did corresponded with me a little, net to any great extent. from West Australia. I him again about three months ago when he telephoned me and said he was back in Sydney. I met him soon after that. We had difference of opinion and I gave um seeing him for a fortnight. He then telphoned me and told me he was going away on 15th May and would I have dinner with him. On day he telphoned me I kept my appointment and had dinner with him. I had dinner with him on Wednesday following that and I saw him again anomhrium on the Thursday when I met him for dinner again. On Thursday he told me he was leaving on the Friday morning., the next morning. On Saturday 19th May I got a further phone message from him about 1 pm I then met him between 6 nd 6.30 and went to dinner with him. At about 8.30 om I complained of having a head acho He was extremely annoyed. He left me. He left me in the street. He did not see me home. I was engaged as a hairdresser not conducting my own business at that time. He frequently advised me of the desirability of setting ur in my own business hairdressing. He did ask me how much it would cost. He said it would cost about £2000 I alaughed and said ' o you can start of £200 On 19th May, 1945 at dinner he said that he mmmhmmmmmm had sent me a cheque for £200. I received that on the Monday There was a brief note attached to the cheque... NOTE AND ENVELOPE TENDERED MARKED EXHIBIT 12. Mr Marshall was extremely temperamental, emotional,

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He was apt to take offence very easily.

He had a masterful or domineering manner., extremely.

Occasionally he referred to poetty. He referred to

Lord Byron and Omar Khayam. He had very small feet.

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Taken and sworn at the City Coroner's Court, Sydney, the

Before me.

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INQUIRY TOUCHING THE DEATH OF JOSEPH HAIM SAUL MARSHALL known as George Marshall

I FIND THAT the said JOSEPH HAIM SAUL MARSHALL known as GEORGE MARSHALL on the third day of June, 1945, at Ashton Park, Mosman, in the Metropolitan Police District in the said State, was found dead without marks of violence appearing on his body; AND I FURTHER FIND that deceased died from the effects of a certain poison, to wit, a compound of barbituric acid, wilfully administered by himself at the same place on or about the twenty-first day of May, 1945.

1 G. Cookson.

CITY CORONER

CITY CORONER'S COURT, SYDNEY

13th August 1945

# RECORD OF EXHIBITS. INQUIRY TOUCHING THE DEATH OF JOSEPH HAIM SAUL MARSHALL known as memoris GEORGE MARSHALL

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The towner's Court, Sydney.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

#### WINCHCOMBE HOUSE, 52 BRIDGE STREET,

SYDNEY. 14th June. 1945

#### Register No. 3294.

Subject:

Death of UNKNOWN MAN.

Reference:

Request by City Coroner for examination of Viscera and report by Sergeant Eddie, of North Sydney Police Station.

I, Sidney Gilbert Walton, hereby certify as follows:-

- (1) I am a Fellow of the Australian Chemical Institute.
- On the 4th June, 1945, Sergeant Sullivan, of the City Coroner's Court, handed to me the exhibit specified below for examination in connection with the death of an unknown man.
- On the same date, Sergeant Eddie, of North Sydney Police Station, handed to me the exhibits described below for examination in connection with the same case.
- (4) These exhibits were examined by me with the following results -

### Description of Exhibit and Label

### Exhibit received from Sergeant Sullivan:

Glass jar labelled "The stomach of an unknown man, found in Ashton Park, removed by me this June 4th 1945 Stratford Sheldon"

Result of Examination

The exhibit, which weighed 4.5 cunces, was found to contain 0.8 grain of a compound of barbituric acid.

### Exhibits received from Sergeant Eddie:

Bottle labelled "Bottle containing white liquid found beside the body of an unidentified man in Ashton Park Mosman on the 3.6.45. W. S. Eddie Sgt 2/c"

Tin labelled "Tobacco tin containing a piece of paper found beside the body of an unidentified man in Ashton Park Mosman on the 3.6.45 W. S. Eddie Sgt 2/c"

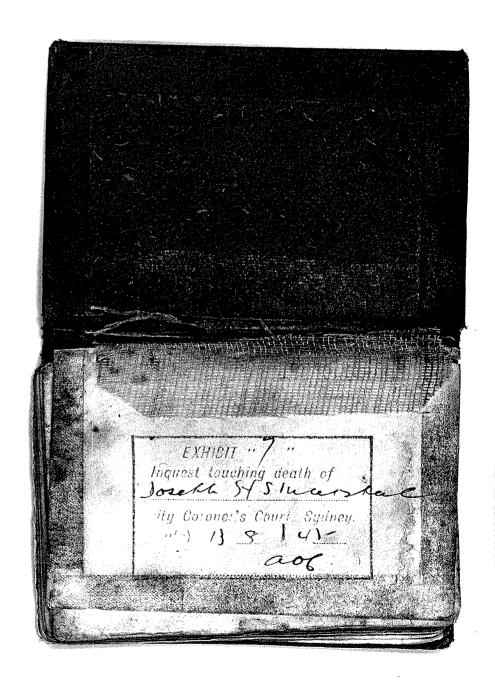
The bottle contained approximately 2½ cunces of colourless liquid, which was found to be water. No poison was found in the bottle.

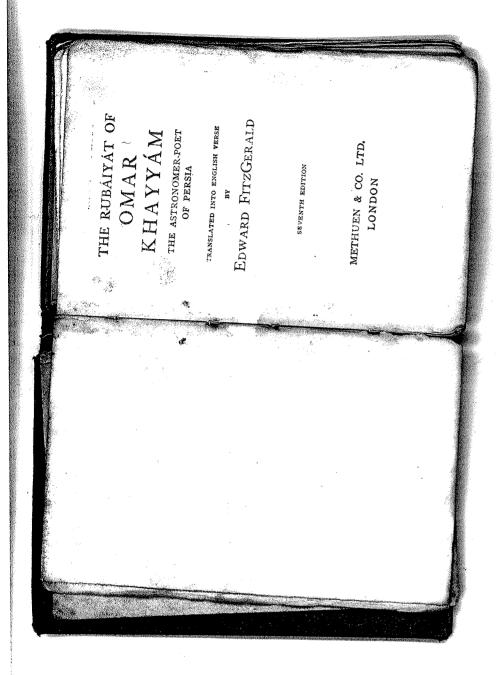
The tin was found to contain a very small amount (approximately 0.02 grain) of a compound of barbituric acid.

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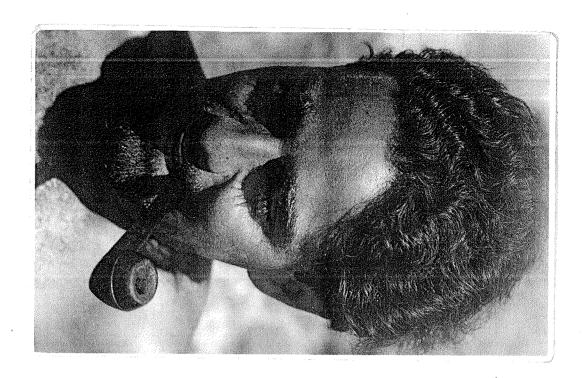


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#### MICROBIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

93 Macquarie Street.

SYDNEY.

19th July, 1945.

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I Keith Harvey GRIEVE hereby certify as follows:-

- For Scientific Qualification is Bachelor of ٦. Medicine of the University of Sydney.
- I made a scientific examination of the 2. following articles handed to me by Detective Sergeant Hargrave on the third day of July 1945:-
  - A package containing hairs stated to be from an unknown man found dead in bush at Ashton Park on 3.6.45.
  - A package containing hairs stated to be from hair brush and comb in flat at 22 Wyld Street Potts Point lately occupied by George Marshall.
- As a result of such examination I find that 3. the hairs from the brush proved to be Human hairs. The majority of the hairs were light brown in color although three or four fragments were dark brown.

EXHIBIT " These hairs were indistinguishable from a number of individual hairs selected from the hairs of the head of the unknown man. They were however different from the majority of the hairs from the head which proved to be dark brown almost black in color. KHI Grew ais.

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Medical Officer (Medico-Legal)

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