

James Dixon JENKINS (1844-1895)

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1857-1858 James Jenkins. Did missionary work among the Maoris, took a party of Maories to England and was presented to Queen Victoria. Died at Wellington, 1887.

Grey River Argus 24 Jun 1871

A young man, named Jas. Jenkins, formerly at Crogan's stables, Greymouth, and recently with Mr A. Lardi, Totara Flat, had his leg fractured by a log falling on it at Redman's Creek, Lower Inangahua, on the 20th inst. The sufferer was conveyed to the landing, and thence forwarded by boat to Westport on Thursday.

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 1 Jul 1871

James Jenkins, of Nelson, whilst wrestling on Sunday, the 18th ultimo, at the Inangahua, fell and broke his leg.

Greymouth Civil Record Book - Archives NZ Christchurch Reference CAIF Accession 860 Item 283

Plaint No. 209 dated 20 May 1879, Plaintiff: Frederick Reyling, Defendant: James Jenkins, Amount of Claim: £2 15s, Summons issued 5 Jun 1879
Decision: Judgment ... defendant? £2 15s & costs 5s

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Plaint No. 242 dated 17 Jun 1879, Plaintiff: Frederick Reyling, Defendant: James Jenkins, Greymouth, Amount of Claim: £3, Judgment summons
Plaint 209 dated 20 May 1879, Decision: Withdrawn

Grey River Argus 22 Oct 1879 Breaches of Borough Bye Laws

Samuel Ainsworth and James Jenkins were charged with driving 32 head of cattle through the streets, the same being a contravention of the Borough Bye Laws. – Jenkins pleaded guilty. – Mr Girdwood stated that he employed both defendants, and that he had obtained permission from Inspector Hickson to drive the cattle on the west side of Boundary street to the stockyards. As soon as the cattle were landed they paid wharfage dues, and as soon as that was done the cattle came under the cognizance of the police, as it was impossible to land cattle in Greymouth without infringing the Borough Bye-Laws. – Inspector Feast said he had nothing to do with any permission granted by Inspector Hickson; all the police had to do was to carry out the law as they found it. – Mr Girdwood said no notice would have been taken of the matter but for the officiousness of a certain individual. – His Worship admitted it was a hard case, and suggested that the Bye-Laws should be altered. No doubt they were framed wisely for the protection of life, as cattle were often very wild. The police were bound to carry out the Bye-Laws, or else they would subject themselves to complaint. He would fine the defendants 1s per head and costs. – H. Russell, for driving 13 head of cattle through the streets was fined 13s and costs.

1881 Greymouth Electoral Roll
James Jenkins, Waggoner, Greymouth

1893 Inangahua Electoral Roll
James Jenkins, carrier, Reefton

Otago Witness 11 May 1893 Our West Coast Letter – and Otago Daily Times 13 May 1893 Our West Coast Letter
Mr Jenkins, coach driver on the Westport road, was severely injured last Thursday by the coach wheels passing over both legs, and the wonder is that he was not killed. He is now being treated at the Greymouth Hospital.

Grey River Argus 29 Dec 1893
Mr Jenkins, the well-known coach driver, was seized with a paralytic stroke at Belgrove the other day, and was taken to the Nelson Hospital.

Coroner's Inquest 1st August 1895 – Archives NZ Wellington Reference J46: COR 1895/576
Colony of New Zealand to Wit: Informations of Witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, touching the death of James Jenkins at Mount View Asylum in the Provincial District of Wellington in the colony above mentioned on Thursday, the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five before James Ashcroft one of the Coroners for the said colony, on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of James Jenkins then and there lying dead, as follows, to wit:-

Ernest Edward Fooks being sworn that *"I am Medical Superintendent of Mount View Asylum. The deceased James Jenkins was admitted to the Asylum on 10 May 1895 from Eltham on the warrant of S. H. James & Hugh J. C. Coutts JPs at Stratford on the Certificate of Dr Harrisons & Paget. He was in rather weak physical condition when received with symptoms of degeneration of the brain & mentally he was demented, for the fact for days he took his first ... & was able to get about but about the end of May he had a series of Convulsions after which he was very weak and suffered from paralysis of the bladder which required frequent medical attention. He improved so far as to be able to get up for an hour or two each day when the weather was good. He kept in much the same condition until about three weeks ago when he had another attack of convulsions. I thought he was dying and telegraphed to his brother at Eltham but got no answer. He then got a little better but for the last fortnight he has been confined to bed partly on account of his weakness & partly because of the coldness of the weather. He took his ... & had special diet ... the last two days when he had some difficulty in swallowing but took a fair quantity of milk & some whisky. I last saw him at midnight last night. His death at 9.30 this morning was immediately reported to me. The cause of death was suffering of the brain due to degeneration of the arteries. He had been a Coach driver. His age was 52 & he was not married. He was on the West Coast line S. Island."*

Robert August Heise being sworn saith *"I am day attendant at Mount View Asylum. I knew the deceased some years ago when he was Coach driving on West Coast he was not very temperate. I have been in attendance on him since he came to the Asylum his mind was quite gone & he appeared to have no memory. He was at times ... but not violent. He took his food well except when he had two fits of Convulsions. He ... enough food to sustain life & got extra diet. He died in my presence at 9.30 this morning quietly. He had had two or three spoonfuls of milk & egg, 1¾ ... but had great difficulty in swallowing. Dr Fooks attended to him constantly & the relief of the bladder was attended to when required."*

In pursuance of a warrant under the hand and seal of James Ashcroft Esq., Coroner I have duly summoned and named the following good and lawful men to serve upon the said inquest – Lawrence Carroll, Constable.

Louis Morris, Jeremiah Nash, John Mildenhall, William Davis, William Miles, William Jounnax

Conclusion: James Jenkins came to his death – *“that he being a Lunatic patient at Mount View Asylum did there die on the first day of August [1895] from suffering of the brain the result of degeneration of the arteries.*

Evening Post 2 Aug 1895

The Coroner held an inquest yesterday afternoon on the body of James Jenkins, formerly a coach-driver on the West Coast of the South Island, who died in Mount View Asylum yesterday morning. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, viz., that death resulted from degeneration of the arteries of the brain. Mr J. Nash was the foreman.

Grey River Argus 8 Aug 1895

James Jenkins, a coach driver, died in the Mount View Lunatic Asylum, Wellington last week from degeneration of the arteries of the brain. Deceased, who was a single man, was admitted to the asylum from Eltham in May last. He was formerly driving on the Westport-Reefton road.