

William Humphrey

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Parkhurst

RELEASED BY DEATH. – On Tuesday the Deputy Coroner (F. A. Joyce, Esq.) held an inquest at H.M. Convict Prison on the body of Wm. Humphrey, aged 77, a convict undergoing three years' penal servitude, to which he was sentenced at Hereford in June 1915. He had been at Parkhurst since July, 1915. Principal-Warder A. World said that deceased was engaged on light tailoring work, which was an option with him on account of his age. He was with the old convicts party, who on the previous morning were being searched in the bath-house, when deceased, who had just been searched, referred to the fact that his sentence was nearing expiration, said "Only a few months more and this will be finished," and immediately collapsed and died. Dr. Slaney said that a post-mortem examination disclosed that deceased had an enlarged heart and some degeneration of the valves and blood vessels. He ascribed death to syncope, arising from degeneration of the muscle of the heart. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

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