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Tyree 22d March 1861

Compeared Donald McNeill Shoemaker residing with his father Niel McNeill a crofter and residing at Balevullin in the Island of Tyree in the united parish of Tyree and Coll who says I am about 34 years of age - My Brother John McNeill assisted my father to work the croft and lived in the house - On Wednesday morning 3 weeks (27 February 1861)

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Weeks past Wednesday last

My Brother John McNeill got up between 6 & 7 A.M. He intended to go to Hynish for a horse which had strayed - After he had got up he went to the Byre which is attached to dwelling house and gave some fodder to the Cattle - About 7 A.M. he returned into the house and said he felt pain in the Belly and in about half an hour he said the pain increased. He then asked the servant girl Christina Macdonald to prepare tea for him which she did - He drank a cupful of the Tea but vomited it immediately - He then went into bed with his clothes on and lay in that state, the pain continuing to increase and he then said it was going down ~~

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his right leg - He asked for some spirits which was got and of which he drank a Glassful but vomited it immediately - Gruel made of oat meal was given him part of which he drank and also vomited - The pain still continued to get worse and he was in great agony - Doctor Buchanan was sent for - His clothes could not be got off in consequence of the pain and his state of agony - About 3 P.M. he died a little before Doctor Buchanan came - He had his clothes on when he expired -

The Deceased perspired much at first but not so much latterly.

The deceased was a strong and healthy man and about two years older than me - He slept well during the night previous to the ~~

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the day on which he died and took his supper as usual before going to bed with the rest of the family -

His death was unexpected and I cannot say what was the cause of it - The clothes were taken off the Body and I examined it and found that it bore a natural appearance - The body was then dressed and laid out when Doctor Buchanan came and examined it -

A number of people came into the house and witnessed the deceased state of pain and agony and nothing which he took relaxed the pain -

The deceased himself did not think that death was so near him till about a ¼ of an hour before, when he said he would soon ~~

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soon die -

The body was interred on the following Saturday in Sorbie burying ground in the Island of Tyree aforesaid -

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22 March 1861

Compeared Christina Macdonald servant to and at present residing with Niel McNeill crofter and residing at Balevullin in the Island of Tyree aforesaid - says when at home I reside with my father Donald McDonald residing at Moss - I am 26 years of age - On a

Wednesday 3 weeks ago (27 February 1861)

I got up about 7 A.M. John McNeill the deceased was up then - He went out to the Byre - which adjoins the Dwelling house - and foddered the Horses and Cattle - In about ½ an hour he returned

into the house and began to make some straw rope - In a few minutes he said to me he did not feel well - I desired him to stop his work which he did - He complained of pain in the abdomen ~~

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abdomen - He desired me to prepare a cup of tea for him - I did so - He then lay in bed with his clothes on and took the tea and vomited it immediately - I put a little salt butter into the tea thinking he would be the better of it I prepared warm water to bathe his feet but this was not done - The pain continued to increase and he was in great agony - He was desirous to get some spirits which was got for him - He drank a glass - and vomited the same I prepared Gruel for him part of which he drank at intervals but vomited - and he continued to get worse -

Nothing which he took relieved him in the least -

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I concur with the witness Donald McNeill as to what took place afterwards.

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22 March 1861

Compeared Niel MacNeill crofter and residing at Bunavullin in the Island of Tyree in the united parish of Tyree and Coll aforesaid who says I am 74 years of age - I am father of the deceased John McNeill - On the

Wednesday about 3 weeks ago (27 February 1861)

I got out of bed about 10 A.M. I found that my son John was in bed unwell - I did not know till then that any thing was wrong - I asked what was the matter with him and was told that he complained of severe pain in the Abdomen - He was in great distress - Gruel was given to him but he vomited it immediately as he drank it - He continued to grow worse till 3 P.M. when his sufferings were ~~

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were ended by Death - The body was then laid out and Doctor Buchanan who lives on the Island and who was sent for previous to my sons death came and examined the body

My sons death was unexpected He was in good health on the day previous and working about the croft. He was a young healthy man - aged about 36 years -

I enquired of the other members of my family when the deceased took unwell and was told that he got up that morning about the usual time and after foddering the cattle that he returned into the house and complained of the pain of which he died. I have no idea as to the cause his death or what

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what caused the pain of which he complained.

The deceased was interred in Soribie Burying ground in the Island of Tyree aforesaid -

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22 March 1861

Compeared Isabella McNeill or McLeod wife of and residing with Archibald McLeod a Shoemaker and residing at Balevullen in the Island of Tyree in the united parish of Tyree and Coll aforesaid - I am 38 years of age The deceased John McNeill was my Brother On

a Wednesday 3 weeks past Wednesday last (27 February 1861)

I was told that he was unwell - I went to my fathers house and found him in bed complaining of severe pain in the abdomen and which entered his right leg - It would be between 10 & 11 when I went - I concur with what the other witnesses say in regard to the state he was in - The deceased died about 3 P.M. of the Wednesday ~~

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Wednesday in question - The body was then laid out and the remains were interred in Soribie burying ground on the Saturday - The deceased was about 2 years younger than me -

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22 March 1861

Compeared Donald Lamont fisherman residing at Balevullin in the Island of Tyree aforesaid who says I am 27 years of age - About 10 AM

of Wednesday last was 3 weeks (27 February 1861)

I heard the deceased John McNeill had taken unwell - I then went to the house and found the deceased lying in bed suffering from severe pain in the Abdomen which extended to one of his legs - I saw Gruel and some spirits given to the deceased which he drank and vomited immediately - I remained for about an hour - The sufferings and agony in which the deceased was, was painful to witness - All the drinks which I saw him take had no effect in alleviating the ~~

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the extreme pain which he suffered - In the afternoon of that same day I heard that he died - I attended the Funeral the body was interred on the Saturday following - in Soribie burying ground in the Island of Tyree - aforesaid

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