

DEATH FROM ALLEGED MALPRACTICE

Coroner Burns, of Flushing, assisted by District Attorney Downing, commenced the holding of the inquest as to the cause of the death of Mary E. Stanley, alleged to have died from malpractice or neglect at the residence of Mrs. Maria Houghton, in the village of Whitestone on the 10th inst.

Mrs. Maria Houghton, the first witness called, testified that she had been a resident of Whitestone for seventeen years. Her family consisted of herself, two daughters, and two sons. Mrs. Stanley was the only other member of her family. She had been staying there during the four past Summers—1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876; had never been there in the Winter. She came to her house in April last; was not related to her; Mrs. Stanley was the wife of Capt. Stanley, who resides in Colorado; Mrs. Stanley never claimed to be her son's wife; her son did not occupy the same apartment with Mrs. Stanley; never heard her son speak ill of Mrs. Stanley until she borrowed money under false pretenses; he then told her not to believe what she said; the deceased died from a congestive chill twenty-four hours after the child was born; Mrs. Drake, her two daughters, and herself were present when she died; her son Henry was not there. The witness further testified that she never administered any drugs or medicines, nor performed an operation on the deceased. Other evidence having been taken, the inquiry was adjourned until Monday next.

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