

"HE WAS A LADY."

So Says Coroner's Jury in Murray Hall Case.

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The state of mind in which the Coroner's jury was left after the inquest yesterday into the death of Murray Hamilton Hall, who for years masqueraded as a man, and was discovered after death to have been a woman, was shown in the verdict rendered: It was: "Murray Hall came to her death by natural causes. He was a lady."

Coroner Antonio Zucca held the inquest. He told the jury, in presenting the subject of inquiry to them, that it ought not to have been a coroner's case, and would not have been were it not for the fact that Murray Hall's sex was only discovered after death. Miss Imelda Annie Hall, who was Murray Hall's adopted daughter, and Dr. William C. Gallagher, of 502 west Twelfth street, who attended Murray Hall and certified to her death, were the only witnesses. Miss Hall proved to be a very self-possessed young woman. This is a verbatim report of the material part of her examination by the Coroner.

Q. You are the adopted daughter of Murray Hamilton Hall, and you have been known as his daughter for some years? A. Since 1885.

Q. All this time did you think he was a man or a lady? A. A man.

Q. You never thought he was a woman? A. No, sir.

Q. For how long did he suffer from this cancer from which she died? A. He suffered with it for six years.

Q. Did any doctor visit or examine him? A. Yes; we had a doctor for a year.

Q. Can you tell the jury whether the doctor was aware of the sex, or what you call a man or a woman? A. No; I can't.

Q. Did he ever complain to you about being sandbagged? A. Well, he complained that he had been sandbagged.

Q. Wouldn't it be better if you said "she" instead of "he"? A. No; I would rather say "he." He was a man to me all his life.

Q. Well, from the time that he complained she was not so well, was she? A. I cannot say about that.

Q. Did she ever complain that that sandbagging business ever prevented him getting well? A. I cannot say.

Dr. Gallagher's examination presented an equally curious mixture of genders. He testified that he attended Murray Hall for a year before death and that death was due to cancer of the breast.

Q. Is cancer of the breast a sickness only a woman can have? A. No, sir; a man can have it.

Q. When you examined him in life did you find out that he was a woman? A. It is a question I don't care to answer. I was called in to make an examination and I afterward certified to the cause of death.

Q. When did you file the certificate in this office, before or after death? A. After death.

Q. Will you tell the jury whether she was a female? A. She was a female.