

Decatur Democrat, Adams Co, IN; Thursday, 15 October 1908

At a few minutes after one o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Coroner Dr. J. C. Grandstaff, filed the report of his inquest upon Jacob Mangold, who died while at work on the Lachot road last Thursday afternoon and within an hour after having been struck by a heavy club in the hands of one Charles Wolfe, who has since been in jail on a charge of murder. The report, however, tends to clear Mr. Wolfe of the terrible charge as the examinations showed that death was due to a diseased heart. Prosecutor Henry B. Heller stated this afternoon that he had not determined fully what course he would proceed and that he did not care to make a state at this time.

CORONER'S REPORT

After having gone over the report of the post mortem examination held by Drs. Charles S. Clark and Phillip B. Thomas and having heard the testimony of the witnesses present at the time of the death of Jacob Mangold, I find that the deceased in my opinion came to his death by cardiac failure and not by violence. The cardiac failure being probably due to the Calcanious deposits on the mitral and tricuspid valves, also a stenosis of the above mentioned valves and a fatty degeneration of the base of the aforesaid organ. Anger and excitement might also be considered a factor in hastening a fatal collapse and death from the fact that during the period of excitement and anger the heart was left in a weakened condition by there being an over supply of blood to the brain.

J. C. Grandstaff, Coroner Adams County, Ind. Oct. 13, 1908

POST MORTEM

The report of Drs. P. B. Thomas and C. S. Clark as to the result of the post-mortem examination recites that on October 9th they conducted such an examination in the presence of the coroner, prosecuting attorney and others. <snip> This atheromatous disease of the system affecting the heart as in this case, frequently terminated in sudden unexpected death, and it is our opinion that Jacob Mangold died on October 8, 1908, from this cause.

EVIDENCE OF WITNESSES

Attached to the report also is the testimony as sworn to at the inquest by Ed Hurst, Charles Lord, Jeremiah Archbold, Grover Ditenour and Samuel Magley, telling the story of how Mr. Mangold met his death on last Thursday.

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**Fort Wayne Sentinel, Allen County, Indiana; Sept. 22, 1909**

The case against Charles Wolfe, charged with assault & battery with intent to kill, is on trial at Decatur this week. The charge is the outcome of an altercation during the construction of a roadway near Decatur in October last, when Wolfe is alleged to have struck Jacob Mangold, an aged man, with a heavy club. An hour later, Mangold dropped over dead, and Wolfe was arrested. It is the contention that Mangold's death was due to heart disease and not to the effects of the blow delivered by Wolfe.

Karin King note: Sept. 29, 1909 - article says he was found not guilty