

An inquest into the death of an infant Indian born in the house of Job Shearman; the infant's mother, Jemima, was most likely an indentured servant of Job Shearman.

Dated July 24th, 1731.

#177 (1700s)

We whose names are underwritten being a jury of inquest (at the House of Job Shearman in Portsmouth, 24th day in the Month called July in the year 1731) to search an deceased infant to see whether it was murdered or not have searched said child according to the best of our understanding and cannot be certain whether said child was dead born or not, nor we could not find any symptoms [sic] of his being murdered.

The grand Inquest having made return of their verdict according to laws whereof, I accept said verdict upon the infant above mentioned, born of the body of an Indian woman called Jemima at the house of said Job Shearman and they having given their sign.

[Written by Town Clerk]

[Signed by:]

Preserved Fish
Richard Sisson
George Thomas
Peleg Shearman
Joseph Thomas
Thomas Durfee
Joseph Cundall
Benjamin Shearman
Caleb [Illegible]
John Shearman
Ebenezer Shearman
Samuel Pettyfaer