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DR. W. J. BURT.

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Austin, Texas, Dec 29th 1885

On the 28th inst at 9 o'clock
P.M. in the city of Austin &
about 2½ hours after death
we held an autopsy on the
body of Mrs Susan Hancock.

The examination developed three
wounds on her head as follows:

One, Cutting through the upper
part of the left ear, through the
soft tissues & fracturing the
squamous portion of the left
temporal bone.

One, about one inch above
& to the left of the left eye,
making an external wound
about 1½ inches long in a
~~direction~~ horizontal direction

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This wound penetrated the soft tissues & the instrument used fractured the left parietal, the frontal, sphenoid & squamous portion of the Temporal bones at their articulations; ^{one with the other} This fracture & the first one described made one fracture, both running together, the bones being broken & comminuted for a space of 3 inches by one to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. These broken pieces were forced into the brain substance, tearing the membranes & brain, involving mostly the left middle lobe of the brain. The brain for ^{around the fracture} two or more inches, was

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filled with clotted blood in
a state of partial decom-
-position.

The other wound was in
the Right Ear & done by
a sharp pointed instrument
piercing through the auditory
canal & through the bones
fracturing them & penetrating
the brain for two or more
inches. The wounds on

the left side were made by
an ax, a hatchet, a smoothing
iron or some such instrument.

No other wounds were discovered.
These wounds were the cause of her
death.

W. J. Burt M.D.
R. S. Groves M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this the 29th day
of December A.D. 1885,

Wm. H. H. H. H. H.
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