

# Basic Detail Report

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## Site-046 Elizabeth Fort 2019

**Date**

2020

**Primary Maker**

McGrath, Dara

**Medium**

Hahnemule archival digital print 320gsm, 1" deep Walnut frame, 1" white border, museum glass

### Description

Civilian Mary Anne Ward Ward (61) died of an apparent heart attack under conditions of the highest stress while being removed from Elizabeth Fort on the night of the 11th July 1920. Volunteers forced an entry into that part of the barracks building where the Wards were sleeping and ordered them to leave within five minutes. As they made their way out, Mrs Ward collapsed into unconsciousness. The Volunteers then helped to carry the prostrate Mrs Ward across the street to Mrs Coughlan's Pub, and according to her husband Arthur Ward, they had rendered every kind of assistance and 'treated us with courtesy'. William Lehane, the medical doctor at the inquest, suggested 'cardiac failure, the result of fright,' as the most probable cause of her death. Coroner William Murphy told the members of the jury that they should 'find a verdict of death from heart failure, accelerated by excitement'. The jury essentially agreed. Married for twenty-seven years, Mary and her husband Arthur (57) were the parents of nine living children.

### Dimensions

20" x 30" inch