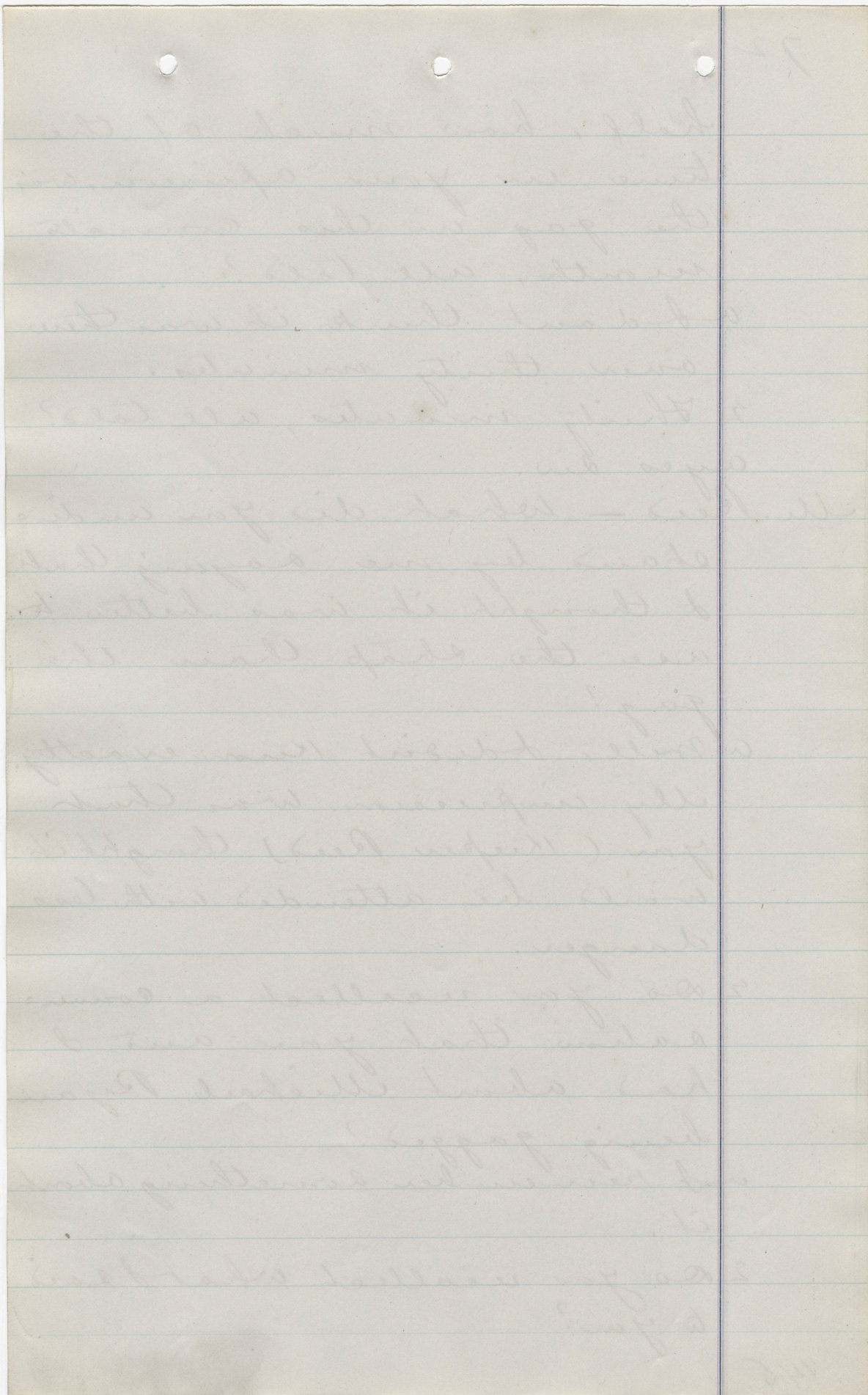




a I recollect that you told me he strangled, and that you thought he was almost dead. I think that is what you told me.

2 Didn't I say I thought it was dangerous to use the gag?

a If I remember rightly, you did.

I am glad that you
are so interested in
your thought for me and
that I think that is what
you are looking for
I am glad to hear of
your progress and hope
you will continue to
improve.

Follow Levin

A. W. Steise

being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by
Commissioner A. W. Jones.

Q What is your name?

A A. W. Steise.

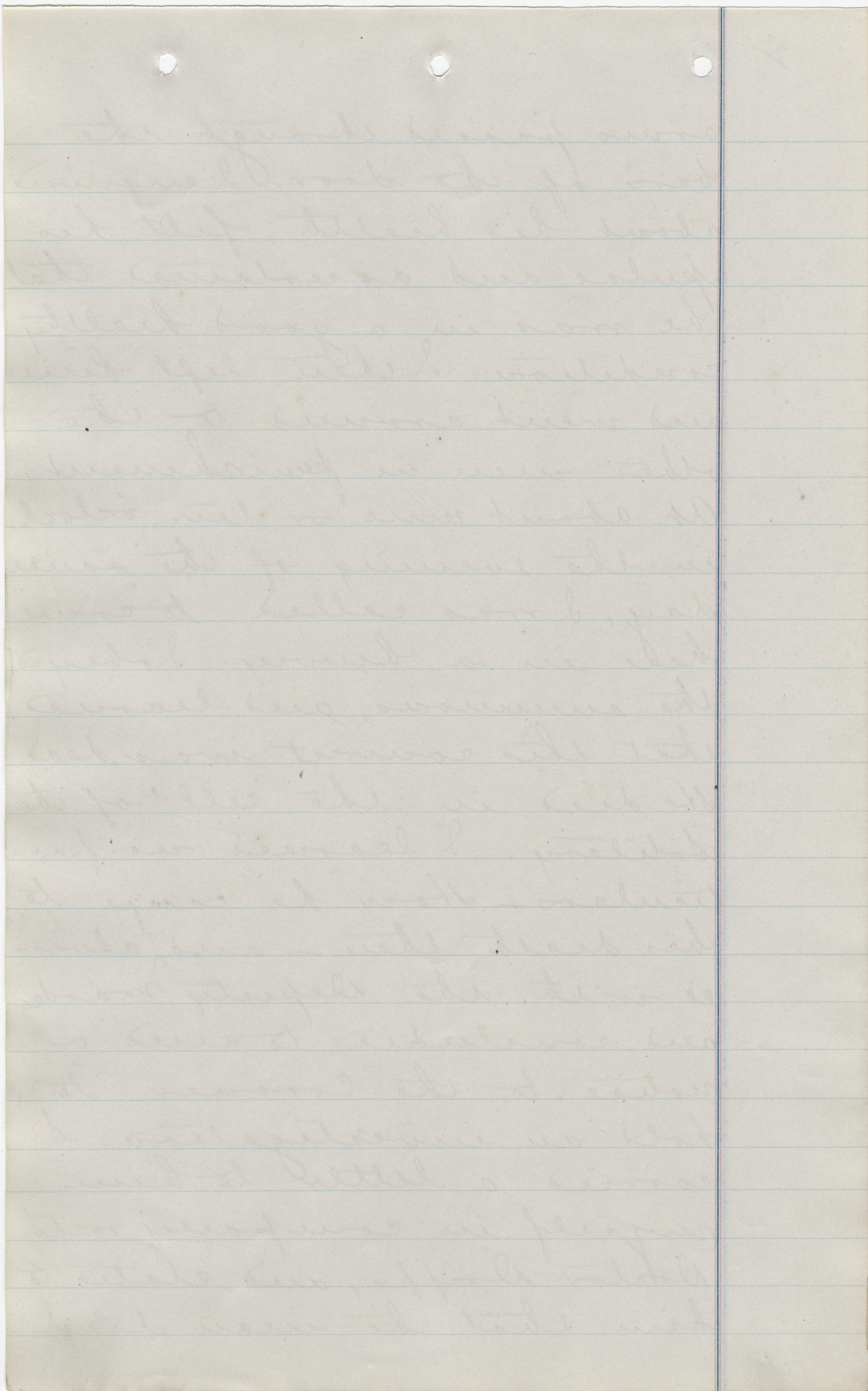
Q What position, if any, do you occupy in this prison?

A I am prison physician.

Q State what knowledge you have, if any, of the death of the convict, Gus Reid.

A I will make a statement in the commencement. This convict I saw in the morning about 8 o'clock, - it was on Tuesday May 7th - in solitary in punishment that upon inquiry I found that he had been fighting with some other convict and therefore was in punishment. He was hand cuffed and his

arms passed through the bars of the door. I enquired about his health, felt his pulse and ascertained that he was in a good healthy condition. I then left him and went around to the other men in punishment. At about nine or ten o'clock in the evening of the same day, I was called to come here in a hurry. I obeyed the summons, and learned that this convict was dead. He died in the cell of the solitary. I learned no particulars - how he came to his death then - and, advised with the Deputy Warden and concluded to send a notice to the Coroner to hold an investigation. I carried a letter to him myself in company with Doctor Driggs, and stated to him that the man died



suddenly and the cause of his death was not known to me, and that he had better come down in the morning and make an investigation. The next morning the ~~Coroner~~ Coroner and Doctor M^r Bride came down. Upon investigating the case a little it was concluded by the officers of the prison to have him make an investigation, but the warden, Major M^r Claughey being absent it was concluded it would be best to wait until he arrived, I sent ~~word~~ a dispatch to Major M^r Claughey, who was then, as I was informed, in Kankakee, and stated that his presence was wanted here immediately on business connected with the penitentiary. These gen-

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and finally, and to ensure
of his heart more and more
to me, and that he has
better come home in the
evening and make a
little conversation. The next
morning, the General
and his family Mr. Fisher
came down. Upon their
returning the car a little
more crowded by the
officers of the force to
have their meals in the
overlaid room, but the more
we, Major W. C. Clough, and
myself about it now, and
it would be best to
work with the business
and work a day later to
Major W. C. Clough, and
that is a most important
in fact, and also that
that his presence was
months but in the
in the morning, and will
the first thing, then you

Warden, Secretary Jones and
 Commissioner Jones, and
 Major Mc Claughey arrived
 that night, as I under-
 stood, and in the morn-
 ing it was talked over,
 and the Commissioner
 Jones, as well as the war-
 den, insisted and desired
 a very thorough investiga-
 tion to find out the cause
 of the death of this cou-
 rick, and it was con-
 cluded in the first place
 to hold a post mortem
 examination, and if nat-
 ural causes could be
 found, it might not be
 necessary then perhaps
 to have further investiga-
 tion. I myself refused to
 make a post mortem ex-
 amination as being an
 officer of this prison. The
 Coroner selected Doctor ^{William} Dou-
 gal and Doctor McBride

to make the post mortem. The post mortem examination was carefully made in my presence, and in the presence of Doctor Mc Bride, Doctor Driggs, who assisted, Doctor William Dougal, Doctor Lynam, Lehman and Glanders the State's Attorney, and part of the time, ^{Mr. Mayhew} the Deputy Warden, and myself. Warden Mc Claughey and Mr. Jones were present during the post mortem examination. The conclusion of the physicians, which ~~conclusion~~ coincides with my own opinion, was that the cause of death was apoplexy of the lungs, which had been caused in my opinion, or in their opinion, as they expressed it, by an insufficiency of air entering the lungs, which had par-

