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25 Dec 1866

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

William Hannah

at

Burgoyne

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
5 Jany 1867

S. C Coutts *Coroner.*

INQUISITION.

County of Victoria
District of Bourke } TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at Yarra Flats Burgoyne in the District of Bourke aforesaid, the Twenty fifth day of December A.D. 1866, in the Thirtieth year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me Samuel Curtis Cumbles Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the * District of Bourke aforesaid, upon the view of the body of William Hannah then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

* City, Town, County, or District, as the case may be.

Jurors' Christian and Surname in full.

Thomas Armstrong
Philip Joseph Kiernan
Edward Cullis
Philip Brankin
John Williams
Wm Lardil
William Bell
William Little
James Williams
Jorge Coleman
William Clemens
Hans Hans

good and lawful men of Burgoyne in the said District who being duly sworn and charged to inquire, upon the part of our Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the said William Hannah came by ‡ his death, do say upon their oath that § on the 23rd of December 1866 at Yarra Flats Burgoyne he died from inflammation of the Lungs

‡ His or her.
§ Here state cause of death, if known; if unknown, doubtful, or no evidence, state the fact accordingly, using the words of the Verdict of the Jury.
It is desirable that the Jury should find expressly, whether there are or are not marks of external violence on the body of deceased.

In witness whereof as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid, have to this Inquisition put their hands ~~and seals~~, on the day and year, and at the place above mentioned.

C Candler (L.S.)

Coroner.

* Here let each Juror sign his own name, or make his own mark, and affix or acknowledge his seal.

* Thomas Armstrong (L.S.)

Philip Joseph Kiernan (L.S.)

Edwd Cullis (L.S.)

Philip Brabazon (L.S.)

John Williamson (L.S.)

John Jardine (L.S.)

William Bell (L.S.)

William Little (L.S.)

James Williamson (L.S.)

George Colemans (L.S.)

William Stevenson (L.S.)

Hans Horns (L.S.)

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

District of Bourke

To wit.

*All names of Witnesses

THE Examination of* Henry Bonnicastle. Edward Hall and Edward Barker

of Burke, taken on oath this 25th day of December A.D. 1866, at Burgoyne before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† District

†City, Town, District, or County, as the case may be.

The Deponent Henry Bonnicastle

on his oath, saith as follows:—

I knew the deceased William Hannah. He was a blacksmith and lived on the Jane Flats - Burgoyne - About five o'clock on Sunday afternoon the 23rd instant I went into his house and I found him dead lying on his back on his back. He had his drawers on. I saw him alive about an hour before this. I was with him from the Thursday to Sunday. He was drinking during a part of the time very heavily. He was drunk on the Friday. He did not drink heavily on the Saturday or Sunday morning. He did not get up on Sunday. He vomited on Sunday morning.

H Bonnicastle

Taken and sworn before me the 25th day of December A.D. 1866, at Burgoyne

C. Candler

Coroner.

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To wit.

THE Deponent Edward Hall

on his oath, saith as follows :—

I am a mounted Constable stationed at Lucanston. I have examined the body and the house occupied by the deceased William Hannah. There are no marks of violence on the body nor any signs of any violence in the house. I have no reason to suspect the deceased has met with any foul play of any kind.

his
Edward X Hall
mark

Taken and sworn before me at 25th day of December A.D. 1866, at Bunbury

E. Candler
Coroner.

[No. 60.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To wit.

THE Deponent Edward Barker

on his oath, saith as follows :—

I am a legally
Qualified Surgeon living in Melbourne —
I have made a post mortem Examination
of the deceased William Hannah —
External there are no marks of violence.
The right lung was very much congested
and solidified The left lung was less
so — The heart was healthy The
stomach contained a little food and
its coats were rather congested. There
were no signs of poisoning. The liver
was enlarged and softened The kidneys
were also very much congested. The
cause of death was inflammation of the
Lungs. it must have been going on for
a few days before death. There was the
usual signs of hard drinking — and
I believe that his death was accelerated
by Drinking —

Taken and sworn before me at 25th
day of December A.D. 1866,
at Yarra Flats
C. Candler
Coroner.

Edwd P. Barker