

I remained with Cooper till the police arrived.

I saw a good deal of blood on the road and at the side of the road. I saw blood on the jumper and think that the injuries received by Cooper happened at that place, as there were blood ^{stains on scroll of jumper.} Henderson told me Cooper had run up against a hard wire fence.

Henderson fell down with shock when I told him Cooper was in a bad state and he told me they had been there all night.

Before the doctor arrived a man called Green came along, and I asked him to telephone for Mr Austin.

H Evans

— taken and sworn before me
this 15th day of May 1914
at Bruny.

A. M. Beckett J.P.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Robert Charles Wittington

on his oath saith, I am a duly qualified medical practitioner

residing at Bungah, Raffles Road

* Christian and Surname in full.

On Thursday May 7th 1914 at Bungah I examined the body of a man called George Cooper. The body was that of an elderly man in good condition. There was a cut three inches long running from the left eyebrow near the nose down across the upper eye lid + over to the left temple. It was deep above + gradually became shallower till it was only skin deep at the temple. The white of the eye was slightly torn + there was effusion of blood all round + into the white of the eye. There were also slight scratches on the nose + under the left eye. There was a slight abrasion on the right side of the head + an open irregular cut, two inches long, on the back of the head behind the right ear. This cut extended into the muscles, but did not lay bare the bone.

There were dried
remains of vomiting
on coat + vest.

There was a slight tear on the first finger of the right hand.

There were no other external marks of violence.

On removing the skull, dark fluid blood with some clots escaped from the space between the outer + inner linings of the brain. The surface of the brain was congested all over + on the top of the brain were small patches of haemorrhage underneath the inner lining of the brain.

The interior of the brain showed no obvious obvious lesion.

The skull was not fractured.

The heart externally was in a fatty condition + was not enlarged. It contained no blood + was otherwise normal.

The lungs were normal with the exception of old pleuritic adhesions on the right side.

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* Robert Charles Withington

on his oath saith, I am a duly qualified medical practitioner

residing at Bury St Edmund.

*Christian and Surname in full.

The stomach was normal in size. Its inner lining was in a condition of chronic inflammation. Its contents were fluid & smell strongly of alcohol.

The other organs were normal with the exception of the kidneys which showed slight signs of chronic inflammation. In my opinion death was due to haemorrhage and compression of the brain accelerated by external haemorrhage & exposure.

R. C. Withington.

Examined by Coroner Auster.

The cut on left eye could have been done by heated wire.

The cut on back of head could have been done by falling onto a semi sharp substance.

Taken and sworn before me the 15th day
of May 1914 at Bury St Edmund
A. H. Beckett J.P.
Coroner.

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

* Christian and Surname in full.

This Deponent* Leonard George Austin
on his oath saith, I am a Police Constable
residing at Bunyip.

On 7th of May from information received I proceeded to Jona and found deceased George Cooper lying dead near McEwan's place he had a wound over left ~~eye~~ eye and at the back of his head, I searched the body and found Lammie's Bank book with fairly big deposit: £6-18-11, a gold ring gold watch and metal watch chain, I had body removed to Bunyip.

I examined the place at Jona factory and found empty flask and pipe near place indicated by previous witnesses that night. ~~Next day~~ I was handed a tin of tobacco and a watch chain by Witness Field & Schumacher. I made inquiries concerning this man's cloth and was not able to find any suspicious circumstances connected with it.

S. Justice
MC 4896

Taken and Sworn before me the 15th day
of May 1904 at Bunyip
Alfred Beckwith
Coroner.