

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent* ISABELLA DUNCANon *hⁿ* oath saith, I am a WIDOW*Christian and
Surname in
full.residing at BROONING STREET SOUTH YARRA

The deceased was my son. I last saw him alive on the Thursday before he went away. He told me that he was going to Koo Wee Rup and that he was going to dig potatoes. He had a bag which contained the boots and the trousers produced. He was sober when he left me. He was not drunk as he slept at my place from 5 to 10 pm that day.

TO MR BLAIR I do not think that he committed suicide and he had never made any such intention.

Isabella Duncan

Taken and sworn before me the 24th day
of April 1914 at Melbourne
Philip Owen
Coroner.

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This Deponent* HARRIETT DUNCANon her oath saith, I am a WIDOWresiding at 27 SOMERSET STREET RICHMOND.*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have seen the papers produced at the Richmond Police Station. I am satisfied that the little piece of paper produced was written on by my husband John Thomas Duncan. He was aged 35 years and was a labourer and shearer. I last saw him alive on the Friday the 29 March last. He was at the corner of the street and he told me that he had just come down and that he wanted to see the child. The time then was about 9 pm. He then told me that he was going to Koo WEE RUP and he told me that he would write to the Fitzroy Post Office to Mrs James Little. He was in a little bother with the Police and did not take his right name. He did not write to me. I did not see him again. I recognise the writing on the small piece of paper as that of the deceased my husband. I also wrote the other two letters to Mr Johnson at Koo Wee Rup. I was on fairly good terms with my husband.

I was going to institute divorce proceedings as soon as it was possible. He was a man that drank a good deal. He treated me well when he was off the drink. He has never threatened to take his own life.

TO MR BLAIR We had been married six years and two months and have two children. I lived with my husband always till the 11th February last. He has never mentioned anything about suicide. He was always fond of fun and

TO THE CORONER The boots produced are a pair that he took away with him. He had a swag when he went away.

Harriet Duncan

Taken and sworn before me the 8th day
of April 1914 at Melbourne
Philip Cohen
Coroner.