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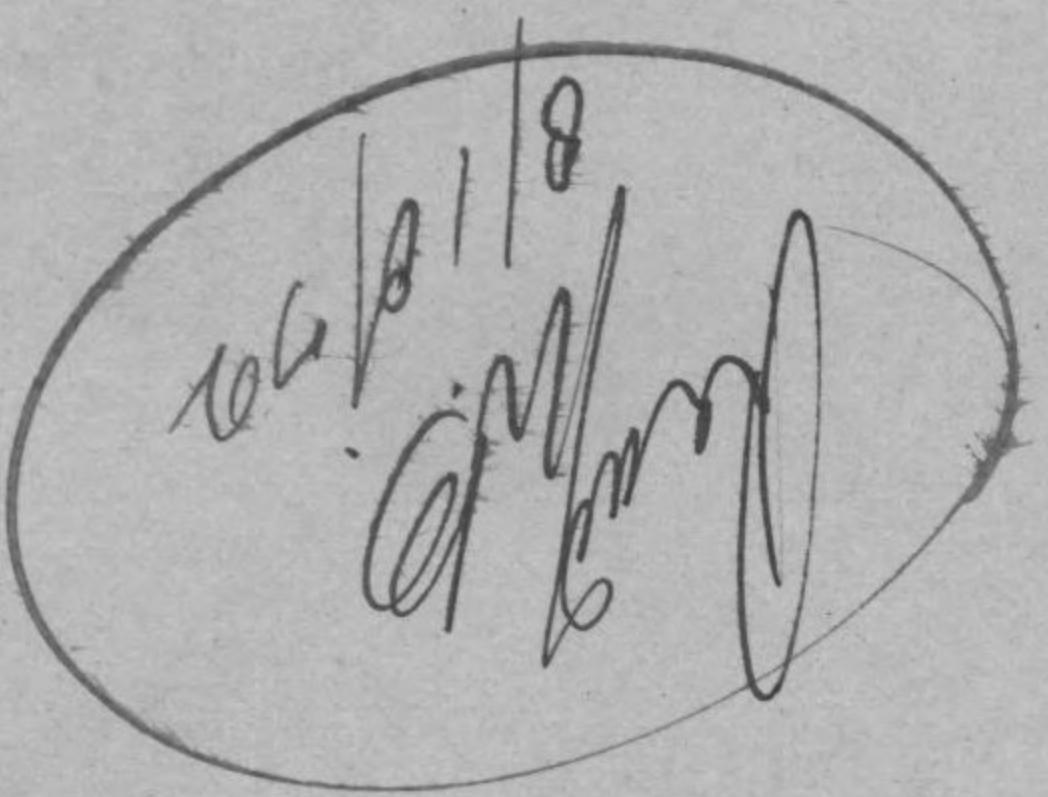
PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST  
held upon the body of  
John De Haga.

at  
Walthamstow.

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Received at the Crown Law Offices,  
October 9<sup>th</sup> 1872

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W.P. Marshall. Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

No. 64.  
[Stereo. 1]

INQUISITION.

*Pictures of  
Williamstown  
Colony of Victoria*

TO WIT.

A N Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *the Steam  
Packet Hotel, Cole street Williamstown* in  
the districts of *Williamstown* aforesaid,  
the fifth day of *October* A.D. 1872 in  
the *Thirty fifth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen,  
before me *David Purdie Maclean*

\* City, Town, County, or District, Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the \* district of  
as the case may be. *Williamstown* aforesaid, upon the  
view of the body of *John De Haga* then

Jurors' Christian and Surname in full, and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †.

*John Banham Green*  
*Thomas Austin*  
*Thomas Richard Cherryton*  
*Henry Garrett Freeman*  
*William Perryman*  
*James Hawkins*  
*George Duncan*  
*John Crocker*  
*John Kelly*  
*James Bratton*  
*Michael Crawford*  
*George Kelly*

good and lawful men of *Williamstown* in the  
said district of *Williamstown* 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 *John De Haga* came

† 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.

by † his death, do say upon their oath that § he committed  
suicide whilst labouring under temporary insanity brought on by distress.

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.

David Dundie MacLean

Coroner.

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

Henry Garrett  
Michael Cranmer  
John Vassay Green  
George Salter  
Tho R. Channington  
James Hawtire  
Thomas Jenkins  
William Penruddock  
George Duncker  
John Cooker  
John Henry Nealy  
John Pooton

Williamstown

4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1872

Sergt. Daly 307, reports  
that at 2.05 p.m. this day  
a shot was heard in one of  
the bed rooms of the "Steam  
Packet Hotel". He proceeded  
there alone and broke in the  
room door as it was locked  
without inside. He found the  
body of John De. Haaga on  
the floor as a pistol recently  
discharged near the body -  
there was a strong smell of  
powder and room was full  
of smoke - death must  
have been instantaneous as  
the side of the Mule was  
flown away

There

There was no money or other  
valuables found on the deceased.

There is no doubt that  
the deceased committed suicide.

Henry Daly

Sept. 3 1917.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

District of  
Williams town  
TO WIT.

\* All names of Witness.

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

THE Examination of\* Thomas Samuel Blackney

of Williams town  
day of October

taken on oath this fifth

A.D. 1872, at Williams town

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † District of Williams town  
The deponent Thomas Samuel Blackney,  
on his oath, saith as follows:— On Thursday night I  
came down from Bulbourn with the  
midnight train. The deceased and  
Mr. French Doffin were in the same  
carriage and we - there was no con-  
versation whilst coming down but  
on arriving at the station the de-  
ceased enquired of Mr. Doffin where  
he could get a bed. Mr. Doffin said  
to me as you are going down the post  
take him to <sup>a hotel</sup> ~~to Williams~~ - I did so and  
got him <sup>V.P.M.</sup> ~~at Williams~~ a bed and I saw no more of  
him until he was dead. He seemed  
quite rational - he had some drink in  
him but was not drunk. He told  
me he had some business to do here - early  
in the morning - and then had to go to  
Sandridge and Emerald Hill. He had a  
small parcel rolled up in a newspaper with  
him —

Thos Blackney

Taken and sworn before me the 5<sup>th</sup>  
day of October A.D. 1872  
at Williams town

V.P. MacLean

Coroner.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

TO WIT.

\* All names of Witness.

THE Examination of\* George Withers.

intimated.

of

taken on oath this

day of

A.D. 187

, at

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †

The deponent

on his oath, saith as follows:— have been a shot so I  
 sent for the police. who came at once  
 and burst open the door. when we found  
 him in a sitting posture right opposite  
 the door. on the floor. with his head leaning  
 against the trunk. the right-hand open  
 along side of him. a pistol along side of it.  
 a pool of blood along side. and dead. I had no  
 previous knowledge of him.

Geo Withers

Taken and sworn before me the 5<sup>th</sup>  
 day of October A.D. 1872  
 at Williams town

D.P. McLean

Coroner.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

District of  
Williamstown }  
TO WIT.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

\* All names of Witness.

## THE Examination of\* Henry Daly

of Williamstown  
day of October

taken on oath this <sup>fifth</sup>

A.D. 1872, at Williamstown

<sup>†</sup> City, Town, District, or County,  
as the case may be.

The deponent Henry Daly -

on his oath, saith as follows: - I am sergeant of Police  
in charge at Williamstown - From in-  
formation I received yesterday about a  
quarter past one - I proceeded to the Steam  
packet Hotel - I went to one of the bed-  
room doors with Mr. Wootton the landlady  
we knocked several times but received no  
answer. I burst open the door and found  
the deceased who I believe to be John  
De Haga sitting on the floor opposite  
the door. his back against some trunks  
the head slightly inclined to the left and  
leaning against the wall the hands were  
down by the sides partly open. the pistol  
produced lying beside the right-hand  
it was recently discharged and partly broken  
as it is now. a strong smell of powder and  
throm full of smoke. there was a large wound  
on the right side of the head with a piece of  
the skull blown away. a large pool of blood  
beside him - he was quite dead. I searched  
the body and found this chain - a match box and  
three bullets in the waistcoat pocket. also  
found in the pool of blood another bullet which  
seemed to have been thrown used with  
the pistol. close to the head there was  
a hole in the wall where the bullet  
had struck - an open letter addressed  
Coroner.  
Mr. John De Haga was placed

Taken and sworn before me the

day of  
at

A.D. 187

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

TO WIT.

\* All names of Witness.

THE Examination of\* *Henry Daly*  
*continued*

of

day of

taken on oath this

A.D. 187 , at

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

The deponent

on his oath, saith as follows :— *up against the looking glass*  
*on the dressing table. This morning another*  
*pill also marked with powder and the lining of*  
*the wall was found in the room. In the*  
*drawer of the dressing table was found a small*  
*flask of powder and a box of caps. and a small*  
*phial that had contained laudanum — none*  
*of which are owned by the landlord. He had*  
*no money or other valuables on him.*

*Henry Daly*

Taken and sworn before me the 5<sup>th</sup>  
 day of October A.D. 1872  
 at Williams town }

*D.P. MacLean*

Coroner.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

District of  
Williams town  
TO WIT.

\* All names of Witness.

THE Examination of\* *Frederick Zeplin*.

of *Frederick Zeplin*.  
day of *October*.

taken on oath this *5th*  
A.D. 1872, at *Williams town*

<sup>†</sup> City, Town, District, or County, as the case may be.

The deponent *Frederick Zeplin*.

on his oath, saith as follows:— I am a musician by pro-  
fession and proprietor of the St. James  
music hall. I have seen the body in the  
morgue and recognize it as that of Mr.  
John de Haga. He was under my age-  
ment with me to appear for me mouth  
past the second of this month but  
in consequence of his illness was unable  
to appear. On Monday he appeared with  
my wife and found that his voice was  
gone but he hoped to retrieve it— my  
impression is that finding his voice  
gone and having no resources he saw  
nothing but starvation staring him  
in the face and so put an end to  
himself. That poverty had driven him  
insane. I was present when Mr.  
Zeplin took charge of his effects last  
night at the Globe Hotel. There were  
no valuables in it.

Taken and sworn before me the *5th*  
day of *October*. A.D. 1872  
at *Williams town*

*O. P. Nealean*

*Frederick Zeplin*

Coroner.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

*District of  
williamstown*  
TO WIT.

\* All names of Witness.

THE Examination of\* John Cowan

of Melbourne  
day of October

taken on oath this

*fifth*

A.D. 1872, at *williamstown*

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said *† district of williams town*

The deponent *John Cowan*.

on his oath, saith as follows:— I am a wretched man and  
knew the deceased John de Haga. I  
have only known him by that name but  
think that he was called Hague in reality.  
He was about forty five or fifty. I have  
been in the same house with him for  
some weeks at a time and I never saw  
him much the worse of drink. He was  
travelling with Hussey who did not pay  
him and he came back to Melbourne  
in great poverty.

*John Cowan*

Taken and sworn before me the 5<sup>th</sup>  
day of *October* A.D. 1872  
at *williamstown*

*D.P. MacLean*

Coroner.