

(22.)
The ingrowth on
back of the body

of John Edward Cook

May 16th 1848

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'Accidental Fall'

Revd. S. R.

13th

District of Port Phillip }
in the Colony of New South Wales }
do wit - }
John Thomas
Journiss Esq.
Settler and
in the Prison

Plenty in the district aforesaid -
Sworn -

On Sunday morning last the 14th of
May inst. I heard of the death of
Mr. Ladd and proceeded the same
night to his Station. On the Monday
morning I saw Miss Wright who
is an aged lady (upwards of seventy
years of age) and who confirmed all
that John Tombs has stated in
evidence -

John M. Furniss

Taken and acknowledged
this 16th day of May 1848
at Collingwood, before

J. B. Wilton
Coroner

District of Port Phillip } John Tombes -
in the Colony of New South Wales } Labourer in the
to wit - } employ of Mr.

Bear - on the
river Plenty in the County of Bourke
in the district aforesaid. Sworn -

On Saturday evening last the 13th of
May inst. after returning from any
work the deceased's Aunt Miss Wright
came to my hut and asked me if I had
seen Mr. Cade any where about. I told
her I had not. - Miss Wright said
that in the morning deceased had gone
into the paddock for a load of wood
and after bringing one load home, he
went again for another, and said
that the mare was very restless in
the morning when he went for the
first load. Miss Wright said that
between three and four O'clock the
same afternoon Mr. Cade went
again into the paddock to put the
Cows and Calves up, and told Miss
Wright that he would go and fetch
the mare and cart up from the said
paddock - Miss Wright became
uneasy and asked me ~~if~~ if I had
seen

Seen the deceased? and I went with
her to look for him, whilst Marching
in the paddock adjacent Mr. Cade's
dog barked at us and after recognizing
me went towards the spot where deceased
lay. I found the hand saw of deceased
placed against a tree at a distance
of about three or four rods from where
the body was lying. The body was lying
on its right side and upon the head
of deceased and the left arm was
a large log of wood, probably two
tons in weight. I had seen the
said log about a week or two pre-
viously propped up by branches, and
it appeared to me that on removing
the branches underneath the said
log which supported it from the
ground the said log must have
fallen upon the deceased. The
axe which deceased had been
using was lying close to said log.
Deceased was quite dead when I
found him. I rolled away the
said log and removed the body of
deceased from underneath. I
then went for Mr. Bear who
came immediately to the spot
and

and assisted in conveying the body
to the hut ~~where~~ ^{at} deceased - - I
came into Melbourne the same
night, ^{and} reported the fact ^{on the}
following morning - There had
been no one else about the pre-
mises the same day.

John Tombs

Taken and acknowledged
this 16th day of May 1848
at Collingwood, before

W. W. Whitnott
Coroner

District of Port Phillip
in the Colony of New South Wales
to wit -

An inquisition taken for
our Sovereign Lady Queen
Victoria at Collingwood in the
City of Melbourne in the district

aforesaid the fifteenth day of May in the eleventh
year of the reign of our Said Lady the Queen before
W. B. Wilson M. P. Coroner of our Said Lady the Queen
for the Said district on view of the body of
John Edward Cade ten and three lying dead upon
the path of Charles Lawrence - Edward Bristol -
Frederick Leek - George Wyle - Joseph Walker -
John Alcock - Thomas Bell - Thomas Tubb -
John Pells - Charles Layton - Michael
M. Carty - Robert Graham -

good and lawful men of the Said district
duly chosen and who being then and there duly
sworn and charged to inquire for our Said Lady
the Queen when where how and by what means
the Said John Edward Cade came by his
death do when then oath say that the Said
John Edward Cade was accidentally killed
in consequence of a certain log of wood falling
upon his head, whereby the Said John Edward
Cade was so severely injured that he expired
almost immediately.

In witness whereof as well the Said

Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid have

To this signature Set their hands and seals
on the day and year and at the place above
mentioned

M. W. Wilcox

Chas Lawrence

Fredrick Secker

Joseph ~~Walker~~ Walker

Chas Layton

Thomas Tule

John Alcock

Thomas Bell

Michl M. Canty

John Wills

George Hyde

Edward Bristow

Robert Graham