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1906

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST  
held upon the body of

William Preece

at

Penalans

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

1906

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John Halliday  
Coroner.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

VICTORIA,  
BAILIWICK,  
To wit.

*J.H.* A MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY on behalf of Our Sovereign <sup>Lord King</sup> ~~Lady~~ the Queen,  
 taken at *Jeevalang* in the *Eastern*  
 Bailiwick of Victoria, this *first* day of *February*  
*J.H.* in the year of our Lord One thousand <sup>and</sup> ~~eight~~ hundred and ~~ninety~~ <sup>one</sup> before  
 the undersigned *John Hall* Esquire, one of  
 His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said Bailiwick, upon view of  
 the body of *William Tulloch*  
 then and there lying dead.

Having duly inquired when, where, how, and by what means the said  
*William Tulloch* came by his  
 death, I say that the said *William Tulloch*  
 died at *Jeevalang* in the said  
 Bailiwick on the *thirtyfirst* day of *January* 18*96*  
 from *asphyxiation owing to being surrounded*  
*by a bushfire*

As witness my hand this *first*  
 day of *February* 18*96*

*J. Hall J.P.*

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\*

Mary Tulloch

on h<sup>er</sup> oath saith, I am a

Single woman

residing at

Jeeralang

\* Christian and Surname in full

I have seen the body in the adjoining room and identify it as that of my father William Tulloch aged 68 years. I last saw him alive at our home at about 12 noon on the 31<sup>st</sup> January. I spoke and said 'Father the fire has started' there was at this time down the Gully in the direction of Reidy. He said 'then it is' and I said down to Reidy's, and he then went away in the direction of where we keep the milking cows I did again see him alive.

Mary Tulloch

Taken and Sworn before me the

First day

of February 1906

at Jeeralang

J. Hall  
Coroner

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\*

Samuel Blier

on his oath saith, I am a labourer

residing at

Jeeralauq

\* Christian and  
Surname in  
full

I have seen the body in adjoining room  
+ identify it as that of William Duesch  
At about 12 o'clock on the 31<sup>st</sup> January the deceased  
and I were at Mr Tulloch's home when we  
saw a fire which appeared to be down in Mr.  
Reidy's paddock. The deceased spoke to me and  
said "Go down the paddock and bring the  
cows away from the fire. I ran down the hill,  
and deceased went away to the right. I got the  
milkmaid cows and drove them to paddock  
close to the house. I met Mr Tulloch as I was  
driving the cows and he and I returned to  
get the paddies. When we were getting the  
paddies the fire surrounded us. We were  
together. I spoke and said "Run for it". He  
did not reply. I pointed to the fire and deceased  
looked towards it and tried to get up the side  
of the hill in the direction of the house.  
I ran away in the direction of Mr Gould's.  
I did not see him again. When I left  
deceased he was close to a land slip

Sam Blier

Taken and Sworn before me the 1<sup>st</sup> day

of February 1906 at Jeeralauq

J. Hall  
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* *Spencer Summerfield*

on h<sup>is</sup> oath saith, I am a *Flanner*

residing at *Seeralang*

\* Christian and Surname in full

To see & view the body in the adjoining room and identify it as that of Mr. William Tulloch. At about 12 noon on the 31<sup>st</sup> January I saw smoke coming. I went up to Peter Jarvis and from there I went to Mr. Gourd's. The fire at this time was burning purely from Gourd's I went to Mr. Tulloch's. The house was surrounded by fire. I was informed that Mr. Tulloch was missing, and accompanied by Mr. Geo. Dow and Warwick Gourd we searched, and about 1/2 a mile from Mr. Tulloch's house I found the dead body, it was about 5 chains up the hill (and in the direction of deceased home) from the land slip referred to by witness Blair. The body was on the left side, facing up hill. The clothing was burnt off the lower portion of the body, above the waist the clothing was still on. The lower part of body was burnt. From the position of the body I am of opinion that death was caused from suffocation and not from the burns. When I found the body there was a

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of *February* 1906 at *Seeralang*

*J. Hall*  
Coroner.

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

This Deponent\*

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

on h oath saith, I am a

residing at

\* Christian and Surname in full

Stump close to it which had only recently taken fire. I am of opinion that had deceased been caught by the fire that the whole of his clothing would have been burnt. I have a lot of experiences in scrub and bush fires. I have resided at Jeralang for the last 17 years. I discovered and removed the body to where it now lies.

Sproul Summerfield

Taken and Sworn before me the First day

of February 1906 at Jeralang

J. Hall  
Coroner.