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PROCEEDINGS of INQUIRY  
held upon the body of

George Elliott

at

Ben Harwin

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

7 - 1 - 1898

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John of ready J.P. Coroner.

## MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

VICTORIA,

BAILIWICK,

To wit.

A MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY on behalf of Our Sovereign Lady the Queen.

taken at *Bonthrambo* in the *northern*  
 Bailiwick of Victoria, this *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *December*  
 in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-~~seven~~  
 the undersigned *John O'Grady* Esquire, one of  
 Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said Bailiwick, upon view of  
 the body of *George Elliott*  
 then and there lying dead.

Having duly inquired when, where, how, and by what means the said

*George Elliott* came by his  
 death, I say that the said *George Elliott*  
 died at *Bonthrambo* in the said  
 Bailiwick on the *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* 189*7*  
 from *Natural Causes - (Convulsions)*  
*aggravated by the excessive heat of past few*  
*days.*

As witness my hand this *30<sup>th</sup>*

day of *December* 189*7*

*John O'Grady J.P.*

Magisterial Inquiry

[No. 53.]

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Maria

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* Bridgett, Elliott

on her oath saith, I am a Widow

residing at Bonthraambo

\* Christian and Surname in full.

I have viewed the body now lying in an adjacent-room and recognize it as that of my late <sup>illegitimate</sup> son George aged about 48 hours about 4 o'clock on Monday morning the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst. I took ill and sent Joe Couell an old man who was working here to several of the neighbours to come and assist in my confinement <sup>they all refused</sup> eventually Mrs Foster came, but I had been delivered of the child on the floor and was too weak to get into bed - This would be about ten minutes before Mrs Foster came. This would be 6.10 AM. The child was healthy up to 30 hours after birth. It took a fit of screaming. I have always been assisted by a nurse in my previous confinements - This was the first I had alone and did not understand what to do with the Naval Cord, I was afraid the child would bleed to death - So I sent it over to a neighbour to have it - (The child) ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> attended to by the neighbour. I gave it a dose of Oil (Castor) to ease it, but it had no effect - <sup>from the time the child ~~was~~ took ill until it died some 12 hours elapsed - It was my illegitimate child by George Foster being the father I have a family of 6 children by my late husband. This one was my only illegitimate child.</sup>

Taken and Sworn before me the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1897 at Bonthraambo

Bridgett Maria Elliott

John O'Grady JP

Coroner.

Magisterial Inquiry  
CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\*

Ann Russell

on h oath saith, I am a Widow

residing at Borahuan

\* Christian and Surname in full.

I have viewed the body now lying in an adjacent room and recognize it as that of the illegitimate son of the last witness Mrs Elliott. On Monday morning the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst at about 10 am I was sent for by Mrs Elliott to attend her during her confinement. The child was handed to me by Mrs Foster with the navel string cut and properly secured. I stayed here until the next morning until 5 am when I left to go to Waingaratta. The child during all this time being well and healthy. I arrived back at Mrs Elliotts from Waingaratta about 10 P.M. on the 28<sup>th</sup> Inst. The child was then in convulsions and died about half an hour after my arrival. I sent word on the following morning to the Police. It was terribly hot weather from the time the child was born until it died. There been nursing about 30 years; I think if any body was present to assist in delivering the child it may have lived, as the mother herself knew nothing about confinements and at birth was very weak.

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Ann F Russell

Mark

Witness of Hall Const 3790

Taken and Sworn before me the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1897 at Bontheucambo

John O'Grady JP

Coroner.

## Magisterial Inquiry

This deponent Margaret Annie Foster  
on her Oath saith I am a Married Woman  
residing at Bonthrambo

I remember Monday morning the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst.  
I was sent for by messenger Joe Cornell  
when I arrived at Mrs Elliott I found  
that the baby had been born, the Mother  
and child being on the floor, I cut the  
afterbirth. Mrs Elliott then got in to  
bed, and I placed the child alongside  
of her. Mrs Russell came shortly after-  
wards. I told her what I had done and  
left the baby in charge of her - Mrs Russell  
dressed and washed the child - I left  
after this and have never been there since.  
The child was an apparently well  
developed child and healthy looking  
I would think that taking so young a  
child out in to the sun would not  
doubt have some ill effect upon it.

Margaret Annie Foster

Taken and sworn before  
me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December  
1894 at Bonthrambo.

John O'Grady J.P.

I John Hall of Ruthven Police  
Constable on oath & say that  
I examined the body of George  
Elliott who died at Bontheimbs  
on 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1897 I  
could find no marks of Violence  
on the Body from inquiries I made  
I am in the opinion death was  
caused by the excessive heat

John Hall  
Const 3790

Taken & sworn before  
me at Ruthven this  
30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1897 John O'Grady J.P.