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20th March 1857.

Inquest held at Bendigo
on the body of Peter
Wm Edwards.

Accidental

28/3/57

W. A Roche. Cor.

[No. 66.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit. Victoria } District of Bendigo

THE Examination of*, Alexander Simmonds

* All names of Witnesses.

of Eagle Hawk Sandhill taken on oath this twenty fifth

day of March A.D. 185 7, at the Manchester Arms Inn

City, Town, District, or County, as the case may be. before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † District Long Gully.

This Deponent Alexander Simmonds.

on his oath saith as follows:

I am a Commission Agent. On yesterday afternoon between four and five o'clock I left Sandhurst for Eagle Hawk Gully. ~~in company with~~ On arriving at the British and American Hotel I met the Deceased — the same whose body was viewed by the Jury — He was in company with a young girl and they were both on Horse back. I rode at one side of the young girl and the Deceased on the other. When we arrived about 60 yards from the Manchester Arms Inn, I saw two drays coming towards us. One was a head of the other. The young girl set off at a canter. The Deceased followed, and I came after him. I saw the Deceased endeavour to get between a stump of a tree and the first Dray. His right foot came in contact with

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the wheel of the first dray. The stirrup at that side was broken off. The Deceased was thrown heavily to the ground, from his horse, and the horse made away. Some Quarters who were in a spring Cart came up and the Deceased was put into it and taken to the Manchester Arms Inn. A Doctor was sent for. He came immediately after. I waited for about half an hour after, and on understanding from the Doctor that the Deceased was recovering, I left. When I joined the Deceased at the Britts Land American Hotel, he was sober.

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TAKEN and Sworn before me the twentieth day of March A.D. 1857, at the Manchester Arms Inn.

Louz Gully.

William Augustine Roche J.P.

Coroner.

[No. 66.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria. } District of Beaulieu
To Wit.

THE Examination of*, August Möller.

* All names of Witnesses.

of Long Gully taken on oath this Twentieth
day of March A.D. 185 7, at the Manchester Grand Inn.
City, Town, District, or County, as the case may be. before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† District (Long Gully.

This Deponent August Möller.
on his oath saith as follows:

I am a Butcher. About five o'clock on Yesterday afternoon I was carrying some meat along the road from Long Gully to Iron Bark Gully. I saw two Drays in front of me and a Lady and two Gentlemen on Horseback coming towards the Drays and me. The Lady was riding in front and the Gentlemen were after her. I saw the Deceased - the same whose body was viewed by the Jury - who was one of the Gentlemen, endeavour to ride between one of the Drays and a Stump of a tree that was on the road. When the Deceased came in contact with the wheel of the second Dray I saw him Knocked off his Horse. He fell partly on his back and right side. A Spring Cart came up and the Deceased was put into it and taken to the

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Manchester Arms Inn. I know nothing further. Simmonds the last witness was the other Gentleman that was riding with the young girl.

August Müller.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the Seventeenth day of March A.D. 1857, at the Manchester Arms Inn

Jonas Lyall.

William Augustine Rocke J.P.

Coroner.

[No. 66.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria. } District of Bendigo
To Wit.

THE Examination of* Margaretha Haumberger

* All names of Witnesses.

of Eaglehawk Township taken on oath this twentieth
day of March A.D. 185 7, at the Manchester Arms Long Gully.
City, Town, District, or County, as the case may be.

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† District

This Deponent Margaretha Haumberger.

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Wm. on his oath saith as follows:

I am the wife of Julius Haumberger Musician. On yesterday afternoon about a quarter to five o'clock I left the British and American Hotel. I was in a Spring Cart which was driven by my Husband, and had two of my Children in it. The Deceased - the same whose body was viewed by the Jury - and my Daughter, rode on Horseback with us. They rode in front of us. When I got near the Manchester Arms Inn, I noticed the

Wm. Deceased's Horse ~~and~~ without a rider, and the Deceased lying on the road. The Deceased was put into our Cart, and brought to the Manchester Arms. I there remained with the Deceased for nearly

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two hours and left him. The Deceased was sensible when I left him.

Margaretha Kaimberger.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the Seventeenth day of January A.D. 1857, at The Manchester Arms Inn.

Louis Lyell.

William Augustine Roche L.R.

Coroner.

[No. 66.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria. } District of Bendigo.
To Wit.

THE Examination of* William Joseph Pierse

* All names of Witnesses.

of Long Gully taken on oath this twentieth

day of March A.D. 1857, at the Manchester Arms Inn,

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† District (Long Gully)

This Deponent William Joseph Pierse

on his oath saith as follows:

I am a legally qualified Medical Practitioner.
About five o'clock on yesterday afternoon
I was called to see a man that had
got a fall from his Horse and
who was lying at the Manchester
Arms Inn. I went there and found
the Deceased - the same whose body
was viewed by the Jury - insensible.
I applied cold applications to the
Deceased and they revived him. I
got the assistance of two other Medical
men. The Deceased complained of
great pain in his right side and
Abdomen. We ordered some medicine
for the Deceased and left, with the
understanding of visiting him again
at seven o'clock that evening. About

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a Quarter after Seven o'clock that evening, I was sent for, and found the Deceased dying. He died in a few Minutes after my arrival. I made a Post-mortem examination this day. I opened the abdomen, and found the left lobe of the Liver lacerated and separated from the other portion of it. It was barely holding on by the integuments. The Heart and other viscera were healthy. I am of opinion that the Deceased's death was caused by the rupture of his Liver. No Medical or Surgical treatment could have saved the Deceased's life. Had the Deceased come in contact with a Stone or Stump when thrown with violence from his Horse to the ground, it would have most likely caused the rupture of his Liver.

William Smith Purse
Surgeon

TAKEN and Sworn before me the twentieth day of March A.D. 1857, at the Manchester Arms Inn.

Long Lully.

William Augustine Roche J.P.

Coroner.

[No. 64.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Victoria, } District of Wendigo
TO WIT. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at The Manchester Arms Inn, Long Gully in the District of Wendigo aforesaid, the twentieth day of March A.D. 185[illegible], in the twentieth year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen before me William Augustine Rochet J.P. Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the* District of Wendigo aforesaid, upon the view of the body of Peter William Edwards then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

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

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames in full.

William Hunter
William Wilson
Richard H. Owen
John Bennatts
John Beck
Hugh McLauchlan
Edward Cannon
John Patching
Thomas Downey
Sydney Radford
William Morrin
John George Muschamp

good and lawful men of Long Gully in the said District who being duly sworn and charged to enquire, upon the part of our Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the said Peter William Edwards came by ‡his death, do say upon their oath that §

‡ 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.

The Deceased Peter William Edwards came by his death from

from a severe rupture of his
Liver, caused by his being accidentally
thrown with violence to the ground
from a Horse which he was riding.

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.

William Augustus Rocke. L.S.

Coroner.

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

* William Hunter. . . . . L.S.
Edward Cannon . . L.S.
John Patching . . . L.S.
John Bennett . . . . L.S.
William Morrin . . . . L.S.
Thomas Downs . . . . L.S.
John Gross Muschamp . . . L.S.
Hugh McLachlan . . L.S.
Richard M'Ewen . . L.S.
John Beck . . . . L.S.
Edward Radmead . . L.S.
William Wilson . . . . L.S.