

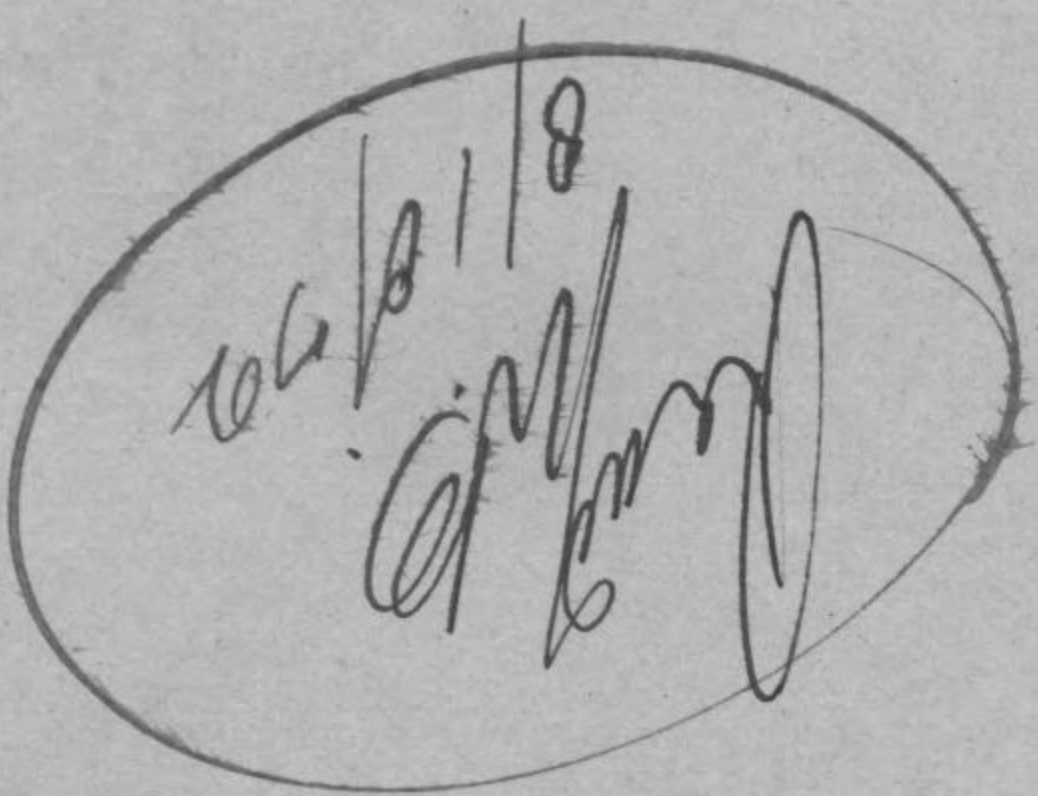
804
5th October 1872

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

John De Staga

at
Williamstown.

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
October 8th 1872


8/10/72

A. P. Macdonald. Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

No. 64.
[Stereo.]

INQUISITION.

*District of
Williamstown
Colony of Victoria*
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *the Steam
Packet Hotel, Cole Street Williamstown* in
the *district* of *Williamstown* aforesaid,
the *fifth* day of *October* A.D. 18*72* in
the *thirty fifth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen,
before me *David Purdie Maclean*

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

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the * *district* of
Williamstown aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of *John De Haza* then

Jurors' Christian and Surname
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †
John Banham Green
Thomas Austin
Thomas Richard Channington
Henry Garrett Foreman
William Perryman
James Hawkins
George Duncan
John Crocker
John Healy
James Beaton
Michael Crawcour
George Dally

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 Haza* 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 Rudic Mailean

Coroner.

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

Henry Barnett
Michael J. Crawford
John Van Buren Green
George Baker
Geo. H. C. Huntington
James Hawthorn
Thomas A. J. J.
William Perrenne
George L. L.
John Crocker
John Henry Dealy
James P. Cotton

Williamstown

4th Oct. 1892

Sergt. Wally 307, reports
that at 2.04 p.m. this day
a shot was heard in one of
the bedrooms of the "Steam
Packer Hotel". He proceeded
there at once and broke in the
room door as it was locked
with inside. He found the
body of John W. Haggan on
the floor and a pistol recently
discharged beneath the body -
there was a strong smell of
powder and the room was full
of smoke. Death must
have been instantaneous as
the side of the skull was
flown away —

there

if he has been or other
salvage from the deceased.

There is no doubt but
the deceased committed suicide.

Henry Daly
Sept. 30, 1871.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

TO WIT.

* All names of Witnesses.

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

THE Examination of * *Thomas Samuel Blackney*
 of *Williams town* taken on oath this *fifth*
 day of *October* 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 *Kulbourn* with the
 midnight train. The deceased and
 Mr. Frank Dutton were in the same
 compartment — there was no con-
 versation whilst coming down but
 on arriving at the station the de-
 ceased enquired of Mr. Dutton where
 he could get a bed. Mr. Dutton said
 to me as you are going down the front
 take him ^{a hotel} to ~~Williams~~ ^{at Withers} — I did so, and
 got him a ^{bed} ^{at Withers} 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
Leambridge and *General Hill*. He had a
 small parcel rolled up in a newspaper with
 him —

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

H. P. Mearns

Coroner.

Thos S Blackney

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

TO WIT.

* All names of Witness.

THE Examination of* *George Withers.*
continued.

of taken on oath this
 day of A.D. 187 , at

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

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 *5th*
 day of *October* A.D. 1872
 at *Williamstown*

D. P. McLean

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

District of
Williamstown

TO WIT.

* All names of Witness.

THE Examination of * Henry Daly

of Williamstown
day of Octobertaken 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 Williamstown

The deponent Henry Daly -

on his oath, saith as follows:—I am sergeant of Police in charge at Williamstown. From information I received yesterday about a quarter past one I proceeded to the Steam Packet Hotel. I went to one of the bedroom doors with Mr. Withers 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 Haza 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 the room 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 pockets. also found in the pool of blood another bullet which seemed to have been the one 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 Haza was placed

Taken and sworn before me the

day of

A.D. 187

at

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

TO WIT.

* All names of Witness.

THE Examination of* *Henry Daly*
continued.

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:— *up against the looking glass on the dressing table. This morning another bullet also marked with powder and the line 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 lanolinum - some of which are owned by the landlord. He had no money or other valuables on him.*

Henry Daly

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

D. P. Maclean

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

*District of
Williamstown*
TO WIT.

* All names of Witness.

THE Examination of * *Frederick Geplin*.

of *Nulbourn*.
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 Williamstown*.

The deponent *Frederick Geplin*.

on his oath, saith as follows:— I am a musician by pro-
fession and proprietor of the St. James's
music hall. I have seen the body in the
morgue and recognise it as that of Mr.
John de Haza. He was under engage-
ment with me to appear for one month
from the second of this month but
in consequence of hoarseness was unable
to appear. On Monday he hearsed 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 the
body 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 *Williamstown*

D. P. Mauban

Frederick Geplin

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

*District of
Williamstown*
TO WIT.

* All names of Witness.

THE Examination of * *John Cowan*

of *Mulbourn* taken on oath this *fifth*
day of *October* A.D. 1872, at *Williamstown*
before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † *District of Williamstown*

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

The deponent *John Cowan*.

on his oath, saith as follows:— I am a workman 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 *Mulbourn*
in great poverty.

John Cowan

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

D.P. Maclean

Coroner.