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PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Thomas Moore Butler

at

Dorra

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

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J. E. M. armer
Coroner.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

VICTORIA,
Eastern BAILLIWICK,
To wit.

Lord the King

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

taken at *Toora* in the *Eastern*

Bailiwick of Victoria, this *25th* day of *January*

in the year of our Lord One thousand ~~eight~~ hundred and ~~ninety~~ before

the undersigned *William Edward Warner* Esquire, one of

~~Her~~ Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said Bailiwick, upon view of

the body of *Thomas Moore Butler*

then and there lying dead.

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

Thomas Moore Butler came by his

death, I say that the said *Thomas Moore Butler*

died at *Pupinwarri* in the said

Bailiwick on the *23rd* day of *January* 189*6*

from *Suffocation in a Bush fire*

As witness my hand this *25th*

day of *January* 189*6*

W. E. Warner J.P.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

* Christian and Surname in full

This Deponent* Bernard Ludvig Hillberg
on his oath saith, I am a Labourer
residing at Woorarra East

I remember the 24th January I was in company with Arthur Q Toole and William Thomas, Deceased Thomas Noble Butler left Mr McKeens house at about 8 a m to Mr Lops. He got to Mr McEvoy's and left for Mr Lolis. I and Arthur Q Toole and William Thomas found Deceased between Mr McEvoy's and Bforkstons house. He was lying face downwards there was only one boot on Deceased we met Mr Ely and George Binding and asked them what was best to do Mr Ely and Binding said they would take the body to Soora. they took it in a bag to Soora. I last saw Deceased alive in Welshpool about 3 days ago. In my opinion Deceased met his death through suffocation going through the Bush fires and smoke I identify Deceased by the walking stick he was carrying when I saw him in Welshpool on Saturday last. ^{The walking stick} is a Christmas tree wood. The walking stick was about 2 feet away from the body. Deceased when I saw him was in good health and strength when I saw him at Welshpool. I think Deceased was about 60 years of age

Taken and Sworn before me the 25th day
of January 1906 at Soora
W E Warner J.P
Coroner.

Bernard Ludvig Hillberg

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

William Henry Thomas

on his oath saith, I am a

Labourer

residing at

Wauyip

* Christian and Surname in full

I remember the 24th January 1906.
~~Mr in Company with~~ in Company
 with Hillberg and O Toole found Thomas
 Butler, lying on his side on the road,
 dead. we also found a walking stick lying
 on the road beside him I am certain it is
 the same stick shown to me by Const
 Hall and I identify it. We then
 met Mr Ely and Mr Bending, Mr Ely
 and Mr Bending brought two bags and put
 the body in a bag and conveyed it to Toora
 where I and Thomas Ryan met Deceased
 he was carrying two small paper parcels
 He said he had come out from Welshpool
 to McKean and was on his way to Lohs,
 The place I found the body was at the
 the foot of the steep hill on the
 South West side of Berkstons and
 about 30 chains from Berkstons
~~we~~ we found a tin match ~~box~~ box close to
 the body, After finding the body we met
 Mr Ely and Mr Bending on Lohs track
 and told them we had found Butler Dead
 and they brought 2 bags and put the
 body in a bag and they said they would
 take it to Toora

Taken and Sworn before me the 25th day

of January 1906 at Toora

W. E. Warner J.P.

Coroner.

William Henry Thomas

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Arthur O Toole

on his oath saith, I am a

Labourer

residing at

Wauyip

* Christian and
Surname in
full

I remember the 24th January 1906
I met Hilliers and Thomas at 2 PM at
Hissens, we said we would look for
Butler as we thought he was burnt.
We found the remains of a body
and a walking stick about 1 yard
away, and the matchbox beside
the body. We then went down to
Mr Kohls and met Mr Ely and Binding
on our way back. We told them we
had found a dead body on the
road. We asked them what was best
to do and they advised us to put
the body in a bag. I found the
stick within a yard of the body.
Mr Ely and Mr Binding said they
would convey the body to Toora.
Mr Ely said you must come in
to Toora tomorrow to give evidence
at the inquiry.

Arthur O. Toole.

Taken and Sworn before me the 25th day

of January 1906 at Toora

W. G. Warner J.P.

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* James Osborneon h^{is} oath saith, I am a Farmerresiding at Wangip* Christian and
Surname in
full.

I remember 24th January 1906 I was at my house the bush fire was raging at noon I last saw my father in law alive on Monday week last the 15th inst. He left to go to Welshpool. He said he would be back the following evening, I can identify the Boots on Deceaseds feet as that of my father in law. The walking stick now produced is the one I cut for my father in law Thomas M Butler about 2 weeks ago. My father in law always carried a tin match box in his vest pocket. He took a pair of Boots "new" to be stretched at the Bootmakers as he said they were hurting his feet.

James Osborne

Taken and Sworn before me the 25th day
of January 1906 at Toora
W. E. Warner J. P.
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent * George Buttle

on his oath saith, I am a Farmer

residing at Madalya

* Christian and Surname in full.

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I remember the 24th January 1906 at 6 a.m. on the 25th just Alfred O'Rourke told me my father was burnt at fire overtook him on the road at Binjenuwarri. I immediately came to my Brother in Law Mr Osborne at Wonyip & came to Toosa. My Father's age is about 69 years. He is an English man. I last saw him about 3 weeks ago at Mr Osborne's my Brother in Law's house. My Father was in the habit of carrying a walking stick. I feel satisfied that the body shown to me by Const Hall, is that of my Father

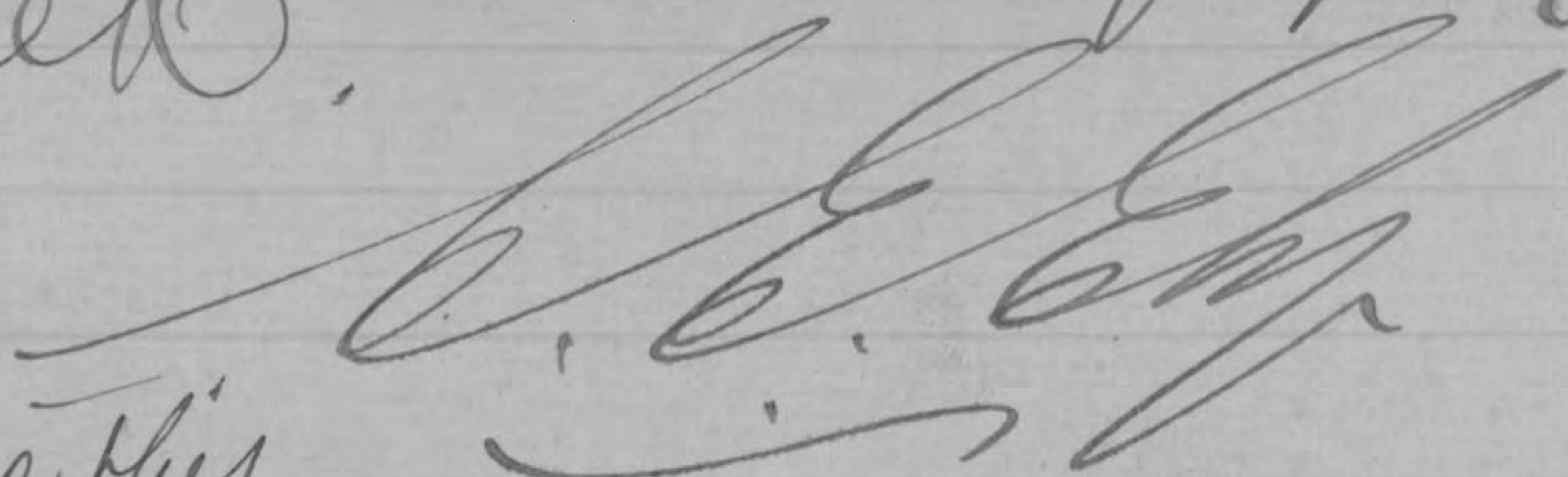
George Buttle

Taken and Sworn before me the 25th day
of January 1890 at Toosa
W. E. Warner J.P.
Coroner.

Coroner's Inquest

This Deponent, Charles. Stuart Ely
on his oath saith I am an auctioneer
residing at Toora.

I remember 24th January 1906
I in company with George Brindley
and Reinald Stockwell met the
witnesses Hilbery O. Toole & Thomas
near Robs house. Hilbery informed me
that they discovered the remains of
a man named Butler and asked me
what was best to be done I said as the
roads were blocked the only thing they
could do was to make a stretcher & convey
the body to Oldens bridge where we could
convey it by trap to Toora. I went to
Rob's house & got 2 bags & returned to
where the body was lying & got Hilbery
~~and~~ and O. Toole to assist to put the
remains in a bag which I afterwards
decided to convey to Toora, as the remains
were considerably charred. I handed
the bag containing the remains to
Const Wall lying close to the body I
found a walking stick believed
to be the property of deceased Butler
I also saw a pair of boots lying on
the road. I believe the property of
Deceased.



Taken and sworn before me this
25th day of January 1906
at Toora

W. C. Warner J.P.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,)

TO WIT.

This Deponent*

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

John McKean
Labourer
Woorarra East

* Christian and Surname in full.

I remember the 24th January 1906 on Monday the 23rd January I drove Mr Butler from Welshpool to Hissens. He stayed at Hissens "where I reside". He left about 7 a.m. for Mrs Osborns. about 5 miles away. about 7 or 8 p.m. Mr Ely and Mr Binding met me and said you have had a hard time old man they had a walking stick. They said do you know the walking stick. I said that is the stick Mr Butler had. it had some wire wrapped around it. When I left Butler at Hissens he was carrying a pair of boots in a parcel. and had a light pair of boots on his feet. I think if Butler went direct to Kohs, he must have got there safely. In my opinion he must have stayed on the road.

John McKean

Taken and Sworn before me, the 25th day
of January 1906 at Toora
W. C. Warner J.P. }
Coroner.