

291 ✓

22nd March 1917

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Man name unknown.

at Melbourne Morgue.

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

29th March 1917

Jm

R. H. Cole, Coroner.

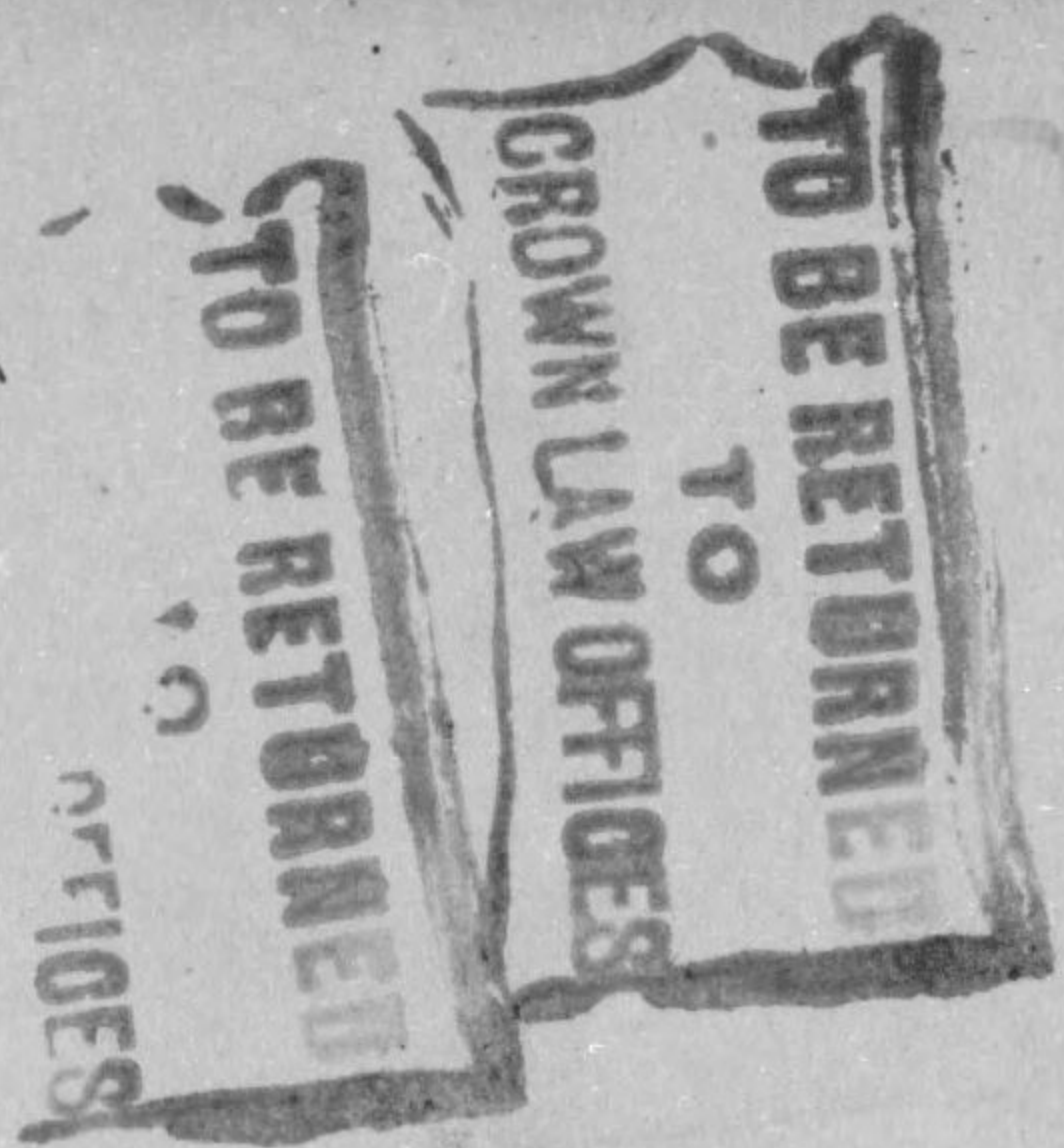
Forwarded to Chief Commissioner
of Police for removal regarding report.

W. R. Hudson

Secretary to the Law Department

C. P. Office

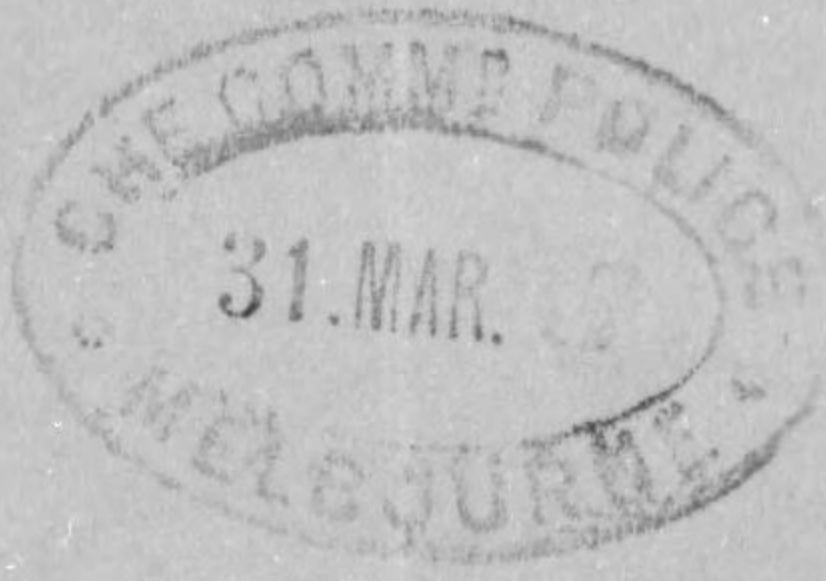
29/3/17



Check and returned. The identity
of deceased has not been established.

W. R. Hudson
10.4.17.

The Secretary
Hans D. S. S.



RECEIVED
29 MAR. 1917
G. L. O.

V2477

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

VICTORIA, }
TO WIT. }

AN INQUISITION for our Sovereign Lord King George V., taken at the Morgue, Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, the 22nd day of March A.D. 1917 in the seventh year of the reign of our said Lord the King, by me, Robert Hodgson Cole, gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King for the Central Bailiwick of the said State, upon the view of the body of Man name unknown then and there lying dead.

RM.

Having inquired upon the part of our Lord the King, when, where, how, and by what means the said Man name unknown

(1) His or her.

came by¹his death, I say that

on the 13th day of February 1917

(2) Here state cause of death, if known; if unknown, doubtful, or no evidence, state the fact accordingly.

at² Kew in the Botanical Cemetery this Man unknown committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

For enquiry & report
as to identity.

(20139)
A. J. Sanderson
Chief Commissioner of Police.
2. 4. 17.

The Insp. Supt.
of Police.

Referred

(20139)
L. Carson
1 CHIEF, M.P.R.
Insp. Carrigan
Fitzroy

In witness whereof I, the aforesaid Coroner, have to this Inquisition

put my hand, this 22nd day of March

A.D. 1917

Arms *H. Cro*

For attention. Please
make reference to
previous files when
returning this one

Coroner.

(254)
osc. }
Kew. }

Marycan
Sub. Insp.
F. Roy. 3.4.17

Kew
H-H-14

Referred for report.

(254)
Const Wilson }
Kew }
A. McLeod
Ogt. 3544

11. APR. 1917
MELBOURNE

VICTORIA POLICE.—(47.)

Kew

Station Melbourne.

Police District

5th April. 1917.

V2477

REPORT of Reuben Wilson Const. 5960.

Relative to Identity of man, name unknown, found dead in the Kew Cemetery on 13: 2: 17.

No. 2. Division

I have to report that with reference to the man (name unknown) who was found in the Kew Cemetery on the 13: 2: 17. I have made every effort to trace his identity, but have been unsuccessful, and I issued the usual circulation of missing friend reports but without result. The deceased is not known to any of the local Police or the public around the neighbourhood.

From the people who owns the graves around where the deceased was found I have also made enquiries but has failed to discover this mans identity.

Sgt. McLeod
Kew.

Reuben Wilson
Const. 5960.

Kew.

6-4-17.

For information.

The deceased was evidently a stranger in this district, and every possible inquiry has failed to discover his identity. See also P. G. 1914. Page 124. 7. 192. & previous file X. 1131.

Sub Insp Curruccan
Fitzroy

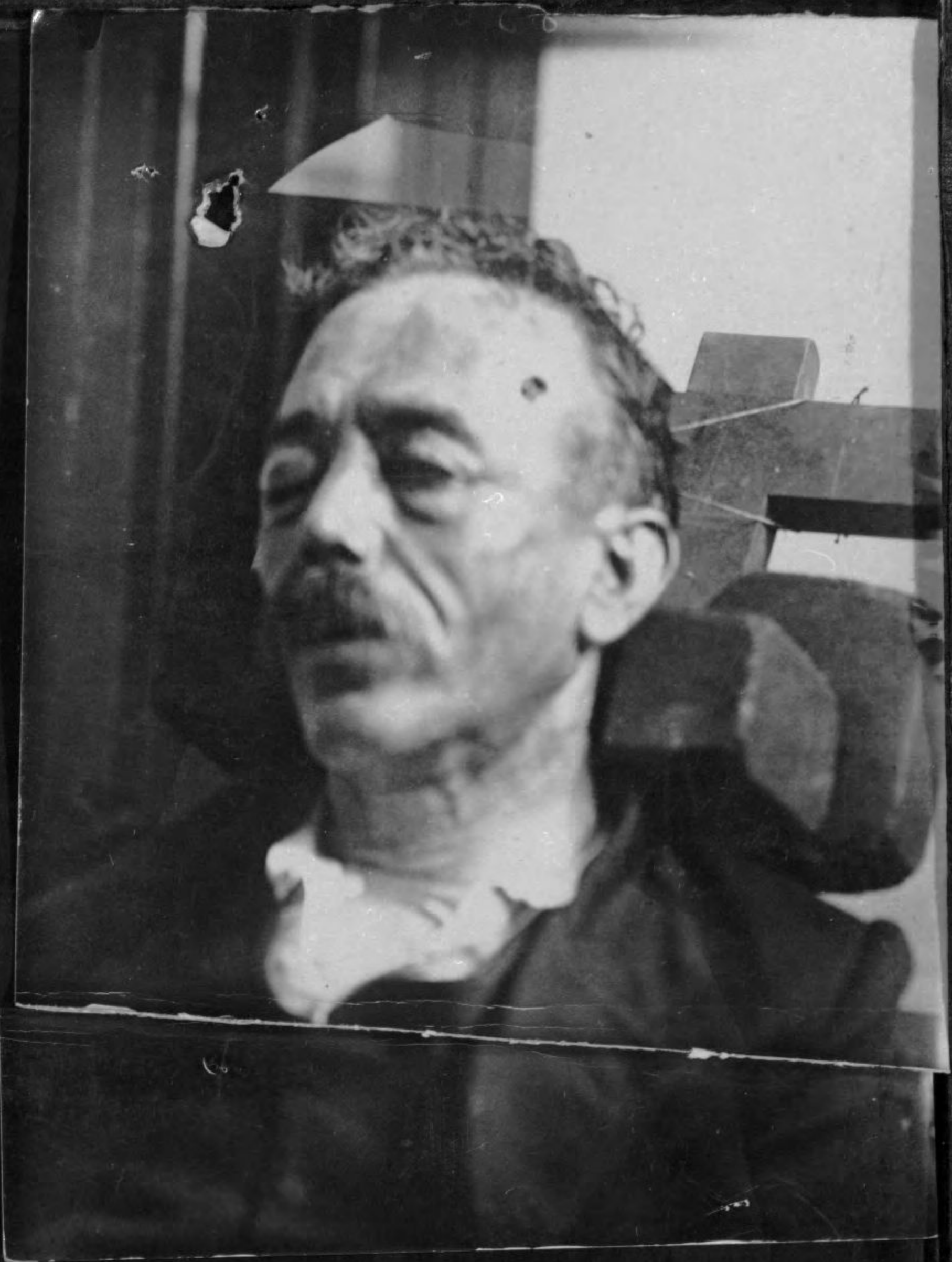
(30)

A. G. Reed
Oph 3544.

For information. See files
N. 2344 forwarded to your
office on 27.3.14 and N. 2433
forwarded on 29.3.14.

X2727
Supt. Supt. } J. J. Arrowsmith
Melbourn. } Const. for S. Supt.
F. Roy. 9.4.17

For information
J. H. Chapman
pro Supt.
Melb 10/4/17
The C. C. of Police
Melbourne



VICTORIA POLICE.—(47.)

KEW Station

Melbourne

Police District

13th February.

1917.

No. 2 Division

REPORT of Reuben Wilson, Const. 5960.

Relative to

The dead body of a man name unknown found in the Kew Cemetery on 13/2/17.

MH

I have to report that about 11.15 Am on the 13th February 1917 from what I was told I went to the Kew Cemetery and there saw the dead body of a man lying on a grave, face downwards I examined the body and found a bullet wound on the right temple, and a revolver was beneath the body, by which apparently the wound was inflicted.

The deceased is a man of the labouring class about 55 to 60 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, medium build, pale complexion, dark hair & moustache turning grey, dressed in a dark suit with black cloth buttons on it, white linen shirt with a faint stripe, cotton singlet, cotton underpants, white linen collar (trilby) with a check tie, black cashmere socks and black lace up boots, a grey Alpine hat with grey band on it and has the words "The Aurora" printed on the inside. I searched the body and found one lady's jew metal watch no 827436, one pair spectacles & case, one penknife, one pair 9 ct gold shoe lints, two studs one cigarette holder two tram tickets and an old silk handkerchief but there was nothing that would lead to the identity of deceased. A man named Harry Kirby residing at Derby Street

The City Coroners.

Kew, who was working near the scene states that he heard a revolver shot and when passing down the main drive saw the deceased lying on the grave. The body was removed to the morgue by Drayton Carson Undertakers, where it now lies awaiting identification.

Reuben Wilson
Const. 5960.

In information of
The revolver is of the Bull-
dog pattern & was loaded in five
chambers, one cartridge has been
recently discharged. Every inquiry
is being made to find the
relatives of the deceased.

283
17
P. A. Lee Esq.
The Legation
Melbourne

N. C. Gifford Esq.
Sydney
New 13.2.17

Man name unknown
VICTORIA POLICE.—(No. 11)

CRIMINAL OFFENCE REPORT

See Victoria Police Code, pages 73 to 78.

KEW Station

Elboweae

District

Offence ...

Missing friend.

Committed ...

Date and hour ...

At 11.15 am on 13.2.17, Const R. Wilson 5960 of New

On whom ...

Occupation and address ...

found the dead body of a man, name unknown lying across

Date and hour reported to Police ...

By whom reported ...

a frame in the New Country, there was a gun shot wound

If a robbery, description of property stolen, and if identifiable ...

in the right side of the head and a Bull-dog revolver

underneath the body. It was loaded in five chambers

and one cartridge has been recently discharged.

Name of persons offending or suspected, and if the latter, grounds of suspicion ...

Age about 55 or 60 years of age, 5 ft 6 inches high,

medium build, pale complexion, dark hair & mustache

turning grey; dressed in a dark suit with black cloth

Description and if identifiable ...

buttons on it; white linen shirt with a faint stripe,

cotton singlet, cotton undershorts, white linen collar,

check necktie, black, cashmere socks, black lace-up boots, a

Direction supposed to be taken by offenders ...

Grey alpaca hat with grey band "Curra" printed on inside.

If warrant issued, particulars, &c.

The following property was found on deceased:— 1 ladies gun metal

watch No 827436, 1 pr of gold & silver spectacles in padded case, 1 pen

Steps taken, where information sent to, general remarks, &c.

knife, 1 pr jet gold & silver links two studs, 1 cigarette holder, 2

train tickets & a dirty old grey handkerchief & the sum of £ 1. 1. 9 1/2. The

body now lies at the Morgue awaiting identification & instructions

Information to C. S. Russell St. Fitzroy. Richmond. Auburn. Camberwell & Hawthorn

Hawthorn North & Morgue.

Sigs. R. Wilson
Cst 5960

Police Officer
Date 14/2/17 191

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

HARRY THOMAS KIRBY

on his oath saith, I am a

LABOURER—KEW—CEMETERY

residing at

1 DERBY PLACE . KEW.

*Christian and Surname in full.

On the 13th February I was coming down the main drive at the Cemetery and I heard a shot fired and I and found the body of the deceased . He was partly on his left side and partly face downwards He was lying partly on a grave and it appeared that he had shot himself where he had found I went and ranx got the authorities to ring up the Police I had not seen the man before and had not seen him about that morning. The photo produced is that of the deceased . When I went up to the man there was no one else about .I found the man about 5 minutes after I heard the shot.

Harry Thomas Kirby

Taken and sworn before me the *22nd* day
of *March* 19 *17* at *Melbourne*
Thomas H. Cro
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent* John Brett

on his oath saith, I am a legally qualified medical practitioner
residing at 1102 Collins St Melbourne

*Christian and Surname full.

At the Melbourne morgue on the morning of Friday the 16th of Feb 1917 I made a post mortem examination of the body of a man - unidentified.

It was that of a short squared built man of about 55/60 years of age, fully clothed and showing considerable signs of decomposition. The features had bloated and the superficial skin peeling off the body textures. No special signs of identity were discoverable.

On the right side of the head just about in front of the ear was an irregular, circular, lacerated wound - penetrating the forehead. Surrounded by blackened skin. No odour of scorching could be detected. On the opposite side of the head slightly above the left ear, was a wound of exit from which a stream of matter was exuding. Blood was found under the scalp and the bone of the vault of the skull had been shattered into several parts. The perforation of the bone on the right side was clean cut. That on the left side showed some splintering of the inner table of the skull. Transverse fracture of the base of the skull was present. That across the frontal portion almost complete & that across the posterior part only partial. The brain was

in a semisolid state from decomposition. The effusion of blood from laceration caused by the bullet. No bullet could be found.

The course of the bullet was almost exactly transverse.

Taken and sworn before me the _____ day

of _____ 19 _____ at _____

Coroner.

The wind pipe

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent*

John Brett

on h oath saith, I am a

Comr

*Christian and Surname full.

residing at

The Wund... showed post mortem staining... The lungs... adhesions... decomposition... The Heart... fatty and post mortem change in the muscle. The Valves... The Anterior... adhesions around the liver which itself was small though.

The Right Kidney was completely disorganized being converted into one cup full of blood stained urine. The left enlarged from compensation shows post mortem change.

The Stomach was empty and showed post mortem change.

The Cause of Death was Bullet wound of the Brain.

M.H. The wound could have been self inflicted and was done by a large bullet. The revolver must have been held close to the head.

John Brett

Taken and sworn before me the 22nd day

of March 19 17 at Melbourne

James J. [Signature] Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

REUBEN WILSON

on his oath saith, I am a

CONSTABLE OF POLICE

residing at

KEW.

*Christian and Surname in full.

At about 11.5 a.m. on the 13th February last from information I received I went to the Kew Cemetery and there found the dead body of a man lying across a grave. It was an open grave. It was the grave of James .M. Robinson who was buried in 1871 . We made inquiry and that had nothing to do with the deceased We have made every Inquiry but havenot been able to discover who the deceased was.

Reuben Wilson
Const. 5960

Taken and sworn before me the *22nd* day
of *March* 19*17* at *Melbourne*
Robert H. Cro
Coroner.