

8th March 1915

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PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

George Edwards

at Bridgwater

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

10th March 1915

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J. Matthews JP

Deputy Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

VICTORIA, }
TO WIT. }

INQUISITION
(WITHOUT A JURY.)

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AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lord King George, taken at *Mildura*

.....in
Victoria, the *Eighth* day of *March*

A.D. 1915, in the *Sixth* year of the Reign

of our said Lord the King, before me *James Matthew*

.....Gentleman, a ^{Deputy} Coroner of our Lord the King

for Victoria, upon the view of the body of *George Edwards*

.....then and there lying dead.

Having duly inquired upon the part of our Lord the King when, where, how,
and by what means the said *George Edwards*

.....came by his death, I say that the said

George Edwards

died at *Mildura* on the *5th*

day of *March* 1915, from

Rupture of an aortic aneurism

In witness whereof I the aforesaid ^{Deputy} Coroner have to this Inquisition put my
hand and seal on the day and year and at the place above mentioned.

James Matthew
Deputy CORONER.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Thomas Edward Fitzsimmonds

on his oath saith, I am a Slaughterman

residing at The River bank Woodura

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I am Employed at Woodura Slaughter
Yards I remember Friday the 5th inst.
at about 6 pm deceased came to me

and said will you give me a liver

I am very hard up those 8 yellow
at the Police Chautey ^{knocked out a man's throat for,}
a tender they ^{knocked me}
about and took £4 from me. I

said I haven't a liver to give to
you deceased then went away and
made a camp down with his swag.

On Saturday morning I went to
where deceased had camped and there
saw that he was dead. I reported the
matter to the police.

Deceased had a large red bruise on his
left cheek and some scars on his left
ear when I saw his dead body on

Saturday morning he was lying as if
he had died in his sleep there were

no signs of a struggle deceased's body
was quite cold and stiff I saw deceased

at 8 pm on the 5th He was alive there
I passed quite close to him. He was

cold and stiff at 4³⁰ am on the morning
of the 6th I first saw deceased on Friday

evening deceased said ~~that~~ he felt hot
and that those 8th at the coffee palace

paid for his tea or sugar and if I am
alive

Taken and sworn before me the _____ day

of _____ 19

at _____

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* _____

on h _____ oath saith, I am a _____

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

residing at _____

alive &

*tomorrow morning I'll go up and get
it analysed*

J. E. Fitzsimmons

Taken and sworn before me the 8th day
of March 1915 at Mildura
Jack Vachon
Deputy Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at Mildura*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I remember Friday the 5th March 1915
 I remember seeing deceased that day
 He spoke to Mr. Fitzsimmons and afterwards
 he went and made a camp I saw him
 at 12 noon he came and asked me
 for a match and ^{said} am I on the road
 to Raupulbays I said no you are
 going into the land I gave him
 a match he left. I next saw
 his dead body at 4³⁰ am on the
 6th inst. I know nothing more
 about him, deceased looked to
 me as though he had been drinking
 for some time

G. P. Bell

Taken and sworn before me the 8th day
 of March 1915 at Mildura

James Matthew
 Deputy Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

*Christian and
Surname in
full.James Joseph Leydon
Police Constable
Windsor

On Saturday the 6th March 1915 I went to the station paddock near the Slaughter Yards and I there saw the dead body of a man about 65 years old. The body was lying in a peaceful position covered with blankets of a lushman's rug. I removed the body to the morgue. I searched the body and found one half penny in money and nothing else, except an old note book with the name George Edwards written therein. The book had a few rough notes written in it but nothing to indicate where deceased came from. I examined the deceased's body I did not discover anything to account for death. There were old bruises on deceased's face, I took them to be marks of a fight. I did not know deceased but I had seen him at the Wine Saloon he looked to me as if he had been drinking heavily. I directed him to leave Windsor.

J J Leydon Const 6053.

Taken and sworn before me the 8th day

of March 1915 at Windsor

James Joseph Leydon
Deputy Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Henry Heber McWilliams

on his oath saith, I am a registered medical practitioner

residing at Mildura

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

On the 6th March I made a post-mortem examination of a body of a man lying in the mortuary at the Mildura district Hospital. The body was that of a man apparently from 55 to 65 years of age. It was well nourished. There was an antemortem bruise on the left side of the face external to the angle of the mouth about 2 inches long by one inch in width. There was a right sided inguinal hernia probably of some years standing. On examining the thorax I found the pericardium distended with blood clot & blood. The condition of this clot showed that there had been escape of blood into the cavity antemortem. The heart was to a small extent infiltrated with fat and slightly hypertrophied. There was a dissecting aneurysm of the aorta close to the junction with the heart with a small rupture through the vessel wall into the pericardial cavity.

The lungs were healthy but bloodless.

There was no disease of the abdominal organs.

The cause of death was rupture of an aortic aneurysm.

H H McWilliams

Taken and sworn before me the

8th

day

of

March

1915 at

Mildura

J. A. Patterson

Deputy Coroner.