

15th September 1862

PROCEEDINGS of Inquest held

upon the body of

Francis Thomas Jordan

at

East Killingwood

Received at Crown Law Offices,

5th Nov^r

1862

PS

J. E. Bandler Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

Victoria INQUISITION.
District of Brimble
 TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

East Mornington in
 the *District* of *Brimble* aforesaid,
 the *Fifteenth* day of *September* A.D. 1862 in
 the *Twenty Fifth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen,
 before me *Samuel Curtis Chandler*

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

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the *District* of
Brimble aforesaid, upon the
 view of the body of *Francis Thomas Jordan* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
 in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of†

John Buckley
William O'Hanaghan
James Dobin
Daniel Sharpe
Alexander Allan
Auguste Falsch
John Curtis
John Knack
Alfred Smith
George Dodson
Samuel Coleman
Mrs Lorimer

good and lawful men of *East Mornington* in the
 said *District* 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 *Francis Thomas Jordan* came

by† death, do say upon their oath that§ *on the 13th of*

September 1862 in the River
Yarra at East Mornington
he was found drowned without
any marks of violence on his
body.

† 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.

Dear Carly

By the time you receive this I
be no more and the reason I send you
this is. that people may know I am
not the rogue they might take me to
be, the fact is dear Lord, I could
get the money owing to me and I
therefore could not pay my debts
and before I would go into the
Dissolvent Court I prefer. O eternity
may God of his infinite mercy
pardon the rash act I shall commit
but I have been miserable indeed
in fact I believe I had attained the
chimer of that unwelcome consideration
the thought of not being able to
pay has been the cause of many
sleepless nights to me, and through

it what I have suffered you can
scarcely imagine, there is one thing I am
very sorry for "that" that I could not
pay Ned Stone five pounds I owe him
I would again say that my not being
able to pay my debts nearly drove
me mad at any broken hearted
and when I am found the amount
that will be found on me will prove
that I have not been the scoundrell
some people may designate me
and as I cannot meet the people
I owe money too honestly I will
not meet them at all, good bye
old friend, God bless you your wife
and family, and all my old friends
(I had some) is the sincere wish of the
Wretched
Francis Thomas Jordan

Sam. Martin lives at this address

W. D. Martin
Amherst
~~Mass~~ Mass

tell him he was not forgotten
and send him the enclosed which
he gave me

Adieu may we all meet in another
and a better world is the
hope of the unhappy unfortunate
J. M. Jordan

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Bunle

To Wit.

THE Examination of*

David Strachan Thomas

Low - William Hudge and Horatio
St John Clarke

* All names of Witnesses.

of

Bunle

taken on oath this 15th

day of

September

A.D. 1862, at

East Colingwood

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said†

District

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

The Deponent

David Strachan

on his oath saith as follows :

I am a gardener
living at Richmond. On the 9th of this
month I was going along the banks of the
Yarra at the Ferry - Simpsons Road when
I found a cap and coat and a pair of
boots. I gave information to the police.

David Strachan

TAKEN and sworn before me the 15th }
day of September A.D. 1862, }
at East Milpworth }

C. Candler

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit. }

THE Examination of*

* All names of Witnesses.

of taken on oath this

day of A.D. 186 , at

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

The Deponent

Thomas Low

on his oath saith as follows :

I am a tanner living at Richmond. I knew the deceased Francis Thomas Jordan, I knew him about 8 months ago. He was then a storekeeper on the Sheepwash Creek in the Mandanary District. I identify the body now shown to the Jury as that of Francis Thomas Jordan both by his features and by an old gun shot wound on the left arm. He was an unmarried ^{about 33 years old} man. I had not seen him for 8 months. He was a sane man. He sometimes indulged in drink but was not a drunkard. The letter now produced is in the handwriting of the deceased.

Thos Low

TAKEN and sworn before me the 15th
day of September A.D. 1862,
at East [illegible]

C. Coroner

Coroner.

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The Deponent

William Hudgell

on his oath saith as follows :

*I am Sergeant of Police
at East Wimpoor - I found the body of
deceased on Saturday last. He was floating
about 60 y and from where the clothes and
products were found. He has no boots no coat
and no cap on when I found him. The letter
now produced was produced was found in
the coat. It was handed to me by the
Police.*

*Wm Hudgell**Sep 4, 23, 1860.*

TAKEN and sworn before me the 15th }
day of September A.D. 1862, }
at East Mungwood

C. Candler

Coroner.

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The Deponent

Thomas St John Clarke

on his oath saith as follows :

I am a legally qualified Surgeon living at Richmond. I have made a post mortem examination of the deceased Francis Thomas Jordan. Extensively there were no marks of violence except a few slight superficial discolorations on the forehead. All the organs of the body were healthy except the liver which was enlarged. The cause of death was asphyxia from drowning. The body had not been dead more than four or five days in my opinion.

A. St. John Clarke

TAKEN and sworn before me the 15th
day of September A.D. 1862,
at East Coleridge

C. Candler

Coroner.