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July 16th 1879

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

William Winter

at

Levensham

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

July 21st 1879

Received
22.7.79

W. D. Ashby
Coroner.

Court House
Brighton
18th July 1879

Sir

Depositions

Henry Winter
James Jones and
Maria Gordon.
and J. Darbyshire's
Report and Account.

I have the honor to forward
the enclosed documents as per margin
in re a Magisterial Inquiring held by
John Darbyshire Esquire at Ennabrin
on the 16th instant concerning the
death of one William Winter.

The Secretary
Law Department
Melbourne

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Wm. Smart
acting Clerk of Petty Sessions

Having viewed the body of the
deceased William Winter, and
examined the wound in his right
thigh, I found it greatly lacerated
above the knee on the inside, the
thigh bone broken, and the body blood
less.

From the evidence of Henry Winter
and the other, examined it would
appear that the death was the
result of "accident" - through
want of caution principally in the
part of deceased himself.

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16. Jul 1879.

J. H. Parker Jp

Maria Gordon being duly sworn states that in the afternoon of the 15. (yesterday) Henry Winters came to our house and said that his brother William was shot in the leg. Mr. Gordon went immediately and I followed with bandages. Mr. Gordon left to get a horse to take the deceased to Beechworth, with the assistance of William Winters I put on a very tight bandage to try and stop the bleeding, the blood ^{had been} pouring from the wound, previous to my putting in the bandage, after putting in the bandage the flow of blood was stopped, the distance from my house to the place where the deceased lay is about ten (10) chains. I saw that he was very much exhausted, I sent his brother for brandy, and raised the deceased up, on to my lap, he complained of nothing but a pain in the abdomen, no complaint of the pain in the wound. Mr. Jones & Mr. Gordon, brought a board about half an hour after the accident and with other assistance brought him up to ~~his~~ ^{our} ~~mother's~~ house. He died about half past four o'clock. He did not attach any blame to his brother, but described the accident as related by the previous witness Henry Winters.

Maria Gordon

The deposition of Maria Gordon
was read over to her by, and signed
in the presence of J. H. Smith J.P.

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James ~~Johnson~~^{Jones} being duly sworn
deposes that I was in my own pad-
dock adjoining McBride's paddock,
at about half past two yesterday
when I heard a shot fired, some
little time (a few moments) after I heard
a cooey, I thought it came from Mrs.
Gordon's I answered, and proceeded
down through the paddock on reaching
the road I saw one of the Miss Gordon
coming up, and she informed me of the
occurrence, I then went down the
road and met Mr. Gordon and with
him & another went to the spot where
deceased lay, I saw a great quanti-
ty of blood on the ground, seemingly
all his coat had had, the wounds
bandaged when I reached the place.
I then went to Mr. Gordon with himself
to get a board to put deceased on
and returning with assistance from
Mr. Gordon carried the deceased to
Mr. Gordon's house, deceased made
no complaint except of pain in the
stomach, I remained until he died
about half past four o'clock.

James Jones
The deposition of James Jones
was read over to him by, and signed
in presence of J. D. & J. P.

Proceeding of a Magistrate Inquiring
held at Renouin on the 16th July 1879, regarding
the death of William Winter aged 15 years and
9 months.

Henry Winter aged 14 years being duly sworn
states that he is the deceased's brother, I was with
my brother in Mr Brides paddock about half
past 2 o'clock in the afternoon ^{of yesterday} we went to shoot ducks,
he came up in front of me just as I was about to
put down the hammer of the gun, I had the gun at
my hip, and ^{under} my coat at the time, the gun being at
full cock, in letting the hammer down the gun
went off, and the charge of shot passed through
my brother's right thigh, he being then about four (4)
yards in front of me, - he fell and asked me to go
for Mr Jones. I proceeded to Mr Jones, but he did not
come, ~~He then~~ ^{my brother} then told me to go for
Mr Gordon, I went at once Mr Gordon came back
with me and placed a bandage on his thigh.

Henry Winter

The deposition of Henry Winter
was read over to him ^{by} and signed
by him in presence of
J. Darbyshire J.P.