

February 28th. 1922

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PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST  
held upon the body of **203**

John Benjamin Kahle

at Melbourne Morgue

14/2/20

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

3-MAR-22

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R. H. Cole

Coroner.

20711.

**INQUISITION.**

VICTORIA;  
To Wit. }

AN INQUISITION for our Sovereign Lord King George V., taken at the Morgue, Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, the 28th day of February A. D. 1922 in the twelfth 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 said State, upon the view of the body of John Benjamin Kahle then and there lying dead.

Having inquired upon the part of our Lord the King, when, where, how, and by what means the said John Benjamin Kahle

came by<sup>1</sup>his death, I say that

(1) His or her.

on the 23rd day of February 1922

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

at<sup>2</sup> Burnley from Benjamin Kahle was found dead, having died the same day from strangulation. I decide that he died by his own act. Mental depression

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

put my hand this                    28th                    day of                    February

A.D. 19 22

*Robert H. Cru*

Coroner.

Barnley

Station.

Melbourne

Police District.

February 23. 1922.

REPORT of

W. B. Rogers Const 5636

Relative to

Death of John Benjamin Kelle by Suicide  
Sergeant Answorth  
Barnley

1. I have to report that at 5<sup>20</sup> pm on the 23.2.22. from what I was told I went to an upstairs room at 422 Bridge Rd Burnley, where I saw the dead body of John Benjamin Kelle 40 years of age.

2. The body was in a sitting position on the floor with a scarf around the neck and fastened to the bed post. The weight of the body was supported by the scarf.

3. I immediately lifted the body from the bed post and found that the body was quite cold and stiff and had apparently been dead for some hours previous.

4. Isabella O'Regan with whom the Deceased had been Boarding for the past 10 years stated that Deceased was a single man and a returned soldier. Since his return from the War in 1919 he has had very bad health and is now under the treatment of Dr Reid & Dr Davis Church St Richmond. He has worried a lot lately and said on many occasions if I thought I would go mad I would put a bullet in my head. He often seemed mentally weak. On the 23.2.22 about 10 A.M. he had his breakfast and seemed to be in unusual good spirits. At 10<sup>20</sup> A.M. Mrs O'Regan left home and returned at about

3 pm, but did not see the Deceased. She remained down stairs until about 5<sup>15</sup> pm and on going into her bedroom upstairs she found the Deceased suspended from the bed post.

5 I examined the body but there was no marks of any description with the exception of the mark around the neck.

W. B. Rogers  
Const 5636.

B. Winley  
23/2/22

Dr. Cole  
City Coroner

Submitted. The body has been removed to the morgue.

J. M. Crowe  
Sgt 3894

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\*

WILLIAM HERNY KAHLE

on ~~h~~ oath saith, I am a

LETTER SORTER

residing at

73 MELVILLE ROAD BRUNSWICK

\* Christian and Surname in full.

I saw the body of the deceased at the morgue and I identified it as that of John Benjamin Kahle <sup>h</sup> He ~~was~~ my brother and was aged 40 years and was a driver by occupation. He was boarding with a woman at Richmond I last saw him alive last June He then had been in ~~had~~ health He had been suffering <sup>from</sup> ~~at~~ his head as he had been gassed at the War I think that ~~his~~ mind was effected.

RM

*W.H. Kahle*

Taken and sworn before me the

*28<sup>th</sup>*

day

of

*Feb*

1972 at

*Melbourne*

*Robert H. ...*

Coroner.

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* ISABELLA O'REGAN

on her oath saith, I am a MARRIED WOMAN

residing at 422 BRIDGE ROAD RICHMOND.

\* Christian and Surname in full.

I knew the deceased He had been living at my place for 11 years He was away at the War 3 years He came to my place again when he returned from the War He has been back three years He seemed to be bright when he came back but he got bad after There were two Doctors attending him. He showed signs of something wrong in his head for the past two years I last saw him alive at 10.30 last Tuesday He then was very bright. I left the house and left him in the house He was washing up the dishes when I left. I came back at 3.30 and had a cup of tea and went out again I returned a little after 5 p.m and went to get the tea ready and I called him and then I went to his room and did not see him and then as I came out I saw him tied to a bed post in a spare room I came down stairs and went to the shop at the corner I did not touch the body He had said that he would be better dead.

11/11

*Isabell O'Regan*

Taken and sworn before me the

28<sup>th</sup>

day

of

*Adelphi*

1922 at

*Melbourne*

*Thomas H. Cro*

Coroner.

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* WALTER BENJAMIN ROGERS

on ~~h~~ oath saith, I am a CONSTABLE OF POLICE

residing at BURNLEY

\* Christian and Surname in full.

At about 5.30 p.m on the 23rd inst from what I was told I went to 422 Bridge Road Burnley In an upstairs room I saw the body of the deceased John Benjamin Kahle His body was suspended to ~~the~~ bed post by the scarf produced I raised the body and removed the scarf The body was cold and appeared to have been dead a few hours I searched the pockets and did not find anything and there was nothing in his room. The scarf was tied in a knot and there was a double turn round the neck and over ~~the~~ bed post.

*W B Rogers*  
*Const 5622*

Taken and sworn before me the 28<sup>th</sup> day  
of July 1922 at Melbourne  
Robert H. Cox  
Coroner.