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December 4th. 1877

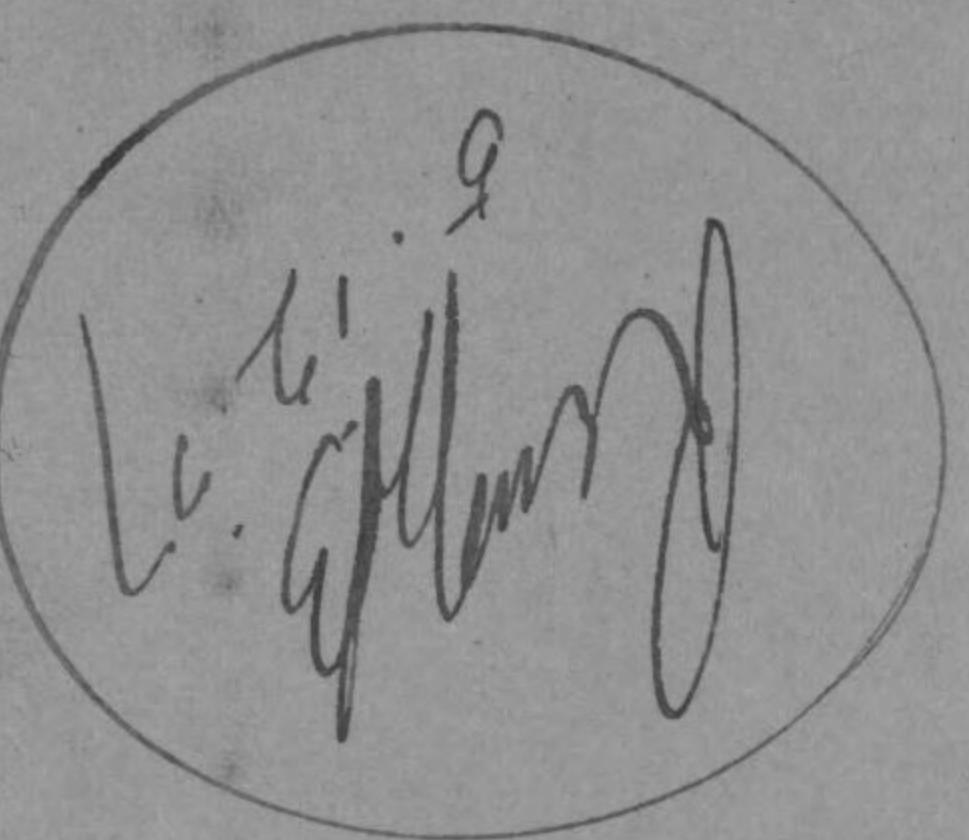
PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

Stephen Edward
Hawthorne

at

Portsmouth

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
December 5th 1877



H. Candler Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria, }
to wit. }

A N Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

Pakenham In the in
the Colony of Victoria aforesaid, the day
of December A.D. 1877 in the thirty first year of
the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me Samuel* City, Town, County, or District,
as the case may be.

Custos Mortis Gentleman, a*

Coroner

of our Lady the Queen for the said Colony, upon the view of the body of

Joseph Edward Watts

then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

in full.

Charles Hill

Charles Horne Horne

Robert Green

William Murphy

John Blencowe

Henry Ward

William Pigott

Peter Rance

John Brown

George James Cook

Benjamin Dyson

William Rance

good and lawful men of

Pakenham

in the

said Colony, 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

† His or her.

Edward Watts

came by † his death, do say upon their oath

§ 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.

Joseph
on the 2nd of December 1877 in the
Kardinia Creek, Bowricket, he
was accidentally drowned

In witness whereof as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid, have to this Inquisition put their hands and seals, on the day and year, and at the place above mentioned.

C. Gardner

(I.S.)

Coroner.

Here let each Juror sign his *
own name, or make his own
mark, and affix or acknowledge
his seal.

Charles Hill (I.S.)
Charles Osborne Towne (I.S.)
Mabent Evans (I.S.)
William Murphy (I.S.)
John Blencome (I.S.)
Henry Ward (I.S.)
W Piggesott (L.S.)
Peter Pumfitt (I.S.)
John W. Burns (I.S.)
George James Cook (I.S.)
Benjamin John Hall Bryant (L.S.)
William Randle (I.S.)

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Telegram for C. Candler Ley
Coroner. Melbourne club.

1	Joseph	2	Watts	3	eight	4	years	5	old	6	was	7	drowned	8	yesterday
	evening		in		Caradina		creek		Berwick		deceased		with		a
	Younger		brother		and		another		boy		was		fishing		when
	he		fell										Souters		
													months		Hotel
	Berwick		Dr.		Butler		now		stopping		at		Souters		Hotel
	attended		the		deceased.										
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(Signature)

John Shanahan

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 60.
Stereo.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent*

William Henry May
on his oath saith, I am a labourer
residing at Benwick

On Sunday evening the 2nd instant, a little after six o'clock, I was having tea and heard a noise outside. I went out and saw Mr. Kiwan standing on the bank of the Kartini Creek. I called out to him and he asked me to go over. When I went to him he said one of Watts's boys was in the creek. I asked him when and whilst speaking I saw the boy in the water. I went in, got hold of him, lifted him out, and sent for a doctor and took the child to the father's house where he was stripped and rubbed. The deceased showed no signs of life. I saw both coming from his nostrils before I took him out of the water. He was in about 2½ to 3 feet of water. The bank was very steep here. It was about 100 yards from my house. I had not seen the boy there. I saw a stick near the bank which had been used for fishing apparently. The little children who were with deceased did not come to me.

William Henry May

Taken and Sworn before me, the 4th day
of December, 1897, at Pakenham
C. Carter, Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent*

William Kerwen

Son h ~~is~~ ^{is} oath saith, I am a labourerresiding at Berwick

On Sunday evening the
little boy was present came home and said his
brother was in the creek. I went down as quick
as I could but could not I could see nothing
of the boy in the water. In a short time he may
have come and went in and saw the boy and took
him out. about half an hour before I had
seen the children in the creek. I could not
see what they were doing, but I hunted the
water that day and took a fishing rod from
them.

William Kerwen his ~~mark~~ mark

Witness John Shanahan

M. A. Court 2574

Taken and Sworn before me, the 4th day
of December, 1899, at Pakenham
C. Carter }
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 60.
Stereo.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent*

Thomas Watts

On his oath saith, I am a quarry man

residing at

Benwick

Wednesday Joseph Edward Watts, aged 8 years and a half was my son. I was about four home on Sunday when decanted or drowned. The boys now present are not old enough to state what occurred but from what I can gather from their licensed timber in whilst fishing. They did not call any grown person. They got frightened I believe. I am satisfied in my own mind the occurrence was accidental. I had often warned decanted about going to the creek and threatened to whip him.

Thomas Watts

Taken and Sworn before me, the 4th day
of December, 1897, at Pakenham
C. Cawley
Coroner.