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5th January 1917

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Frances Ellen

Spall

at

Lease

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

8th January 1917

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W. Devereux P.S.

Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

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VICTORIA,
TO WIT.

INQUISITION
(WITHOUT A JURY.)

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lord King ~~Edward~~ ^{George} ~~VI~~ ^{Colac}, taken at

.....in
Victoria, the Fifth day of January

A.D. 1907, in the seventh year of the Reign
of our said Lord the King, before me Walter Selwood

..... Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King
for Victoria, upon the view of the body of Frances Ellen Spall
..... 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 Frances Ellen Spall

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

Frances Ellen Spall
died at Cororooke on the Fifth
day of January 1907, from Heart failure

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

Walter Selwood J.P.
CORONER.

VICTORIA POLICE. - (47) -

Colac

Station

Southern

Police District

January 5th 1916

REPORT of John James Jones Const 5369
 Relative to Sudden Death of a woman named
 Frances Ellen Spall, of Cobden at Corrooke
 at about 1 a.m. today

I have to report that the above
 named Frances Ellen Spall, has been
 reported, as having died at Mrs W.
 Spall's residence, at Corrooke about
 1 a.m. today. It appears that the
 above is a married woman residing with
 her husband Richard Spall, at Cobden.

She left Cobden on Tuesday morning
 the 2nd inst and apparently in the best
 of health and went to Corrooke to
 visit Mrs W. Spall, a sister in law.

She was apparently in the best of health
 while there till about 1 a.m. Her sister in law
 who was sleeping with her was awakened
 by the deceased shuffling in the bed.

Mrs W. Spall, ask "was she ill" & she replied
 that she had one of her bad turns
 again. Mrs Spall called her son, Ernest

Spall, when he arrived in her room,
 Mrs Spall asked deceased, what she generally
 did when she got a bad turn. She replied
 that there were some spirits in ~~the~~ bag
 which she took, they got the spirits and gave
 her some of it. Deceased then said to Ernest

Sgt (Campbell)
 Colac

Spall. I am dying. She then collapsed;
and never spoke again; Ernest Spall
then rang for Doctor Gibbs, and told
him of the death & the circumstances
and the doctor told him to ring up the
Police which he did

Her husband Richard Spall states
that deceased, often complained
of an affection of the heart and
she always kept some spirits
to take, to relieve, the complaint
The deceased is sixty years of age, and there are
the suspicious circumstances. The deceased's relations
are highly respectable John J. Jones
Const 5369.

inquiry to be held
at Colac hospital on 5/1/17
at this day Jan 5, 1917
at 4 P.M.
Walter Leonard P.P.

Colac 5. 1. 17

For information.

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J. J. Baughfield
Seyt 3775

The Secretary
Law Department
Melbourne

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Richard Spall
on his oath saith, I am a Labourer
residing at Cobden* Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have seen the body now lying in the morgue at the Colac hospital I identify it as being that of my late wife. Mrs Spall left her home at Cobden in good health on Tuesday last Jan 2nd 1917 she intended going to Cororooke to spend a few days with her friends. The general condition of her health was good. The last time she was medically treated was about two years ago for gall stones. At times she complained of a pain which she believed was caused by heart trouble she did not at any time consult a doctor for it when the pain came on she used to take about a spoonful of brandy which gave her relief. The last attack was about a month ago

Us. At times when the pains came on we sometimes applied a hot plate to the place affected

Richard Spall

Taken and Sworn before me the 5th day

of Jan 1917 at Colac

Walter Selwood J.P.
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

*a. J. Andrew**James Agnew**Labourer**Cobden** Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have viewed the body now lying in the morgue at the Colac hospital I recognise it as being that of Frances Ellen Shall wife of Richard Shall deceased was my mother-in-law I last saw deceased alive between eight and nine o'clock on Monday evening Jan 1st 1917. She was then apparently in good health and in good spirits. Mrs Shall was an active woman and apparently in good health. deceased was a ladies nurse Prior to her leaving Cobden for a few days at Bororothe she called at my house and made some business arrangements with my wife

Andrew J Agnew

Taken and Sworn before me the

Fifth

day

of

Jan

1917

at

Colac

Walter Selwood

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* *Margaret Spall*

on her oath saith, I am a *Married Woman*

residing at *Cororooke*

* Christian and Surname in full.

I have viewed the body now lying in the morgue at the Colac hospital and I recognize it as Frances Ellen Spall wife of Richard Spall, deceased came to my place at Cororooke on Tuesday Jan 2nd 1917 she remained with me until Thursday night We retired at about 10 P.M. deceased seemed quite well at that time. About 12.30 on Friday morning I was awake and heard her stirring in her bed. We slept in the same room but in separate beds she was coughing and making a wheezing noise I remarked Ellen you have got a cold I then sat up and lit a candle she was then sitting up she said I have one of my bad turns again I got up and asked her what I could do for her she asked me to get some spirits out of her basket I did so and gave her about a spoonful she said she had never had such a bad turn before I called my son Ernest he was in the next room deceased then said she was going to die she then said oh Auntie Maggie give them all my love, laid back and died

Margaret Spall

Taken and Sworn before me the *5th* day

W. J. Fifth of *Jan* 19*17* at *Colac*

Walter Wood
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Ernest Spall
on his oath saith, I am a Labourer
residing at Cororooke* Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have viewed the body now lying in the morgue at Colac hospital I identify it as being that of Mrs Spall wife of Richard Spall of Cobden she came to stay at our place at Cororooke on Tuesday evening Jan 2nd 1917 she seemed quite well I have not known of her suffering from any illness for some time At about 1 A.M. this Friday morning my mother called me I went into the room where deceased was sleeping my mother also occupied the same room when I went into the room where deceased was she was sitting up she appeared to be very ill she said I think I am going to die my mother and I gave her some spirits she suddenly fell back on the pillow and died. We sent a messenger for the doctor before she died

Ernest Spall

Taken and Sworn before me the Fifth day
of Jan 1917 at Colac
Walter Selwood
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* Richard Horace Gibbs.

on h^e oath saith, I am a duly qualified medical practitioner
residing at Colac

*Christian and Surname in full.

I have this day at the Colac District Hospital examined the body of Frances Ellen Spall. I find no marks of injury whatever, and am of opinion that death was due to heart failure

R. H. Gibbs
F.R.C.S.

Colac.
6th January 1917.

Taken and sworn before me the Fifth day
of Jan 1917 at Colac
Walter Sedwood J.P.
Coroner.