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CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

†
Victoria. } District of Bendigo.
 To Wit.

THE Examination of*

Henry Oats

* All Names of Witnesses.

of *Kangaroo Flat* taken on oath this *thirteenth*
 day of *August* A.D. 1855, at *The Clydesdale Hotel, Sandhurst.*
 before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† *District*

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

This Deponent

Henry Oats

on his oath saith as follows:—

I am a Gold Miner. On last Saturday
afternoon about half past twelve o'clock,
I saw the Deceased - the same whose body
was viewed by the Jury this day - cross the
dam of my Puddling Machine. On yesterday
Morning between 7 and 8 o'clock as I was
coming from the Butcher's and leading
a horse home, the horse started and
looking round to see what was the
matter with the horse I saw a man
lying on the ground alongside the
stump of a dead tree. At first I

thought

thought that he was drunk. I saw
as I imagined at the time, a red
handkerchief around his left arm.
I was about turning round to leave him
when I noticed some blood marks on his
right shoulder and then looking more
closely I remarked that what I took for
a red handkerchief around his left arm
was blood marks. It was all covered with
blood. Thinking that the man was murdered
I immediately proceeded home and got my
brother and four other men to go with me
to the spot where the man was lying. On
arriving there we were all of opinion that
the man was murdered. At their suggestion
I gave information to Serjt Drough at
the Police Station near Kangaroo Flat and he
came with me to where the man was lying.
The man I allude to is the same that was
viewed by the Jury this day. The Place pointed out ^{to} the Jury
this day is that where I found the Deceased lying dead. It
is about 100 yards from the main road to Kangaroo Flat.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the
day of August A.D. 1855,
at the Clydesdale Hotel
Sandhurst.

Henry J. J. J.

William Augustine Roche J.P.
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

†
Victoria. } District of Bendigo.
 To Wit.

THE Examination of* *William Gardner Drought*

* All Names of Witnesses.

of *Robinson Crusoe Police Station* taken on oath this *thirteenth*
 day of *August* A.D. 185*5*, at *The Clydesdale Hotel, Melbourne*
 before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† *District*

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

This Deponent *William Gardner Drought*
 on his oath saith as follows:—

I am a Sergeant of Foot Police in charge
 of Robinson Crusoe Police Station. On
 Yesterday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock
 the last witness called at my station
 and reported that he had seen a man
 lying on his side by the side of a bush
 with a portion of his clothes covered with
 blood and that it was his impression
 that the man had been murdered. I
 immediately proceeded to the place where
 the man was lying, in company with
 my informant and another Constable.
 On arriving at the spot I saw the deceased

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- the same whose body was viewed by the Jury this day - He was lying on his left side within two feet of some bushes. His right and left arms were bent up supporting his chin. I noticed two coats lying near his head one of them was placed under it. I saw that his left arm ~~and~~ a portion of his clothes were covered with blood. On searching the place near him I discovered some music books on which were some marks of blood. I also discovered a razor half open with blood on the handle. Found it lying within a foot of the back of the Deceased's head. I examined carefully the bush near where the Deceased was lying and found tracks of blood and the bushes crushed down as if the Deceased had been lying there previous to the discovery of his dead body. The razor now produced is the one I found near the Deceased's body. The position in which the Deceased was lying when first seen, together with the position of where I got the razor and other property produced has been accurately pointed out by me this day to the Jury. The Deceased was lying about

TAKEN and Sworn before me the ^{thirteenth} One hundred yards from the main
day of August A.D. 1855, } Road.
at the City of Edinburgh Hotel.
Sancti Spiritus.

William Gardner Wright

William Augustine Roche J.P.
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

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Victoria. } *District of Bendigo.*
 To Wit.

THE Examination of* *Pemberton Hunter*

* All Names of Witnesses.

of *Pall Mall* taken on oath this *thirteenth*
 day of *August* A.D. 18*55*, at *The Clydesdale Hotel, Ludlow St.*
 before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† *District*
 This Deponent *Pemberton Hunter.*
 on his oath saith as follows:—

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

I am the Brother of the Deceased -
- the same whose body was viewed
by the Jury this day - The Deceased resided
with me. On last Saturday Morning
between the hours of ten and eleven
o'clock the Deceased left our home
in order to proceed to Long Gully.
He had a parcel of music with him.
He was engaged to sing that night
at The Manchester Band at Long Gully.

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I did not see him alive afterwards.
 He did not return home on Saturday
 night. On yesterday morning between
 eleven and twelve o'clock I received
 information from a man - that as he
 was passing Kangaroo Flat that morning
 he saw a crowd and on going up to
 it he recognized the body of my brother
 lying dead. I immediately proceeded to
 the place and found that my informant
 was correct. A Constable was in charge
 of the Body. I identify the razor and comb
 now produced to be the property of my brother,
 the Deceased. He Deceased has been in this Colony about nine
 months. On two occasions he exhibited symptoms of derangement
 of mind. He had often remarked that the heat of last
 summer had effected his head and it had never got
 better of it. He had a tendency of blood to the head. On
 last Saturday morning when the Deceased left home I was
 too busy to be able to notice what state of mind he was in.
 I am certain the Deceased
 had no quarrel either on Friday or
 Saturday last with any body.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the
 day of August A.D. 1855,
 at The Clydesdale Hotel
 Sandhurst.

William Augustine Roche J.P.
 Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

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Victoria. } District of Bendigo.
 To Wit.

THE Examination of* *William Motherspoon*

* All Names of Witnesses.

of *Sandhurst* taken on oath this *thirteenth*
 day of *August* A.D. 1855, at *The Clydesdale Hotel, Sandhurst.*
 before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said† *District.*

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

This Deponent *William Motherspoon*
 on his oath saith as follows:—

I am the Proprietor of the Clydesdale Hotel. On last Saturday evening between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock, the Deceased — the same whose body was viewed by the Jury this day — came to my place. He remained there for about three quarters of an hour during which time he had two tumbblers of pale brandy and four cigars. I had some conversation

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with him. He stated that he came from a place within 40 miles from where I lived in Scotland. He said he wished that he had never come to this Colony as he could not get on here as well as he expected. He asked me if I knew where a Mr Hill lived. That kept coming. I replied that I did not. When the Deceased left my place about a quarter a past 5 o'clock on last Saturday evening he was sober. I did not see the Deceased again till the next morning about 9 o'clock when I was informed that a man was murdered down the flat. I went to the spot and on seeing him recognised the Deceased as being the same ^{man} that was in my house the previous evening. When the Deceased was at my place he had a roll of papers with him.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the ^{thirteenth}
day of August A.D. 1855,
at the City of Leeds Hotel.
Sandhurst.

William Wotherspoon

William Augustine Roche J.P.
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

†
Victoria. } District of Bendigo.
To Wit.

THE Examination of*

James Hoyle M.D.

* All Names of Witnesses.

of Sandhurst taken on oath this thirteenth
day of August A.D. 1855, at the Clydesdale Hotel, Sandhurst.
before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said District.

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

This Deponent

James Hoyle M.D.

on his oath saith as follows:—

I am a legally qualified Medical Practitioner. On yesterday afternoon about two o'clock I proceeded with the Coroner to view the body of the Deceased - the same that was shown to the Jury this day - I found him lying beside some bushes near the main road to Kangaroo Flat. He was lying on his left side having both his arms doubled up. I noticed

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the left arm of his shirt was saturated with blood and all his clothes were besprinkled with it. On examining the left arm I found that the integuments at the elbow joint together with the humeral artery and vein were completely cut across. The loss of blood from which in my opinion was the cause of death. I found no other external marks of violence but the one I have described. It was a simple incised wound produced by a sharp instrument. A razor was pointed out one as found near the body of the Deceased. It is the same now produced. I am of opinion that with such an instrument the Deceased could have produced the injury he received. From the blood track I am of opinion that the Deceased was lying in the bushes when he received the injury. Had the injury been inflicted by another

TAKEN and Sworn before me the ^{thirteenth} Party on the Deceased and he in
day of August A.D. 1855, his senses. The wound would not
at the Clydesdale Hotel. be fatal had he desired to procure
Sandhurst. any assistance.

William Augustine Roche J.P. James Hoyle M.D.
Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Victoria. } District of *Bendigo.*
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *The Clydesdale Hotel, Sandhurst* in
the *District* of *Bendigo* aforesaid,
the *thirteenth* day of *August* A.D. 1855, in
the *nineteenth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen
before me *William Augustine Roche Esq.*

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

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the* *District* of
Bendigo aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of *Gilbert Hunter* then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

Samuel Lemaitre
Donald M. C. Saughton
James Finny
William Carr
Benjamin Gerise
Samuel Gordon
Richard Oats
John Allen
Oliver Cooper
Edward Hunt
William Brodrick
Robert Stewart

good and lawful men of *Sandhurst* in the
said *District* who being duly sworn and charged to
enquire, upon the part of our Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the
said *Gilbert Hunter* came
by † his death, do say upon their oath that §

† 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.

The Deceased Gilbert Hunter

Committed

Committed Suicide. whilst
labouring under a fit of
Temporary Insanity.

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.

William Augustine Roche J.P.

Coroner.

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

Samuel L. Mather.

Donald Cunningham.

Edwin Hunt.

William Carr.

John Allen.

Samuel Gordon.

Oliver B. Adams.

Richard C. Cuts.

James L. Lupton.

Benjamin T. T. T.

William Brodwick.

Robert Stewart.