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PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

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Vernon Russell

task

at
Dandemong.

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

W. C. Hill 19
21 JAN 20

C. L. O.

W. H. A. Holden
S. C. (coroner)

RECEIVED
21 JAN 1920

[56A.]

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

VICTORIA,
TO WIT.

INQUISITION
(WITHOUT A JURY.)

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lord King Edward, taken at.....
Victoria, the 14th & 19th day of January
A.D. 1920 in the Eleventh year of the Reign
of our said Lord the King, before me William Henry
Agnesius Rodd Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King
for Victoria, upon the view of the body of Vernon Russell
Trask 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 Vernon Russell Trask
came by his death, I say that the said
Vernon Russell Trask
died at Dandening on the 13th
day of January 1920, from.....

Accidentally Drowned while Bathing
in the Weir at Dandening -

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.

VICTORIA POLICE. - 47.

Dandenong

Station

21 JAN 1920

C. L. O.

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Police District

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Report of

Const. O'Halloran 5760

Relative to

Death of Vernon Russell Frack
10 years of age, by drowning

Have to report that at 4³⁰
pm on 13.1.20 it was reported that Vernon
Russell Frack 10 years of age of Brighton Road
Dandenong had been drowned. I went to Mr
Frack's house and saw the body of deceased.
The body was not marked.

Vernon Russell Frack was bathing
with his brother Norman in a water hole about
 $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the house. Neither of the
lads could swim. Norman came out of
the water & his brother remained in. He
tried to get a bottle out that Norman
had thrown in, and got out of his depth.
He called to Norman for help. It went &
obtained assistance. A Mr. Sherwood
who was driving along the road saw several
running across the paddock in the direction
of the water hole, also hurried across and on
hearing the boy's body was under the water
dived in & recovered the body. Mr Langley of Danden-
ong was summoned and methods were tried to restore
breathing but the boy was dead.

Supt. Const. H. H. H.
Dandenong

A. O'Halloran
M. C. 5760

VICTORIAN POLICE - 43.

Dandenong 14.1.20

Dr Cole Sonnev directs that death be reported to Justice.

Death reported to
W.A. Agius Road Corp. J.P. on 14.1.20
who found the body took evidence
of identification from orders for
hand and aay around Dandenong
& Count House Dandenong on 19.1.20
at 2 pm

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SL 4169

Dandenong
19.1.20

Please find attached depositions
taken by me at Dandenong on body
of Dennis Russell Grask

The Secretary
Crown Law Dept
Melbourne } Wynnstis Rodger

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent* Samson Frash
 on h ~~is~~ oath saith, I am a Rubber Worker
 residing at Brighton Road Dandemny

I have seen the body shown at this
 Inquest and identify it as my son
 Vernon Russell Frash born on 9th
 November 1909. I last saw him
 alive at 9pm on the 12th inst

Samson Frash,

Taken and Sworn before me the 14th day
 of January 1920 at Dandemny

W. Rufus Rodd P
 Coroner

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Norman Nicholas Trask

on h^{is} oath saith, I am a scholar 12 years.*Christian and
Surname in
full.

residing at Reysbrough

I am the brother of Vernon Russell Trask on Tuesday last the deceased and Frederick and Carl Van Damme and I went to the Weir in Coomans Paddock ~~for a~~ as my brother and I went in to swim after being in the water sometime we came out on the bank and deceased said if you throw a bottle in, I will go after it I threw the bottle in and deceased went after it, and got out of his depth and started to throw his arms about, and sank I jumped in the water to his assistance, and caught by the wrist, and he pulled me under with him - and I then let go and paddled to the bank and ran for assistance to the Bognor Road, and returned with Ronald Richards and another man - after we returned to the waterhole Mr Shearne went in and recovered the body Sherwood N. N. Trask.

Taken and sworn before me the 19th day

of January 1920 at Dandenong.
J. Murphy, R.A.P. Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Frederick Van Damme

on h ^{oath} saith, I am a Scholar 12 years

residing at Reyclough

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

On Tuesday the 13th January I went to Corrigan's paddock with my brother and the two Trask's. The Trask's went in to swim and my brother and I remained on the bank after the boys were in the water sometime they came out on the bank - Vernon said this brother if you throw a bottle in I will go after it. Vernon jumped in on his chest and appeared to get wounded; and immediately sank; his brother went to his assistance but was unable to get him out I ran for help and came back with Mr McEachan and saw several people about the shore, and Mr Shearn recover the body

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Sherwood

Frederick Van Damme.

Taken and sworn before me the

19th

day

of January 1920 at Dandery.

Mynmis Van P

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

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COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Malcolm McLachlan

on his oath saith, I am a Brundage ¹⁹²⁰ Warden

residing at

Keypbrough C. L. O.

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

I remember Tuesday last 13th January during the afternoon two boys came to the house and told me that a boy was drowned and requested me to come over to their assistance I went over and not being able to swim I told the boys that I was helpless; I then advised them to go at once and inform the police; they told me they did not know where the police station was. I then went back to the house and caught the Barker and asked him to inform the Police at Dandenong with the reference to the matter -

Malcolm McLachlan

Taken and Sworn before me the 19th day
of January 1920 at Dandenong
R. M. P. R. P. Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Arthur Sherwood

on his oath saith, I am a ~~garden~~ ^{221 N 120} gardener

residing at Keysbury C. L. O.

I remember Tuesday last 13th January about 3 o'clock in the afternoon I was returning from Danderry on the Brighton Road I saw a boy running I looked across the River and saw several people. I tied up my horse and went over. When I got to the waterhole I was informed a boy had been drowned I saw a man in the water, I threw off my clothes and went in. I dived into the middle of the hole, I did not find the body so I waded up the centre and then found the body in 7 feet of water and brought it to the Bank; and with the assistance of others made every effort to restore life. I was present when Dr Langley arrived who pronounced life extinct.

A. Sherwood.

Taken and sworn before me the

19th day
of January 1920 at Danderry
J. M. Jenkins R. D. P.

Coroner.