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PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

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Hermon Russell

Maas

at

Dandenaug.


Received at the Crown Law Offices,

A.C. MILLER, 19

21 JAN 20

C. L. O.

W. H. A. Roth

J. H. 

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.....
..... *Dandenong* in
Victoria, the *14th & 19th* day of *January*
A.D. 19*20*, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign
of our said Lord the King, before me *William Henry*
Augustus Rodd Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King
for Victoria, upon the view of the body of *Vernon Russek*
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 Russek Trask*
..... came by his death, I say that the said
Vernon Russek Trask
died at *Dandenong* on the *13th*
day of *January* 19*20*, from

*Accidentally Drowned while bathing
in the Weir at Dandenong -*

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.

William Henry Augustus Rodd
CORONER.

VICTORIA POLICE. - [47.]

Lauderong

Station

21 JAN 1920
C. L. O.

Rourke

Police District

13. 1. 20 191

Report of

Const Malloran 5760

Relative to

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

I have to report that at 4³⁰
Pm on 13. 1. 20 it was reported that Vernon
Russell Trask 10 years of age of Brighton Road
Lauderong had been drowned. I went to Mr
Trask's house and saw the body of deceased.
The body was not marked.

Vernon Russell Trask was talking
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. He 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. L. & Langley of Dan-
ong was ^{near} swimming and methods were tried to restore
breathing but the boy was dead.

Sgt Const Heke
Lauderong

A. Malloran
M. 6. 5760

VICTORIA POLICE - 47.

Dandenong 14.1.20

D. Cole Coroner directs that death be
reported to Juries.

Death reported to
W. J. Agnew Rodd Esq. J.P. on 14.1.20
who viewed the body took evidence
of identification gave orders for
burial and adjourned Inquest
to Court House Dandenong on 19.1.20
at 2 pm

W. J. Agnew
Sb 4169

Dandenong
19.1.20

Please find attached depositions
taken by me at Inquest on body
of Vernon Russell Trask

The Secretary
Crown Law Dept
Melbourne

W. J. Agnew Rodd Esq.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Norman Nicholas Trask

on his oath saith, I am a

scholar 12 years.

residing at

Repsbury

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I am the brother of Vernon Russell Trask on Tuesday last the deceased and Frederick and Carl Van Damm and I went to the Weir in Corrigan's Paddock for a swim 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 off 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 Brighton Road, and returned with Ronald Richards and another man - after we returned to the waterhole Mr Shearn went in and recovered the body. Sherwood

N. N. Trask.

Taken and sworn before me the

19th

day

of

January

1920

at

Dandenong

Mr Justice Paul
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Frederick Van Damme

on h

oath saith, I am a

Scholar 12 years

residing at

Reynolds

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

On Tuesday the 13th January I went to Carrigan'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 to his 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 McEachern and saw several people about the river and Mr Shearn recover the body

R Sherwood

Frederick Van Damme.

Taken and sworn before me the

19th

day

of

January

1920

at

Dandenong.

Wm James Peck

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

State
COLONY OF VICTORIA,

TO WIT.

This Deponent *

Malcolm McEachran

on his oath saith, I am a Boundary Rider

residing at

Keppah

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 Baker and asked him to inform the Police at Dandenong with the reference to the matter -

Malcolm McEachran

Taken and Sworn before me the

19th day

of

January 1920

at

Dandenong

W. J. P. [Signature]
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Arthur Sherwood

on his oath saith, I am a

gardener

residing at

Keysborough S. L. O.

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I remember Tuesday last 13th January about 3 o'clock in the afternoon I was returning from Dandenong on the Brighton Road I saw a boy running I looked across the street 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 took water 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

day

of

January.

1920 at

Dandenong

Wm James Rodd

Coroner.