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PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

Edward John Melne

at

Broulaine

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

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G. M. G. Mc Lennan
Clerk

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

VICTORIA,

BAILLIWICK,

To WIT.

} *Central*

A MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY on behalf of Our Sovereign Lady the Queen,
taken at *Cranbourne* in the *Central*.

Bailiwick of Victoria, this *Thirteenth* day of *September*

in the year of our Lord One thousand ^{nine} ~~eight~~ hundred and ~~ninety~~ - before

the undersigned *John W. C. W. Lennan* Esquire, one of

Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said Bailiwick, upon view of

the body of *Edward John Milne*

then and there lying dead.

Having duly inquired when, where, how, and by what means the said

Edward John Milne came by his

death, I say that the said *Edward John Milne*

_____ died at *Cranbourne* in the said

Bailiwick on the *Twelfth (12th)* day of *September* ~~189~~ *1900*.

from a revolver shot discharged by himself, and that
there is no evidence to show the state of the deceased's
mind at the time —

As witness my hand this *Thirteenth*

day of *September* ~~189~~ *1900*

J. W. C. W. Lennan, J.P.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS, VICTORIA.

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<i>Re</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Account</i>	<i>Report</i>
<i>Local Magistrate Police</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>brother</i>	<i>resides at</i>
<i>Mr Edward John Miles</i>	<i>brother</i>	<i>resides at</i>	<i>Looracui Mission</i>
<i>Sydney Dist</i>	<i>supposed</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>be</i>
<i>murdered</i>	<i>suicide</i>		

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A C Morrison

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Coroner

All complaints to be addressed in writing to the Postmaster-General.

Where ever I am
found dead send word
to Mrs Egerton Torradin
Post office and they
will bury me write
to them at once

E. J. Milne

12/9/00
(Buyer)

2 A

To Mrs J. L. Egerton
Torradin Post office to
day is the last day of have
got to ~~live~~ live I am going
to shoot myself today
So dear sister, when
the Police write to you
come down and bury
me in Cranbourne with
mother look after Anne
good bye your Brother E. J. Milne

1/2/2/00
to Denver

1 A

Cranbourne Station, Bourke Police District.
12th September 1900.

Report of Mr Const. Dwyer 3394,
relative to death of a man named E. J. Milne,
who committed suicide today at Cranbourne
I beg to report for your information,
that at 11⁵⁰ am today a Mr Wm Smith,
reported to me that a man had committed
suicide on the Lorradin road near the
Township & at once went to the spot and
found the man as described laying on the
road not quite dead, and had a revolver
clashed in one hand. I had the man removed
to the Township, and examined by Dr Park,
the man died while being examined by
the medical man. From papers found on
the body, it appears that deceased's name
was Edward John Milne, former from
Laxe Boga near Swan Hill Victoria,
and that he intended to commit suicide.
The deceased it has been ascertained
is a brother in law to Mr G. B. Egerton
of Lorradin, and had for a short time
lately been stopping with Mr Egerton, he left
Lorradin suddenly, and last week he wrote
to his sister Mrs Egerton, and stated that
he intended to commit suicide, as there
is no doubt that deceased took his own
life I respectfully ask for your direction
in the matter, the body is now laying
at "Nurses" Hotel Cranbourne.

J. W. McLennan Esq
Cranbourne

Chas Dwyer, No 3294

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To Constable Dwyer No. 3297
Cranbourne.

I direct that a Magisterial Inquest
be held, as to the cause of death, at
Nurse's Hotel, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon
on Thursday the 13th instant.

J. B. M. Leman, J.P.

Cranbourne 12/9/1900.

I forward herewith the papers
in connection with the death
of Edward John Milne, who
committed suicide here
yesterday. Dr. Park M.D. was
called to see deceased just
before death. But the man
died in a lab while being
looked by the medical man.
That was all the doctor was asked
to do. He now insists that he made
a postmortem examination on
the body to day. This statement is
not correct. No person in ^{any} ~~any~~
asked the doctor to make a post-
mortem. Dr. Park told me this
morning that he wanted to look at
deceased's head in order to prepare
his evidence. I made out an o/c
for 1/6² for the service rendered at
my request yesterday but the doctor
would not sign the o/c for that amount.

Chas Dwyer M 3297

Cranbourne 13/9/00. 5/10

the
Secty. Crim. Law Dept.
Melbourne 3

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Magisterial Inquiries
CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 53.]

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent *

John Stute Park

TO WIT.

on his

oath saith, I am a

duly qualified & registered

Med. Practitioner
Christian and
same in
full.

residing at

Cranbourne Victoria

I have made a post mortem examination
of the body of *Edward Melne* now lying
in the premises of *Nurses' Mornington*
Hotel. I found two holes in the skull
opposite each other, one in the thin portion
of the temporal bone, the other in the
thickest portion of the occipital bone
I passed a probe from one to the other
through the brain. I have no hesitation
in stating that a bullet fired from a
revolver by the deceased himself would
be likely to produce the wounds, and

that ~~they~~ ^{deceased's} ~~were~~ the cause of death - was caused
by the bullet passing through the brain, and that the deceased discharged
the revolver himself.

J.S.P.

Taken and Sworn before me the 13th day
of Sept 1890 at Cranbourne

J. W. C. Whennam J.P.
Coroner.

J. S. Park
L.R.C.P. Lond. &c

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Magisterial Inquiry
VICTORIAN POLICE-[74B.]

Name of Witness

Statement.

J.M.C. W.H. J.P.

on oath states

Jarguher Bethune

I am a cab owner and farmer residing at Craunburne. Yesterday, the 12th September 1900, I was driving along the Tooradin road in the direction of Craunburne in company with a man named "Smith" - this was shortly before noon. When near the Township I saw a puff of smoke on the roadside and think I heard a slight report as if from a gun. I did not see a man at this time on the road.

But on driving a few yards further I saw a man laying on the road with blood coming from his head. The man did not appear to be quite dead then and had a revolver in one hand. I at once drove to the police station and sent the man "Smith" to tell the police of the matter. I returned to the spot with the Constable and assisted to remove the man to "Nurses Hotel" - the man died in my cab. I did not know the deceased the "Mr Smith" who was in my cab at the time was a stranger to me.

J.M.C. W.H. J.P.

J. Bethune

Taken and sworn before me
the 13th day of September 1900
Craunburne

J.M.C. Whennan J.P.

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Magisterial Inquiry
VICTORIAN POLICE [74B.]

Name of Witness.

Statement.

M.C. W. I.P.
Charles Dwyer on oath.

States I am a Constable of Police stationed at Cranbourne. In consequence of something I was told at 11.55am on 12th September 1900. I proceeded a short distance along the road from Cranbourne towards Tooradin: I saw the deceased laying on the road: the body was on its right side with a revolver in the right hand: with 4 chambers still fully loaded. 1 chamber having recently been discharged: Blood was coming from deceased's head and his brain was protruding apparently from a bullet wound in the head.

Deceased was not quite dead and I removed the body to "Nurses" Hotel Cranbourne and called in Dr Park M.D. the deceased died while under medical examination.

I searched the body and found two letters which showed that deceased intended to take his own life by shooting himself. The writing has been identified as being the deceased's: I knew the deceased, Edward J. Milne. He was not a resident of Cranbourne I had not seen ^{him} for about 5 weeks until I saw him dead: the revolver found on deceased is a deadly weapon with a large sized bullet.

M.C. W. I.P.

Chas Dwyer No 3297

Taken and sworn before me
the 13th day of September 1900
at Cranbourne

M.C. W. Leman. I.P.

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Magisterial Inquiry
VICTORIAN POLICE [74B.]

Name of Witness.

Statement.

mc. wh. J.P.

Libert. G. Gorton

mc. wh. J.P. ✓

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I last saw the deceased Edward John Milne on the 20th of August last, ^{at Mooradin} when he left my place for Melbourne, intending to consult a barrister about his late wife's estate and then to proceed to his home at Lake Boga. I had no reason to think he had done otherwise, until my wife (the deceased's sister) received a letter from him, in which he stated he was very miserable and intended to take his life, this letter was posted in Melbourne on the 6th of the present month at 12.30 p.m. and that is the only clue I had of his whereabouts (the postmark) as there was no heading to the letter, I went to Melbourne by afternoon train on the 7th and ~~went~~ reported the matter to the police. I made all the enquiries I could and ascertained, he had consulted counsel on the 21st August and again on the 3rd of September, on which day he made his will. I know of no reason why he should have taken his life. I fully identify the body as Edward John Milne. The deceased was, so far as I know, always a sober, steady man.

To read and sworn before me
the 13th day of September 1900
at Cranbourne

He was in fairly good circumstances and I cannot assign any sufficient cause why he should take his life.

J. W. C. Whennan J.P.

Libert. G. Gorton