

Jan 16 1925

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST 065

held upon the body of

Albert George

Henry Street

at

Henry Street

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

19 JAN 1925

G. L. O.

JP

J. H. H. H.

J. H.

Coroner.

VICTORIA,
TO WIT.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION
(WITHOUT A JURY.)

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AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lord King George, taken at *Bonny*
in
Victoria, the *sixteenth* day of *January*
A.D. 19*25*, in the year of the Reign
of our said Lord the King, before me *Frank Shelford Hodge*
..... Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King
for Victoria, upon the view of the body of *Albert George Henry*
Brew 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 *Albert George Henry Brew*
..... came by his death, I say that the said
Albert George Henry Brew
died at *Warragul* on the *10th*
day of *January* 19*25*, from *a bullet*
wound in the head, from a pea rifle, & I
find that the pea rifle was accidentally
discharged whilst in the hands of John Aloysius
Brew, no blame being attachable to anyone.

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.

F. S. Hodge, J.P.

CORONER.



CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Henry Brew

on his oath saith, I am a

Farmer

residing at

*Garfield North**Christian and
Surname in
full.

I remember Saturday, 10th January, between 1.30 & 1.45 pm, I sent my two sons to my sister-in-law's place, about 2 mile away, to deliver a parcel of meat. About 10 minutes later I was called by George Robinson, & went to my sister-in-law's place, where I found my son Albert George Henry, tightly stretched out on the verandah. He was bleeding from the ear & mouth. I had him conveyed to the Warragul Hospital as quickly as possible, where he died soon after admission. My son & his cousin, John Brew, were on the best of terms & good friends, & were often together. I have viewed the body & identify it as that of my son, Albert George Henry Brew, aged 12 years 3 1/2 months.

Taken and sworn before me the

12th

day

of January 1925 at

*Buxip**J. S. Hodge, J.P.*

Coroner.

Henry Brew.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Mary Ann Brew

on her oath saith, I am a

Widow

residing at

Fairfield North

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I remember Saturday, 10th January 1925. At about 1.30 on that day, my nephew Albert George Henry Brew, called at my house. I was sewing on the verandah when my nephew came up with a parcel of meat. I took the parcel from him & walked inside. I returned to the verandah, & was picking up a knife which was lying under a couch on the verandah. I heard a report, & saw my nephew running off the verandah. I caught him as he was falling, & sent for a fellow to put under his head. I gave him a drink of water, & got some water to bathe him. My nephew was bleeding from a wound behind the ear. I knew the rifle was in the house. The rifle belonged to a friend (Mr. Hall) who was staying at my place. Mr. Hall told me the rifle was not loaded. I never saw my son pick up the rifle. He was just inside the door. The rifle was standing just inside the door. My nephew, Albert George Henry Brew, & my son John Aloysius, were very friendly & on the best of terms. I never saw my son with any rifle cartridges that day.

Taken and sworn before me the 16th day
of January 1925 at Brimley } M A Brew
F. S. Hodge J.P. }
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent*

John Aloysius Brew

on his oath saith, I am

14 years & 6 months old

residing at

Garfield North with my mother

*Christian and Surname in full.

I remember Saturday 10th January, at 1.30 pm. I was playing outside ^{my mother's place} by the back with a friend, named George Robinson, I saw my two cousins arrive. I walked around to the verandah & spoke to Albert George Henry Brew. My cousin, Albert George Henry Brew, was sitting on the verandah, talking to my mother. After playing with George Robinson for a few minutes I went inside. I was leaning up against a door, near where a rifle was standing. I picked up the rifle, to show to my cousin (Albert George Henry Brew). I never pointed the rifle at anybody, but just lifted it up in my hand. I never pulled the trigger or put my hand on the trigger. I am not sure whether it struck on the doorway or anything else. I heard the rifle go off. I thought the rifle was unloaded, as I saw Mr. Hall remove the cartridges in the morning. I never had any cartridges in my possession. I got a shock when the rifle went off. I had previously used the rifle. My cousin & myself were playmates & always friendly with each other.

Taken and sworn before me the

16th

day

of

January1925 atBungayJ. S. Hodge, J.P.

Coroner.

Jack A. Brew

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent* Edward Francis Brew

on his oath saith, I am a schoolboy, 10 years of age

residing at Garfield North

*Christian and Surname in full.

I remember Saturday, 10th January. I went with my brother, Albert George Henry Brew, to my aunt's place. I was standing on the veranda with my brother. I saw my cousin John go inside the house. I saw him put the rifle around the door, pointing outside. I couldn't see my cousin John at that time. I heard a click, & then the rifle went off. I never saw my cousin John pull the trigger as he was hid from view behind the door. My brother & cousin were friendly to each other. The barrel of the rifle would be about 3 feet from the floor when I saw it around the door.

Taken and sworn before me the 16th day
of January 1925 at Brimley
J. S. Hodge, J.P.
Coroner.

Edward Francis Brew

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent*

George Roland Robinson

on h

oath saith, I am a

schoolboy, aged 13 years 2 mos

residing at

101 M^cGregor Street, Middle Park.*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have been living at M^{rs} M. A. Brew's place at North Fairfield during the school holidays. I remember Saturday, 10th January. At about 1:30 I was standing on M^{rs} Brew's veranda when Albert George Henry Brew came to the house with a parcel. John A. Brew went inside. Shortly afterwards I saw about a foot of the barrel of the rifle come round the door. I then heard a report. The barrel was about 2 ft 6 in from the floor. I could not see John at the time, & the rifle was not high enough to be pointed at anybody from the shoulder.

Taken and sworn before me the 16th day
of January 1925 at Bunyip
J. I. Hodge, J.P.
Coroner.

George Roland Robinson

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA. TO WIT.

This Deponent*

George Hallon his oath saith, I am a retired civil servantresiding at 25 Mills Street, Hampton*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have been staying at Mrs. M. A. Brew's place at Garfield North for about a week. I remember Saturday morning last, 10th January. I left the house at about 10 am. to go to Garfield. Before leaving, I took the rifle, a Winchester 22 calibre, I emptied the cartridges from it, removing the magazine rod. I put the magazine back & placed the rifle in the corner of Mrs. Brew's bedroom. I was under the impression that Mr. Brew was going to place the rifle elsewhere. I was under the impression there were no cartridges left in the rifle, & to the best of my belief it was unloaded. I would not swear that a cartridge ^{not} was left in the rifle. I did not leave the rifle cocked. The cartridges I took out of the rifle I placed in my Gladstone bag, which had no lock on it. I warned the boys not to touch the rifle, or go to my bag. I cannot say who saw me take the cartridges from the rifle. I gave no one any authority to use the rifle during my absence. The rifle has been in my possession for 12 years, & is in good working order. It is possible that a cartridge may have been left in the rifle without my knowing about it.

Taken and sworn before me the 16th day
of January 1925 at Brimley
J. S. Hodge, J.P.
Coroner.

G. Hall

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

At about 5.30pm on Saturday 10th January 1925 I received a call to the West Gippsland District Hospital. I then saw the deceased Albert J. H. Bunn aged 12 years. He was in a very low condition and soon lapsed into a state of unconsciousness; on admission he could be roused with difficulty. He was suffering from a bullet wound on the right side of the head - one wound being on the ear and the other situated about 2½ inches behind the ear. There was a large haematoma covering the portion of the skull from which on the slightest of pressure fragments of bone and brain matter could be expressed through the wounds. The state of unconsciousness gradually deepened and he died about half an hour after admission to hospital.

The cause of death was, in my opinion,

Laceration of brain and intra-cranial haemorrhage following bullet wound of skull.

Taken and Sworn before me the

16th

day

of January 1925 at Benurip

J. S. Hodge J.P.

Coroner.

Oswald R. Murphy