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17th September 1885

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

William Wheeler,
Orn

at *Manawadung*

Received at the Crown Law Offices,
23rd September 1885.

Recd
23/9/85

J. Jordan

Attorney

Bourke Police District.

Oakleigh Station.

19th Sept^r 1885.

REPORT of Const Gray

relative to attached file. "Re
William Wheelley O'Neil, deceased."

I have the honor to
forward herewith to the
Inspt Supt's Office the
attached file of depositions
&c in the case as above
with the request that it
be forwarded on to the
Crown Law Department

The Inspt Supt
of Police
Bourke District

A. J. Connor

Forwarded to the
Secretary of the Law
Department

John Miller

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The Secretary of
Law Dept.,
Melbourne

Re William Wheelley O^{me} deceased

Evidence taken the 17th day of
September 1885 at Nunawading
in the Colony of Victoria touching
the death of William Wheelley O^{me}

Mary O^{me} sworn saith
I am a spinster and reside
at Nunawading, yesterday
morning about 8 o'clock am. I went
to the stable to let the horse out
and when I opened the door I
saw the deceased William
Wheelley O^{me} hanging by the
neck with a rope fastened
to a beam in the stable. I
immediately called for assistance
and a neighbor named James
Harrison came. The deceased
was my father and was 57
years of age

Taken and sworn before me
at Nunawading in the Colony
of Victoria this 17th day of
September 1885.

} Mary O^{me}

John Jordan J.P.

James Harrison sworn
Said I am a Farmer and
reside at Mulyrowe. I have
seen the body of deceased here
lying dead. It is that of William
Wheley Orme. Yesterday morning
the 16th September 1885 about 8
o'clock am. I heard screams
coming from the residence
of the deceased. I ran over
to the place and saw Miss Orme
the last witness who asked me
to go and look in the stable.
I went there and saw the
deceased hanging by the neck
by a rope fastened to a beam
in the stable. There was a box
near his feet on the ground
his feet just reached the ground.
I cut the rope at once and
let the body down. it was still
warm but life was extinct.

The deceased drank heavily
for some years past. and lately
he has been worse than usual

Taken and sworn before me }
at Muraawading in the } James Harrison
Colony of Victoria this }
17th day of September 1885 }

John Jordan J.P.

Edward Stephen Smith sworn
saith I am a shoemaker and
reside at Yumawading. I
knew the deceased William
Wheley Orme here lying dead
I last saw him alive on Monday
evening the 14th inst - he called
at my place at that time and
was then apparently sober. but
he has been a heavy drinker since
he came to this district. I have
him seen drunk repeatedly and heard
him state he would shoot himself.

On the Monday evening before
mentioned he stated to me that
sooner than live another three
months at Burwood he would
blow his brains out - and that
if they had not taken the gun
away he would have done so
before now. At this time
although he was apparently sober
he ~~is~~ was undoubtedly suffering
from the effects of heavy drinking
and in my opinion was then
in the horrors from that cause

Taken and sworn before me
at Yumawading in the
colony of Victoria this 19th
day of September 1885

Edward S. Smith

John Jordan J.P.

Thomas Fabian Alsop sworn
saith I am a legally
qualified medical practitioner
and reside at Hawthorn.

I was called to see the deceased
William Wheelley ~~at~~^{me} yesterday
morning the 16th instant. I found
the body dead on my arrival
On examination I found signs
of constriction round the
neck. Otherwise there were
no external marks or abrasions
on the body. From the external
appearance of the neck
and the other evidence I am
of opinion that death was
caused by asphyxia the
result of hanging

Taken and sworn before me
at Yuna-wading in the North Fabian Alsop
Colony of Victoria this 17th M.B.C.M.
day of September 1883- M.B.C.S.

John Jordan J.P.

Having heard the evidence
touching the death of
William Wheelley Orme -

I am of opinion that
on the 16th day of September
1885 at Munnawading in
the Colony of Victoria
William Wheelley Orme
committed suicide
by hanging during a fit
of temporary insanity
the result of a heavy
bout of drinking

John Jordan J.P.

Munnawading
17th September 1885