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20<sup>th</sup> March 1857.

Shroud held at Bury  
on the body of Peter  
J<sup>m</sup> Edwards.

Occidental

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28/3/57

Dr. A. Roche. Cor.



## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria. } District of Bendigo  
To Wit.

THE Examination of\* *Alexander Simmonds*

\* All names of Witnesses.

of *Eagle Hawk Bush* taken on oath this *twentieth*  
day of *March* A.D. 185*7*, at *The Manchester Arms Inn*

City, Town, District, or County,  
as the case may be.

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said *† District Long Gully.*

This Deponent

*Alexander Simmonds.*

on his oath saith as follows:

*Mr.* I am a Commission Agent. On yesterday  
afternoon between four and five o'clock  
I left Sandhurst for Eagle Hawk Gully.  
~~in company with~~ On arriving at the  
British and American Hotel I met  
the Deceased - the same whose body  
was viewed by the Jury - He was in  
company with a young girl and they  
were both on horse back. I rode alone  
side of the young girl and the Deceased  
on the other. When we arrived about  
90 yards from the Manchester Arms  
Inn, I saw two drays coming towards  
us. One was a head of the other. The  
young girl set off at a canter. The Deceased  
followed, and I came after him. I saw  
the Deceased endeavour to pass between  
a stump of a tree and the first Dray.  
His right foot came in contact with  
the



the wheel of the first dray. The strap  
at that side was broken off. The  
Deceased was thrown heavily to the  
ground, from his horse, and the horse  
made away. Some parties who were in  
a spring cart came up and the Deceased  
was put into it and taken to the Manchester  
Arms Inn. A Doctor was sent for. He  
came immediately after. I waited for  
about half an hour after, and on  
understanding from the Doctor that the  
Deceased was recovering, I left. When  
I joined the Deceased at the Britten Land  
American Hotel, he was sober.

a True and Oath

TAKEN and Sworn before me the *twentieth*  
day of *March* A.D. 185*7*,  
at *The Manchester Arms Inn,*  
*Long Gully.*

*William Augustine Roche J.P.*

Coroner.



## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria. } District of Bendigo  
To Wit.

THE Examination of\* August Möller.

\* All names of Witnesses.

of Long Gully taken on oath this twentieth  
day of March A.D. 1857, at the Manchester Arms Man.

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said District Long Gully.

This Deponent

August Möller.

on his oath saith as follows:

I am a butcher. About five o'clock on yesterday afternoon I was carrying some meat along the road from Long Gully to Iron Bark Gully. I saw two Drays in front of me and a Lady and two Gentlemen on Horseback coming towards the Drays and me. The Lady was riding in front and the Gentlemen were after her. I saw the Deceased - the same whose body was viewed by the Jury - who was one of the Gentlemen, endeavour to ride between one of the Drays and a stump of a tree that was on the road. When the Deceased came in contact with the wheel of the second Dray I saw him knocked off his horse. He fell partly on his back and right side. A Spring Cart came up and the Deceased was put into it and taken to the

Manchester



Manchester Arms Inn. I know nothing  
further. Simmonds the last witness  
was the other Gentleman that was  
riding with the young girl.

August Mather,

TAKEN and Sworn before me the *twentieth*  
day of *March* A.D. 185*7*,  
at *the Manchester Arms Inn*  
*Long Gully.*

William Augustine Roche J.P.

Coroner.



## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria. } District of Bendigo  
To Wit.

THE Examination of\*

Margaretha Haumberger

\* All names of Witnesses.

of Eagle Hawk Township taken on oath this twentieth  
day of March A.D. 1857, at The Manchester Arms

City, Town, District, or County,  
as the case may be.

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said District Long Gully.

This Deponent

Margaretha Haumberger.

on his oath saith as follows:

I am the wife of Julius Haumberger Musician. On yesterday afternoon about a quarter to five o'clock I left the British and American Hotel. I was in a Spring Cart which was driven by my Husband, and had two of my Children in it. The Deceased - the same whose body was viewed by the Jury - and my Daughter, rode on Horseback with us. They rode in front of us. When I got near the Manchester Arms Inn, I noticed the Deceased's Horse ~~and~~ without a rider, and the Deceased lying on the road. The Deceased was put into our Cart, and brought to the Manchester Arms. I there remained with the Deceased for nearly

Two



two hours and left him. The Deceased  
was sensible when I left him.

Margaretta Haimberger.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the *twentieth*  
day of *March* A.D. 185*7*,  
at *The Manchester Circuit Court*,  
*Long Gully*.

William Augustine Roche J.P.

Coroner.



## CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria. } District of Bendigo.  
 To Wit.

THE Examination of\* William Joseph Pierse

\* All names of Witnesses.

of Long Gully taken on oath this twentieth  
 day of March A.D. 1857, at The Manchester Arms Am.

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said District Long Gully.  
 as the case may be.

This Deponent William Joseph Pierse

on his oath saith as follows:

I am a legally qualified Medical Practitioner.  
 About five o'clock on yesterday afternoon  
 I was called to see a man that had  
 got a fall from his horse and  
 who was lying at the Manchester  
 Arms Am. I went there and found  
 the Deceased - the same whose body  
 was viewed by the Jury - insensible.  
 I applied cold applications to the  
 Deceased and they revived him. I  
 got the assistance of two other Medical  
 Men. The Deceased complained of  
 great pain in his right side and  
 abdomen. We ordered some medicine  
 for the Deceased and left, with the  
 understanding of visiting him again  
 at seven o'clock that evening. About



on quarter after seven o'clock that  
evening, I was sent for, and found  
the Deceased, dying. He died in a  
few minutes after my arrival.  
I made a Post-mortem examination  
this day. I opened the abdomen,  
and found the left lobe of the liver  
lacerated and separated from the  
other portion of it. It was barely  
holding on by the integuments. The  
Heart and other viscera were healthy.  
I am of opinion that the Deceased's  
death was caused by the rupture of his  
Liver. No Medical or Surgical  
treatment could have saved the  
Deceased's life. Had the Deceased come  
in contact with a Stone or Stump  
when thrown with violence from his  
Horse to the ground, it would have  
most likely caused the rupture of  
his Liver.

William Joseph Purke  
Surgeon

TAKEN and Sworn before me the twentieth  
day of March A.D. 1857,  
at the Manchester Assizes,  
Long Gully.

William Augustine Roche J.P.

Coroner.



## PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

## INQUISITION.

*Victoria,* } District of *Wendigo*  
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *The Manchester*  
*Arms Inn, Long Gully*  
the District of *Wendigo* aforesaid,  
the *twentieth* day of *March* A.D. 185*7*, in  
the *twentieth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen  
before me *William Augustine Roche, Esq.*

\* City, Town, County, or District,  
as the case may be.

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the\* District of  
*Wendigo* aforesaid, upon the  
view of the body of *Peter William Edwards*, then

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames  
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

*William Hunter.*

*William Wilson.*

*Richard M. Ewen.*

*John Bennetts.*

*John Beck.*

*Ralph M. Lanchlan.*

*Edward Cannon.*

*John Patching.*

*Thomas Downey.*

*Sydney Radford.*

*William Morrin.*

*John George Muschamp.*

good and lawful men of *Long Gully* in the  
said District who being duly sworn and charged to

enquire, upon the part of our Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the  
said *Peter William Edwards* came

by † his death, do say upon their oath that §

† His or her.

§ Here state cause of death, if  
known; if unknown, doubtful,  
or no evidence, state the fact  
accordingly, using the words of  
the Verdict of the Jury.

It is desirable that the Jury should  
find expressly whether there are  
or are not marks of external  
violence on the body of deceased.

*The Deceased Peter William*  
*Edwards came by his death*  
*from*



from a severe rupture of his  
Liver, caused by his being accidentally  
thrown with violence to the ground  
from a horse which he was riding.

In witness whereof as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid, have to  
this Inquisition put their hands and seals, on the day and year, and at the place above  
mentioned.

William Augustine Roche D.P.

Coroner.

William Hunter

Eduard Cannon

John Patching

John Bennett

William Morrin

Thomas Doney

John Gross Muschamp

Hugh W. Lachlan

Richard M. Emin

John Beck

James Radford

William Wilson

\* Here let each Juror sign his own  
name, or make his own mark,  
and affix or acknowledge his  
seal.