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20th March 1857.

Inquest held at Bendigo
on the body of Peter
Wm Edwards.

Accident

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DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria. } District of Bendigo
To WIT.

THE Examination of*, Alexander Simmonds

* All names of Witnesses.

of Eagle Hawk ~~Branch~~^{Branch} taken on oath this twentieth
day of March A.D. 1857, at the Manchester Arms Inn

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

This Deponent

Alexander Simmonds.

on his oath saith as follows :

I am a Commission Agent. On yesterday afternoon between four and five o'clock I left Sandhurst for Eagle Hawk Gully. ^{Mr.} 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 over 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 Stirrup
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 British and
American Hotel, he was sober.

A. H. Simmonk

TAKEN and Sworn before me the ^{twentieth}
day of March A.D. 1857,
at The Manchester Arms Inn.

Louz 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 Grand Hotel.

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

as the case may be.

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. Simonds the last witness
was the other Gentleman that was
riding with the young girl.

August Moller.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the ^{twentieth}
day of March A.D. 1857, {
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 Lurch taken on oath this twentieth
day of March A.D. 1857, at the Manchester Arms
City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said [†] District Long Gully.

This Deponent
Mrs. *her*
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 then
remained with the Deceased for nearly

two

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

Magistrate Haimberger.

TAKEN and Sworn before me the ^{Twenty}
day of ^{March} A.D. 1857,
at ^{the} Manchester Arches,
Long Gully.

William Augustine Roche J.P.
Coroner.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria. } District of Bendigo.
To WIT.

THE Examination of* William Joseph Pierce

* All names of Witnesses.

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

This Deponent

William Joseph Pierce

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 Inn. I went there and found
the Deceased - the same whose body
was viewed by the Jury - insensible.
I applied cold application 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

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a 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 Pusey

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

Long Gully.

Surgeon

William Augustine Roche J.P.

Coroner.

INQUISITION.

Victoria, } District of Bendigo
TO WIT. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at ~~The Manchester~~
the District of Bendigo, ^{Drunk Inn, Long Gully} aforesaid,
the twentieth day of March A.D. 1857, in
the twentieth year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen
before me *William Augustine Rochester* ^{P.R.}

* City, Town, County, or District, Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the* District of
as the case may be.

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames and there lying dead, upon the oaths of † in full.

William Hunter.
William Wilson.
Richard H. Ewen.
John Bennett.
John Beck.
Asp. W^o Lancham.
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 Augustus Rocke, Jr.

Coroner.

William Hunter.

Edward Cannon.

John Patching.

John Bennett.

William Morin.

Thomas Donegan.

John Pross Muschamp.

Hugh O'Laughlin.

Richard M'Evitt.

John Peck.

Henry Radford.

William Willard.

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