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March 8<sup>th</sup> 1882

PROCEEDINGS of INQUIRY  
held upon the body of

Daniel Pungton

at

Castlemaine

Received at the Crown Law Offices,  
March 9<sup>th</sup> 1882

*Robert  
9/9/82*

*F. Mackey JP*  
Coroner.

Carthage

8<sup>th</sup> March 1882

Re Daniel Burdorf account

Sir  
I have the honor to forward  
you herewith deposits  
taken before this day in  
the above case.

Sum of \$1000 in full  
was caused by drawing

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obt. servant

Wm. W. H. H. H.  
Justice to every one

The Honble

The Minister of Justice

Ottawa

Deposition taken before me Sheriff  
William Tracy, one of Her Majesty's Justices  
of the Peace in and for the Municipal  
District of the Colony of Victoria  
at the Hermitage Vineyard, Bachelors  
Walk, Launceston, this 8th day of March  
1882 touching the death of Daniel  
Burdorf aged 58 years.

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Christian Burdorf on his oath  
said as follows. I am partner proprietor  
of the Hermitage Vineyard where myself  
and deceased Daniel Burdorf have  
been for about fourteen years.  
Deceased was my eldest brother  
here, he was in his fifty eight years,  
~~and~~ myself deceased and our  
brother William owned and worked  
the vineyard together. Deceased  
and myself were employed yesterday  
afternoon disbanding vines. He

we finished work at about  
five o'clock p.m. and I went to  
have a bath in our dam  
in the upper end of our Pinyon  
when I was leaving our house  
for the dam Accared said  
to me. "Have the touch at  
the dam as I will have  
bath when you are done."  
I had my bath and on  
returning to our house I saw  
the Accared going towards  
the dam by another path. He  
called out to me. "Have you  
done." meaning had I my  
bath. I said. "all right."  
I then returned to the house  
and in about half an hour  
as the Accared had not

When I went to the dam  
I saw what was happening here.  
As his son Permon Burdell  
who had just come from work  
was anxious to have a look,  
on approaching the dam I  
saw he accured in the water  
he was on his hands and face  
in a stooping position. His  
back slightly out of the water,  
he ~~was~~ quite dead. His head  
touches the ground in the  
water. He had his flannel  
shirt and one shirt on. His  
trousers & boots were off and  
on the bank of the dam. His  
pipe and matches were there  
also. His son and myself the  
only assistance. We

we got him on the bank  
and commenced rubbing  
him we got blankets and  
rubbed him for some time  
but showed no signs of  
returning animation. We  
then removed him to our house.  
we have been living together  
in the colony for thirty years  
and never had a quarrel.  
Deceased was a very healthy  
man and never complained  
of serious illness and was  
always a hard working man.  
He has a wife and six  
children. I am quite satisfied  
deceased must have got  
a fit and fell into the water.

and was unable to raise  
his head or move after  
falling. His body was  
in about two feet of water  
and within two or three  
feet of the bank of the Mill.

Christian Burdick

Witnessed and sworn  
before me Eliot W. Tracy  
one of Her Majesty's Justices  
of the Peace at Parkers  
Crack Castlemans Hill  
8th day of March 1852

Eliot W. Tracy J.P.

Herman Burgdorff on his  
oath said as follows. I am  
the son of deceased Daniel  
Burgdorff and am in my  
thirty third year of age and  
lived with deceased and  
my uncle. I have heard  
the evidence of my uncle  
Christian Burgdorff and am  
quite satisfied it is correct,

Subscribed sworn before  
me J. H. Stacey J. P. of  
New York Justice  
of Peace at Bankers  
Crutcher & Co. N. Y.  
City of March 1882

H. Burgdorff

J. H. Stacey J. P.