

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1908

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PROCEEDINGS of INQUIRY

held upon the body of

James Fawcett

at

Nagambie

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1908

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Crown Law Officer

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MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

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VICTORIA,  
*Central* BAILIWICK,  
To Wit.

A MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King,  
taken at *Nagambie* in the *Central*  
Bailiwick of Victoria, this *1<sup>st</sup>* day of *August*  
in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and *nine* before  
the undersigned *John Gordon* Esquire, one of  
His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said Bailiwick, upon view of  
the body of *James Gorie*  
then and there lying dead.

Having duly inquired when, where, how, and by what means the said  
*James Gorie* come by his  
death, I say that the said *James Gorie*  
died at *Nagambie* in the said  
Bailiwick on the *31<sup>st</sup>* day of *July* 1908  
from *cardiac failure accelerated  
by lung congestion - in accordance  
with medical testimony*

As witness my hand this  
*1<sup>st</sup>* day of *August* 1908

*John Gordon J.P.*

Nagambie Police Station

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Secretary

Crown Law Department

Melbourne

Re Magisterial Inquiry on Michael  
Gorey alias James Gorey

I have to report I am forwarding depositions  
taken on the above Inquiry. After the Inquiry  
was over and papers signed, Edward Gorey  
a brother of Deceased's came to Nagambie from  
Woods he informed me that Deceased's correct name  
was Michael Gorey age 68 and that he  
never was an Imperial Prisoner or Soldier,  
he took charge of the funeral arrangements.  
I did not remove the body from the Town Shop  
but the Inquiry was held at Police Station.  
The only expenses incurred was £1.1.0 for Dr. Murphy.  
I have registered death as Michael Gorey

H. H. Swaine 3448

Nagambie

Station, Eastern Police District  
31<sup>st</sup> July 1908

REPORT of Senior Constable Swanwick 3488  
Relative to Sudden death of  
James Gory at Nagambie on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1908

I have to report that at 6<sup>25</sup> pm  
this afternoon John Beams husband  
E. M. Beams wine shop High Street  
Nagambie, informed me that a man  
name named James Gory had died  
at his residence, Beams, between 5<sup>30</sup> pm  
and 6<sup>25</sup> pm today. He states that  
deceased came to the wine shop at  
about 5<sup>30</sup> pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> Inst. from  
Mitchelltown. Gory informed that he  
drove in with Mr. Hewitson his  
employer and he said he felt  
bad and he intended to go into  
the Mooroodna Hospital the following  
morning. He went to bed at 10 pm,  
in the morning he said he was  
not well enough to go, but he made  
arrangements to go the following  
morning (Saturday), at 4<sup>30</sup> pm  
this afternoon he told Mr. Beams he  
did not feel well and asked her  
to send for Dr. Murphy, Mr. Beams  
went for Dr. Murphy but he was  
not at home, at 5<sup>30</sup> pm Jennie Kelly  
heard her husband crying and went  
into his room and asked him if

J. Gordon  
J. P.

he wanted anything, he was sitting up in bed  
he did not reply at about 6:25 pm Dr. Murphy  
and Mr. Beam went into his room and found  
him lying in bed dead, the body was  
quite warm I examined his body there  
was no marks of violence and no suspicious  
circumstances I saw Mr. Newham and  
he informed me that Gorry had been working  
for him on and off for some years he  
drove him in from Mitchellstown on the  
afternoon of the 30th deceased informed  
him that he had been bad for the last  
month with pains in the chest and that  
he had not been to the rear since Thursday  
week he said he did not think he would  
live to reach the Hospital, he arranged to  
go there the following morning, deceased  
informed Mr. Beam he was 78 he was  
an Imperial Pensioner he had not been attended  
to by a Doctor

H. H. Swannell  
Sept. 3/88

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* Thomas Newham

on his oath saith, I am a a grazier

residing at Nagambie

\* Christian and Surname in full.

I know deceased James Gore he has been working for me on and off for the last three years, principally wood cutting he was wood cutting on my property at Mitchellton near Nagambie for the last six months and camped in a hut there three weeks ago I saw him then and he informed me that he got damp cutting some scrub and that his breathing was very tight but he thought he was getting better I again saw him last Thursday, and found that he was laid up I got him to get up and I drove him into Nagambie arriving there at 5<sup>30</sup> pm he was to go to the Mooropna Hospital that night but he afterwards arranged to go the following morning when we started to drive in from Mitchellton he said I feel bad I do not think I will reach Nagambie I said I think you must have congestion of the lungs I advised him to get a return ticket to Mooropna he said dont get me a return I will never live to get back but afterwards he seemed to get a little better and spoke of coming back again

*Thomas Newham*

Taken and Sworn before me the 1<sup>st</sup> day

of August 1908 at Nagambie

*John Gordon Esq*  
Coroner

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* George Newham (Continued)

on h oath saith, I am a.....

residing at.....

\* Christian and Surname in full.

he said I have not been to the rear since Thursday week I have not been eating anything. He informed me that he had £.28. coming to him in January for an Imperial Pension he said it has never done me any good I always drink it instead of doing my work I left him at Peers wine shop at his request; he got out of the cart without any assistance I did not see him again since. I know he is a man that drinks very heavy on the way in from Mitchellton. He said to me I dont think I will get back from the Hospital  
 Newham

Taken and Sworn before me the 14 day

of August 1908 at Stagwell

John Gordon Esq

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\*

*Erlyn Beams*

on her oath saith, I am a

*Mahua Women and*

residing at

*Nagambie*

\* Christian and Surname in full.

I am the licensee of Wine Shop in High Street and also keep a boarding house on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July last: the Deceased came to my place and engaged a bed he said I am suffering from a bad cold and I am going to the Mooropna Hospital in the morning he also stated that he thought he had congestion of the lungs he had some tea and a glass of wine and another glass before he went to bed at 10 pm The following morning he did not get out of bed he had some porridge and said he was not well enough to go to the Hospital that morning but he arranged to go on Saturday morning I saw him at 4<sup>30</sup> pm in his room and he asked me to send for Dr. Murphy my husband went over for the Doctor but he was not at home but he came over at 6<sup>25</sup> pm I did not see Deceased alive after 4<sup>30</sup> pm I know him for some time he has been a very heavy drinker, on the 30<sup>th</sup> I noticed he breathed very heavy and he said I don't think I will get back from the Hospital, Deceased informed me that he was 79 years of age

*Erlyn Beams*

Taken and Sworn before me the ..... day

of *August* 1904 at *Nagambie*

*John Gordon J.P.*

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\*

*John Kelly*

on his oath saith, I am a

*Domestic Servant*

residing at

*Kagambie*

\* Christian and Surname in full.

I am employed by Mrs Beaman I saw Deceased when he came to the Shop at 5<sup>30</sup> pm on Thursday last. He went to bed about 10 pm that night. I saw him in his bed the following morning Friday and again at dinner time at 5<sup>15</sup> pm I took him in a glass of wine he was perspiring and I said to him are you too warm, he said In a sort of a way, I again looked in to his room at 5<sup>30</sup> pm he was sitting up in bed *sh* crying, I said to him, I said do you want anything, he did not reply, I did not see him again alive

*John Kelly*

Taken and Sworn before me the *1st* day  
of *August* 190*8* at *Kagambie*  
*John Gordon JP*  
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

\* Christian and Surname in full.

This Deponent\* William Patrick Murphy  
on his oath saith, I am a duly qualified medical Practitioner  
residing at Kapambui

I was called in to attend deceased James Gorie on July 31<sup>st</sup> 1908 at Mrs Branis home shop at 6.30 pm I found him dead in his bed. I have known him for some two years & from my knowledge of him believe he died from Cardiac Failure & accelerated by Lung Congestion. I have heard the evidence of the other witnesses and can corroborate their evidence. I have seen him I believe for attendance some two years back

W.P. Murphy, M.D.  
Kapambui  
August 7<sup>th</sup> 1908

Taken and Sworn before me the 7<sup>th</sup> day  
of August 1908 at Kapambui  
John Gordon, M.D.  
Coroner.