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18th August 1916

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Elizabeth M^{rs} Remott

at 27 Ross Street

Boston

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

19th August 1916

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J. A. Springhall

Coroner

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

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INQUISITION.

VICTORIA, }
To WIT }

AN INQUISITION for our Sovereign Lord King George V., taken at
~~the Morgue, Melbourne,~~ *27 Ross Street Coburg* in the State of Victoria, the *eighteenth*

day of *August* A.D. 191*6* in the

year of the reign of our said Lord the King, by me *John Alexander Springhall*
~~Robert Hodgson Cole,~~

gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King for the said State, upon the view

of the body of

Elizabeth McDermott

then and there lying dead.

Having inquired upon the part of our Lord the King when, where, how,
and by what means the said *Elizabeth McDermott*

(1) His or Her.

came by¹ *her* death, I say that

on the *fifteenth* day of *August* 191*6*
at² *Coburg* in consequence of having been thrown
out of a vehicle she died through muscular
weakness of heart & shock & old age. There
does not appear to be any blame attached to anyone
so the affair was purely accidental

(2) Here state
cause of death, if
known; if unknown
doubtful, or no evi-
dence, state the
fact accordingly.

John A. Springhall J.P.

VICTORIA POLICE. - [47.]

Coburg Station Melbourne Police District
18th August. 1916

REPORT of W. J. Church. Const. 5304.

Relative to Death of M^{rs} Elizabeth
M^{rs} Wermoth of 127 Ross Street
Coburg.

I have to report - From the information of John Alexander Springhall J. P. Esquire that about 3¹⁰ pm on the 16. 8. 16 M^{rs} Elizabeth M^{rs} Wermoth aged 76 years of 127 Ross Street Coburg was out-driving in a jinker accompanied by her grand-son Arthur Douglas Davis of 212 Edward Street East-Brunswick. When they were opposite Dean Street in Sydney Road Coburg, the pony they were driving took fright at a piece of paper which blew up in front of it; the pony shied and the jinker struck an Electric Tram Car which was travelling in the opposite direction, with the result that - M^{rs} M^{rs} Wermoth was thrown out of the jinker on to the road and rendered unconscious. She was taken into a

J. A. Springhall house close by. W^c Wallace of Coburg Esquire was sent for and on his arrival examined her and advised the

grand-son to send for a ^{trained} nurse.
When the nurse arrived she rang
up W^r. Wallace and at his request
she had the deceased removed to her
own home at 27 Ross Street Coburg
in a St. John Ambulance, where
she died at about 11³⁰ pm.

The death was reported to W^r. Cole
City Coroner and he instructed
that same be reported to a local
Justice of the Peace with the view
of holding a Magisterial Inquiry.

W. J. Church.
Const. 5304

Coburg 18/8/16

I will hold a magisterial inquiry
on the body of Elizabeth McDermott
at 11.30 am on this day at 27th
Street Coburg

John P. Hughall
Constable Church
Coburg

Coburg 18.8.16

Papers in connection with
Magisterial Inquiry on body
of Elizabeth M^{rs} McDermott
herewith.

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* Henry Ernest Tollon his oath saith, I am a Motormanresiding at 58 Hudson Street Coburg* Christian and
Surname in
full.

On the 16th instant at about 3.10 pm I was driving Electric Car No 7 of the Coburg Brunswick & Melbourne Tramway Trust. After leaving Saffneys Road going South I saw a truck approaching me I sounded my gong several times and as I drove towards the vehicle the horse shied and swerved into the Car causing the step of No 1 end of Car to catch the spokes of the wheel. There were two persons in the trap one of them an old lady and she was thrown out on to the metalled road. I received the emergency bell from my Conductor to stop. I had already applied the emergency brake. The Conductor & I went back to the lady thrown out of the trap secured witnesses. My Conductor & myself then removed Mrs McDermott to 516 Sydney Road Coburg I had previously knocked at the door of the house & the occupant, Mrs Latch, allowed us to bring Mrs McDermott into her house. This was done at once Mr Davis the grandson went on for Medical Assistance. The pony was travelling at a pretty good rate at a fairly fast rate when the accident occurred. The accident would not have happened but for the pony shying as he had plenty room to pass the Tram car.

Taken and Sworn before me the 18th day
of August 1906 at Coburg

John P. Heyhall J.P.
for Coroner.

Henry Ernest Toll

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* Francis Frederick Holmes

on h^{is} oath saith, I am a Conductor

residing at 8 Lock Street Coburg

* Christian and Surname in full.

I was Conductor on No 7 Car on Coburg + Melbourne Tramway Line which left Bakers Road at 3.8 pm on the 16th instant. After passing Saffneys Street at 3.10 pm I was collecting fares in the front end of Saloon - I heard the Motorman give several quick raps on his gong and looking up I saw a puke strike the front step of car and it appeared that the wheel rose up on to the front step. The puke caulked over and an old lady was thrown out on to the road from the puke. I gave the emergency signal to stop the car but the Motorman had already ^{taken} action to stop the car. I jumped from the car + ran back to where the lady was lying + examined her + seeing that she was seriously injured + was unconscious I sent the Motorman away to ring up for a doctor but there was no telephone in the vicinity. I then instructed the Driver, the driver on the vehicle to go for Dr Lowe Bell Street. I then appealed to a number of bystanders, who came up after the accident, for someone to take her. Mrs Latch who lived opposite where the accident happened offered the use of her her place + Mrs Wodermoll was removed there by the Motorman + myself. I did not see the vehicle before it struck the tramcar.

Taken and Sworn before me the 18th day
of August 1916 at Coburg
John A. Stuyball J.P.
Coroner.

Francis Frederick Holmes

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent * Arthur Davison h^{is} oath saith, I am a Cigar Makerresiding at 212 Edward Street East Brunswick* Christian and
Surnames in
full.

At about 3.10 pm on 16th inst ant I was driving up Sydney Road North, with a pony in a jinker. My grandmother Mrs Elizabeth W. Demost was in the vehicle with me. When opposite Dean Street a piece of paper blew up in front of the pony and he shied into an electric tram which was coming up from the opposite direction. The result of the collision caused Mrs W. Demost to be thrown out on to the Road on her back. She was unable to move in consequence. Two of the trammers at once came to my assistance and took charge of her & I drove off to get Medical assistance. Dr. Looze was not in and I went on to get Dr. Wallace. He came straight away in his motor. No time was lost in obtaining assistance. The pony is about 8 years old and is very quiet, ordinarily but shies at paper in the road. I did not see the paper on the road when I was driving. The trouble was caused by the wind. The tram car was almost abreast of the vehicle when the horse shied & no blame can be attached to the tram car driver. My grandmother was brought home later and died at her Residence.

A. Davis

Taken and Sworn before me the 18th day
of August 1896 at Coburg
John T. Hinghall J.P.
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

Robert Alley Rotherham Wallace

on his oath saith, I am a

Medical Practitioner

residing at

Walsh Street Coburg

* Christian and Surname in full.

At about 3.30 pm on 16th August I was called to attend Mrs Elizabeth W. Derwent at No. 516 Sydney Road Coburg where she had been carried after being thrown from her buggy as I was informed. I found that she was in a condition of profound shock. Her heart owing to her age being very feeble was intensely disorganized in its action, the result of the shock. During the evening she rallied somewhat but the induration of the heart was progressive and she died of syncope at about 11.30 pm on the same day. There was no evidence of injury to any organ or part of the body but had a slight graze on the back of the head. The injury had not been a severe one but owing to her age and feeble condition of the heart it was enough to cause her death which might have occurred at any time from some slight ailment such as bronchitis.

The cause of death was old age, muscular weakness of heart and shock.

Robert A. R. Wallace
M.B. Ch.B. (L.R.C.P.S.)

Taken and Sworn before me the 18th day
of August 1896 at Coburg

Robert P. Mayhew JP
for Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent * John Joseph McDermotton his oath saith, I am a Cigar Makerresiding at 27 Ross Street Coburg

* Christian and Surname in full.

The deceased Mrs Elizabeth McDermott is my mother
 When I left home in the ^{of the 16th August} morning, she was not altogether
 well & had had a restless night but there was nothing
 about her to be alarmed about

At about 3.30 ^{pm} on the 16th instant I received a
 telephone message to come home at once, when I got
 to Coburg I was informed that she had met with an
 accident and was at 516 Sydney Road Coburg. I went
 there, saw her, she was lying on the bed in a semi-conscious
 condition & she appeared to be in great pain. Dr
 Wallace recommended a trained nurse one was obtained
 at once. Later with the doctor's & nurse's consent
 she was taken home in an ambulance. She died
 at about 11.30 ^{pm} same day

John Joseph McDermott

Taken and Sworn before me the 18th day
 of August 1896 at Coburg

John T. P. [Signature]
 for Coroner.