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INFORMATIONS OF WITNESSES.

DOMINION OF
NEW ZEALAND,
TO WIT.

INFORMATIONS of WITNESSES severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King touching the death of David Brown
at the dwellinghouse of Court House
[or] known by the name of Bluff
in the Provincial District of Otago, in the Dominion
above mentioned, on Tuesday, the 23 day of
January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty three
before George Amckshank
one of the Coroners of the said Dominion [or a Justice of the Peace
acting as one of His Majesty's Coroners], on an Inquisition then
and there taken on view of the body of David Brown

then and there lying dead, as follows, to wit:—

James Edward Pennicott

being sworn, saith that

I am a boarding house keeper
at Bluff. I identify the deceased
as David Brown who stayed with
me at my boarding house on R.
13 & 14 of January 1923. I last
saw him alive between 4 and 5 pm
on 15 January 1923. He appeared to me
to be in his usual health. He was
every old man and inclined

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J Pennicott

Amckshank
Coroner.

to be somewhat chuddish. All the time he stayed with me he was slightly under influence of liquor, but when I saw him last he appeared to be sober. He would wander about aimlessly, going into any room in my house. At his age it would take very little liquor to upset him. During the past 12 months he has stayed with me on various occasions. He always paid his way.

Gunnison
Coroner

J. Pennicott

John Shepherd employed by Bluff Harbour Board as carpenter working on the wharf. On 16 January 1923 my duties took ^{me} under the approach to the wharf. I saw the body of a man under the wharf lying on the sand near high water mark. I reported it to Constable White.

Gunnison
Coroner

J. Shepherd.

John August White police constable Bluff. On the 16 January 1923 at 7.55 am the last witness reported to me that there was a man lying buried up in the sand under the approach to the wharf. We both went to the spot and found the body of the deceased. You could see that the water had been over him; from his appearance he had been drowned. No marks of violence on the body. I identified him at once as David Brown. I had the body removed to the Court house.

J. A. White

Gunnison
Coroner

James Brown farmer, Drummond. I identify the deceased as my father David Brown who was 81 years old about. He was night watchman at Kilkenny's mill at Spar Bush, he had been so employed off and on for 7 or 8 years. As far as I know he would be taking a holiday at the Bluff. He was a hardy man for his years. He used to drink occasionally. I had not seen him for 7 or 8 years prior to his death. I always kept in touch with him and I knew where he was and that he was keeping in good health.

James Brown

James Brown
Coroner.

NEW ZEALAND,

TO WIT.

THE foregoing depositions of *James Edward Pennicott*
John Shepherd
John August White
James Brown

written on *three* pages of paper, numbered consecutively

from one to *three*, and by me fixed together,

were taken and sworn or *affirmed* before me, at *Bluff*

on the *23* day of *January*, 19*23*

James Pennicott

Coroner.

NEW ZEALAND, }
TO WIT. }

THE foregoing depositions of

written on pages of paper, numbered consecutively

from one to , and by me fixed together,

were taken and sworn *or affirmed* before me, at

on the day of , 19

Coroner.

NEW ZEALAND,

TO WIT.

THE foregoing depositions of

written on pages of paper, numbered consecutively

from one to , and by me fixed together,

were taken and sworn *or affirmed* before me, at

on the day of , 19

Coroner.

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DOMINION OF
NEW ZEALAND,
TO WIT.

An Inquisition taken for our Sovereign Lord the King, at the house of
Court House Bluff in the Provincial District
at *of Otago*, of
in the said Dominion, on the *twenty third* day of *January*
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and *twenty three*, before
George Amickson, Esquire, one of the
Coroners of our Sovereign Lord the King for the said Dominion, on view of the body of
David Brown, then and there
lying dead:

and the said Coroner, having inquired, for our Lord the King, when, where, and by
what means the said *David Brown*
came to his death, doth find that *the said David Brown*
was found drowned in Bluff Harbour on
16 January 1923.

In witness whereof the said Coroner has hereunto set and subscribed his hand
and seal the day and year first above written.

Place
of
Seal.

George Amickson, Coroner.