



CERTIFICATE OF PARTICULARS—INQUEST OF DEATH

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 17th, 19th and 21st _____
 day of June _____ 1909, I held an Inquest of Death
 at Roma _____ in the Police District of
 Roma _____ and that the following particulars
 were then disclosed:—

Name of deceased: **JAMES MURRAY**

Profession or calling: **FARMER**

Height, colour of hair, peculiar clothing,
 and any other means of identity: } **(Identified)**

Where found and when: **In Cane's Lagoon near Hodgson on 10th June 1909.**

Date of death: **7th June 1909.**

Supposed cause of death: **Suffocation by drowning (Accidental)**

Persons last seen in company of deceased,
 and names of suspected persons: } **No person suspected.**

Accused: **None**

Names, residences, and callings
 of witnesses: } **William Jno Plummer-Hodgson-Licensed Victualler
 John E. Pratt-Roma-Govt Medical Officer
 George Henry Murray-Hodgson-Labourer
 Michael Sullivan-Roma-Police Constable
 Benjamin Rayner-Hodgson-Crazier
 Kate Shirrel-Hodgson-Domestic Servant and
 James Plummer-Hodgson-Labourer.**

Suspicious circumstances: **(None)**

W. W. Murray
 Coroner or Justice

NOTE.—One Copy of this Certificate to be attached to the Inquest of Death Deposition and forwarded to the Under Secretary, Department of Justice, Brisbane, and a Duplicate to be sent to the Commissioner of Police. A Copy must also be forwarded, together with the "Certificate of Information," to the District Registrar of the District within which the Death took place.

Transcription of George Henry Murray's Testament to Father James Murray Death Inquiry

Transcription of text in document 1

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Transcription of text in document 2

The Lagoon is situated between the hotel and the house, occupied by deceased. In making a short cut from the hotel to deceased's house I should pass that lagoon. My father the deceased was 51yrs of age. He was a farmer. He had 7 or 8 head of cattle and about the same number of horses. He had two small...

Transcription of text in document 3

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Taken on oath before me at Roma, this seventeenth day of June 1909. (signed by policeman ?) and signed George Henry Murray

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INQUEST 273/09 JAMES MURRAY deceased.

Deceased aged fiftyone was a farmer of Hodgson, Ross. On the 7 June he called at the Inglebrae Hotel, Hodgson - of which Plummer is the licensee. He had three drinks of whisky and left at half past six going in the direction of a house one mile from the Hotel. He took away a half a pint of whisky with him. Before he left he had a quarrel with an intoxicated man named Shirrell a selector of Dargal Creek. The licensee stopped the quarrel and the parties shook hands. James Plummer took Shirrell home to Rayners place (Shirrell's) where his daughter was a servant. Shirrell fell asleep in the kitchen and at ten oclock his daughter put him to bed. While she was doing this she heard some one "CooEE" from the Cane Lagoon but she did not take much notice. Shirrell did not leave Rayners house till 7 next morning. Murray was reported missing and his body was recovered from the Lagoon. Dr Pratt held a post mortem certifying that death was caused by drowning. There was no sign of a struggle, nor any external marks of violence on the body. The death is accidental.

JWB