

11th Regt. T. 1867

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST
held upon the body of

Cornelius Francis
of Danvers in
at
Wethersfield
Danvers in
Township - Vermont

Received at the Crown Land Offices,
August 24 1867.

Wm. P. M. P.
10/18/67

J. P. McLaughlin

Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

No. 64.
[Stereo.]

INQUISITION.

Colony of Victoria
Darraweit Guim }
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at
Darraweit Guim near Kibune in
the *Colony* of *Victoria* aforesaid,
the *eleventh* day of *August* A.D. 18*60*, in
the *fourth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen,
before me *Arthur Purcell Alchurst*

* City, Town, County, or District,
as the case may be.

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the * *Colony* of
Victoria aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of *Cornelius Francis* then

Jurors' Christian and Surname
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

- Thomas Butler* foreman
- James McDonald*
- John Smith*
- Frederick Johnson*
- James White*
- William Stehman*
- James Finn*
- William Wilson*
- John Bowden*
- Henry Wells*
- John Leach* and
- Thomas Lade*

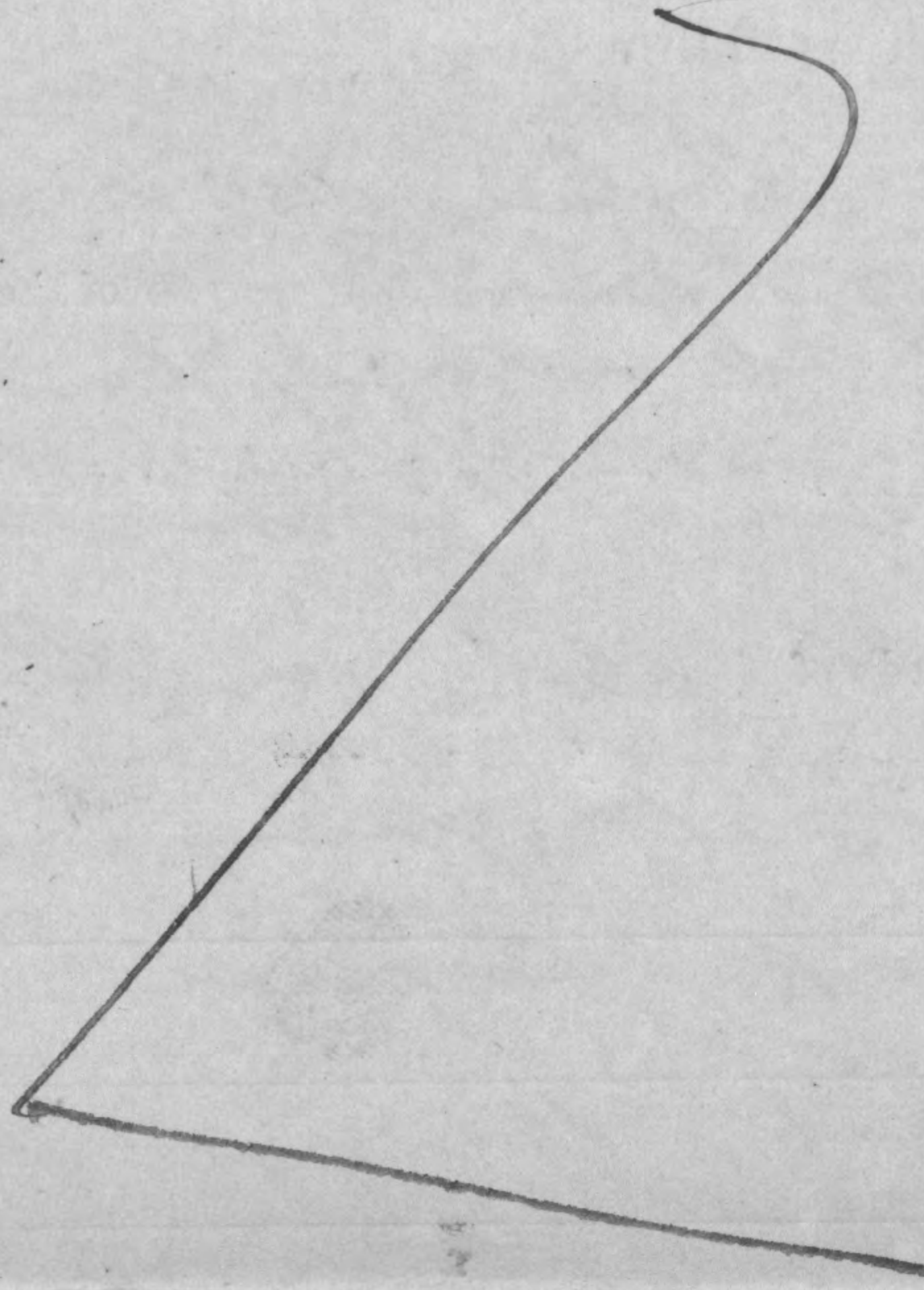
good and lawful men of *Darraweit Guim* in the
said *Colony* who being duly sworn and charged to
inquire, upon the part of our Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the
said *Cornelius Francis* came
by † his death, do say upon their oath that §

† His or her.
§ Here state cause of death, if
known; if unknown, doubtful,
or no evidence, state the fact
accordingly, using the words of
the Verdict of the Jury.
It is desirable that the Jury should
find expressly, whether there are
or are not marks of external
violence on the body of deceased.

the deceased Cornelius
Francis was accidentally

drowned on Monday the
8th Instant in the Deep Creek
at Barravent - from township
West Rowle

W.A.



In witness whereof as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid, have to
this Inquisition put their hands and seals, on the day and year, and at the place above
mentioned.

Wm. H. Davis



Coroner.

Thomas Butler

Here let each Juror sign his
own name, or make his own
mark, and affix or acknowledge
his seal.

James M. Donald

John ^{his} ~~mark~~ Smith

Frederick Johnson

James White

William Ashman

James Fina

William ^{his} Wilson

John ^{mark} Lawley

Henry Wells

John Leach

Thomas Lade



CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

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Durravit/Sumi

TO WIT.

* All names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of * James Steuning

of Bylands, taken on oath this eleventh day of August A.D. 1860, at Durravit/Sumi

† City, Town, District, or County, as the case may be.

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † Colony

The deponent James Steuning on his oath, saith as follows:— I am a farmer and live at Bylands.

On Monday last the 8th Instant about one o'clock I was working at the chapel in the township of Durravit/Sumi. I saw the deceased Cornelius Francis riding in a cart, driving one horse, towards the creek from the direction of this side. Knowing the creek was high, I went down to look on. When I reached the bank close to the foot bridge he was about a third way across; he was following the track of the usual ford. When he was about three parts through, the horse stopped, being apparently checked from the force of the current against the cart. As soon as

Taken and sworn before me the day of _____ A.D. 1860, at _____

his

Coroner

this happened the deceased jumped out into the creek in the direction of the bank - but the cart was drifting and seemed to go down under him as he jumped.

He failed to reach the shore and then seemed to try to regain the cart and was carried down perhaps one hundred yards till I lost sight of him. He was carried so quickly that I do ~~not~~ not think more than a minute and a half elapsed till I lost sight of him.

I ran a few yards from the creek and shouted as loud as possible. Persons did hear me but no one could get down to the creek in time. I had neither rope nor stick to throw in and I cannot swim a stroke so it would have been useless my jumping

in. After the persons
 came we dragged the creek
 but could not find the
 body until the next
 morning - the 9th instant -
 It was then two or three
 hundred yards down the
 creek. I do not think
 deceased struck the top as
 he went down; neither
 do I believe anyone could
 have stopped him at that
 place. The horse was
 drowned also. The horse
 & cart both went down from
 300 to 500 yards or more.

Deceased might have
 had a better chance had
 he struck to the cart as
 he could not swim in the
 least. He was a storekeeper.

The body now lying here
 is the body of deceased.

Taken and sworn James Steining
 before me the 16th day
 of August 1870 at Dairawitfun
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 J. M. [Signature] J. M. [Signature] [Signature]