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Certificate of Particulars.

I HEREBY certify that on the *Twentieth*

day of *February* 1878, I held an Inquest of Death

at *Court House Godna* in the Police District of
Godna and that the following particulars

were then disclosed:—

Name of deceased: *Walter James Backe*

Profession or calling: *none*

Height, colour of hair, peculiar clothing, } *Fully identified*
and any other means of identity: }

Where found and when: *Worquor Creek 14th February 1881*

Date of death: *14th February 1881*

Supposed cause of death: *Asphyxia from Drowning*

Persons last seen in company of deceased, } *Edwin Backe and Benjamin Lobley*
and names of suspected persons: }

Accused: *none*

Names, residences, and callings } *Edwin Backe Benjamin Lobley*
of witnesses: } *Dr. William Lamb William Law William Fatur*

Suspicious circumstances: *and Henry Backe*

Will: H. Ackley Cyprusman Justice.

NOTE.—One copy to be forwarded to the Attorney-General, and one copy to the Commissioner of Police. (See Section 3 of 30 Victoria, No. 3.)

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Court House

Goodhue

7th February 1881

Magistral Inquiring held before
William H. Aldrich Esq. touching the
death of Walter Edwin Bachs whose
body was recovered from the Great East
on Friday the 4th day of February 1881

Will. H. Aldrich J.P.

Edwin Bachs

Will. H. Aldrich J.P.

Edwin Bache on his oath said as follows
about 10 30 P.M. on Sunday the first day of
February 1881 I went to the Crute with my
Brother now deceased. We went to get some
hopping storks when the deceased got his
he who was the Crute and the stork. He
in, he succeeded and went into the
Crute he got the stork and threw it out.
The deceased then said I will have
a little swim. he tried to get on a log
and slipped back into the Crute. I saw he
was under the water and I jumped in
when I jumped in with my clothes on
I was under the water. I then swam to the
bank and got out. I and Benjamin
Sobly pulled hands and tried to reach him
we could not reach him. and we ran
home. My Mother and William Saw Come
down to the Crute. William saw and William
Nalin saw went into the Crute and dived
for him I was sent home before the
body was recovered

NOTE

By Dr. McElroy My Brother the deceased was 10 years
I am 13 years. I can swim a little
the deceased could not swim

Edwin Bache.

Sworn before me this 1st
Court House Goodhue
7th day February 1881

Will H. McKee, J.P.

W.H.

Benjamin Lobley. long brown hair as fallen
I was with Edwin Bachs and his classmate
brother in Sunday afternoon 14th. we went to
the creek to get some jumping storks
we got the stork. The classmate Walter
Jones Bachs which slipped into the creek
he slipped and went in after it. he
got it and threw it out. he then said
I will have a little swim, he tried to get
in a slippery log he slipped back into deep
water he went under water and came this
brother Edwin Bachs jumped in with
1881 with his clothes on. he could not get to shore.
he came out. We then linked hands but could not reach
him we then came home, the classmate
could not swim, I am ten years of age

Benjamin Lobley

Taken and sworn
before me at Goodena
7th Day of February 1881

Will. H. Ackley J.P.

William Lamb on his oath said as
follows I am a legally qualified Medical
Practitioner and Assistant Surgeon General
at Oregon City, Mo. I accompanied
the deceased Walter James Rabe on
Friday the 4th inst. about 6 A.M.
on the evening. I was at the R. & S. house.
The servant girl came in and
said that a boy wanted the loan of a blanket
trap as there was a boy in the River
Mr. Jones and I at once proceeded
to the bank of the Creek where we saw
several men endeavoring to recover the
body. After about 4 or 5 hours harder
water succeeded in bringing the body
to the surface. When it was brought to land
life was extinct. I did not use any known
remedies with the body as I considered the case
quite hopeless. I have examined the
body since death and I believe the
cause of death to be Asphyxia from
drowning.

W. Lamb

Given and sworn before
me at Gosport Mo
7th Day of February 1887

Wm. E. Ackley, J.P.

William Waters being sworn said
as follows. I am a trader at
Koo-gans-ay-lum, on Sunday 2^d Feb
at 7th past 5th in the afternoon I
was sitting on my Veranda. I saw
some people at the mouth of River I
went there to see what was up. When
I got there I heard that Mr. Bache's
boy was in the creek. I took off my
boots and went into the creek. I
dived for him several times, and
could not find him. I got a stick
and felt about the bottom. At last
I thought I felt something. I then
dived down and brought up
the body of the deceased. When
James Bache's life was taken from
him. When I got there the deceased
was in the water for 4 or 5 hours
before I found him. When
the body was found there was about
ten feet of water.

William Waters

Tested and sworn before
me at Koo-gans-ay-lum
7th day of February 1881

Wm. H. Ackley J.P.

WHL

Henry Backe being sworn in as follows
I am a Carpenter residing at Goodhue
The deceased Walter Lewis Backe was
my son I was present when he was taken
out of the Cross. he was ten years of age
he was at School that day he came from
School he got a piece of Cuts. When I was
returning from my work I heard he was
in the Cross. I went this to Lamb Washburn
when he was taken out. Dr Lamb said he
was too long in the water and it was useless
to wait to any measure

Henry Backe

Taken and sworn before
me at Goodhue this
Seventh day of February 1887

Will H. Ackley.

W. H. Ackley

William Law on his oath said as follows
I am a blacksmith residing at Goodena
I know the deceased Child Walter James
Boake on Friday forenoon of February 1881
I was informed by a person named [unclear]
the river bank and looked along the bank
I went to the bank. I was shown where the
deceased went into the bank I sent David
Jenkins to the shop for a cord of horse with
a hook at the end of it in the mean time
I took off my boots and went in there was
10 to 12 feet of water in the bank. The water
being muddy. I could not see if I desired.
After searching some time David Jenkins
came. he dived several times and was
unable to find the body. he then took the
hook. after feeling with the hook, he
discovered what he thought was the body
I placed a pole at the place where we
thought the body to lie. he then dived down
by the pole and brought up the body
the body was quite dead and cold
I viewed the body and I identified it
as the body of Walter James Boake

W. Law

John and sworn before
me at Goodena 7th
day of February 1881

Will. H. Ackley J.P.