

Edwin Gloster

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SAD SUICIDE.

A suicide under sad circumstances occurred at Whroo on Wednesday morning last, when a man named Edwin Gloster, father of Mrs Petrie of Whroo, committed suicide in a determined manner.

Deceased, who owned a farm between Axedale and Heathcote, some time ago rented his property and came to reside with his daughter at Whroo. He was 73 years of age and latterly has suffered from an affliction which, although not of a very serious nature, caused him intense suffering.

He remarked that he would sooner be dead than suffer such agony, still it was never for one moment thought that he contemplated taking his own life.

He was missed for about a quarter of an hour, when Mr Petrie went outside and a short distance from the house to have a shot at some birds. He noticed the old man standing on the verandah, as he thought. When he came back a short time afterwards he was surprised to see him in exactly the same position and went to him when he found that deceased had stood on a butter box and affixed a rope to the rafter, the other end having first been made fast round his neck. He was quite dead when taken down.

Deceased's wife was also living at Whroo with her daughter.

An inquiry was held by Dr Christie yesterday afternoon and a verdict returned of suicide by hanging, there being no evidence to show the state of deceased's mind at the time.

Deceased arrived in the colony when he was only nine months old and was therefore a colonist of 72 years.

The Whroo cemetery register lists Edwin Gloster, buried in 1906.