

Alice Violet Mason

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MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

A magisterial inquiry was held at Dyer's Junction Hotel, at Whroo on the 15th inst., by W. Wigg, Esq., J. P. touching the death of a child Alice Violet Mason, who died rather suddenly at Coy's Diggings on the previous day.

The evidence of Mrs Mason, mother of the child, went to show that [words obscured] 1 year and two weeks old, and since her birth had been sickly. She had cut 10 teeth, and was at the time of her death cutting her eye teeth. On Sunday, the 13th inst., the child was seized with vomiting and purging, and these continued until about 4.30 p.m. on the following day, when she was seized with violent convulsions, and died before they had time to call in medical aid.

Thomas Mason, father of the deceased, stated that he was a sleeper cutter, residing at Coy's Diggings, and gave similar evidence to that of his wife, adding that they had left home for Rushworth with the child after she was seized with the convulsions, but she died before they had been ten minutes on the road.

Senior-Constable Bennett stated that Mr Mason called at the Police Station, Rushworth, on the 14th inst., and informed him of the death of his daughter.

Dr Heily, who made a post-mortem examination of the body, stated that there were no marks of violence. The child appeared to have had proper care taken of her. He was of opinion that death was due to venous apoplexy, caused by teething, and attended with acute convulsive fits, as stated by the mother.

Mr Wigg returned a verdict that death was caused by venous apoplexy, as stated by the doctor.

Alice's name may be found within the Whroo cemetery list, aged 18 months.