

Frederick Cook

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WHROO (From our own correspondent) Tuesday 1st September

Frederick Cook, a very fine little boy, three years and seven months old (son of Mr Frederick Cook, baker, of Whroo), was unfortunately drowned, about half-past two o'clock, on Sunday afternoon, in Messrs Lewis and Menzies' upper dam, opposite his father's house.

The boy was seen walking on the dam bank not more than ten minutes before he was discovered in the water by his mother, and taken out. The place where he fell in is lined with slabs, and the surface of the water is about four feet from the top of the bank.

Every exertion to restore animation was tried, but without effect. Mr [Dr] Horsburgh and Dr Heily were on the spot fifteen minutes after the child was taken out of the water. It appeared, from a bruise on the forehead, that he must have struck a slab, and perhaps was stunned, as the water was not more than four feet deep, and the body was floating when found.

J. T. Lewis, Esq., held a magisterial inquiry to-day (Tuesday), and the funeral took place this evening; a large number of friends attended.

Cemetery records include Frederick Cook, buried 31 August, 1868, rather than 1 September indicated by the reporter.