

Gustave Spoerri

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On Tuesday a magisterial inquiry was held by J. H. Roberts, Esq., J.P., at the Court House, Rushworth, touching the death of one Gustave Albert Spoerri, a Swiss, aged 19 years.

From the evidence of Johannes Weppner, of Colbinabbin, it would appear that the deceased, who was in his employ, ate an extremely hearty meal on Saturday, the 28th inst., at 6 P.M., and retired to rest two hours later. Upon being called on the Sunday, he gave no answer, and upon being shaken seemed in a state of trance. He remained so till Monday, when he expired.

Dr Heily testified that the cause of death was overeating, which induced aero-sanguineous apoplexy.

A verdict was returned in accordance with the medical testimony. Deceased had been only eight months in the colony.

Rushworth cemetery records include only a "C. A. Spoerri", no "Gustave". (However, if the records should have shown initials as G. A., instead of C. A., this will be the man.)

There is no mention in Colbinabbin cemetery records.

Need to search records for Runnymede and Corop cemeteries.