

Henry Spencer

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A shockingly sudden death occurred at the Stanhope estate yesterday. The unfortunate victim was Henry Spencer, one of the boundary riders. Feeling unwell he made for the home station, and although every attention was paid him by Mrs Martin, and medical aid was sent for, he expired in less than a quarter of an hour. A magisterial inquiry will be held to-day.

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Magisterial inquiry

An inquiry touching the death of Henry Spencer, an employee on the Stanhope Estate, was held by Mr Wigg on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., when the following evidence was taken.

Henry Collins deposed that he was overseer at the Stanhope Estate. He had seen and recognised the body of the deceased. Last saw Spencer alive on the previous Saturday. He was then in good health and spirits. Deceased was about 52 years of age.

Thos. Tallon deposed that he saw the deceased alive on that day, and was with him when he died at the home station. He arrived at the homestead about 11 a.m. and complained of being ill, stating that he had cramps. Witness got him a glass of spirits, and afterwards some castor oil. Deceased went outside and fell down. Picked him up and put him on a bed. Deceased went out again, and again fell down. Took him up again and put him on a shakedown on the floor; he then appeared to be dying. He died five minutes afterwards. Mrs Martin sent for medical assistance. Deceased said he was 52 years of age, and a widower with one son, who was in Ireland.

Dr Heard deposed that he had made a post mortem examination on the body of deceased. Death was caused by acute inflammation of the intestines, accelerated by heart disease.

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

Rushworth cemetery records refer to Henry (George) Spencer.

