

CORONER'S INQUEST.

An inquest was held by J.V. Heily, Esq., deputy coroner, at the Criterion Hotel, yesterday, on the body of Reuben Furfey, aged sixteen years, who was killed by accidentally falling off a wagon, at the Home Station Plain, on the 5th inst.

Joseph Furfey sworn, said: I am brother of deceased. At the time of the accident, deceased was sitting on a wagon, loaded with hay; he was driving. The horses were walking quickly; when they came to the fence, the horses turned round. At that time my brother seemed to have lost control over them, and they commenced to trot; he did not stop them; they came in contact with the fence, and the hay was shifted.

The deceased was thrown or fell off. The horses went about seven yards after that and then stopped. I did not see deceased strike the fence, or the wagon pass over his body. He was insensible when I picked him up; there was blood on his face and a cut on the crown of his head, and a lump on his forehead. I took him home; he soon recovered his senses. The feeling was perfect in his feet, he got better till about three o'clock; at that time his pulse commenced to fail. I then went over for our mother, about four miles.

When we came back, he was wandering in his speech, and worse. My mother wished him removed home; we put him in a spring cart. When we had gone about a quarter of a mile, I looked at deceased, and he was sleeping; but when we got home he was dead. We gave notice to the police. I did not think him in danger, or I would have sent for a doctor. I was about thirty yards distant from the wagon when the accident happened.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

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Furfey is a strange spelling. No Furfey is listed for the Rushworth cemetery.

There are many Furphys buried at Rushworth, including one buried in grave 10, with no given name shown. Could it be Reuben?