

Son of William Campbell

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A magisterial enquiry was held in the court house, Rushworth, on Friday evening last concerning the death of an infant, the son of William Campbell, of Stanhope, who expired on the previous day.

The father deposed that the deceased, who was 15 months old, was quite well up to the 5th inst. On the afternoon of that day he became ill and he (witness) went to Mr Cooke, chemist, Rushworth, and explained the symptoms and he got some medicine from him. He gave the child the physic and he thought he was easier for it. About midnight the deceased became very ill and they decided to take him to Dr Christie, but when they arrived in Rushworth they found that the child was dead. He reported the matter to the police.

S. Cooke deposed that the last witness visited his shop and asked for medicine for a child that had diarrhoea. He gave medicine suitable for such cases. He did not see the child while it was alive.

Mrs Campbell corroborated her husband's statement.

Dr Christie, who made the examination, deposed that he found patches of acute inflammation of the intestines, and the blood vessels of the brain very much congested. Death was caused by convulsions brought on probably by the inflammatory trouble in the intestines.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned. Dr Heily was on the bench.

The Rushworth cemetery list includes a several Campbells, all named except one. That one is likely to be this boy.