

William Breheny

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DEATHS.

BREHENY.—Accidentally drowned at Moora, on the 24th inst., William Breheny, son of Patrick and Margaret Breheny, Moora. Aged 7 and a 1/2 years.

A melancholy fatality occurred at Moora on Saturday last. A boy named William Breheny, together with several companions were bathing in a cattle dam, when the youngster, who was only seven and a half years of age, got out of his depth, and sank.

All endeavours were made to rescue the unfortunate lad, but in vain, and the body was not recovered till some time after the occurrence, when, of course, it was impossible to restore animation.

The school teacher at Moora, Miss Kane, and other neighbours were untiring in their efforts to bring about resuscitation, but without avail. The Rushworth police did not get intimation of the sad event till late on Saturday night.

On Sunday, Mr Wigg, J.P., Mr Treyvaud, and Constable Bowden visited the scene of the fatality, and a magisterial inquiry was held, when a verdict of accidental death by drowning was returned.

The remains of the deceased were interred in the Rushworth cemetery the same afternoon, and the funeral procession was a large one.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

An inquiry touching the death of William Thomas Breheny was held at Moora by W. Wigg, Esq., J.P., on Sunday last, when the following evidence was taken.

Margaret Breheny deposed that the deceased, W. T. Breheny, was her son. She last saw him alive about 3 p.m. on the previous day. He was taking a buggy over to the cattle dam to wash it. About an hour and a half after she heard screams, and on going to the dam was informed that her son was in the water. Saw a man take the deceased out of the water.

John Henry Matheson deposed that he was bathing in the dam with the deceased, when the latter went down. Witness tried to save him, but could not. He then called for help.

John Donald Breheny gave similar evidence.

John Matheson [father of above witness] deposed that on being informed that the boy was in the dam he went over and searched for deceased, whom he found in about 12 minutes. The body was taken to his parents' residence.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Thanks. We desire to return our sincere thanks to those persons who assisted to get our son WILLIAM out of the dam on Saturday last, and especially to Miss Kane, for her kindly efforts in our misfortune. (Signed). PATRICK BREHENY, MARGARET BREHEFY. Moora, Oct. 27th.

