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Inq. Pro. on E. J. Rantam

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*acknowledged
M. H. W.*

Hamilton Stage
5 Nov. 1866

Sir

I have the honor to forward
you herewith proceedings at an inquest
~~Elizabeth Jane Rantam~~ held by me on the body of ~~the~~ person
named in the margin on the 3rd instant
and I shall feel obliged by your signing
the enclosed Return of Inquest and
returning it to me.

I have the honor to be

*Sir
Wm. most of Servt
Merle Broad
Coroner*

The Assistant Law Officer
Attorney Gen

COLONY
OF NEW ZEALAND,
DISTRICT OF
Otago
Serpentine
TO WIT.

INFORMATIONS of WITNESSES severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, touching the death of Elizabeth Jane Rainham at the dwelling-house of Clark Starbuck storekeeper known by the name of Serpentine in the District of Hamiton in the Province of Otago in the Colony above-mentioned, on Saturday the third

day of November One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six before Parker Broad Seaman one of the Coroners for the said Colony, in and for the said District, on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of Elizabeth Jane Rainham then and there lying dead, as follows, to wit:—

Elizabeth Jane Rainham being sworn, saith that the body shewn to the jury is the body of my child Elizabeth Jane Rainham, she was 2 years and 8 days old. Between 5 and 6 o'clock on Thursday last she was outside playing with her little brother, her brother came in shortly and asked where his sister was he said she was in the creek playing I told him to go down and fetch her up when he went down he screamed out she was in a hole, I ran down, and found her in the water. Her head only being visible, she never moved afterwards I pulled her out

Elizabeth Jane Rainham

Taken and sworn
before me at the Serpentine Mayo
this 3rd day of November 1866

Parker Broad
Coroner

Elizabeth Starbuck being sworn deponent
I am the wife of Mark Starbuck a
streetkeeper residing at Serpentines. I recollect
between 5 & 6 o'clock on Thursday last
the 1st November. I heard Mrs. Rankin scream
and sent my daughter to see what was
the matter, she came and told me it
was Loring (meaning Mr. Rankin's little girl)
drowned. I saw her mother carrying her
I took her out of her mother's arms
and tried various methods to restore her to
life but without success.

Elizabeth Starbuck

Taken and sworn before
at Serpentines on a
the 3rd day of November 1866

Mark Starbuck
Coroner

Serpentine
DISTRICT OF
Hamilton
Province of Otago
COLONY OF
NEW ZEALAND

TO WIT.—AN INQUISITION indented, taken at Serpentine in the District and Colony aforesaid, on the third day of November
in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty six, Before Charles Broad Esqur
the Coroner of Her Majesty the Queen for the said District, in the said Colony upon view of the body of Elizabeth Jane Rainham
then and there lying dead, and upon the oaths of Thomas Lynch, Mark Starbuck, George Gaudin, William
Hennings, Henry Hope, John Sanderson, Allan Cameron, William Blake
Rolf Steffensen, Steffen Steffensen, William Blacklow, Bernard Olsen
Patrick Torinigan.

good and lawful men of the said District, who being sworn and charged to enquire on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, how, when, where, and in what
manner the said Elizabeth Jane Rainham came to her death, do say upon their Oath

That on Thursday the first day of November 1856 the said Elizabeth Jane Rainham accidentally, casually and by misfortune fell into a certain water hole at the Serpentine and in the water thereof was then suffocated and drowned of which said suffocation and drowning the said Elizabeth Jane Rainham then instantly died, And so the Jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do say that the said Elizabeth Jane Rainham in manner and by the means aforesaid accidentally, casually, and by misfortune came to her death and not otherwise

IN WITNESS WHEREOF as well the said Coroner, as the Jurors aforesaid, have to this Inquisition put there hands and seals on the day and
year, and at the place first above written.

Charles Broad

CORONER.

Thos. Lynch FOREMAN,

Mark Starbuck

George Gaudin

Wm Hennings

Henry Hope

John Sanderson

Witness
Castlereagh Allan + Cameron
mark

William Blake

Rolf Steffensen

Steffen Steffensen

William Blacklow

Bernard Olsen

Piernatt Olsen

Witness
P. M. T. Moore