

Alfred Joseph (known as Frederick) LeRoy

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

An inquest was held on the 28th January, by J. V. Heily, Deputy Coroner, at Murphy's Shamrock Hotel, Wahring, on the body of Frederick Leroy [LeRoy], of Whroo, aged 17 years, who was accidentally drowned while shooting ducks at the Four Mile Bend, near Paris's **[almost certainly Parris]** farm.

The evidence went to show that on the 26th inst. the boy took a gun from Mrs Schooler's **[almost certainly Scouler]**, where he was on a visit, and went down to the above-mentioned swamp. Not returning towards dusk, Mr Schooler and Mr Paris went and found the boy's clothes lying on the bank with the loaded gun. They made search all round, and not finding the boy, early next morning renewed the search.

Mr Paris took a boat over the swamp, and finding some dead ducks opposite the clothing kept paddling round and round until he espied the body of the deceased about six inches below the surface of the water, and almost in an erect position, the hands were full of weeds. He did not disturb the body from its singular position until assisted to do so by Mounted-constable Commons, of Nagambie.

Other witnesses present, and Mounted-constable Commons confirmed this evidence, and the open verdict usual on such occasions was returned. Much sympathy is felt for Mr LeRoy, senior, and his family who are old residents of Whroo.