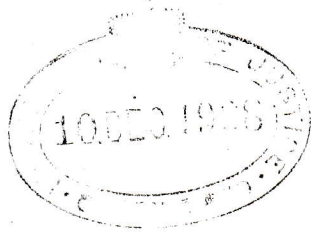


*Squest 10/17/28*



INQUIRY Court,  
GORDONVALE.  
27th November, 1928.

Magisterial Inquiry into the cause and circumstances surrounding  
the death of one Thomas Goodall, who died at Gordonvale on  
7th November, 1928.

Acting Sergeant Galligan conducts the Inquiry.

*J. Kearney J.P.*  
Justice of the Peace.

*The Crown Solicitor  
death was accidentally caused.  
L.P.  
12.12.28*

*No further  
no action  
13/12/28  
[Signature]  
12/12/28*

Patrick Lawrence King on oath saith,

I am a labourer employed at the Mulgrave Central Sugar Mill, Gordonvale, as a horse driver in the Mill yard, shifting the trucks to and from the Carrier. I remember Wednesday the 7th November, 1928, at about 4.10pm, I was drawing a loaded railway truck with a horse towards the Carrier. There was an empty railway truck under the Carrier, and the practise is in removing empty trucks from under the Carrier to bump them with the loaded trucks. When the loaded truck bumped the empty truck, the latter shot forward for three or four feet and stopped. I saw the men employed on the Carrier go to the end of the empty truck. I went also and saw these men removing ~~Deceased~~ <sup>Thomas Goodall, now deceased</sup> from under the truck. Deceased was jammed under the brake bars of the truck. I could see that he was badly hurt. The Gordonvale Ambulance arrived almost immediately and attended to him and removed him to the Hospital. About two hours later I was informed that Deceased had expired. I have known Deceased, Thomas Goodall, for a number of years. He was always very hard of hearing.

The practise with railway trucks drawn to and from the Carrier is, the full truck is drawn by a horse which is hooked to the back buffer of the truck by a long chain and when the horse comes near the Carrier he stops and turns to the left hand side and the chain becomes detached from the loaded truck, which bumps into the empty truck that is under the Carrier and causes the latter to shoot forward. The pace at which I was bringing the loaded truck would be about two miles per hour, and ~~it~~ when it bumps the empty truck it shoots forward about a chain. I was prevented from seeing what was in front of the empty truck by the horse when he turned sideways and by the roof of the Carrier. I did not see deceased before the truck struck him

TAKEN and SWORN

before us at Gordonvale this

27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1928

James J. [Signature]

Clarence Frazer on oath saith,

I am a labourer employed at the Mulgrave Central Sugar Mill, Gordonvale, as a carrier hand.

I remember wednesday the 7th ~~xxxx~~ November, 1928. That day I was ~~xxxx~~ working on the shift from 4pm to 12 oclock, midnight. At about 4.5pm I was working on the Carrier. I saw the deceased Thomas Goodall, leaving the Mill, where he was employed, and walk past the Carrier in the direction of the Railway Line. He was about to pass the end of an empty railway truck that was ~~xxxx~~ under the Carrier, when I saw a loaded railway truck which was drawn towards the Carrier by a horse, driven by Patrick King, ~~xxxxxxxemptyxxxxx~~ about to bump into the empty truck. I saw that Deceased was in danger of being struck by the empty truck and I called to him, "Look Out" I saw that the loaded truck had bumped into the empty truck and the latter shot forward, and struck Deceased knocking him down. I, with other men, rushed towards the truck and and saw that Deceased was jammed under the brake rods of the truck. We pushed the truck back and removed Deceased from from under it. When Deceased was taken out I could see that he was hurt badly. The Gordonvale Ambulance was communicated with and arrived immediately and conveyed Deceased to the Gordonvale Hospital. About two hours later I was informed that he had expired. Deceased was hard of hearing and had this not been the case on that occasion he would have heard me call out to him, and ~~would~~ <sup>might</sup> have had time to jump clear of the empty truck before it bumped him. There were no persons close to Deceased at the time that he got bumped with the truck, and there is no person to blame for the accident. I understand that Deceased had just knocked off work and was on his way home.

TAKEN and SWORN  
before us at Gordonvale, N.T.

C. Frazer

Elizabeth Goodall on oath states I am a widow residing at Meringa near Gordonvale.

My husband Thomas Goodall died on 7th November 1928.

On the evening of 7th November I was sitting in a sulky near the Gordonvale Railway Station. I was there to meet my husband I saw him coming from the Mill past the carrier and he waved to me. My view of my husband became obscured by some trucks <sup>were</sup> which between us and I waited for him to come round. After waiting for him for a short time I got out of the sulky to see what was delaying him and as I went into the Mill yard I saw some of the Mill employees remove my husband from under a railway truck. The Ambulance subsequently came and removed him to Dr. Sword's residence and subsequently to the Gordonvale Hospital. My husband was unconscious when he was removed from under the truck. I cannot say whether anyone was to blame for the accident. My husband died about an hour after the accident. My husband was born in Derby, England, on 24th June 1873. His father's name was Cornelius Goodall, and his mother's name was Martha Ann Goodall. He was in Queensland for eighteen years. We were married in Derby England. My husband was then twentyone years of age, Our children are George William Goodall and Elizabeth Ann Goodall aged 29 years and 25 years respectively. Six boys and five girls have died.

TAKEN and sworn

before us at Meringa

27th Nov 1928

J. Sawyer

Goodall

**Medical Certificate of the Cause of Death**

TO THE REGISTRAR OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE UNDERMENTIONED DEATH TOOK PLACE.

I HEREBY certify that John Thomas Goodall  
aged fifty six last birthday, was attended and last seen by me  
on 7th November, 1928; and I am informed that he died on  
7th Novr, 1928 The cause of his death was as specified at foot hereof.

CAUSE OF DEATH. (Disease or Injury.)*	DURATION OF ILLNESS.
Accidental	
1. Primary <u>Fracture- Dislocation of lumbar vertebrae</u>	
2. Secondary <u>Shock</u>	<u>1 hour</u>
3. Final <u>Circulatory Failure</u>	<u>1 hour</u>

Signature D.C.C. Sword

Prof. Title M.B. Ch M.

Address Gordonvale. N.Q.

\* In case of a Death resulting from fractures, contusions, wounds of any kind, poison, or drowning, the Registrar-General particularly requests medical men to state specifically THE NATURE OF THE INJURY, and whether the Cause of Death was ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

I, Michael John Hickey, District Registrar hereby  
certify that the within writing is a true and  
correct copy of the Medical Certificate of which  
it purports to be a copy.

Dated at Cairns this twenty eighth day of November  
1928.

*Michael John Hickey*  
District Registrar.



Joseph Herbert on oath saith,

I am a a Police Constable stationed at Edmonton.

I was on temporary duty at Gordonvale in the early part of this month. I remember the 7th instant, about 4pm I saw a crowd assembled near the end of the Carrier at the Bulgrave Central Sugar Mill, Gordonvale.

I went to the place and saw that ~~the~~ Bearer Muir of the Gordonvale Ambulance and Dr Sword were attending to a man whom I subsequently learnt was Thomas Goodall, now ~~deceased~~ deceased. He was removed by the Ambulance to the Hospital.

I subsequently made inquiries and ascertained that deceased had just ceased work in the Mill and was passing the Carrier in the direction of the opposite side of the Railway Line where his wife was awaiting him and that a fully loaded railway truck of sugar cane which was being drawn to the Carrier bumped an empty truck and caused it to shoot forward and strike deceased, who was crossing the rails, about the waist knocking him down and subsequently jamming him in the brake bars under the truck. From inquiries made I am satisfied that no person was to blame for the accident which caused deceased's death, and that the accident was partly due to the fact that Deceased was hard of hearing and could not hear the warning given to him.

I produce a Certified Copy of the Certificate of the Cause of Death given by Dr D.D. C. Sword, Gordonvale.

TAKEN and RETURNED  
before us at Gordonvale, on  
the 27th day of November, 1928

J. Kearney P.A.

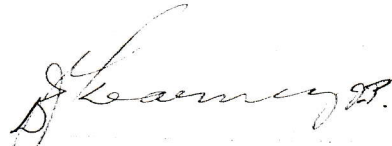
J. Herbert

Inquiry Court,  
GORENVALE.

27th November, 1928.

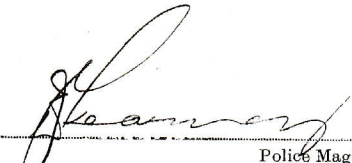
Death Inquiry - Thomas Goodall

The Inquiry is closed.

  
Justice of the Peace.

## Certificate of Particulars.—Inquest of Death.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 27th  
day of November 1928, I held an Inquest of Death at Gordonvale  
in the Police District of Cairns  
and that the following particulars were then disclosed:—

Name of deceased ..	Thomas Goodall
Profession or calling ..	Laborer
Height, colour of hair, peculiar clothing, and any other means of identity	Fully identified
Where found and when ..	---
Date of death .. ..	7th November, 1928.
Supposed cause of death ..	Fracture - dislocation of lumbar vertebrae Shock Circulatory Failure <i>(accidental)</i>
Persons last seen in company of deceased, and names of suspected persons	-----
Accused .. ..	-----
Names, residences, and callings of witnesses	Patrick Lawrence King, Laborer, Gordonvale Clarence Frazer, Gordonvale, Laborer Elizabeth Goodall, Gordonvale, Housewife, Joseph Herbert, Edmonton, Police Constable
Suspicious circumstances..	Nil
	 Police Magistrate or Justice.

NOTE.—One copy of this Certificate to be attached to the Inquest of Death Depositions and forwarded to The Under Secretary, Department of Justice, Brisbane, and a Duplicate to be sent to the Commissioner of Police. A copy must also be forwarded, together with the "Certificate of Information," to the District Registrar of the District within which the