

9th March 1869

a report  
PROCEEDINGS of INQUIRY  
held upon the body of

Thomas Bennett

name unknown

at

Canford

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

14 March 1869

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David Curtis

Coroner.

Campdown of the March 1867

The Honourable  
The Minister of Justice

Sir

I have been requested by Mr Swails  
Senior Police Constable at Campdown to hold  
a Magisterial inquiry over some human  
remains brought from Lake Bromfield & Campdown

I enclose you the accompanying depositions  
& from the witnesses & from the appearance of the  
bones, I infer that the bones above referred to  
are part of the skeleton of an aboriginal  
female, aged; who I believe was interred in  
the bank of the lake & as the ground was  
very friable: part of the bones were exposed  
by the treading of cattle: It is my belief  
from the appearance of the bones dug out of the  
bank: that the body was put into the  
ground at least two years ago: no vestige  
of clothing or implements were found near  
the site where the skeleton was found

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant  
Daniel Curdie

Rich<sup>d</sup> Swale on his oath saith  
I am a Union Constable stationed at  
Camperdown on yesterday the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst.  
I was informed by a man named August  
McCloud that he some days previously  
found some human remains on the bank  
of the Lake called Bromfield on Mr  
Manifold's land. I proceeded to the spot  
indicated when after a diligent search  
I found the skull & a number of other bones  
some of which I dug out of the bank  
I am of opinion that they had been buried  
there some years ago & been ~~uncovered~~ by the  
Cattle, the bank being rather steep when the  
Cattle come down to drink. I brought all the  
Bones to Camperdown in a bag, for the  
purpose of their being an investigation

Rich<sup>d</sup> Swale  
Constable

Sworn before me  
at Camperdown this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1867

Daniel Curdie J.P.

LIGHT WORDING

I Angus M<sup>r</sup> Cloud, Stonemason residing at  
the Green Hills on M<sup>r</sup>. Manifold Station.

On the 24 day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1867. I was walking on the  
bank of the Lake Bromfield. I found some bones  
which I thought to be human I examined them  
& had no doubt but they were human remains  
I gave information to the police, who came &  
took charge of them

Angus M<sup>r</sup> Cloud

Sworn before me at -  
Camperdown this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1867

Daniel Curdie, J.P.

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