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**CERTIFICATE OF PARTICULARS.**



I HEREBY certify, that on the 29<sup>th</sup> September & 11<sup>th</sup>

day of October

1887, I held an Inquest of Death

at

ISK

in the Police District of

ISK

and that the following particulars

were then disclosed:—

Name of Deceased: Johann Rosentreter

Profession or calling: Farmer

Height, colour of hair, peculiar clothing, and any other means of identity: } Fully identified

Where found and when: Marra 29<sup>th</sup> September 1887

Date of death: 29<sup>th</sup> September 1887

Supposed cause of death: Suicide by hanging

Persons last seen in company of deceased, and names of suspected persons: } Friedrich Lutzki  
nil

Accused: nil

Names, residences, and callings of witnesses: } Carl Kuntel, Butcher Lowood, Wilhelm Rosentreter, Farmer Marra, Friedrich Lutzki, Farmer Marra, Friedrich Lutzki, Farmer Marra, Paul Mendelsohn, Shoemaker, Richard Francis Woodcraft, Postman, Pk

Suspicious circumstances: nil

*C. S. Thompson*  
Coroner or Justice.

NOTE.—One copy to be forwarded to the Attorney-General, and one copy to the Commissioner of Police. (See Section 2 of 30 Victoria, No. 2.)

*[Faded, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly including a name and address.]*

Genl. Win. Marshall

Secretary Genl.

War

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Exh 4<sup>th</sup> October 1887

Before Mr Thompson Esq

Inquiry touching the  
Death of Johann Rosebrot

Carl Rosebrot on being duly sworn  
states. I am a butcher residing at  
Lowwood. I knew the accused  
Johann Rosebrot. I last saw  
him on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. about  
half a mile from Lowwood Railway Sta-  
tion. He was going towards the station.  
I did not speak to him. I was con-  
vinced that I saw him at my  
house. at Lowwood. He gave me  
seven pounds & ten shillings & said to take  
care of it until I want it. I took  
the money. I asked him if he wanted  
a receipt for the money, he said he  
could not do so. He said in case he  
should die, I should give the  
money to his daughter. I said I  
did not think you will die so soon.  
He said, a man does not know  
when a thing of that sort will happen.  
At that time he appeared strong.  
I have known deceased for fourteen  
years. On the Wednesday when I  
saw him going towards the Railway  
Station at Lowwood I heard a

went to Lark by train.

When Deceased gave me the money  
he said the reason he gave it to me  
was because he was afraid a  
woman ~~with~~ with whom he was  
boarding would get it from him.

The deceased had a farm on  
Parsons Road about ~~two miles~~ <sup>two miles</sup>  
from Lowood. & the woman <sup>with whom</sup>  
he boarded <sup>resides</sup> on the adjoining  
farm.

Taken and sworn to by Carl Bantel  
at Lark ~~the 29th~~ day of  
September A. D. 1887  
C. W. Chapman J.P.

William Rosentater on being duly sworn states, I am a son of the deceased - Johann Rosentater, I last saw him alive about three months ago <sup>near</sup> at his residence on the Sarampa road near Lowood. On that occasion I did not speak to him. ~~As~~ I walked away to avoid speaking to him. My reason for avoiding speaking to him was that about six months ago I conversated with him about his mode of life. My reason for so conversating was that ~~he was~~ <sup>he</sup> he was living in adultery with a woman named Frohmann. That was the last time I had any conversation with my father. I received some letters from him afterwards, some of which I replied. I recollect ~~the~~ last Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. on the morning of that day I got up at about eight o'clock at my farm at Biarra. As soon as I got up I went direct to the stable yard, which is about five chains from the house. I went through the ship rail ~~into~~ through the yard. I saw a figure about two chains from the ship rail which at first I did not recognize. I then went closer and saw that it was my father. He was in a standing position ~~to~~ apparently standing on the ground. His head was a little to one side. I called out 'Father' 'Father' come here, I then became unconscious & fell down. When I came

myself again. My wife was standing  
by me holding me. I then pointed  
my father to our wife & said  
for speak to him. She looked & then  
then said to me can't you see the rope  
round his neck ~~but~~ he is hung.  
"Come away you must not touch him."  
I then saw that he was suspended  
~~by~~ by a rope to a tree.  
My wife & I then went near him  
I saw that he was dead. I then  
went to a neighbor named Fred  
Sick. he was not at home but I  
saw his wife & told her what had  
happened. I then returned home.  
In less than an hour Mr Sick came.  
When he arrived the body was still  
in the same position as when first  
I saw it. I then put a piece of  
mosses not round my father's head.  
I then went into town & reported  
the matter to the police & to Mr  
Thompson. They came out & saw  
my father, & heard. I left the body  
hanging until the police & Mr  
Thompson came. I saw them cut  
it down. It was then in the  
same position as when first I saw  
it with the exception that it had  
formed a little with the wound.  
The rope with which the  
body was suspended consisted  
of two by ropes tied together &  
which on the previous night were  
hanging on the nail in the store

Whit's of  
swindled papers

yard. The paper produced me the  
same. The letter produced is in  
the handwriting of my father -  
is written in the German  
language. I have been partly read  
the letter. I could understand part  
of it. In the letter my father accuses  
me of having swindled him.  
I know not what reason my father  
had for coming to Bismarck & changing  
himself. The only disagreement I had  
had with my father was at when  
I remonstrated with him about  
his way of living, except by letter  
my father had a farm freehold  
property at Tarumpa road near  
Lowland.

When and where } witness, Resurrection  
before me at Lowland }  
29<sup>th</sup> day of September }  
A D 1887 }  
A. H. Thompson

Treasurer Seib on being duly sworn states I am a farmer residing at Biarra. I know the previous witness William Rountree. I know the deceased Johann Rountree. I remember Thursday last the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. In consequence of something I heard I went to Rountree's house at about five o'clock on the morning of that day. I there saw Johann Rountree the deceased hanging under a tree I examined the body & found it he was dead. After I concluded he had been dead for three or four hours. I was at the body when the police arrived & saw them cut it down. It was then in the same position as when first I saw it excepting that it had turned a little. About six or seven months ago the deceased was last living on his farm at Biarra. I have not seen him there for five or six months. The handwriting in the letter produced is that of the deceased. About three months ago I was present when a conversation took place between my wife and the previous witness William Rountree. My wife told him that she had had a conversation with his father in which he said he would come

marked exhibit B

Subscribed & sworn before me at Perth this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1857

Fredrick Seib

R. M. Shirlapen P.

Frederick Gatzki on being only owner  
 states. I am a farmer residing at  
 Zarampa road - near the late residence  
 of the deceased. I last saw the  
 deceased on Tuesday evening the 27<sup>th</sup>  
 and 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. On the evening of that  
 day he came to my house -  
 On the Tuesday when I saw the deceased  
 he asked me for a back P. & I said  
 what do you want it for. He  
 said I want to pray - He said I  
 want to pray to morrow morning.  
 The deceased then began to cry. &  
 said Oh my Oh my all my property is  
 gone. I then said you had better  
 go see your son Willie & see what he  
 has to talk about. Deceased replied "No"  
 I wrote him three letters, & he never  
 wrote me back P., when I go to see  
 Willie I wont come back no more.  
 I said what do you mean by that  
 He deceased replied, "The first tree is  
 mine" This conversation took place  
 on the Saturday previous to the death,  
 when I last saw him alive. I  
 saw him also on the Sunday &

Taken down by me at  
 the house of Frederick Gatzki  
 on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1857  
 A. N. Thompson

Frederick Gatzki



Saul Mendelsohn on being duly  
sworn states I am a stranger  
carrying on business etc. I  
understand the German language  
& can read German writing.

I have read the letter produced  
marked exhibit B. most of  
it is badly written & almost un-  
intelligible.

The general purport of the letter  
is ~~to~~ abriding & accusing  
against the writer son.

On one place allusion is made to  
a farewell which I take to be  
a farewell greeting. The whole tenor  
of the letter is rather melancholy  
as being the result of injury done  
by his son. The letter is signed  
Johann Roentgen. It is also signed  
on the margin of one of the pages  
"you of father Johann Roentgen."

On the envelope there is some writing  
in which it is said. Give me my  
penny back. The other writing on the  
envelope is unintelligible. It is addressed  
to William Roentgen, and under-  
neath. Your father Johann Roentgen  
Roentgen. I conclude the writer  
of the letter was laboring under an  
idea of injustice.

John W. Thompson  
Sworn at New York  
City of New York  
1887

Saul Mendelsohn

W. H. Thompson

Richard Thomas Woodcraft on  
being duly sworn states I am  
Senior Constable stationed at Feb.  
I remember Thursday the 29  
Sep last. I accompanied  
Mr. A. S. Thompson go to the prison  
with William Bourdette to  
pass his farm at Biarra.  
About two chains from a street  
yard. I saw suspended by the  
neck a body. It was suspended  
from the limb of a tree and  
the feet were about an inch  
or a half or two inches from  
the ground. The body was fully  
clothed in dark broad cloth  
and blue cloth boots. I cut the  
body down and examined it  
I found the rope immediately  
round the neck was a passing  
rope. The neck was broken  
at the second joint. Under the rope  
round the neck the flesh was  
discolored. and the lower parts of  
the body were also discolored  
when I examined it. I should  
say that the body had been  
dead twelve or fourteen hours  
It was just beginning to turn  
familiar. I searched the pockets  
in one trouser pocket I found a  
piece of a bladder containing  
5/9, a pipe & some tobacco.  
In the outside breast coat

packet I found an envelope  
containing three sheets of note  
paper. I cannot understand  
it. I have shown it to Saul  
Mendelsohn a previous witness  
The letter is marked exhibit B  
I identify the lady as that of  
Johanna Baumgardner. I examined  
the tree on which she was  
hanging. It was a low  
one. There were three branches  
up the trunk of the tree. In places  
the bark was slightly marked  
at the fork. On one of the  
branches going out from the  
trunk of the tree, there were  
also fresh marks. A person  
jumping off that branch  
with the length of rope fastened  
round his neck such as de-  
ceased had would just have  
by reach the ground.

I examined the dress and boots  
there were marks in the centre  
on the side, and rough bark  
quite adhering to the latter.

I then examined Mr Thompson gave an order to  
before me at the burial of the lady.

the 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
September A.D. 1857  
A. Thompson

B. F. Woodcraft