

Sunshine Man Found Drowned in Yarra

Epileptic Fit Probably Caused Death.

Leslie Leopold Charlton, a member of the formerly affluent Sebastian family of that name, and latterly a land salesman and resident of Sunshine, met his death in the turbid waters of the Yarra some time last week. On Sunday afternoon, Thomas Matthews, a seaman belonging to the steamer *Orniston*, saw a body floating in the river and towed it to the Australian wharf, whence it was removed to the morgue and identified.

Mr. Charlton had suffered from epilepsy for about two years, states his sister, Mrs. Margaret Gaywood, Anderson Road, Sunshine, at whose home he lived, and during that time was subject to sudden seizures with loss of consciousness, and she believes that while in a fit he fell into the river and was drowned.

Mrs. Gaywood last saw her brother alive on Saturday, September 15th, when he left for his work, apparently, as she says, "happy and care free." He did not return that night, but as his occupation sometimes took him far afield she experienced no uneasiness, and on the following Monday a phone message stated that he was staying with an old friend at Coburg. She heard nothing further until Sunday when the police informed her of his death.

The remains were removed to Bendigo on Tuesday for burial in the family ground in the White Hills cemetery, where many of the early pioneers lie in quiet, close to the worked-out gullies along which thousands of diggers once feverishly searched for gold. Two brothers, Messrs. R. and F. P. Charlton and Mr. Leslie Gaywood journeyed to Bendigo to attend the obsequies.

Mr. Charlton was 34 years old and a native of Sebastian where his family was interested in the famous Frederick the Great mine, which continued to turn out for many years rich yields of gold. The old family home, erected in the days of prosperity, is occupied by a brother, Mr. J. Charlton, who is occupied as a grazier. When the mine ceased to be profitable the family scattered and some of them came to Melbourne.

Mr. Charlton leaves a wife and daughter, who live at Caulfield.