

## **William Govan/Goven, (a.k.a. William McFarlane)**

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A miner, known as William McFarlane, but whose real name appears to be William Govan, committed suicide at the White Hills, near Whroo, on Sunday week.

He had been drinking for some time previously, and it is supposed destroyed himself while in a state of temporary insanity.

He had formed a rope, with which to commit the same, by tearing his shirt, and wrote his name and the place of his nativity on a piece of paper, which was found at the foot of the tree from a branch of which he suspended himself.

*The interment register for Whroo cemetery, and the plaque in the cemetery include a William Goven, not Govan, buried 1861, and therefore one of the earliest burials following the gazette entry creating the cemetery in 1860.*